

Appendix B

**Report on the community open space survey
outcomes for the**

Yarra Open Space Strategy Project

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1. Introduction

1.1 Scope and purpose of the community engagement process

The main purpose of the community engagement process was to gain an understanding of what people value about open space, existing patterns of use and key issues they would like addressed in open space as part of the Yarra Open Space Strategy 2019 project. This is one of the key pieces of research that is used as the basis for determining the open space needs of the existing community. Additional research is also undertaken to determine the open space needs including site visits, review of the existing reports, strategies and plans and consultation with council officers.

The Yarra Open Space Strategy 2019 will document the open space needs of the existing community and develop a series of actions address the needs. This will differentiate the actions required to meet the open space needs of the existing population as distinct from the forecast future population through to 2031.

1.2 Summary of the community engagement process

TBLD designed the open space surveys and the City of Yarra designed and implemented the community engagement process. This included this following:

- Your Say Yarra (YSY) Project Page with project information, an online survey and a mapping tool for the community to provide feedback.
<https://www.yoursayyarra.com.au/openspace>
- Feature article in Yarra News directing users to the YSY project page.
- Regular social media posts promoting the project and the online survey.
- Articles to promote the consultation in Yarra newsletters including:
 - Yarra Life
 - Business Newsletter
 - Recreation Newsletter
 - School Newsletters
 - Monday Musings (internal staff newsletter).
- Electronic banners advertising the consultation at Access Yarra counters.
- Email to electronic database, child care groups and resident advocacy groups such as friends of organisations inviting participation in the consultation.
- Distribution of postcards promoting the consultation at Child Care Centres, Neighbourhood Houses, Schools, Libraries, Access Yarra counters, and Pop Up sessions.
- Provision of hard copy surveys at Access Yarra Counters, Neighbourhood Houses, Libraries and to community members when requested.
- Email to Yarra's 15 Advisory Groups promoting the online survey and attendance at meetings when invited including:
 - Aboriginal Advisory Group
 - Active Ageing Advisory Group
 - Disability Advisory Committee
 - Early Years Reference Group

- Urban Agriculture Advisory Committee
- Housing and homelessness network meeting
- 3 Pop Up Sessions held, one in each Ward, to promote the project and receive survey responses. Around 100 responses were received at each session. They were held at:
 - Peel Street Park
 - Edinburgh Gardens
 - Citizens Park
- Intercept worker survey, with worker survey questions designed by TBLD and the City of Yarra engaged Metropolis to capture the worker population in Yarra's key employment precincts, that included:
 - Church Street, Cremorne
 - Bridge Road, Richmond
 - Collingwood
 - Fitzroy
- Attained 498 responses which are summarised in two reports - an overall report prepared by Metropolis, and a summary of results by the four employment precincts prepared by TBLD based on the raw data supplied by Metropolis.
- Random household survey run by Metropolis to capture minimum 600 responses across the municipality.
- Engagement with early years cohort:
 - Interactive consultation led by Richmond Kinder
- Engagement with youth cohort through:
 - Meeting with Youth Advisors to modify the survey
 - Attendance at Block Party at the Youth Centre to promote the survey and 72 responses were completed and have been summarised in this report.
- Engagement with the homeless/marginalised cohort:
 - peer review through 'Council to Homeless Persons' to design survey and consultation methodology
 - attendance at St Mary's House of Welcome to promote the survey (21 responses)
 - offer to attend session at St Mark's, were asked to provide surveys instead (no responses)
 - offer to attend session at soup van to gather feedback (no response after initial contact)
 - provision of hardcopy surveys at local services such as health centres (no responses).
- Engagement with the CALD community:
 - attendance at Harvest Festival, Collingwood to promote the consultation and receive hardcopy surveys (12 responses).
- Invited community members to send email responses or call in to provide feedback if that was their preferred method of engagement (14 submissions).

1.3 Open space survey design and distribution

1.3.1 Survey purpose

The survey was prepared as the main method of seeking residents input during the background research and analysis phase of the City of Yarra Open Space Strategy. The intent of the survey is to gain an understanding of what people value about open space,

existing patterns of use and key issues that the community would like addressed in open space.

1.3.2 Survey design

The survey included a combination of multiple choice and long hand questions that can be completed within 5 to 10 minutes. A copy of the survey is attached to this report as Appendix A.

1.3.3 Survey distribution

The survey was distributed and available as both a hard copy and online survey. They were promoted through the community engagement process as summarised in Section 1.1 of the report.

A total of 1,877 of surveys were completed during the consultation period including:

- A combined total of 1,274 completed resident surveys were received, with some returned as hard copy surveys that were entered manually into the on-line survey database, others were completed on-line and 200 were completed as targeted telephone surveys in precincts where lower numbers of surveys had been completed. The survey results were all entered into the same database from which the summary has been prepared and included in Part A of this report.
- A combined total of 498 worker surveys were completed via intercept surveys in four different employment precincts in the City of Yarra. The report forms Part B of this report.
- 21 marginalised/homeless people completed the abridged version of the survey at the St Mary's House of Welcome session. The summary of the surveys are included as Part C of this report.
- 72 responses from the young people age cohort and the results have been summarised and included as Part D of this report.
- 12 responses from the CALD community and the summary of this survey are included in Part E of this report.
- 11 more detailed written submissions were received from groups and individuals which have been summarised in Part F of this report.

1.3.4 Returned resident surveys by precinct

No. of surveys returned	% of total surveys	% of total population in the precinct	Precinct	Suburb
104	8%	9%	Abbotsford	Abbotsford
81	6%	10%	Carlton North/ Princes Hill	Carlton North, Princes Hill
172	14%	15%	Central Richmond	Central Richmond
68	5%	7%	Clifton Hill	Clifton Hill
99	8%	10%	Collingwood	Collingwood
94	7%	6%	Cremorne, Burnley, Richmond South	Cremorne, Burnley, Richmond South

No. of surveys returned	% of total surveys	% of total population in the precinct	Precinct	Suburb
55	4%	3%	Fairfield, Alphington	Fairfield, Alphington
121	10%	12%	Fitzroy	Fitzroy
170	13%	13%	Fitzroy North	Fitzroy North
158	12%	15%	North Richmond	North Richmond
83	7%	n/a	Other	Included in the municipal-wide summary only
57	5%	n/a	Unspecified	Included in the municipal-wide summary only
9	1%	n/a	Blanks	Included in the municipal-wide summary only

Surveys were received from all areas of the City of Yarra and these have been assessed collectively in the Municipal Wide section of this report. The percentage of returned surveys from Cremorne, Burnley and Richmond South and Fairfield and Alphington were slightly over represented when compared to the percentage of the total population of City of Yarra living in these precincts. The percentage of returned surveys from Abbotsford, Carlton North and Princes Hill, Central Richmond, Clifton Hill, Collingwood, Fitzroy and North Richmond were slightly under represented as a proportion of the total population. All precincts have also been assessed individually to inform the strategy at the precinct level. Refer to Section 3 of this report.

PART A

Resident open space survey

A1 Municipal-wide survey outcomes

A1.1 Overall summary of the resident open space survey outcomes

A1.1.1 Overview

The top three values for open space are:

- Trees (73%)
- A place to relax and unwind (70%)
- The feeling of space (61%)

The three most popular open spaces visited within walking distance are:

- Edinburgh Gardens (23%)
- Citizens Park (20%)
- Barkley Gardens (7%)

Further than walking distance, the most popular open spaces are:

- Edinburgh Gardens (6%)
- Yarra Bend Park (4%)
- Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne (4%)

Top three reasons for visiting open space within walking distance:

- Dog walking (8%)
- Relaxing (4%)
- Playgrounds (4%)

Top three reasons for visiting open space beyond walking distance:

- Social - meeting people/friends (2%)
- Dog walking (1%)
- Picnics (1%)

For open space nearby, suggested improvements include:

- Improvements - none required (6%)
- Toilets - additional required (2%)
- Sporting facilities - clubrooms require an upgrade (1%)

On a daily basis, local streets for exercise are the most frequently used open space, this is followed by small local parks and large parks and gardens. The Yarra River being a key feature of the Municipality is also highly used throughout the course of the year.

The most frequently used facilities include:

- Walking paths (80%)
- Open grassed areas for informal use (75%)
- Seating (68%)
- Drinking fountains (64%)

A1.1.2 Summary of the resident survey

The following is a summary prepared by the person who read all the surveys and entered the data into the database. It therefore reflects an overall understanding of the intent of the surveys having read them all, rather than being statistically accurate. The statistically accurate information is contained in the A1.1 and the other parts of Section A. Each precinct is given an overview as well, so this reflective chapter is considering the key issues.

Open space

In general, respondents highly valued open space and the choice and variety in the City of Yarra. Being outside was seen as key to health and wellbeing and, after the importance of trees, most values centred on the belief that open spaces are places to relax and unwind, escape the city and the traffic, and enjoy the feeling of space. Respondents liked walking, whether it be with or without dogs, playing with their children, cycling, exercising and informal/formal sport, having picnics and connecting with friends and family. In their general comments they were most concerned about having additional open spaces nearby or to meet the demands of a growing population.

Large parks and gardens were highly appreciated, and respondents are travelling distances to be in beautiful open spaces. They love the designed gardens such as Edinburgh Gardens and Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, as well as the natural characteristics provided along the banks of the Yarra River, and Yarra Bend Park.

One of the main concerns was the impact of the increasing density on open space. They hoped Council would strive to maintain what open space there was as well as find additional space to accommodate users. For instance, in Collingwood, Peel Street Park, a relatively small park, is used by 4 per cent of the population. It is visited by residents and those people working in the area. The over use by dogs however is making the space uninviting, amongst that the park itself lacks shade, and the grass is being worn away from high traffic. Cremorne is lacking open space in general, so much so that people from other suburbs have requested additional space in that area.

It was also felt that high density or large developments should somehow be contributing to open space, be it by funds or creating spaces for public use.

Facilities and Maintenance

A number of respondents felt the open space was important for children who lacked private gardens at home; playgrounds, recreation for teenagers and organised sport was significant to their lives. Respondents often cite open spaces outside of the Municipality for their exciting and diverse playgrounds. Adventure play, water play, risk taking were all seen as important for childhood development.

Play was almost as important as sport, with respondents requesting for Council to prioritise sport, especially for children and females, for health and social purposes. Supporting sporting facilities, especially in Citizens Park, and Kevin Bartlett Reserve, is important to those surrounding areas, and it was regularly stated that the clubrooms needed an upgrade and were lacking facilities for females.

Maintenance was highly valued and everyone was mostly happy with the efforts made by council and the improvements previously made. However, the condition and availability of toilets were identified as an issue, with some respondents commenting that not enough public toilets exist within open space and many are unclean.

Trees and shade were highly important for respondents as well, not just for open space but also in the streets. Open spaces were noted as cool spaces and respondents were aware that trees and vegetation are required to help reduce the heat island effect. Other ways of helping the environment was to clean litter from open spaces and rivers, avoid the use of chemical herbicides, and encourage rooftop gardens, community gardening and urban agriculture. Cycling is valued and practiced by respondents, and safe connected routes could help encourage cycling as a mode of transport and make cycling more accessible for children.

Conflicting behaviours by users

Edinburgh Gardens, cited as one of the popular open spaces to visit for catching up with friends, having a picnic, walking the dog, doing sport or playing with the children. Its size, beauty and diversity were prized by most people enjoying the popularity of the spot. That said, respondents criticised others for leaving litter post-picnics, and dog owners came into conflict with other visitors over off-leash regulations. Clear signage was recommended, along with enforcement of regulations through fines. It is also noted that cyclists tend to speed through the park travelling not only past off-leash areas but also where children are playing. Speeding cyclists in spaces along the Yarra River precinct conflicted with off-leash dogs and pedestrians. It was felt that paths separating cyclists and pedestrians would be ideal, or at least signage at blind corners or other dangerous spots to slow riders down. Better navigational signage regarding paths in the Yarra River precinct and interpretive signage relating back to indigenous histories would also be appreciated.

Off-leash areas are popular with dog owners, and it was highly requested that they be fenced in order to keep dogs separated from busy roads, larger dogs, playgrounds or picnic areas. In shared spaces for dog owners and sporting events, respondents criticised dog owners for leaving dog waste behind. Respondents requested that waste be managed by Council between use and that more waste bags and bins for dogs be available to help owners in their responsibilities. Dog owners and local residents also felt that terms and times of use for shared use spaces needed to be clearly stated somewhere in order to plan their visits.

A1.2 Number of respondents

1,274 respondents completed the survey. 1,125 indicated that they live in the City of Yarra, 83 of respondents chose the option "other", 57 did not specify and 9 left their entries completely blank of all answers.

A1.3 Values of open space

Respondents were asked to indicate what they valued most about the open space in their municipality and were invited to select any of the twenty-four values listed, with an option to add additional values under the 'other' category.

Percentages are calculated on the basis of the total number of responses, 1,274. The table below illustrates the information, listing the twenty-five values in priority order.

Open space in the City of Yarra is most valued by respondents for trees, closely followed by a place to relax and unwind, and the feeling of space. Between 50 and 60 per cent of residents consider open space important for escaping the built environment, just being outside, and health and wellbeing.

Value	%
Trees	73%
A place to relax and unwind	70%
The feeling of space	61%
An escape from the built environment	59%
Just being outside	57%
Health and well being	50%
Habitat for native plants and animals	48%
A place for children to play	47%
Meeting people/friends	44%
Green character	41%
It's accessible	41%
Exercising dogs	40%
Fitness	40%
Flowers/garden beds	38%
Natural bushland character	36%
The quiet	35%
Knowing that it's there	26%
The diversity of open space	26%
Cultural heritage values/significance	23%
Playing casual ball games/activity	22%
Historical character	22%
Cultural activities and events	20%
Playing team/club based sport	19%
Watching activity	16%
Other	7%

The Other category included a range of comments such as walking through open space on their way to school/work/shopping, public spaces that are available to everyone, urban agriculture, long views/vistas and areas that provide an escape from urban heat.

A1.4 Open space within walking distance

In the following tables, the percentage column is calculated based on 1,274 surveys, and they are listed in priority order.

A1.4.1 Most frequently visited open spaces

The following tables lists the top ten open spaces visited within walking distance of home. All open spaces visited are included in the more detailed precinct analysis.

%	Open space within walking distance
23%	Edinburgh Gardens
20%	Citizens Park
7%	Barkly Gardens
5%	Darling Gardens
4%	Curtain Square
4%	Carlton Gardens
4%	Burnley Park
4%	Gahan Reserve
3%	Peel Street Park
2%	Yarra Bend Park

A1.4.2 Open space not visited

This question was asked to find out what issues currently limit the use of existing open space by residents. The question included some of the common reasons why people may not use open space. The reasons can apply either to a specific open space or more broadly to open space in general.

The question has been analysed below in 2 parts:

Part One – whether there is open space they would like to visit but are unable to.

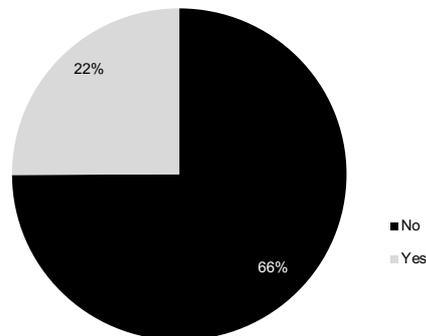
Part Two – the reasons they are unable to visit open space.

The percentages nominated in Part One are a proportion of the total of 1,274 surveys.

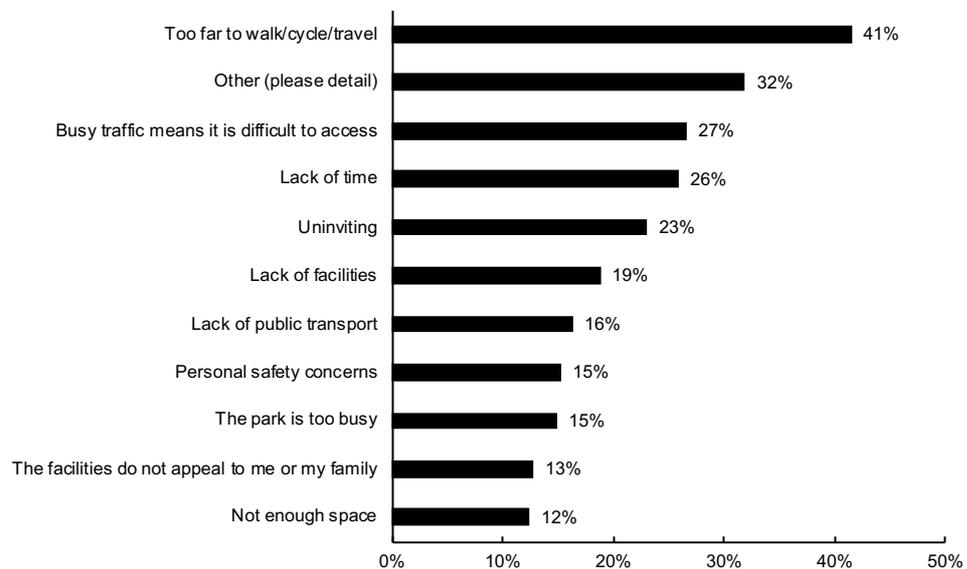
The percentages nominated in Part Two are a percentage of respondents who answered yes to the first part of the question (282).

Is there open space you would like to visit but are unable to?

The following pie chart illustrates that 68 per cent of respondents answered no to this question and 22 per cent of respondents indicated that they would like to visit open space but are unable to.



The reasons why you are unable to visit open space:



The most frequent reason for not visiting open space was distance at 41 per cent. This was followed by other reasons at 32 per cent. Some of the highest reasons were that there were too many dogs, there wasn't fencing for off-leash areas particularly around spaces with busy roads, lack of car parking especially for those with limited mobility, they were unaware of the space, along with dangerous cyclist behaviour and unsafe access. The Other category is discussed in detail in individual precincts where "other" was within the top three reasons for not visiting open space. Other reasons were closely followed by busy traffic making the space difficult to access and lacking time.

A1.4.3 Types of open space visited and frequency of use

The following table highlights the various types of open space used by the residents of City of Yarra and their frequency of use.

The percentage columns are calculated based on 1,274 surveys. The total percentage column on the left hand side is calculated on the basis of the number of respondents who use the open space as a proportion of the total number of returned surveys excluding Never and Not Completed responses.

The percentages in the Table A below have been highlighted using shades of grey to identify the most frequent responses.

	0% to 9%
	10% to 19%
	20% to 29%
	30% to 39%
	40% and over

Table A Types of open spaces used in priority order

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly	Monthly	1-2 times a year	Never	NC
84%	Large parks and gardens	14%	17%	20%	21%	13%	7%	9%
84%	Open space along the Yarra River	9%	14%	18%	22%	20%	8%	8%
80%	Small local parks	16%	19%	19%	16%	10%	9%	10%
76%	Local streets for exercise	36%	18%	13%	6%	4%	13%	11%
71%	Large sporting reserves	5%	11%	15%	18%	22%	19%	10%
63%	Open space along the Merri Creek	5%	8%	11%	17%	22%	25%	11%
61%	Medium sized parks	5%	8%	11%	17%	21%	25%	14%
54%	Urban squares	5%	8%	12%	14%	16%	29%	17%

Large parks and gardens and open space along the Yarra River are the most visited types of open space by respondents. Looking at the patterns of use, both these types of open space have higher levels of use on a less frequent basis - i.e. monthly and once or twice a year. Small local parks are the third most visited type of open space ahead of local streets and large sporting reserves and this includes higher levels of use on a frequent basis including daily, 2-3 times per week, weekly and monthly basis.

Overall, urban squares are the least visited, with 29 per cent of respondents stating they never visit them. Open space along Merri Creek and Medium sized parks receive lower levels of use as well with 25 per cent of respondents stating they never visit them.

Respondents were not asked to explain the reasons for their frequency of use so based on the responses to other questions the likely reasons for lower levels of use of the Large sporting reserves, medium sized parks, open space along Merri Creek and urban squares include the distance to travel to reach them, the difficulty to access them and the lack of knowledge about them.

Below, Table B lists the most frequently visited open space in priority order, which is different from the most visited list in Table A.

Table B Frequently visited types of open spaces in priority order

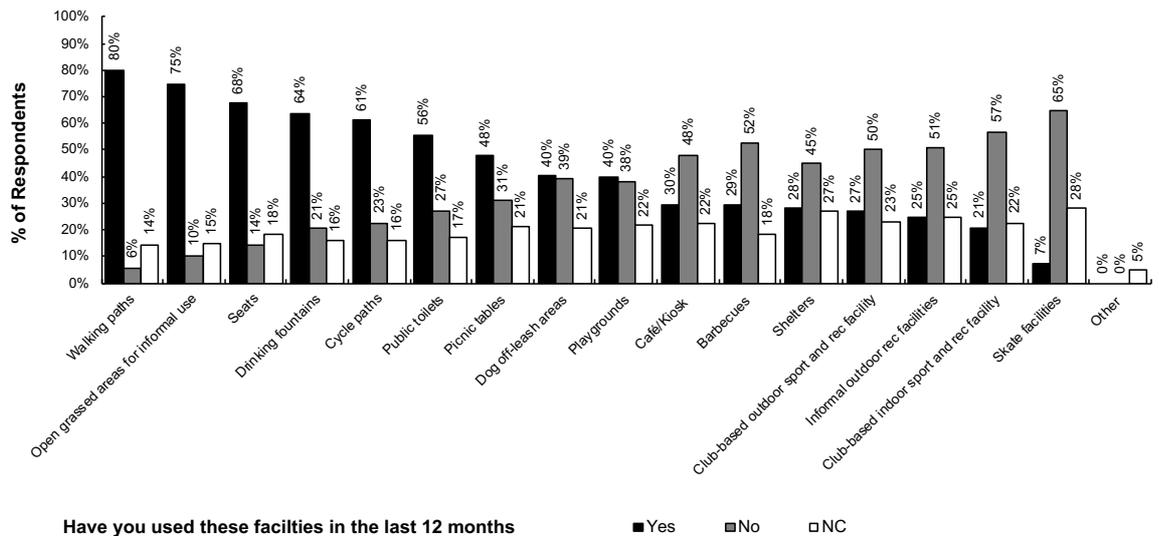
Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly
67%	Local streets for exercise	36%	18%	13%
54%	Small local parks	16%	19%	19%
50%	Large parks and gardens	14%	17%	20%
42%	Open space along the Yarra River	9%	14%	18%
31%	Large sporting reserves	5%	11%	15%
25%	Urban squares	5%	8%	12%
24%	Open space along the Merri Creek	5%	8%	11%
23%	Medium sized parks	5%	8%	11%

In terms of the most frequently used open space, local streets for exercise are the most popular followed by small local parks and the third being large parks and gardens. Open space along the Merri Creek and Medium sized parks are the most infrequently used.

A1.5 Facilities and features in open space

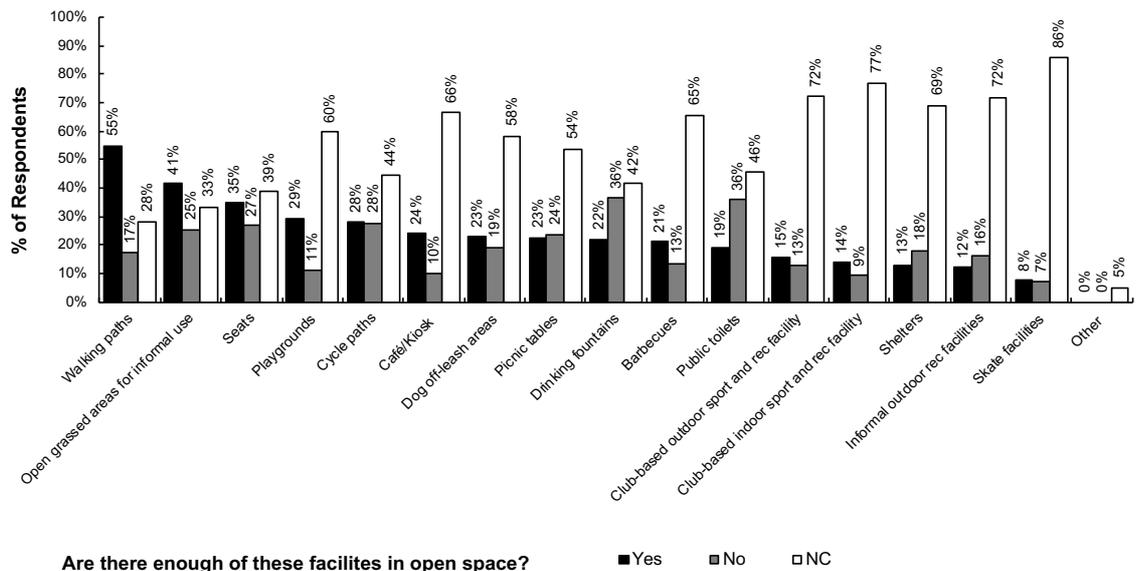
A1.5.1 Use of facilities in open space

The following graph highlights various types of facilities used in open space by residents of the City of Yarra in the last twelve months. 80 per cent of respondents used walking paths in the last twelve months. This is followed by 75 per cent using open grassed areas for informal use, 68 per cent seating, 64 per cent drinking fountains, and 61 per cent cycle paths. The results reinforce the popularity of walking and the unstructured use of open space including the informal open grassed areas and seating. Drinking fountains are high as a facility perhaps pertaining to the shift of discernment against single use plastics and bottled water. Informal outdoor recreation facilities have low levels of use along with, club-based sport facilities and the skate facilities. These facilities are typically used by children and young adults and this group is not well represented in the survey.



A1.5.2 Provision of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the percentage of residents that consider the various facilities within open space either are or are not adequately provided for, and the analysis follows the graph.



Overall, the results of this question indicate there is a medium level of satisfaction with the provision of facilities in open space. While the previous graph highlights the high levels of use of walking paths, only 55 per cent of respondents consider these are well provided for, and walking paths are the most frequently used facility in the Municipality. 41 per cent state there are enough informal grassed areas and 35 per cent say there are enough seats. For public toilets and drinking fountains respectively, 36 per cent of respondents felt there were not enough.

Interpretation of these results indicates that there is scope to improve facility provision in open space to better meet the needs of the residents. This includes the following facilities in priority order where 20 per cent or more responded they are not well provided for:

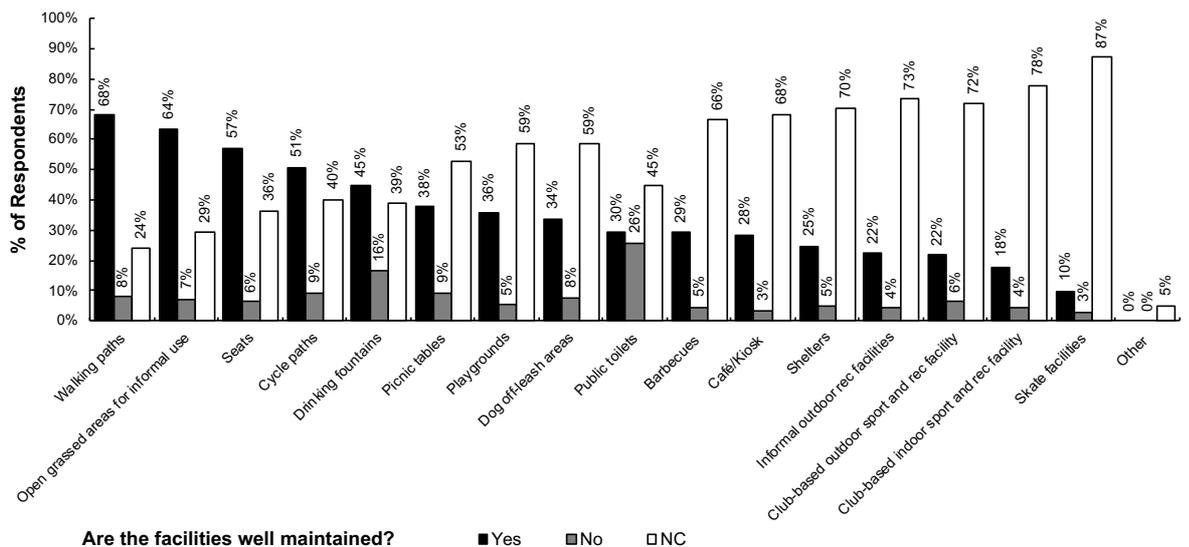
- Drinking fountains
- Public toilets
- Cycle paths
- Seats
- Open grassed areas for informal use
- Picnic tables

By comparison, playgrounds appear to be well provided for.

It is interesting to also review the not completed results, indicating which facilities are not relevant to the respondents. Many of these facilities are typically of relevance to young people (under 18 years of age) and they are not well-represented in the survey.

A1.5.3 Maintenance of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the level of satisfaction with the maintenance of open space facilities over the last 12 months. The percentages are calculated on the total 1,274 surveys.



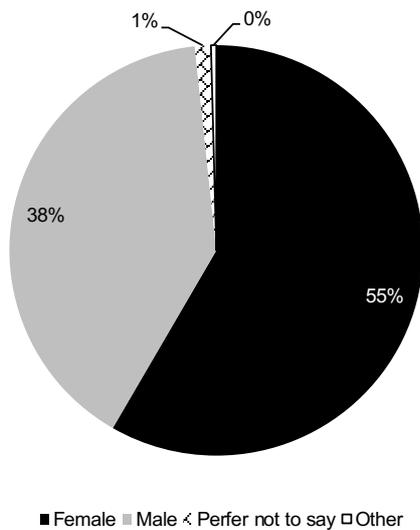
68 per cent of City of Yarra respondents are satisfied with the level of maintenance for walking paths, and 64 per cent are satisfied with open grassed areas for informal use, and 57 per cent seats, consistent with the higher level of use of these facilities. Overall, when assessing the results of the three questions relating to facilities in open space, the lack of them is more of an issue than their maintenance.

A1.6 Who completed the survey

1,274 respondents used the survey. 1,125 indicated that they live in the City of Yarra and 83 respondents chose other as an answer while 66 did not indicate their residence at all.

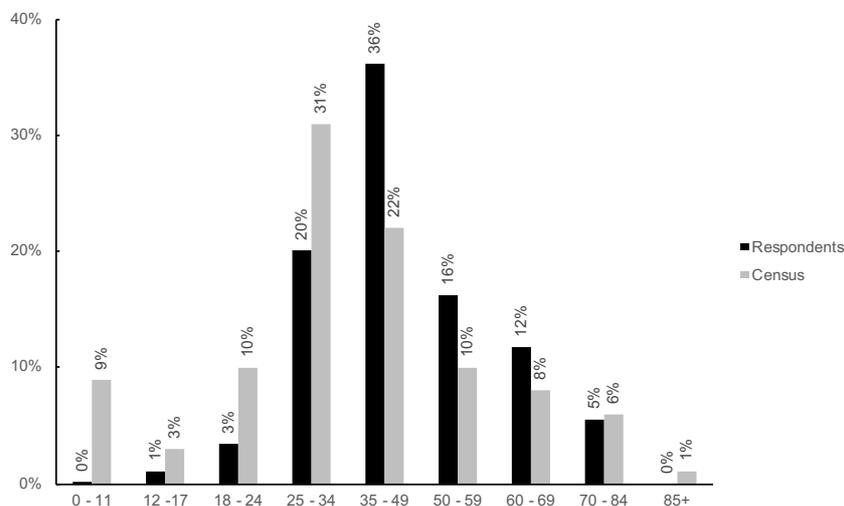
A1.6.1 Gender

Approximately 55 per cent of respondents were female and 38 per cent male, while 1 per cent preferred not to say, and less than 1 per cent identified as non-binary. The 2016 Census data for the City of Yarra indicates 51.5 per cent of residents were female and 48.5 per cent male.



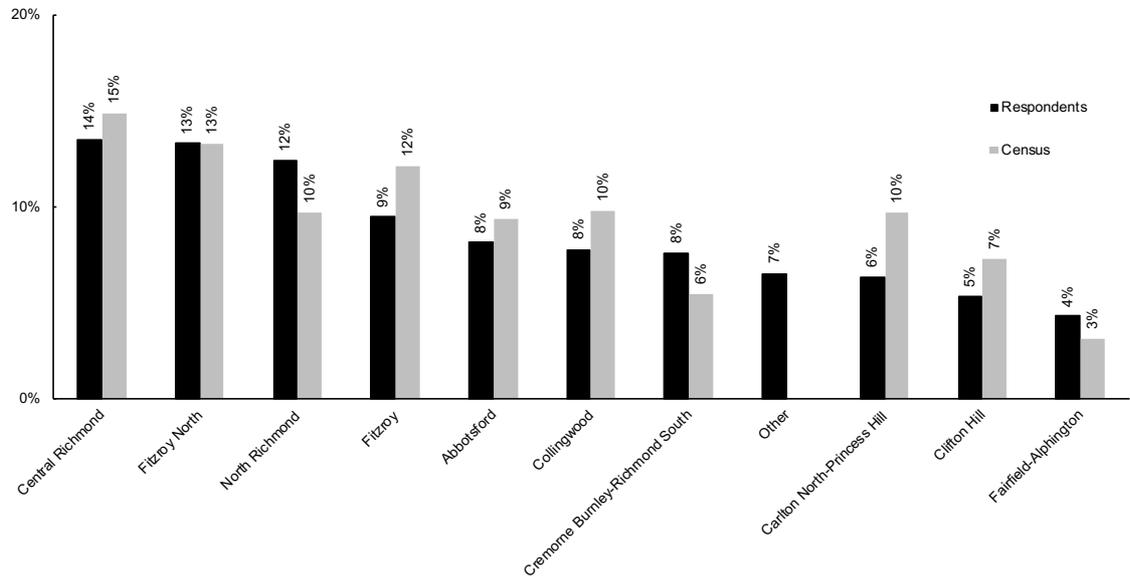
A1.6.2 Age Range

As expected, a lower number of children and young adults complete them, however refer to Part D which contains the results of the youth survey. There is a slight over-representation of the 35-49 age range and under-representation of the 25-34 age range however, overall these groups are well represented in the survey.



A1.6.3 Precincts

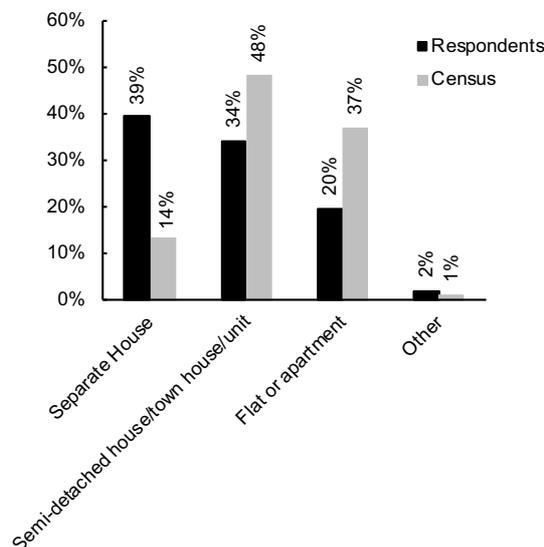
Surveys were received from all parts of the municipality providing a good representation from each relative to the population distribution. The following graph illustrates the survey responses relative to the population distribution across the City of Yarra.



A1.6.4 Dwelling type

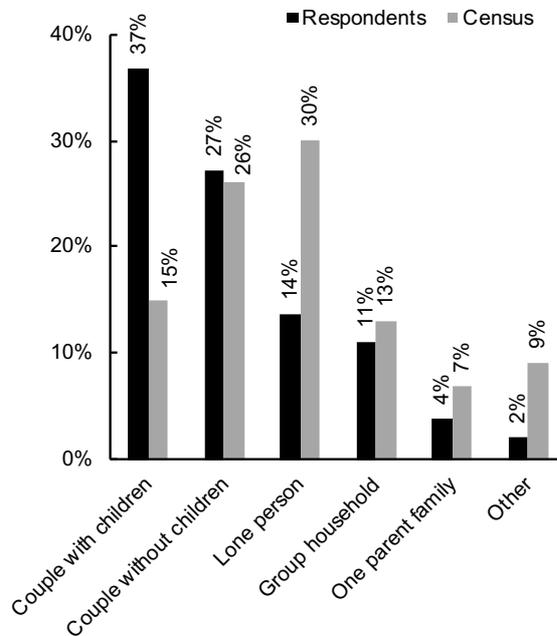
The quantity of private open space available to residents can influence their use of open space. Generally, detached dwellings have more private open space available than semi-detached dwellings or apartments, and changes in this can influence the usage patterns and level of demand for public open space.

39 per cent of respondents live in detached houses, followed by semi or row (34%), with 20 per cent of respondents living in a flat/apartment or other type of housing. There is an over-representation of people living in separate houses and under-representation of those living in apartments, meaning that it is likely that there is a higher need for public open space than is represented in the resident survey results, and that they are conservative in terms of needs.



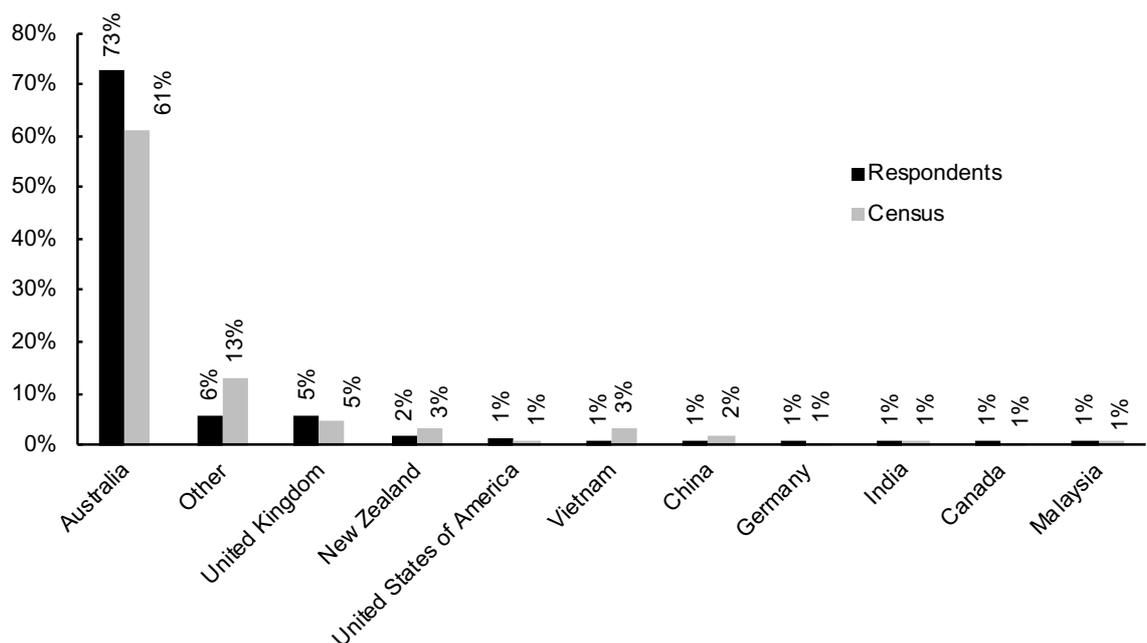
A1.6.5 Household type

Each of the different household types are represented in the survey, however when compared with the census results there is an over-representation of Couples with children and under-representation of lone person households. This may also correspond with the dwelling type in relation to the higher proportion of respondents living in separate houses and lower proportion living of flats and apartments when compared to the census data.



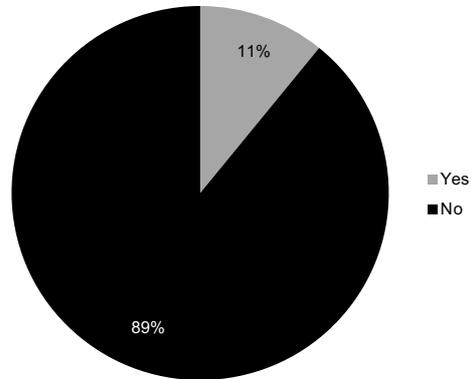
A1.6.6 Country of birth

The responses are generally consistent with the 2016 Census data with a slight over representation of respondents born in Australia.



A1.6.7 Language spoken at home

89 per cent of respondents speak English only at home and this is 20 per cent higher in proportion of the population when compared to the Census data.



A2 Individual precinct summary

A2.1 Overview

The outcomes of the completed surveys have been summarised by precinct. The precincts names and areas are consistent with the precincts from the City of Yarra Community Profile. The Open Space Strategy makes recommendations for the future provision, design and management of open space on behalf of both the existing and forecast population. The precinct summaries inform the precinct analysis and recommendations contained in the City of Yarra Open Space Strategy. The precincts are listed in alphabetical order, which correlates to the order in which they are presented in the Strategy.

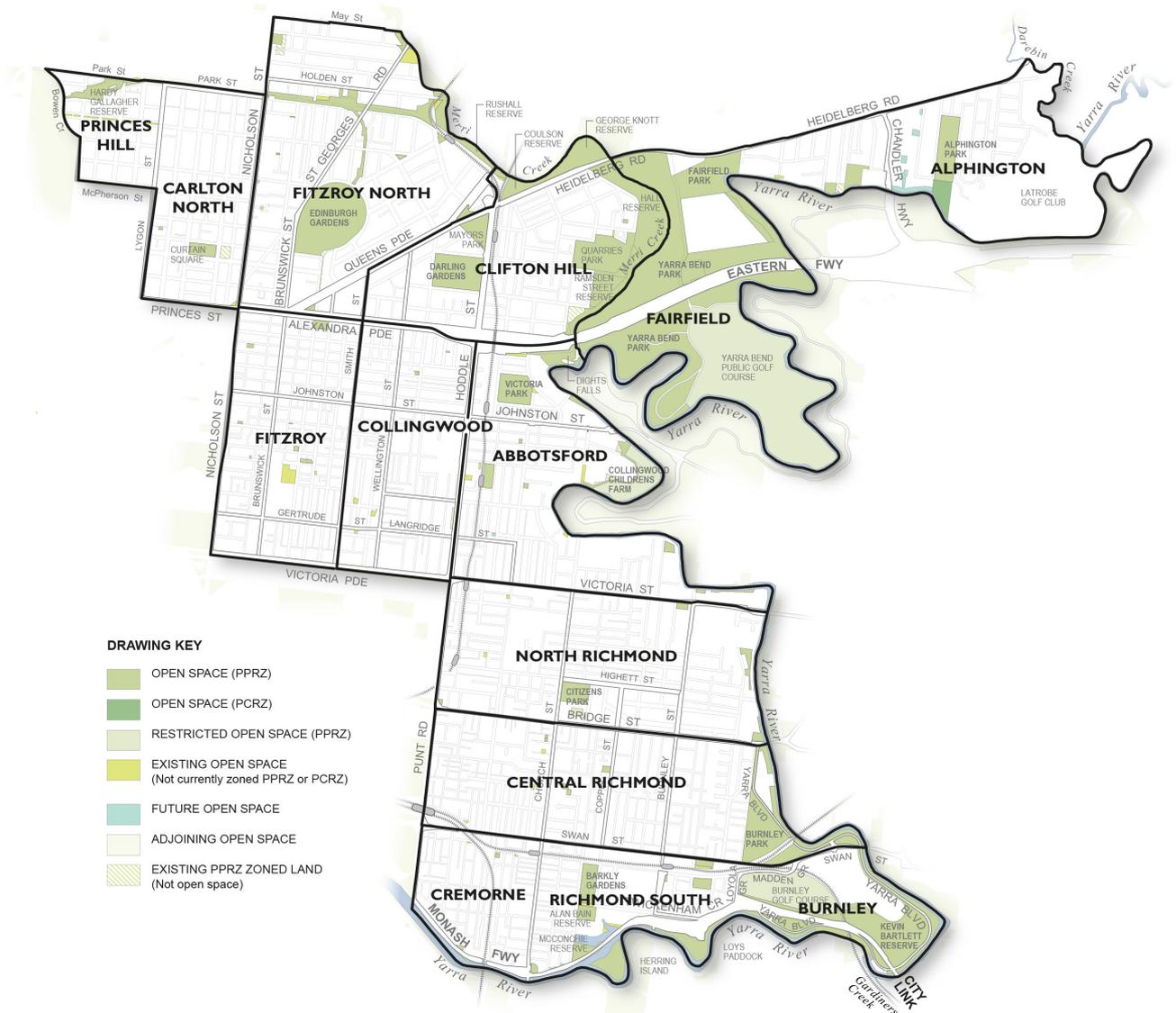


Figure A-1 City of Yarra Open Space Strategy Precincts

A2.2 Abbotsford

Summary of the survey outcomes for Abbotsford

104 respondents indicated they live in Abbotsford. This represents 8 per cent of total surveys received. The Community Profile figures indicate that 9 per cent of the City of Yarra population lives in Abbotsford.

With the Yarra River along the boundary of this precinct, residents in Abbotsford value the diversity of spaces, the natural bushland qualities and identify the need for additional space as urban density increases.

Gahan Reserve is the most visited open space in Abbotsford. Public toilets and extra trees would allow visitors to spend more of their day at the reserve. Some respondents suggested that Victoria Park could benefit from the addition of a playground and there is some confusion over when the space is available for exercising dogs. In the open space along the Yarra River conflicts with speeding cyclists on shared paths was a key issue. The numbers of dogs in open spaces and waste left by owners was cited as a common issue across open spaces and bins become full quickly during peak periods. Respondents would like to see bins emptied more frequently and for rubbish to be removed from open spaces and the river. Access could be improved for cyclists, people with limited mobility and prams if an access ramp was provided at Collins Bridge.

A2.2.1 Values of open space

Respondents were asked to indicate what they valued most about the open spaces in their Municipality and were invited to select any of the twenty-four values listed, with an option to add additional values under the 'other' category.

Percentages are calculated on the basis of the total number of returned surveys for Abbotsford, 104. The table below illustrates the information, listing the twenty-five values in priority order.

The top six values are very similar to the municipal-wide results. The main difference from the municipal-wide results is the higher value placed on Fitness (seventh compared thirteenth in the municipal-wide results) and on the natural bushland character being ninth compared to fifteenth overall. This is likely due the close proximity to Abbotsford and the Yarra River.

Value	%
The feeling of space	63%
Trees	62%
A place to relax and unwind	61%
An escape from the built environment	56%
Health and well being	56%
Just being outside	52%
Habitat for native plants and animals	47%
Fitness	44%

Value	%
Natural bushland character	44%
A place for children to play	42%
It's accessible	39%
Meeting people/friends	38%
Flowers/garden beds	35%
Green character	35%
The quiet	35%
Exercising dogs	32%
The diversity of open space	25%
Playing casual ball games/activity	23%
Knowing that it's there	20%
Cultural activities and events	18%
Historical character	18%
Cultural heritage values/significance	17%
Watching activity	17%
Playing team/club based sport	11%
Other	3%

A2.2.2 Open space within walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 104 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.2.2a Most frequently visited open spaces

The following table lists the open spaces visited within walking distance of home.

No.	Open space within walking distance	%
45	Gahan Reserve	43%
30	Yarra Bend Park	29%
29	Victoria Park	28%
22	Yarra River Corridor	21%
11	Citizens Park	11%
9	Dights Falls	9%
5	Abbotsford Convent Arts Precinct	5%
5	Studley Park	5%
3	Collingwood Childrens Farm	3%
2	Clarke Street Reserve	2%
2	Darling Gardens	2%
2	Quarries Park	2%
2	Yarra River Trail (Johnston Street to Clarke Street)	2%
1	Burnley Park	1%
1	Cambridge Street Reserve	1%
1	Dame Nellie Melba Park	1%
1	Edinburgh Gardens	1%
1	Elsternwick Park	1%
1	Fitzroy Gardens	1%
1	Peel Street Park	1%
1	Royal Melbourne Botanical Gardens	1%
1	Williams Reserve	1%

A2.2.2b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements to open space within walking distance in Abbotsford

The following table lists the reasons why Abbotsford respondents visit open space within walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. Results indicate that Gahan Reserve functions well as a neighbourhood park as it is used for a diversity of social orientated recreational activities. By contrast Yarra Bend Park caters more for informal exercise with walking being the main reason people visit it, along with jogging.

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Gahan Reserve 45	11	Play - children	8	Improvements - none required
	7	Playground	6	Toilets - additional required
	6	Relaxing	5	Playgrounds - upgrade
	6	Walking	3	Open space - additional required
	5	Dog walking	2	Carpark - additional required
	4	Access - close to home	2	Dogs - prohibit dogs off-leash
	4	Informal ball games/sport	2	Exercise equipment - additional required
	4	Picnic facilities - BBQs	2	Picnic facilities - additional tables required
	4	Social - meeting people/friends/parties	2	Playgrounds - shade required over equipment
	3	Informal recreation facilities - basketball court	1	Access - provide safer places to cross major roads
	3	Open space - fresh air	1	Community garden - required
	3	Play - toddlers	1	Dogs - drinking facilities, additional required
	2	Dogs - exercising	1	Dogs - over use
	2	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Fencing - additional required
	2	Exercising	1	Garden beds - additional required
	2	Recreation	1	Homelessness - action required
	1	Cycling - children	1	Informal recreational facilities - additional required
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Informal recreational facilities - resurface basketball court
	1	Health and well-being	1	Lighting - additional required
	1	Lunch	1	Open space - improve design and layout
	1	Open space - green place	1	Open space - improve maintenance
	1	People watching	1	Open space - valued
	1	Picnics	1	Pest control - improve
	1	Play	1	Picnic facilities - shade over BBQs required
	1	Safe - for children	1	Picnic facilities - shelter required
	1	Walking - travel through	1	Playgrounds - additional required
			1	Vegetation - additional native/indigenous planting required
			1	Trees - plant additional exotic/deciduous trees
			1	Trees - additional required
			1	Seating - additional required
			1	Vegetation - avoid using chemical herbicides
			1	Water feature - additional required
Yarra Bend Park 30	12	Walking	6	Improvements - none required
	6	Jogging/running	3	Playgrounds - upgrade
	5	Exercising	2	Access - ramp required at Collins Bridge
	4	Play - children	2	Bins - additional required
	4	Playground	2	Lighting - additional required
	4	Relaxing	2	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	3	Cycling	2	Playgrounds - shade required over equipment
	3	Outdoors/being outside	1	Access - additional entry points to open space at Clark Street
	2	Dog walking	1	Access - restrict motor vehicle access
	2	Health and well-being	1	Community groups - create group to maintain open space
	2	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Cycle paths - connecting paths required between Main Yarra Trail and Yarra Boulevard
	2	Open space - large space	1	Cyclists - slow through park
	2	Open space - natural character	1	Dogs - drinking facilities, additional required
	2	River setting	1	Exercise equipment - upgrade
	2	Trees	1	Paths - surface needs improvements
	1	Dog friendly	1	Paths - upgrade walking trails
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Public art - required with Indigenous heritage focus
	1	Entertainment/events - children's parties	1	River - stabilise the embankments
	1	Open space	1	River - to be cleaned
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Shared paths - separate cyclists from pedestrians
	1	Picnics	1	Signage - informative, instructional and navigational signage required
	1	Play	1	Signage - required about Indigenous heritage
	1	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Sport - golf	1	Vegetation - additional native/indigenous planting required
	1	Studying		
	1	Taking visitors to the park		
	1	Walking - with pram		
	1	Wildlife watching		
Victoria Park 29	7	Dog walking	7	Playgrounds - additional required
	6	Play - children	5	Improvements - none required
	5	Access - close to home	4	Access - additional information required about scheduled use
	4	Exercising	2	Dogs - over use
	3	Access - convenient (on the way)	2	Access - extend resident use by decreasing sporting events
	3	Picnic facilities - BBQs	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, extend hours
	3	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Fencing - improve gates
	2	Cycling - children	1	Informal sporting facilities - half court required
	2	Dogs - exercising	1	Open space - additional required
	2	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Open space - enlarge/extend this open space
	2	Open space - large space	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Access - close to public transport	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Shade sails - additional required
	1	Dog friendly	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Dogs - watching	1	Trees - additional shade trees required
	1	Informal ball games/sport		
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Open space		
	1	Picnic facilities		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Recreation - with family		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Sports oval		
	7	Walking	4	Improvements - none required

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements	
Yarra River Corridor 22	5	Exercising	3	Cyclists - conflicts with pedestrians on shared paths	
	3	Cycling	3	Cyclists - slow through park/blind corners	
	3	Dog walking	2	Access - ramp required at Collins Bridge	
	2	Jogging/running	1	Access - link shared paths between Abbotsford and Richmond	
	2	River setting	1	Lighting - additional required	
	2	Walking - with pram	1	Open space - valued	
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Paths - maintenance/cleaning required	
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Seating - additional required	
	1	Gardening - Collingwood Childrens Farm	1	Security - additional required	
	1	Health and well-being	1	Signage - danger signs at blind corners required	
	1	Open space - away from busy roads and traffic	1	Signage - informative, instructional and navigational signage required	
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Toilets - additional required	
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Trees - prune before winter	
	1	Outdoors/being outside	1	Vegetation - maintenance required	
	1	Play - children			
	1	Playground			
	1	Social - meeting people/friends			
	1	Sport - golf			
	1	Walking - children			
	Citizens Park 11	3	Walking	5	Improvements - none required
		2	Dogs - exercising	2	Trees - additional required
		2	Dogs - watching	1	Access - link market to open space
2		Market	1	Dogs - prohibit dogs	
2		Play - children	1	Picnic facilities - additional tables required	
1		Dog friendly	1	Seating - additional required	
1		Exercising	1	Shade - additional required	
1		Sport - children's			
1		Sunshine / Vitamin D			
Dights Falls 9	3	Walking	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required	
	3	Waterfall	1	Lighting - additional required on pedestrian underpass	
	2	Access - close to home	1	Improvements - none required	
	2	Cycling	1	Open grassed areas - additional required by river	
	2	Exercising	1	Open space - improve design and layout	
	1	Jogging/running	1	Playgrounds - additional required	
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty			
	1	Open space - fresh air			
	1	Outdoors/being outside			
	1	Relaxing			
	1	River setting			
	1	Trees			
	1	Views			
	Abbotsford Convent Arts Precinct 5	3	Market		
2		Café and kiosk facilities			
2		Open space			
1		Gardens			
1		Open space - beautiful			
1		Open space - historical character			
1		Open space - large space			

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Outdoors/being outside		
Studley Park 5	3	Walking	1	Access - restrict motor vehicle access
	2	Cycling	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Café and kiosk facilities	1	Rubbish - regular removal of litter required
	1	Canoeing/rowing/kayaking	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Exercising		
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Open space		
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - green place		
	1	Open space - historical character		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	River setting		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Collingwood Childrens Farm 3	2	Walking	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Café and kiosk facilities	1	Open space - valued
	1	Farm animals		
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
Clarke Street Reserve 2	1	Access - close to home	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Trees - additional street trees required
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
Darling Gardens 2	2	Playground		
Quarries Park 2	1	Exercising	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Play - children		
Yarra River Trail (Johnston Street to Clarke Street) 2	1	Dog walking	1	Access - additional entry points to open space required
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Shared paths - separate cyclists from pedestrians
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Walking		
Burnley Park 1	1	Vegetation - diverse		
Cambridge Street Reserve 1	1	Access - close to home		
	1	Lunch		
Dame Nellie Melba Park 1	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Seating - additional required
Edinburgh Gardens 1	1	Cycling	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	1	Picnics	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Elsternwick Park 1	1	Exercising	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	People watching		
Fitzroy Gardens 1	1	Walking - travel through		

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Peel Street Park 1	1	Access - close to work	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Lunch		
Royal Melbourne Botanical Gardens 1	1	Exercising		
	1	Open space - green place		
Williams Reserve 1	1	Play - children		

A2.2.3 Open space beyond walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 104 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.2.3a Most frequently visited open space beyond walking distance

The following table lists the open spaces visited beyond walking distance of home.

No.	Open space visited	%
10	Edinburgh Gardens	10%
6	Citizens Park	6%
5	Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne	5%
5	Yarra Bend Park	5%
3	Fitzroy Gardens	3%
3	Quarries Park	3%
2	Dights Falls	2%
2	Fairfield Park	2%
2	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	2%
2	Princes Park	2%
2	Studley Park	2%
2	Victoria Park	2%
2	Yarra River Corridor	2%
1	Barkly Gardens	1%
1	Booran Reserve	1%
1	Browns Reserve	1%
1	Darebin Parklands	1%
1	Flagstaff Gardens	1%
1	George Knott Reserve	1%
1	Hays Paddock	1%
1	Kokoda Track Memorial Walk	1%
1	Local Mountains	1%
1	Melbourne Polytechnic Fairfield Campus	1%
1	Peel Street Park	1%
1	Powlett Reserve	1%
1	Willsmere-Chandler Park	1%
1	Yarra Park	1%

A2.2.3b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements

The following table lists the reasons why Abbotsford respondents visit open space beyond walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. Overall the results indicate that Edinburgh Gardens is popular for social activities and Citizens Park is visited for the nearby markets, sports and children's play. Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne is a popular destination for its beauty.

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Edinburgh Gardens 10	4	Social - meeting people/friends	2	Toilets - additional required
	3	Picnics	1	Dogs - move off-leash areas from cycle paths
	2	Cycling	1	Entertainment/events - allow for this park
	2	Open space - beautiful	1	Entertainment/events - relax prohibitions on holidays
	1	Alcohol - remove the prohibition	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Cycling - through	1	Paths - surface needs improvements
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Picnic facilities - additional tables required
	1	Dog walking	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Open space - green place	1	Toilets - upgrade existing
	1	Open space - layout		
	1	Play - children		
	1	Playground		
Citizens Park 6	2	Markets	2	Improvements - none required
	1	Dog friendly	1	Picnic facilities - additional required
	1	Sport - football	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Picnics		
	1	Play - children		
	1	Playground		
	1	Sitting		
	1	Sport - participate		
	1	Walking		
Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne 5	2	Open space - beautiful	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - clean		
	1	Open space - inspiring		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Relaxing		
Yarra Bend Park 5	2	Walking	1	Access - boat launch required
	2	Walking - with pram	1	Access - ramp required at Collins Bridge
	1	Canoeing/rowing/kayaking	1	Carpark - reduce
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Cyclists - conflicts with pedestrians on shared paths
	1	Exercising	1	Lighting - additional required
	1	Health and well-being	1	Open space - enlarge/extend this open space
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Paths - connecting path/s required
	1	Picnics	1	Signage - boating signage required
			1	Toilets - additional required
Fitzroy Gardens 3	1	Gardens	1	Carpark - reduce fees/extend times
	1	Open space		
	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Open space - peaceful		

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Outdoors/being outside		
Quarries Park 3	1	Exercising	1	Dogs - over use
	1	Play	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Play - children	1	Playgrounds - shade required over equipment
	1	Relaxing	1	Playground - upgrade required
	1	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Trees - additional required
Dights Falls 2	1	Dog walking	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Walking		
Fairfield Park 2	1	Access - convenient (on the way)		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Paths		
	1	Recreation		
	1	Walking		
Kevin Bartlett Reserve 2	1	Sport - children	1	Toilets - sanitary bins and soap required
	1	Sport - cricket	1	Toilets - upgrade existing
	1	Sport - football		
Princes Park 2	1	Exercising	1	Cycle paths - additional required
	1	Jogging/running	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Sport	1	Vegetation - additional required
Studley Park 2	2	Open space - natural character		
	1	Café and kiosk facilities		
	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Open space - large space		
Victoria Park 2	1	Open space - layout	1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	1	Sport - Collingwood Victorian Football League	1	Dogs - prohibit dogs
			1	Fencing - additional required
Yarra River Corridor 2	1	Cycling	1	Information - additional information required about open space and facilities available
	1	Cycling - with children	1	Paths - connecting path/s required
	1	Exercising	1	Signage - informative, instructional and navigational signage required
	1	Jogging/running		
Barkly Gardens 1	1	Playground		
Booran Reserve 1	1	Community hub		
	1	Playground		
Browns Reserve 1	1	Play - toddler	1	Homelessness - action required
			1	Fencing - required
Darebin Parklands 1				
Flagstaff Gardens 1	1	Access - close to work		
George Knott Reserve 1	1	Exercising		
Hays Paddock 1	1	Playground	1	Cafe/kiosk facilities - additional required
	1	Playground - fenced		
	1	Safe		

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Kokoda Track Memorial Walk 1	1	Open space - beautiful	1	Cafe/kiosk facilities - additional required
Local Mountains 1	1	Hiking		
Melbourne Polytechnic Fairfield Campus 1	1	Open space - historical character	2	Open space - improve maintenance of AIDS memorial garden
	1	Open space - memory/association		
Peel Street Park 1	1	Access - close to work	1	Picnic facilities - additional tables required
	1	Lunch	1	Seating - additional required
			1	Shade - additional required
Powlett Reserve 1	1	Playground	1	Open space - valued
Willsmere-Chandler Park 1	1	Birdlife watching	1	Playgrounds - nature play required
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Wildlife watching		
Yarra Park 1	1	Entertainment/events	1	Improvements - none required

A2.2.4 Open space not visited

This question was asked to find out what issues currently limit the use of existing open space by respondents. The question included some of the common reasons why people may not use open space. The reasons can apply either to a specific open space or more broadly to open space in general.

The question has been analysed below in 2 parts:

Part 1 – whether there is open space they would like to visit but are unable to.

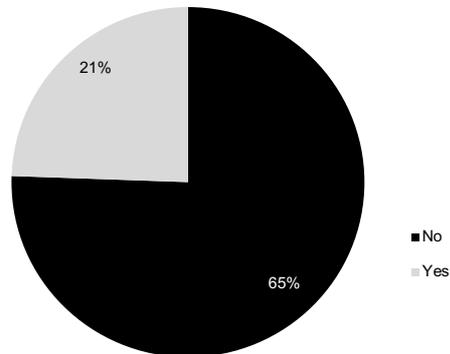
Part 2 – the reasons they are unable to visit open space.

The percentages nominated in Part 1 are a proportion of the total 104 surveys received.

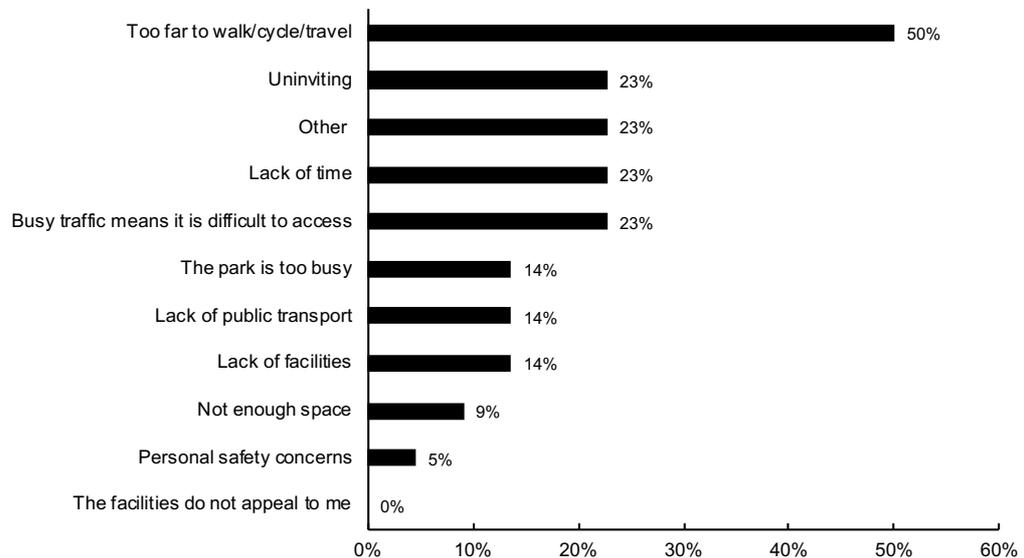
The percentages nominated in Part 2 are a percentage of the 22 respondents who answered yes to the first part of the question.

Part 1 Is there open space you would like to visit but are unable to?

21 per cent of respondents indicated that they would like to visit open space but are unable to. This is consistent with the Municipal average, 22 per cent.



Part 2 The reasons why you are unable to visit open space:



50 per cent of the respondents found the reason for not visiting open space was due to the distance and followed by 23 per cent equally not visiting open space because the open spaces are uninviting, difficult to access due to traffic, a lack of time, and a number of other issues which ranged from being unaware of the open spaces available, to safety concerns such as lack of lighting, having a small dog around large dogs and not feeling comfortable in the routes to get there on foot or by bike. Compared to the Municipal average, 9 per cent more respondents in Abbotsford considered travel distance to open space as an issue. While reasons of open space being uninviting, difficult to access due to traffic, respondents lacking time and other reasons are similar to the Municipal responses.

A2.2.5 Types of open space visited and frequency of use

The following table shows the frequency of use of different types of open space in Abbotsford. The percentages are calculated based on the 104 completed surveys. The

total percentage column shown on the left hand side of the table is the sum of total use and does not include never and not completed responses. The percentages on the right hand side indicate frequency of use. The percentages in Table A below have been highlighted using shades of colour to assist with interpretation of the results.

	0% to 9%
	10% to 19%
	20% to 29%
	30% to 39%
	40% and over

Table A Types of open spaces used and frequency of use.

Open space along the Yarra River is most visited open space at 89 per cent, followed by large parks and gardens, medium sized parks, and local streets for exercise, which all sit above 80 per cent.

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly	Monthly	1-2 times a year	Never	NC
69%	Open space along the Merri Creek	1%	9%	19%	21%	19%	24%	7%
89%	Open space along the Yarra River	22%	32%	21%	12%	3%	8%	3%
83%	Large parks and gardens	2%	5%	23%	35%	18%	15%	2%
79%	Large sporting reserves	13%	14%	24%	14%	13%	18%	3%
81%	Medium sized parks	16%	17%	18%	18%	11%	13%	6%
75%	Small local parks	9%	12%	28%	20%	7%	20%	5%
54%	Urban Squares	5%	10%	13%	14%	13%	37%	10%
80%	Local streets for exercise	38%	20%	13%	7%	2%	15%	5%

Table B Frequently visited types of open spaces in priority order

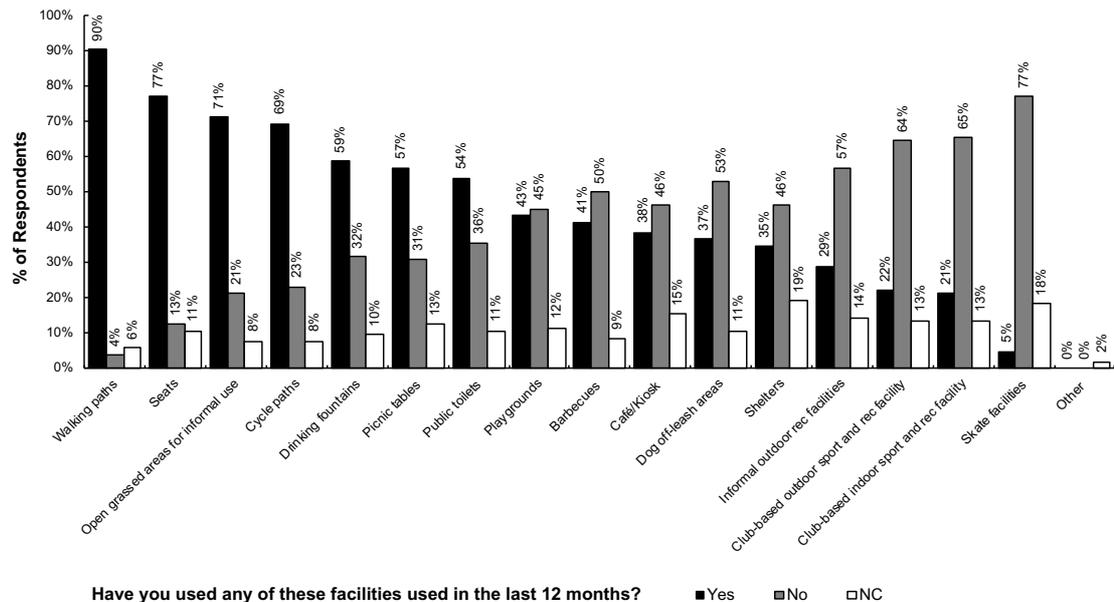
On a daily basis, local streets for exercise is most popular followed by the open space along the Yarra River which is the most used through the week. Use of medium sized parks and large sporting reserves are the next most frequently used, reflecting the types of open space in Abbotsford including Gahan Reserve (medium sized park) and Victoria Park (large sporting reserve).

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly
75%	Open space along the Yarra River	22%	32%	21%
71%	Local streets for exercise	38%	20%	13%
52%	Medium sized parks	16%	17%	18%
51%	Large sporting reserves	13%	14%	24%
48%	Small local parks	9%	12%	28%
30%	Large parks and gardens	2%	5%	23%
29%	Open space along the Merri Creek	1%	9%	19%
27%	Urban Squares	5%	10%	13%

A2.2.6 Facilities and features in open space

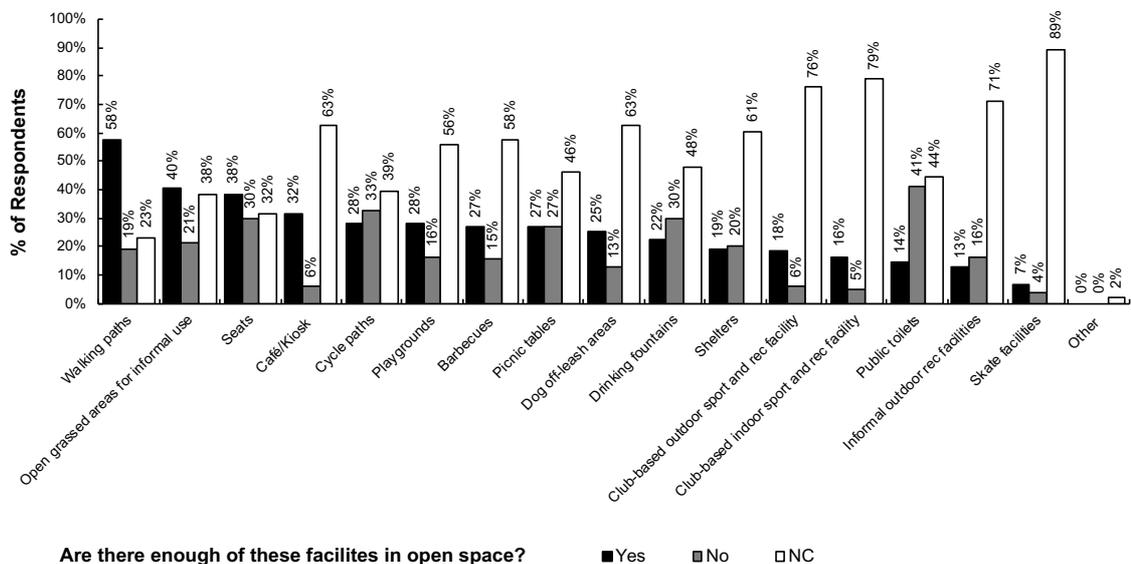
A2.2.6a Use of facilities and features in open space

The following table indicates use of facilities in open space over the last twelve months. The percentages are calculated on the number of returned surveys from Abbotsford, 104. Respondents indicated that walking paths, seats and open grassed areas were the most popular facilities used in the last 12 months, walking paths being 10 per cent more popular than the Municipal use, seats being 11 per cent higher.



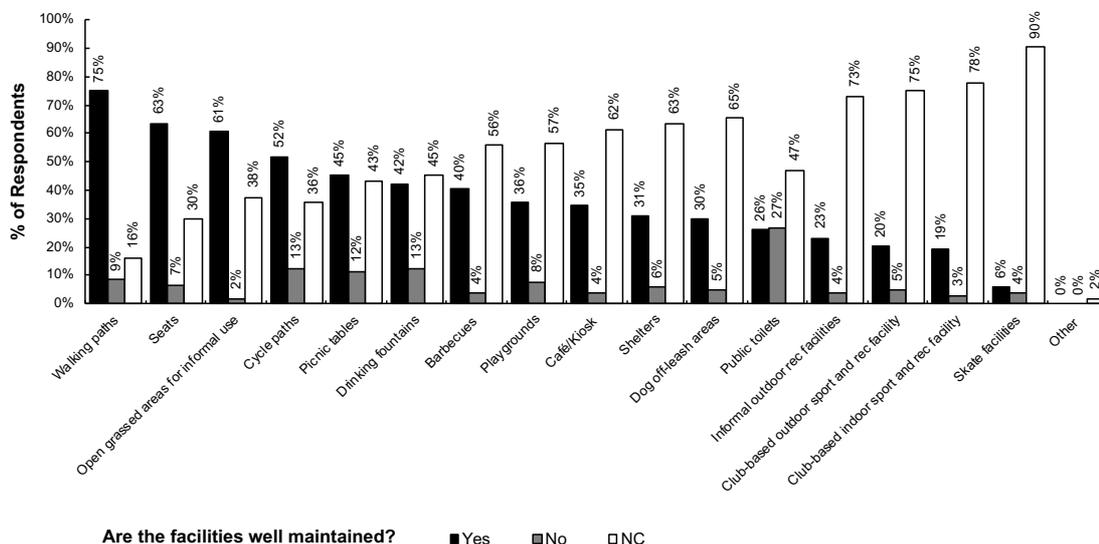
A2.2.6b Provision of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the percentage of respondents that consider the various facilities within open space either are or are not adequately provided for. Percentages are calculated on the total number of Abbotsford surveys received, 104.



A2.2.6c Maintenance of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the level of satisfaction with the maintenance of open space facilities. The percentages are calculated on the total number of Abbotsford surveys returned, 104.



A2.2.7 General comments on open space

Respondents were provided a section where they were able to write any additional comments on the open space within the Municipality and their local area. The following is a summary of these comments from returned surveys from Abbotsford respondents which have been grouped together into topics and assembled in priority order.

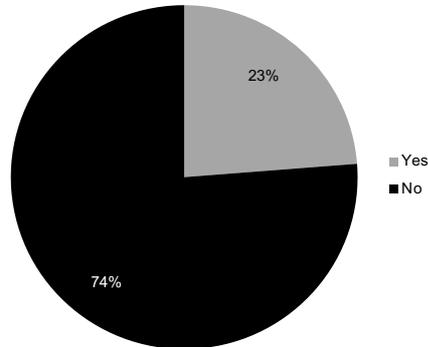
No.	General Comments List
26	Open Space
5	Open space - valued
8	Open space - additional required
3	Open space - contributes to liveability
2	Open space - appreciate the choice and variety
2	Open space - value natural character
1	Open space - develop with community organisations
1	Open space - don't over design
1	Open space - facilitate space for Bush Kinder
1	Open space - improve design and layout
1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
1	Open space - value the diversity of activities
19	Maintenance and Management
3	Bins - emptied more frequently on weekends
2	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
2	Rubbish - remove litter from open spaces
2	Toilets - improve maintenance
1	Dogs - prohibit on sporting fields
1	Dogs - provide more dog free open spaces
1	Maintenance and management - encourage residents to care for open space
1	Open space - ensure they are well maintained
1	Open space - improve maintenance of street gardens
1	Streetscape - clean

No.	General Comments List
1	River - efforts to converse the river are valued
1	Security - provide more
1	Toilets - provide soap and sanitary bins
1	Weeds - do not use chemical herbicides
11	Other
3	Streetscape - more green/plants
2	Overall strategy - appreciate the opportunity to comment
1	Community involvement - residents to care for plants on nature strip
1	Developments - limit large developments
1	Improvements - none required
1	Indigenous heritage - acknowledge/recognise within open spaces
1	Overall strategy - Council is doing a good job
1	Overall strategy - prioritise children's sporting activities
9	Park Infrastructure
5	Toilets - additional required
2	Bins - additional required
1	Safety - improve
1	Signage - on street garden plants
4	Trees and Vegetation
1	Trees - valued
1	Urban agriculture - additional required
1	Vegetation - increase native vegetation
1	Vegetation - medium height plants required in streets to decrease heat island effect
2	Access
1	Links - between Gipps Street and Flockhart Street
1	Links - green corridors between open space, public housing and transport required
2	Recreation Facilities
1	Playgrounds - do not replace equipment unnecessarily
1	Playgrounds - water play required

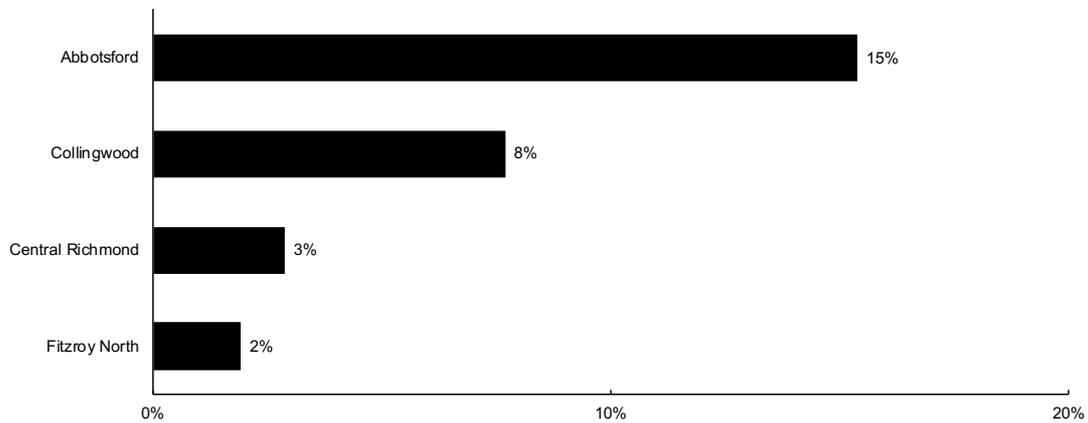
A2.2.8 Work in City of Yarra

In the following charts the percentage is calculated on the total 104 surveys received.

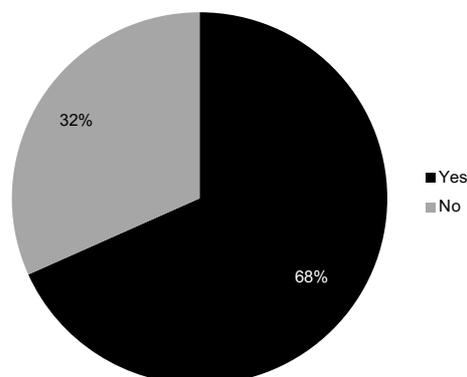
A2.2.8a Respondents that work in the City of Yarra



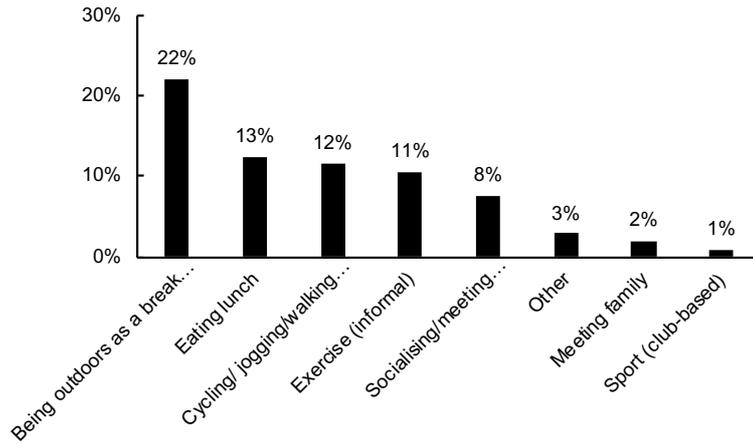
A2.2.8b Where respondents work



A2.2.8c Respondents that visit the open space near their workplace



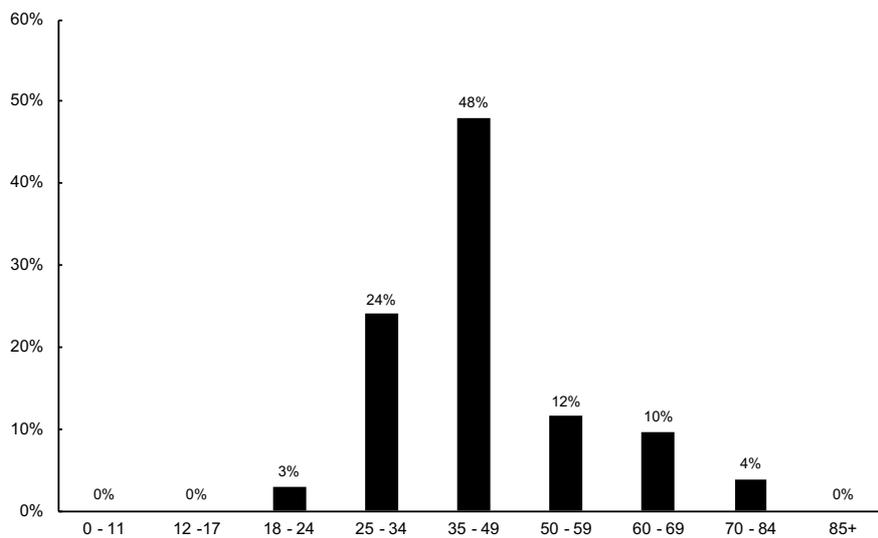
A2.2.8d Reason for visiting open space near work



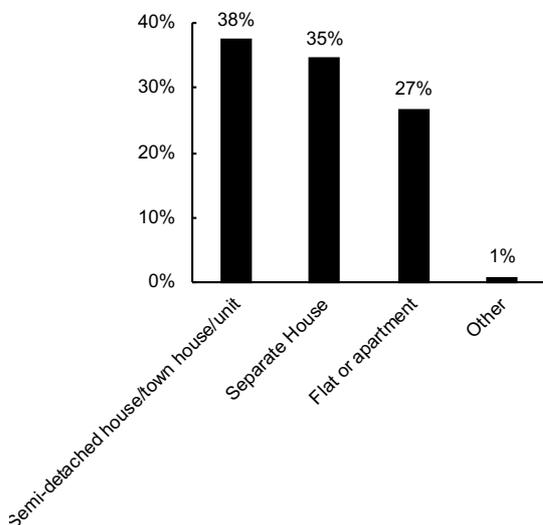
A2.2.9 Information about respondents

In the following charts the percentage is calculated on the total 104 surveys received.

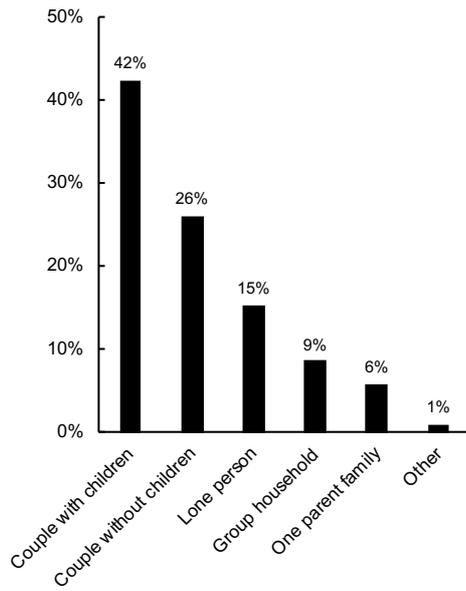
A2.2.9a Age range



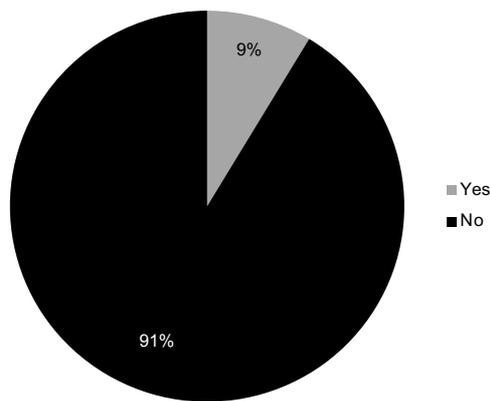
A2.2.9b Dwelling type



A2.2.9c Household type



A2.2.9d Respondents who speak English as a second language



A2.3 Carlton North - Princes Hill

Summary of the survey outcomes for Carlton North - Princes Hill

81 respondents indicated they live in Carlton North - Princes Hill. This represents 6 per cent of total surveys received. The Community Profile figures indicate that 10 per cent of the City of Yarra population lives in this precinct

Respondents from Carlton North - Princes Hill highly value the trees in open space. They visit the larger areas of open space nearby including Edinburgh Gardens, in the City of Yarra and Princes Park in the City of Melbourne. Curtain Square functions as well as the Neighbourhood open space, visited mainly for plan and social activities, while Princes Park provides the space for exercise and fitness. Overall there is a reasonably high level of satisfaction with facilities and respondents would like to see more open space provided, along with more trees in the streets and open spaces. They value and use the cycle paths with a level of use greater than the municipal-wide average.

A2.3.1 Values of open space

Respondents were asked to indicate what they valued most about the open spaces in their Municipality and were invited to select any of the twenty-four values listed, with an option to add additional values under the 'other' category.

Percentages are calculated on the basis of the total number of returned surveys for Carlton North - Princes Hill, 81. The table below illustrates the information, listing the twenty-four values in priority order.

88 per cent of respondents consider trees the most valued feature of open space, which is 15 per cent higher than the Municipal average even though trees are also ranked first in items of frequency of response. The only other slight difference in the ranking of values from the municipal average is a slightly higher rating of historical character, and cultural heritage values, and a slightly lower ranking of fitness and knowing that its there.

Value	%
Trees	88%
A place to relax and unwind	74%
The feeling of space	73%
An escape from the built environment	73%
Just being outside	67%
Habitat for native plants and animals	57%
Health and well being	52%
A place for children to play	52%
Green character	49%
Meeting people/friends	46%
It's accessible	43%
Exercising dogs	42%
Flowers/garden beds	42%

Value	%
Natural bushland character	42%
The quiet	40%
Fitness	40%
The diversity of open space	31%
Historical character	26%
Cultural heritage values/significance	26%
Knowing that it's there	25%
Playing casual ball games/activity	19%
Cultural activities and events	17%
Playing team/club based sport	14%
Watching activity	12%
Other	11%

The other category included a range of comments such as open space replacing the lack of backyard, community gardening, places to walk and cycle, distant views for eye health, design and maintenance, dog socialisation and human interaction, and for climate adaption reducing the urban heat island effect.

A2.3.2 Open space within walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 81 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.3.2a Most frequently visited open spaces

The following table lists the open spaces visited within walking distance of home.

No.	Open space within walking distance	%
44	Edinburgh Gardens	54%
35	Curtain Square	43%
24	Princes Park	30%
13	Hardy Gallagher Reserve	16%
7	Park Street Reserve	9%
5	Yarra River Corridor	6%
4	Carlton Gardens	5%
4	Yarra Bend Park	5%
2	Canning Street Median	2%
2	Fitzroy Gardens	2%
2	Merri Creek Shared Trail	2%
2	Rushall Reserve	2%
1	Burnley Golf Course	1%
1	Darebin Parklands	1%
1	Darling Gardens	1%
1	Mayors Park	1%
1	McNamara Reserve	1%
1	Peel Street Park	1%
1	Royal Park	1%
1	Shakespeare Reserve	1%
1	Smith Reserve	1%
1	Temple Park	1%

A2.3.2b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements to open space within walking distance in Carlton North - Princes Hill

The following table lists the reasons why Carlton North - Princes Hill respondents visit open space within walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. Overall the results indicate that respondents use the three major open spaces, most popular being Edinburgh Gardens, then Curtain Square and Princes Park. While Edinburgh Gardens is also visited for a range of activities the key reason is to relax. By contrast Princes Park is visited mainly to undertake activities and Curtain Square is predominantly used for the playground and off-leash area.

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Edinburgh Gardens 44	8	Relaxing	5	Improvements - none required
	7	Walking	5	Toilets - additional required
	6	Social - meeting people/friends	3	Playgrounds - upgrade
	5	Dog walking	2	Bins - additional required
	4	Dogs - exercising	2	Drinking fountains - additional required
	4	Dog friendly	2	Graffiti - removal required
	4	Play - children	2	Open space - valued
	4	Playground	2	Toilets - upgrade existing
	3	Open space - large space	1	Bins - improve
	3	Picnics	1	Cafe/kiosk facilities - additional required
	2	Access - close to home	1	Community garden - required
	2	Exercising	1	Developments - prohibit within park
	2	Open space - green place	1	Dogs - enforce regulations
	2	Social - sense of community	1	Dogs - off-leash, personal safety concerns
	1	Access - close to the library	1	Dogs - off-leash areas require shade
	1	Access - close to work	1	Dogs - over use
	1	Access - convenient (on the way)	1	Dogs - reduce off-leash areas
	1	Access - travel through	1	Events/entertainment - provide appropriate measures to handle event
	1	Cycling - through	1	Events/entertainment - remove alcohol prohibition on New Year's Eve
	1	Open space	1	Garden beds - native garden required for wildlife
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Improvements - improve overlooked open spaces
	1	Open space - away from busy roads and traffic	1	Informal recreational facilities - upgrade skate park
	1	Open space - beautiful	1	Open space - design and layout valued
	1	Open space - grassed areas	1	Open space - maintain watering
	1	Open space - memory/association	1	Open space - maximise potential for community/culture/fitness/leisure
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Picnic facilities - additional required
	1	Open space - valued	1	Picnic facilities - additional tables required in the shade
	1	Outdoors/being outside	1	Playgrounds - garden play required
	1	Reading	1	Proposed management plan - appreciated
	1	Recreation	1	Public Art - change "Middle Row" by Robbie Rowlands for something more park related
1	Shade	1	Seating - additional required	
1	Sitting	1	Shared paths - promote shared path curtesy	
1	Social - consuming alcohol with friends	1	Signage - improve dog regulation signs	

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Sport - AusKick	1	Toilets - provide soap
	1	Sport - Tennis	1	Toilets - regular cleaning/maintenance required
	1	Trees - shade	1	Trees - plant additional indigenous trees
			1	Trees - replace elms with Morton Bay Figs/silky oaks
			1	Vegetation - additional smaller plants/native grasses required
Curtain Square 35	8	Playground	3	Improvements - none required
	7	Play - children	3	Open grassed areas - additional required in dog off-leash areas
	5	Relaxing	3	Toilets - upgrade existing
	4	Access - close to home	2	Drainage - improve dog off-leash areas
	4	Social - meeting people/friends	2	Drinking fountains - additional required
	4	Walking	2	Open grassed areas - improve
	3	Dogs - enclosed off-leash areas	2	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	3	Dog friendly	2	Playgrounds - upgrade
	3	Dog walking	2	Seating - additional required
	3	Picnics	1	Dogs - agility equipment required
	2	Dogs - exercising	1	Dogs - enforce regulations
	2	Open space	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
	2	Open space - green place	1	Dogs - off-leash impacts on wildlife
	2	Trees	1	Dogs - over use
	1	Birdlife feeding	1	Garden beds - additional required at North and South entry points
	1	Birdlife watching	1	Graffiti - removal required
	1	Dogs - watching	1	Improvements - none required, improvements appreciated
	1	Informal sporting facilities - basketball courts	1	Informal recreational facilities - additional skate park required
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Informal recreational facilities required for older children
	1	Open space - beautiful	1	Lighting - additional required
	1	Open space - grassed areas	1	Management plan - required
	1	Open space - heritage character	1	Open space - enlarge/extend this open space into Canning Street
	1	Open space - popular	1	Open space - ensure it is well maintained
	1	Picnic facilities	1	Open space - valued
	1	Playground - swings	1	Picnic facilities - additional tables required
	1	Reading	1	Playgrounds - locate toddler's playground next to children's playground
	1	Recreation	1	Playgrounds - shade required over swings
	1	Shade	1	Seating - additional near playground
	1	Sitting	1	Shelters - additional required
	1	Sport - basketball	1	Toilets - disability toilet required
	1	Sunshine/Vitamin D	1	Toilets - provide soap
	1	Trees - fig	1	Vegetation - additional native/indigenous planting required to attract wildlife
	Princes Park 24	7	Dog walking	3
6		Walking	2	Improvements - none required
5		Exercising	2	Trees - additional required
4		Access - close to home	1	Developments - prohibit in this area
4		Playground	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, appreciated
3		Dogs - exercising	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
3		Jogging/running	1	Garden beds - additional required
2		Relaxing	1	Improvements - none mentioned as it is not in the City of Yarra
2		Sport	1	Open space - valued

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	2	Trees	1	Running Path - levelling/drainage required on the east side
	2	Water feature	1	Sporting facilities - no more required
	1	Cycling	1	Sporting facilities - wheel chair accessible running track required
	1	Exercise equipment	1	Surfaces - smooth out rough asphalt
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Vegetation - additional flowering plants required
	1	Open space - grassed areas		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Open space - provides cool areas		
	1	Outdoors/being outside		
	1	Play - children		
	1	Sitting		
	1	Views		
Hardy Gallagher Reserve 13	3	Access - close to school	4	Playground - upgrade
	3	Playground	3	Informal recreational facilities - change bocce court into community gardens
	2	Cycling	3	Informal recreational facilities - redevelop bocce court
	2	Walking	1	Cyclists - slow through park
	1	Access - close to shops/cafes	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, move from cycle paths
	1	Access - close to work	1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	1	Community Garden	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	1	Cycling - through	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Dog walking	1	Informal recreation facilities - additional required for older children
	1	Exercising	1	Informal recreational facilities - table tennis required
	1	Open space	1	Maintenance - regular cleaning/maintenance required
	1	Sitting	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
			1	Rubbish - remove litter from open space
		1	Toilets - additional required	
		1	Vegetation - improve weed control	
Park Street Reserve 7	4	Walking	2	Drinking fountains - additional required
	2	Dog walking	2	Vegetation - additional native/indigenous planting required
	1	Access - convenient (on the way)	1	Access - provide cyclist/pedestrian crossing at Park Street and Canning Street
	1	Access - travel through	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Birdlife watching	1	Community garden - required
	1	Cycling	1	Community gardens - fruit orchard required
	1	Cycling - with children	1	Cyclists - slow through park
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Dogs - drinking facilities, additional required
	1	Exercising	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Open space - leave as is
	1	Open space - uncrowded	1	Signage - stating shared path curtesy
	1	Playground	1	Trees - plant fruit trees
Yarra River Corridor 5	2	Cycling	2	Signage - informative, instructional and navigational signage required
	1	Access - provides links to school	1	Access - replace stairs for ramps
	1	Access - travel through	1	Shared paths - promote shared path curtesy

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Exercising	1	Shared paths - separate cyclists from pedestrian paths
	1	Open space - diversity of types	1	Shared paths - separate cyclists from pedestrian paths for children cycling safety
	1	Open space - green place	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Playground	1	Vegetation - additional required
	1	Recreation		
	1	Walking		
Carlton Gardens 4	2	Relaxing	1	Community garden - herb garden required
	1	Access - close to museum	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Access - travel through	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Gardens - maintained	1	Trees - additional required
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - green place		
	1	Open space - private garden is too small		
	1	Open space - valued		
	1	Playground		
	1	Walking		
Yarra Bend Park 4	1	Birdlife watching	1	Exercise equipment - additional required
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Shared paths - separate cyclists from pedestrians
	1	Exercising	1	Vegetation - additional native/indigenous planting required to attract wildlife
	1	Exercising - children		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Running		
	1	Walking		
Canning Street Median 2	1	Access - close to home	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Birdlife watching	1	Garden beds - additional flowering gardens required
	1	Dog friendly		
	1	Open grassed areas - well maintained		
	1	Open space - grassed areas		
	1	Reading		
	1	Shade		
Fitzroy Gardens 2	1	Open space - beautiful	1	Events - improve advertising of music events in open spaces
	1	Open space - diversity of types		
	1	Open space - green place		
Merri Creek Shared Trail 2	1	Dogs - swimming	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Walking		
Rushall Reserve 2	1	Access - Merri Creek	1	Cycle path - do not proceed with proposed path
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Dog walking	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - safe	1	Vegetation - improve weed control
Burnley Golf Course 1	1	Exercising		
	1	Sport - golf		
Darebin Parklands 1	1	Dogs - off-leash area		
	1	Dogs - swimming		
Darling Gardens 1	1	Picnics	1	Toilets - upgrade existing
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Mayors Park	1	Access - close to pool	1	Cafe/kiosk facilities - additional required

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
1	1	Playground		
McNamara Reserve 1	1	Lunch	1	Trees - additional required
Peel Street Park 1	1	Lunch		
Royal Park 1	1	Dogs - off-leash area		
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
	1	Relaxing		
Shakespeare Reserve 1	1	Access - close to home	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	1	Open space - private garden is too small	1	Picnic facilities - additional tables required
	1	Play - children	1	Rubbish - remove litter from open space
Smith Reserve 1	1	Dog friendly	1	Fencing - additional required
Temple Park 1	1	Open space		
	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs		

A2.3.3 Open space beyond walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 81 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.3.3a Most frequently visited open space beyond walking distance

The following table lists the open spaces visited beyond walking distance of home.

No.	Open space visited	%
6	Carlton Gardens	7%
6	Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne	7%
6	Yarra Bend Park	7%
4	Edinburgh Gardens	5%
3	Darling Gardens	4%
2	Curtain Square	2%
2	Flagstaff Gardens	2%
2	Gardiners Creek Trail	2%
2	Merri Creek Precinct	2%
2	Park Street Reserve	2%
2	Princes Park	2%
2	Quarries Park	2%
2	Royal Park	2%
2	Studley Park	2%
2	Yarra Banks Public Golf Course	2%
1	CBD parks	1%
1	CERES Community Environment Park	1%
1	Coburg Lake Reserve	1%
1	Fitzroy Gardens	1%
1	Great Otway National Park	1%
1	Hardy Gallagher Reserve	1%

No.	Open space visited	%
1	Holden Byrne Reserve	1%
1	Jumping Creek Reserve	1%
1	Local cricket clubs	1%
1	Local netball facilities	1%
1	Mayors Park	1%
1	PA Burns Reserve	1%
1	Royal Park Nature Playground	1%
1	Yarra River Corridor	1%

A2.3.3b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements

The following table lists the reasons why Carlton North - Princes Hill respondents visit open space beyond walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. Open spaces visited beyond walking distance tend to be larger open spaces, for social events and, their beauty.

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Carlton Gardens 6	2	Relaxing	3	Improvements - none required
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Dogs - improve usability for dogs
	1	Access - close to museum	1	Open space - maintain watering
	1	Open space - large space	1	Open space - valued
	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	1	Picnics	1	Picnic facilities - additional tables required
	1	Play - children	1	Rubbish - remove broken glass
	1	Trees		
	1	Walking		
Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne 6	3	Open space - beautiful	3	Improvements - none required
	2	Walking	1	Cafe/kiosk facilities - make more family friendly
	1	Entertainment/events	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Open space		
	1	Open space - design and layout		
	1	Open space - diversity of types		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Vegetation - diversity		
Yarra Bend Park 6	2	Dog walking	1	Dogs - agility park required
	1	Dog friendly	1	Dogs - drinking facilities, additional required
	1	Entertainment/events	1	Dogs - enforce regulations
	1	Exercising	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
	1	Open space - beautiful	1	Dogs - off-leash, personal safety concerns
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Dogs - over use
	1	Outdoors/being outside	1	Safety - improve at night
	1	River setting	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Walking	1	Shared use paths - separate cyclists from pedestrian paths
	1	Walking		
Edinburgh Gardens	1	Dog friendly	1	Informal recreational facilities - additional basketball courts required

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
4	1	Health and well-being	1	Playgrounds - shade required over equipment
	1	Informal recreational facilities - basketball court	1	Trees - plant fruit trees
	1	Paths - good quality	1	Vegetation - additional native/indigenous planting required
	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs	1	Vegetation - hedge needed around basketball courts
	1	Picnics		
	1	Play - children		
	1	Playground		
	1	Recreation		
	1	Sport - children		
Darling Gardens 3	1	Access - convenient (on the way)	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Birdlife watching	1	Trees - replace exotic trees with native trees
	1	Dog walking		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Walking		
Curtain Square 2	1	Access - close to home	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
Flagstaff Gardens 2	1	Relaxing		
Gardiners Creek Trail 2	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Walking		
Merri Creek Precinct 2	1	Dog walking	1	Cyclists - slow through park
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Safety - improve for women
	1	Relaxing		
Park Street Reserve 2	1	Access - travel through	1	Paths - connecting path/s required from Yarra River Trail
	1	Cycling	1	Trees - additional required
	1	Open space - away from busy roads and traffic	1	Vegetation - additional smaller plants/native grasses required for wildlife
Princes Park 2	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Jogging/running		
Quarries Park 2	2	Playground	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Open space - valued
			1	Shelters - additional required
			1	Toilets - additional required
Royal Park 2	1	Cycling	1	Open space - valued
	1	Recreation		
	1	Zoo		
Studley Park 2	1	Jogging/running	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Toilets - regular cleaning/maintenance required
	1	Open space - large space		
Yarra Banks Public Golf Course 2	2	Sport - golf	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
			1	Graffiti - removal required
CBD parks 1	1	Exercising	1	Access - improve tram stops with disability access stops at Nicholson Street
	1	Recreation		

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
CERES Community Environment Park 1	1	Café and kiosk facilities	1	Open space - improve design and layout
	1	Open space - diversity of types		
	1	Social - sense of community		
	1	Vegetation - Indigenous		
Coburg Lake Reserve 1	1	Jogging/running	1	Open space - valued
	1	Walking		
Fitzroy Gardens 1	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
Great Otway National Park 1	1	Beaches		
	1	Views		
Hardy Gallagher Reserve 1	1	Access - close to school	1	Informal recreational facilities - redevelop bocce court
Holden Byrne Reserve 1	1	Cycling	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Playground		
Jumping Creek Reserve 1	1	Dog walking	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
	1	River setting		
Local cricket clubs 1	1	Open space - valued	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Sport - spectating cricket		
Local netball facilities 1	1	Sport - netball		
Mayors Park 1	1	Exercising		
PA Burns Reserve 1	1	Dogs - swimming		
Royal Park Nature Playground 1	1	Cycling - with children	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Playground		
Yarra River Corridor 1	1	Cycling	1	Developments - prohibit in this area

A2.3.4 Open space not visited

This question was asked to find out what issues currently limit the use of existing open space by respondents. The question included some of the common reasons why people may not use open space. The reasons can apply either to a specific open space or more broadly to open space in general.

The question has been analysed below in 2 parts:

Part 1 – whether there is open space they would like to visit but are unable to.

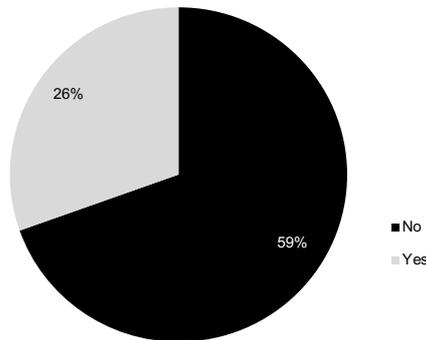
Part 2 – the reasons they are unable to visit open space.

The percentages nominated in Part 1 are a proportion of the total 81 surveys received.

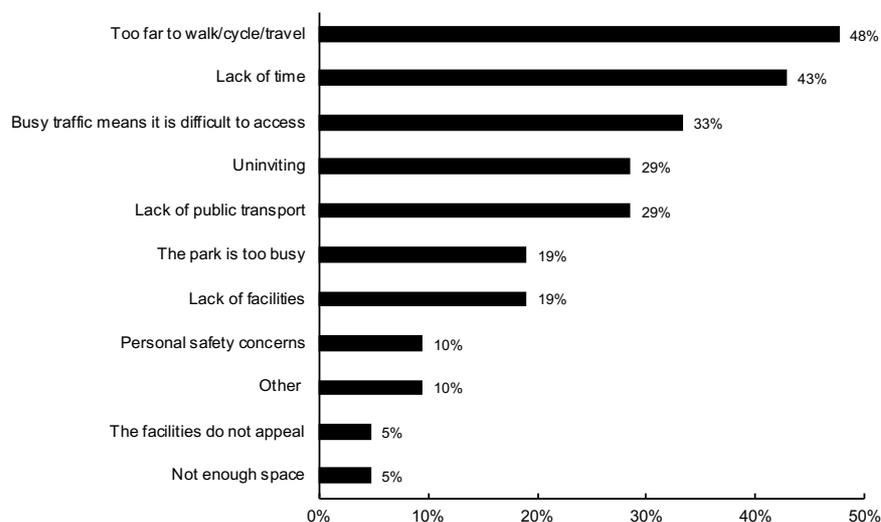
The percentages nominated in Part 2 are a percentage of the 21 respondents who answered yes to the first part of the question.

Part 1 Is there open space you would like to visit but are unable to?

26 per cent of respondents indicated that they would like to visit open space but are unable to. This is slightly higher than the Municipal average, 22 per cent.



Part 2 The reasons why you are unable to visit open space:



The most frequent reason for not visiting open space was due to distance, followed by a lack of time and difficult traffic. Compared to the Municipal average, 17 per cent more respondents indicated they lacked the time to visit open space and 6 per cent more respondents indicated that constraints from busy traffic was a reason they didn't visit open space.

A2.3.5 Types of open space visited and frequency of use

The following table shows the frequency of use of different types of open space in Carlton North - Princes Hill. The percentages are calculated based on the 81 completed surveys. The total percentage column shown on the left hand side of the table is the sum of total use and does not include never and not completed responses. The percentages on the right hand side indicate frequency of use. The percentages in Table A below have been highlighted using shades of colour to assist with interpretation of the results.

	0% to 9%
	10% to 19%
	20% to 29%
	30% to 39%
	40% and over

Table A Types of open spaces used and frequency of use

Large parks and gardens were the most frequently used type of open space followed by medium sized parks and small local parks/open space along the Yarra River.

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly	Monthly	1-2 times a year	Never	NC
75%	Open space along the Merri Creek	5%	5%	20%	20%	26%	20%	5%
83%	Open space along the Yarra River	0%	6%	19%	25%	33%	11%	6%
96%	Large parks and gardens	21%	17%	30%	26%	2%	0%	4%
68%	Large sporting reserves	2%	2%	9%	21%	33%	25%	7%
88%	Medium sized parks	15%	15%	31%	17%	10%	5%	7%
83%	Small local parks	14%	16%	26%	21%	6%	5%	12%
78%	Urban Squares	5%	22%	17%	17%	16%	19%	4%
73%	Local streets for exercise	37%	19%	15%	2%	0%	15%	12%

Table B Frequently visited types of open spaces in priority order

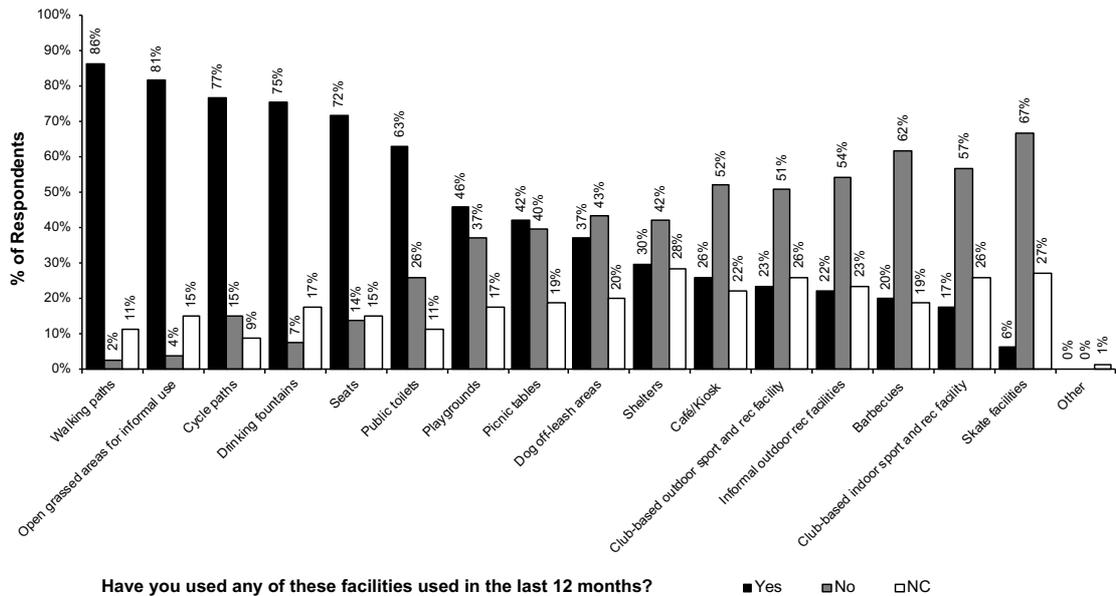
On a daily basis, local streets for exercise are the most popular followed by large parks and gardens and medium sized parks. This generally reflects the open space network in the precinct Edinburgh Gardens and Princes park, with Curtain Square in between.

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly
70%	Local streets for exercise	37%	19%	15%
68%	Large parks and gardens	21%	17%	30%
60%	Medium sized parks	15%	15%	31%
56%	Small local parks	14%	16%	26%
44%	Urban Squares	5%	22%	17%
30%	Open space along the Merri Creek	5%	5%	20%
25%	Open space along the Yarra River	0%	6%	19%
14%	Large sporting reserves	2%	2%	9%

A2.3.6 Facilities and features in open space

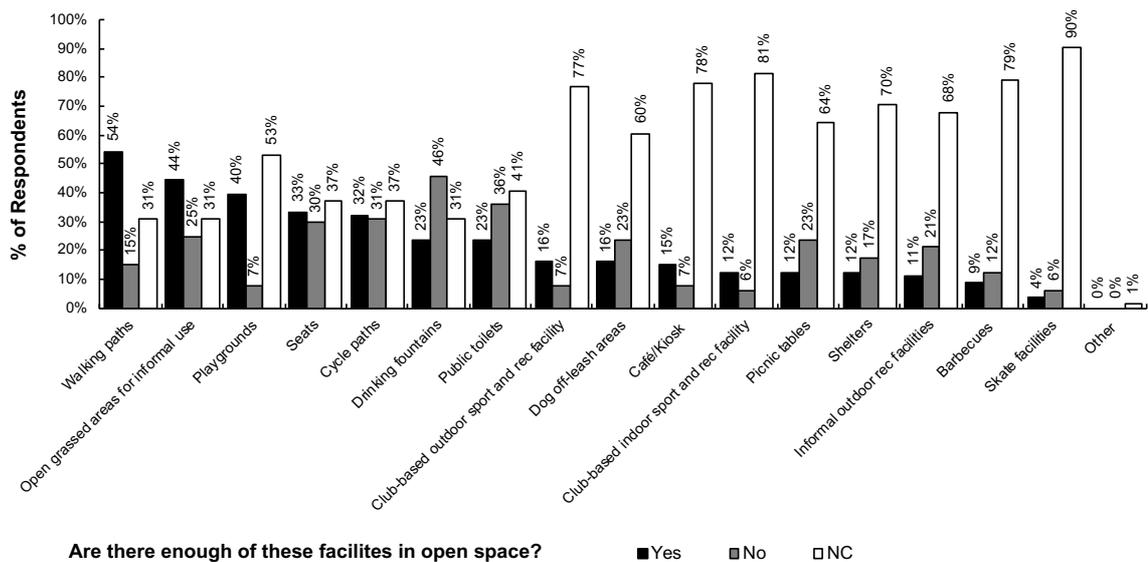
A2.3.6a Use of facilities and features in open space

The following table indicates use of facilities in open space over the last twelve months. The percentages are calculated on the number of returned surveys from Carlton North - Princes Hill, 81. Respondents indicated that walking paths, open grassed areas and cycling paths were the most popular facilities used in the last 12 months, with the use of cycling paths being significantly higher (15 per cent) than the municipal average.



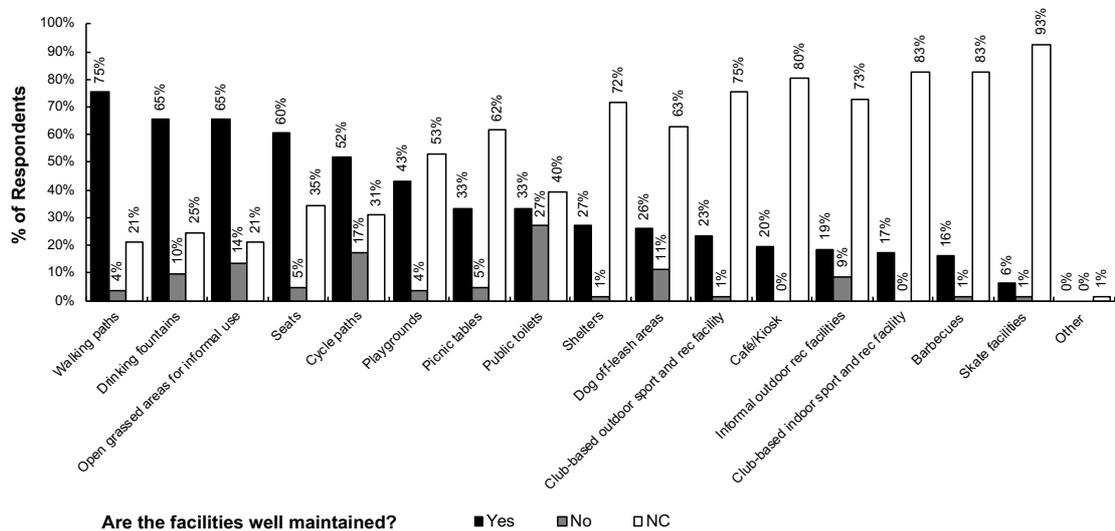
3.3.6b Provision of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the percentage of respondents that consider the various facilities within open space either are or are not adequately provided for. Percentages are calculated on the total number of Carlton North - Princes Hill surveys received, 81.



A2.3.6c Maintenance of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the level of satisfaction with the maintenance of open space facilities. The percentages are calculated on the total number of Carlton North - Princes Hill surveys returned, 81.



A2.3.7 General comments on open space

Respondents were provided a section where they were able to write any additional comments on the open space within the Municipality and their local area. The following is a summary of these comments from returned surveys from Carlton North - Princes Hill respondents which have been grouped together into topics and assembled in priority order.

No.	General Comments List
36	Open Space
5	Open space - additional required
4	Improvements - none required
4	Open space - additional required as density increases
4	Open space - valued
2	Open space - contributes to liveability
2	Open space - important to combat global warming
2	Open space - utilise dead space as green space
1	Developments - adjoining open space maintain height restrictions
1	Developments - concerns about impact on open space
1	Open space - appreciate the choice and variety
1	Open space - beneficial to health and wellbeing
1	Open space - design to reflect the culture of City of Yarra
1	Open space - important as private gardens become smaller
1	Open space - important for air quality
1	Open space - important for children
1	Open space - important for relaxing
1	Open space - improve design for use and utility
1	Open space - to be within walking distance
1	Streetscape - more green/plants
1	Streetscape - more green/plants on Drummond Street and Macpherson Street

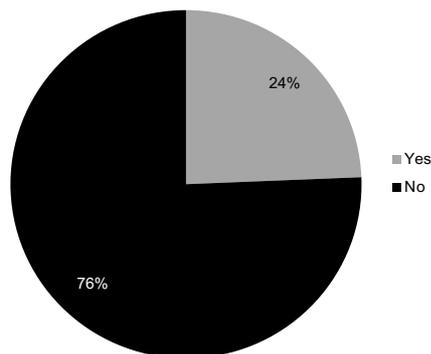
No.	General Comments List
17	Maintenance and Management
2	Graffiti - removal required regularly
2	Maintenance - regularly required to prevent civil disorder
1	Dogs - enclosed off-leash areas required
1	Dogs - enforce regulations
1	Dogs - off-leash areas valued
1	Dogs - open space for dogs appreciated
1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for controlling their dogs
1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
1	Graffiti - anti-graffiti program required
1	Information - advertise more information about organised sport/activities
1	Maintenance - regular cleaning/maintenance required to handle over crowding
1	Rubbish - encourage community collection of litter
1	Rubbish - fine companies for products found in rivers
1	Streets - do not close Station Street at Princes Street
1	Streets - keep clean
11	Trees and Vegetation
2	Community gardens - additional required
1	Garden beds - additional required
1	Open grassed areas - value grassed areas
1	Trees - additional required
1	Trees - plant additional exotic trees for shade
1	Trees - plant additional shade trees to prevent heat island effect
1	Trees - plant additional street trees
1	Trees - value street trees
1	Vegetation - increase vegetation for wildlife habitation
1	Vegetation - plant additional native plants for ecological sustainability
10	Park Infrastructure
2	Lighting - additional required for safety
1	Cafe/kiosk facilities - more required
1	Park infrastructure - reduce infrastructure to avoid maintenance costs
1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs with shelters required in local parks
1	Picnic facilities - additional tables required
1	Seating - additional required
1	Signage - dog waste regulation signs required
1	Toilets - additional required
1	Toilets - improve accessibility
9	Paths
2	Cycle paths - additional required
1	Footpaths - ensure businesses keep a clear thoroughfare when over capacity
1	Footpaths - improve cobblestone paths for wheelchair access
1	Footpaths - make pavement more comfortable
1	Paths - avoid sharp materials in paths for foot/paw safety
1	Paths - maintenance required along river paths
1	Shared paths - separate cyclists from pedestrian paths
5	Recreation Facilities
1	Exercise equipment - additional required in underutilised spaces
1	Playgrounds - increase diversity of equipment for a range of age groups
1	Playgrounds - initiatives for teenagers to design playgrounds required
1	Playgrounds - more adventure playgrounds required
1	Sporting facilities - basketball stadium required
7	Other
1	Developments - limit large developments

No.	General Comments List
1	Overall strategy - maintain a relaxed attitude
1	Overall strategy - prioritise ecological sustainability
1	Public art - provide more
1	Seating - additional street seating required
1	Streets - improve safety for pedestrians
1	Survey - ensure spelling of precincts is correct
3	Sustainability
1	Streets - recover and reuse bitumen
1	Urban agriculture - promote for sustainability purposes
1	Water - Council to support water sensitive urban design

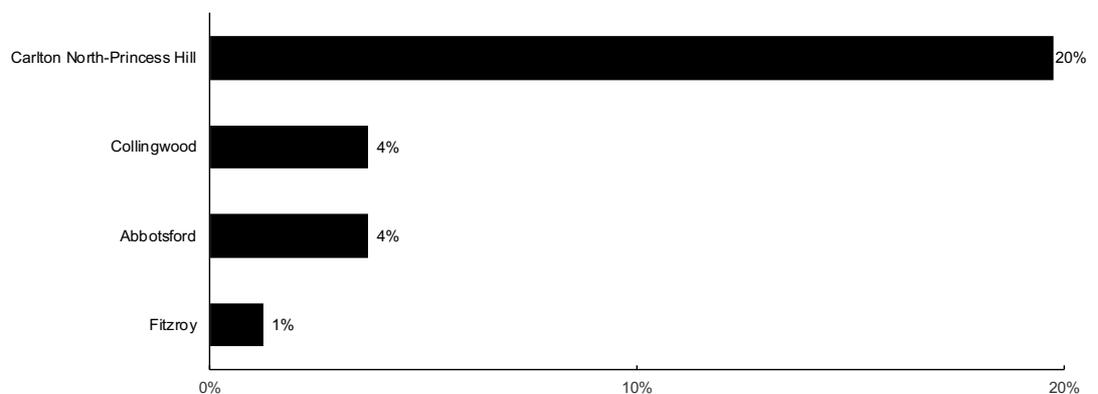
A2.3.8 Work in City of Yarra

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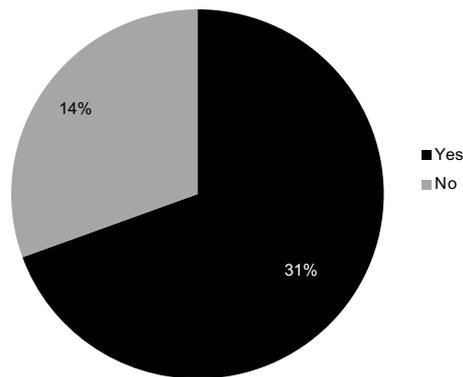
A2.3.8a Respondents that work in the City of Yarra



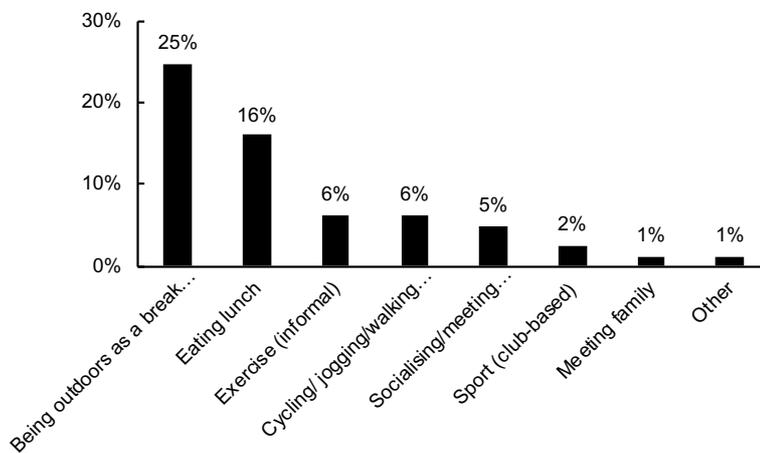
A2.3.8b Where respondents work



A2.3.8c Respondents that visit the open space near their workplace



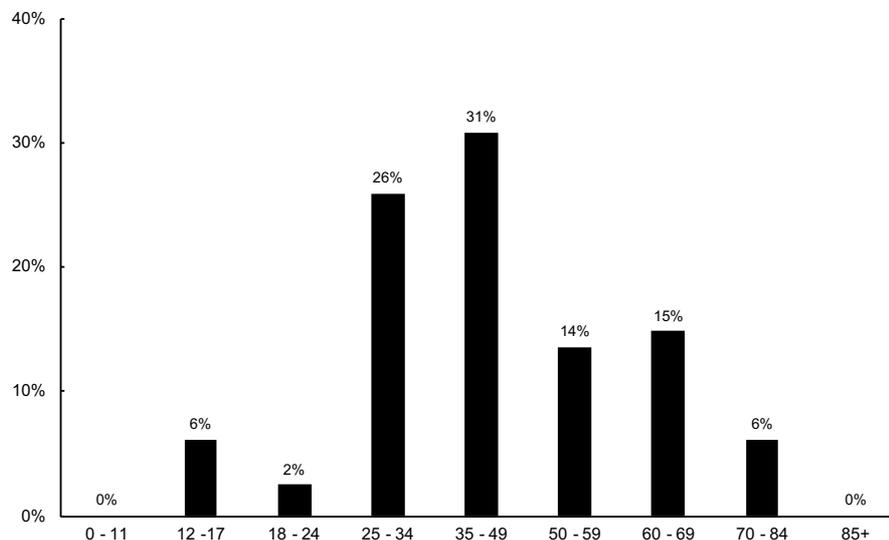
A2.3.8d Reason for visiting open space near work



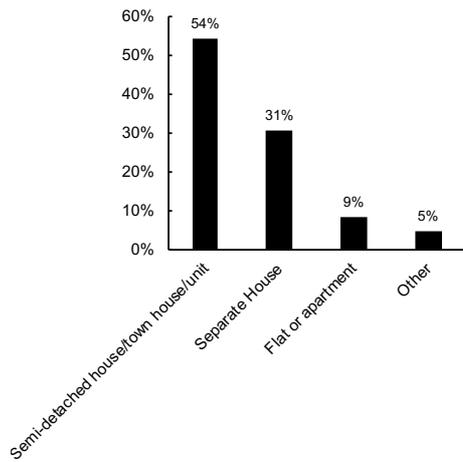
A2.3.9 Information about respondents

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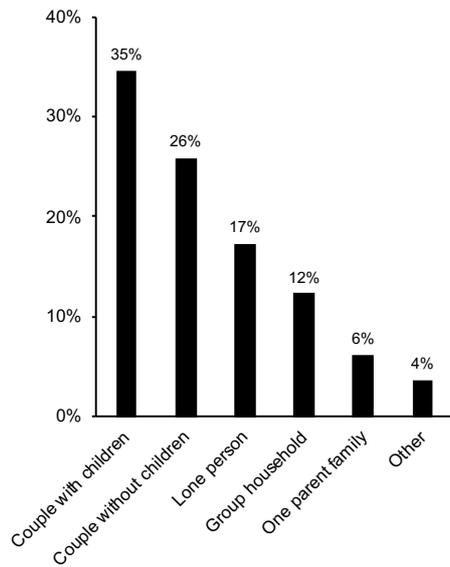
A2.3.9a Age range



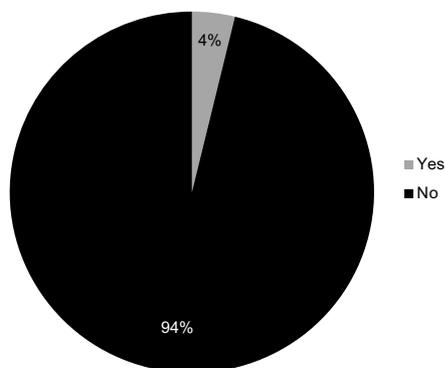
A2.3.9b Dwelling type



A2.3.9c Household type



A2.3.9d Respondents who speak English as a second language



A2.4 Central Richmond

Summary of the survey outcomes for Central Richmond

172 respondents indicated they live in Central Richmond. This represents 14 per cent of total surveys received. The Community Profile figures indicate that 15 per cent of the City of Yarra population lives in Central Richmond.

The key point of difference in Central Richmond from the municipal results is the higher level of respondents participating in sport, particularly children's sports events. Additional open space and sporting facilities, particularly the inclusion of female facilities in the clubrooms are frequently requested. Citizens Park is overwhelmingly the most visited open space for a diverse range of reasons including structured sport, dog walking and the market. Barkly Gardens and Burnley Park are the other two reasons that are well used.

There is also a focus on making Richmond more pedestrian and cycle friendly to cope with the increasing volumes of traffic. There were suggestions to make Gleadell Street pedestrian priority focused given the facilities and the market located there. Conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists on shared paths along the Yarra River is frequently mentioned, along with dog waste on sporting grounds. Respondents wish to resolve the dog waste issue by having Council clean the turf between shared use times. Litter in general is noted and specifically a concern regarding discarded syringes and the related drug abuse.

A2.4.1 Values of open space

Respondents were asked to indicate what they valued most about the open spaces in their Municipality and were invited to select any of the twenty-four values listed, with an option to add additional values under the 'other' category.

Percentages are calculated on the basis of the total number of returned surveys for Central Richmond, 172. The table below illustrates the information, listing the twenty-five values in priority order.

The top eight values are consistent with the municipal-wide results with the trees as the most valued feature of open space followed by appreciating it as a place to relax and unwind, and the feeling of space. The main difference is that more respondents value playing club-based sport, casual ball games and fitness. A lower number of respondents value the habitat values, historical character and greening when compared to the municipal average.

Value	%
Trees	67%
A place to relax and unwind	63%
The feeling of space	57%
Just being outside	56%
An escape from the built environment	53%
A place for children to play	51%

Value	%
Meeting people/friends	48%
Health and well being	46%
Fitness	41%
Exercising dogs	40%
Habitat for native plants and animals	37%
It's accessible	37%
Green character	35%
Flowers/garden beds	32%
Natural bushland character	28%
Playing team/club based sport	27%
Playing casual ball games/activity	24%
The quiet	24%
Knowing that it's there	22%
The diversity of open space	22%
Cultural heritage values/significance	18%
Cultural activities and events	15%
Watching activity	13%
Historical character	13%
Other	2%

The other category included a range of comments including the design and lighting of the open space, to picnic, and for cycling.

A2.4.2 Open space within walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 172 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.4.2a Most frequently visited open spaces

The following table lists the open spaces visited within walking distance of home.

No.	Open space within walking distance	%
110	Citizens Park	64%
42	Barkly Gardens	24%
28	Burnley Park	16%
22	Yarra River Corridor	13%
10	Yarra Park	6%
9	Cairns Reserve	5%
9	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	5%
7	Dame Nellie Melba Park	4%
6	Fitzroy Gardens	3%
5	Richmond Terrace Park	3%
4	Ben Alexander Reserve	2%
4	Yarra Bend Park	2%
4	Yarra Primary School	2%
3	Annettes Place	2%
3	Department of Housing Richmond Place	2%
3	Golden Square Park	2%

No.	Open space within walking distance	%
3	McConchie Reserve	2%
3	Yarra River Trail (Walmer St to Acacia PI)	2%
2	Edinburgh Gardens	1%
2	Egan Reserve	1%
2	O'Connell Reserve	1%
2	Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne	1%
2	Williams Reserve	1%
1	Alan Bain Reserve	1%
1	Burnley Boulderling Wall	1%
1	Darling Gardens	1%
1	Fordham Gardens	1%
1	Gahan Reserve	1%
1	GTV9 Studios	1%
1	Merri Creek Shared Trail	1%
1	Outer Circle Rail Trail	1%
1	Oxford Street Park	1%
1	Ryans Reserve	1%
1	St James Park	1%
1	Swan Street	1%
1	The Vaocluse	1%
1	Victoria Park	1%
1	Yarra River Trail (Abbott St to Turners St)	1%

A2.4.2b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements to open space within walking distance in Central Richmond

The following table lists the reasons why Central Richmond respondents visit open space within walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. Results indicate Citizens Park is popular for dog walking, childrens play and fitness/sport, while Barkley Gardens for the playground, dog walking and social events. For this precinct respondents include the schools and some streetscapes as open space as well.

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Citizens Park 110	17	Dog walking	15	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require upgrade
	16	Playgrounds	12	Sporting facilities - facilities for girls required
	12	Play - children	10	Dogs - regular cleaning/maintenance of off-leash areas required
	12	Sport - organised junior football	10	Improvements - none required
	11	Exercising	10	Playgrounds - upgrade
	11	Walking	5	Sporting facilities - upgrade required
	10	Market	4	Access - additional information about scheduled use required
	8	Social - meeting people/friends/parties	4	Open space - additional required
	7	Access - close to home	4	Open space - upgrade
	7	Relaxing	4	Picnic facilities - additional required
	7	Sport - children's organised	3	Dogs - enforce regulations
	7	Sport - spectating	3	Dogs - prohibit
	5	Sport - football	3	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	4	Dogs - exercising	3	Open space - enlarge/extend this open space

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	4	Social - sense of community	3	Open space - valued
	4	Sport - club based	3	Seating - additional required in shaded areas
	4	Sport - cricket	2	Access - extend resident use by decreasing sporting events
	4	Sport - junior organised cricket	2	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	4	Sport - organised	2	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	3	Dogs - watching	2	Dogs - prohibit on sporting fields/ovals
	3	Informal ball games/sport	2	Drinking fountains - additional required
	3	Jogging/running	2	Informal play facilities - required for older children
	3	People watching	2	Open space - overcrowded
	3	Picnic Facilities - BBQs	2	Sports field/oval - improve turf
	3	Sitting	2	Trees - additional required
	3	Sport	2	Trees - plant additional street trees on Gleadell Street
	2	Access - convenient (on the way)	1	Café/kiosk - additional required
	2	Access - travel through	1	Cultural events - additional required
	2	Cycling - children	1	Dogs - increase/improve usability for dogs
	2	Dog friendly	1	Dogs - limit access
	2	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas	1	Dogs - over use
	2	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Dogs - prohibit off-leash
	2	Dogs - socialising	1	Dogs - provide recycled waste bags
	2	Informal sporting facilities - oval	1	Drinking fountains - improve drainage
	2	Open space - well maintained	1	Drug abuse - at toilets, action required
	2	Outdoors/being outside	1	Exercise equipment - additional required
	2	Play	1	Garden beds - additional required
	1	Access - easy to access	1	Open space - improve design and layout
	1	Exercise equipment	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
	1	Open space	1	Picnic facilities - design for safety
	1	Open space - grassed areas	1	Picnic facilities - improve seating
	1	Picnics	1	Picnic facilities - improve water facilities
	1	Reading	1	Picnic facilities - upgrade tables
	1	Recreation	1	Playgrounds - additional required near clubrooms
			1	Playgrounds - additional swings required
			1	Playgrounds - re-locate away from intersection
			1	Playgrounds - regular cleaning required
			1	Playgrounds - shade required over equipment
			1	Seating - appropriate for the disabled required
			1	Shared use space - improve between dogs and sports
			1	Sport facilities - additional basketball court required
			1	Sporting facilities - lockers
			1	Sporting facilities - reduce children's sport in the evening
			1	Sporting facilities - running track, improve surface
			1	Sporting facilities - upgrade boxing facilities
			1	Traffic - noise intrusive
			1	Trees - plant additional indigenous trees
Barkly Gardens 42	9	Playgrounds	4	Toilets - regular cleaning required
	8	Dog walking	4	Toilets - upgrade existing
	6	Social - meeting people/friends/parties	3	Improvements - none required

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	4	Access - close to home	3	Toilets - additional required
	4	Exercising	2	Bins - additional required
	4	Play - children	2	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	3	Open space - green place	2	Playgrounds - shade required over equipment
	3	Picnic facilities - BBQs	1	Bins - empty frequently
	2	Access - close to school	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	2	Access - travel through	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
	2	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, irrigate
	2	Open space - beautiful	1	Dogs - prohibit from picnic facilities
	2	Open space - well maintained	1	Dogs - prohibit on sporting fields/ovals
	2	Reading	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	2	Relaxing	1	Fencing - additional required
	1	Access - convenient (on the way)	1	Fencing - additional required next to busy roads
	1	Cycling	1	Fencing - gates required
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Informal play facilities - facilities for older children
	1	Dogs - socialising	1	Informal sporting facilities - basketball hoops required
	1	Informal ball games/sport	1	Lighting - additional required
	1	Jogging/running	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Open space - away from busy roads and traffic	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
	1	Open space - design and layout	1	Picnic facilities - additional required
	1	Open space - diversity of types	1	Picnic facilities - shelter required over BBQs
	1	Open space - identity	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Open space - large space	1	Security - improve surveillance
	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Shelters - additional required
	1	Open space - shade	1	Signage - improve dog regulation signs
	1	Picnics	1	Signage - informative, instructional and navigational signage required
	1	Play	1	Sporting facilities - indoor facilities required
	1	Recreation	1	Toilets - install blue lights
	1	Recreation - with children	1	Vegetation - additional low indigenous plantings required to protect birdlife
	1	Sitting	1	Water fountain - upgrade
	1	Sport (Alain Bain Reserve)		
	1	Sport - children's organised (Alain Bain Reserve)		
	1	Walking		
Burnley Park 28	9	Dog walking	3	Caretakers Cottage - improve
	4	Playgrounds	2	Exercise equipment - additional required
	4	Walking	2	Open space - valued
	3	Informal recreational facilities - basketball court	2	Seating - additional required
	3	Picnic facilities - BBQs	2	Sporting facilities - provide basketball courts
	3	Relaxing	1	Access - pedestrian bridge connecting Burnley Park and Circus Site
	3	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Bins - additional required
	2	Exercising	1	Bins - empty frequently
	2	Open space - large space	1	Cafe/kiosk facilities - additional required
	2	Play	1	Caretakers Cottage - replace with Gazebo
	2	Play - children	1	Dogs - enforce regulations
	1	Access - close to home	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	1	Access - travel through	1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	1	Cycling - through	1	Dogs - regular cleaning/maintenance of off-leash areas required

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Dogs - regular waste removal
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Drainage - improvement needed
	1	Dog friendly	1	Facilities - improve
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Garden beds - regular maintenance required
	1	Jogging/running	1	Improvements - appreciated
	1	Open space	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - diversity of types	1	Informal sporting facilities - goal posts required
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Lighting - additional required
	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Recreation - with children	1	Open grassed areas - improvements required
	1	Sport - children	1	Open grassed areas - irrigate
	1	Sport - cricket	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
	1	Sport - football	1	Open space - value natural character
	1	Sports field/oval	1	Picnic facilities - additional required
	1	Walking -through	1	Picnic facilities - additional tables required
			1	Picnic facilities - shade required
			1	Playgrounds - upgrade
			1	Seating - additional required facing oval
			1	Security - additional required
			1	Shared paths - separate cyclists from pedestrian paths
		1	Trees - maintain Scarred Trees	
Yarra River Corridor 22	9	Walking	3	Drinking fountains - additional required
	6	Exercising	2	Paths - widen
	3	Cycling	2	Seating - additional required
	3	Dog walking	2	Access - ramp required at Collins Bridge
	3	Open space - natural character	1	Access - stairs required at pedestrian bridge between Burnley Gardens and Heyington Station
	2	Jogging/running	1	Access - widen Walmer Street Bridge
	2	Open space - fresh air	1	Cyclists - slow through park
	2	Open space - peaceful	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	2	Relaxing	1	Improvements - none required
	2	River setting	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Access - close to shops/cafes	1	Natural resource management - improve
	1	Access - travel through	1	Open space - regular maintenance required
	1	Birdlife - watching	1	Open space - valued
	1	Cycling - through	1	Paths - connecting path/s required between Flockhart Street and Gipps Street
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	River - stabilise embankments
	1	Health and well-being	1	River - to be cleaned
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Rubbish - remove litter
			1	Shared paths - separate cyclists from pedestrian paths
			1	Shared paths - widen Yarra River Trail between Walmer Street Bridge and Victoria Bridge
			1	Vegetation - additional native/indigenous planting required
		1	Vegetation - improve weed control	
Yarra Park 10	3	Dog walking	1	Access - provide safer places to cross major roads
	3	Exercising	1	Access - restrict motor vehicles to this area
	2	Access - travel through	1	Carpark - reduce

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	2	Dog friendly	1	Carpark - remove
	1	Access - close to home	1	Shared paths - separate cyclists from pedestrian paths
	1	Cycling	1	Dogs - drinking facilities, additional required
	1	Play - children	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
	1	Sport - spectating football	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Trees	1	Improvements - none required
			1	Open space - valued
		1	Playgrounds - remove rolling barrel equipment	
Cairns Reserve 9	3	Access - close to home	2	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	2	Dog walking	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	2	Open space - green place	1	Dogs - enforce regulations
	2	Open space - peaceful	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
	2	Playgrounds	1	Dogs - prohibit dogs in small parks
	1	Access - travel through	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	1	Dog friendly	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Exercising	1	Maintenance - valued
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Play - children	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	1	Recreation - with children	1	Signage - informative, instructional and navigational signage required
	1	Relaxing	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Trees		
Kevin Bartlett Reserve 9	2	Exercising	3	Sporting facilities - facilities for girls required
	2	Sport - children's football	2	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require upgrade
	2	Sport - cricket	1	Carpark - additional required
	2	Sport - football	1	Carpark - upgrade
	2	Sport - organised	1	Dogs - enforce regulations
	2	Sport - Richmond Junior Football Club	1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	1	Play	1	Dogs - regular cleaning/maintenance of off-leash areas required
	1	Play - children	1	Dogs - regular cleaning/maintenance of oval required
	1	Sport - children	1	Dogs - regular waste removal
		1	Sports field/oval - improve turf replacement program	
Dame Nellie Melba Park 7	4	Dog walking	2	Fencing - additional required around garden beds
	2	Access - close to home	1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	2	Relaxing	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Improvements - none required, improvements appreciated
	1	Gardens	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Open space	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Open space - layout	1	Vegetation - additional native/indigenous planting required
	1	Recreation		
	1	Social - sense of community		
	1	Trees		
Fitzroy Gardens 6	2	Relaxing	2	Improvements - none required
	1	Access - travel through		
	1	Access - convenient (on the way)		
	1	Exercising		

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - grassed areas		
	1	Open space - historical character		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Vegetation - beautiful		
	1	Walking		
	1	Walking -through		
Richmond Terrace Park 5	1	Access - close to home	2	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Garden beds - additional required
	1	Open space - green place	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - provision	1	Open grassed areas - improvements required
	1	People watching	1	Trees - additional required
	1	Reading		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Sitting		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Social - parties		
1	Social - sense of community			
Ben Alexander Reserve 4	2	Play - children	1	Fencing - gates required at Berry Street
	1	Access - close to home	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Dog walking	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	1	Playgrounds	1	Playgrounds - rubber softfall to replace bark for safety
	1	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Playgrounds - shade required over equipment
Yarra Bend Park 4	2	River setting	1	Access - improvements required
	2	Walking	1	Dogs - drinking facilities, additional required
	1	Cycling	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Dog walking		
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Outdoors/being outside		
1	Paths - good quality			
Yarra Primary School 4	2	Access - close to school	2	Toilets - open after hours
	2	Informal sporting facilities - basketball	1	Bins - empty frequently
	1	Open space - grassed areas	1	Open space - value the availability of after-hours public use
	1	Playgrounds		
	1	Sport - netball		
	1	Sport - soccer		
Annettes Place 3	1	Access - close to home	1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	1	Exercising	1	Picnic facilities - additional shade for tables required
	1	Picnics	1	Trees - additional required
	1	Play - toddler	1	Trees - additional shade trees required
	1	Playgrounds		
Department of Housing Richmond Place	1	Cycling	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Open grassed areas - water regularly
	1	Informal ball games/sport	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
3	1	Informal sporting facilities - basketball		
	1	Outdoors/being outside		
	1	Playgrounds		
	1	Relaxing		
Golden Square Park 3	2	Playgrounds	1	Exercise equipment - additional required
	1	Access	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Picnic Facilities - BBQs	1	Open space - valued
	1	Picnics	1	Playgrounds - shade required over equipment
	1	Play	1	Playgrounds - upgrade
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Rotunda		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
McConchie Reserve 3	1	Dog friendly	2	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	1	Dog walking	1	Exercise equipment - additional required
	1	Informal sporting facilities - soccer goal	1	Informal sporting facilities - net required behind basketball hoop
	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Informal sporting facilities - net required behind soccer goal
	1	Play - children	1	Sporting facilities - provide space for both soccer and basketball
	1	Walking		
Yarra River Trail (Walmer St to Acacia Pl) 3	2	Exercising	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Relaxing		
	1	Dog walking		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	River setting		
Edinburgh Gardens 2	1	Dog friendly	1	Playgrounds - shade required over equipment
	1	Picnics	1	Toilets - maintenance required
	1	Playgrounds		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Egan Reserve 2	1	Walking - through		
O'Connell Reserve 2	2	Access - travel through	1	Dogs - drinking facilities, additional required
	1	Exercising	1	Exercise equipment - additional required
	1	Relaxing	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	1	Sitting	1	Trees - plant additional indigenous trees over Pyrus
Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne 2	1	Exercising	1	Open space - valued
	1	Open space - historical character	1	Weddings - prohibit weddings vehicles in park
	1	Walking		
Williams Reserve 2	2	Relaxing	1	Cyclists - tire pump required
	1	Exercising	1	Garden beds - flower gardens required
	1	Recreation		
Alan Bain Reserve 1	1	Dog walking	1	Cycle paths - remove from school crossing
	1	Walking		
Burnley Bouldering Wall 1	1	Jogging/running	1	Furniture
	1	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Public art - additional street art required
			1	Vegetation - additional required
Darling Gardens 1	1	Walking		
Fordham Gardens 1	1	Open space		
	1	Walking		

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Gahan Reserve 1	1	Access - close to work	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
GTV9 Studios 1	1	Dog walking	1	Bins - empty frequently
	1	Exercising		
Merri Creek Shared Trail 1	1	Cycling		
Outer Circle Rail Trail 1	1	Cycling	1	Access - provide safer places to cross major roads
	1	Walking		
Oxford Street Park 1	1	Access - close to work	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Lunch		
	1	Sunshine/Vitamin D		
Ryans Reserve 1	1	Sport - netball	1	Open space - valued
			1	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require upgrade
			1	Sporting facilities - courts require levelling
St James Park 1	1	Picnic facilities		
	1	Playgrounds		
Swan Street 1	1	Dinner	1	Open space - valued
	1	Social - consuming alcohol with friends	1	Restaurants - additional required
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
The Vaucluse 1	1	Walking	1	Access - make into a no through road
			1	Open space - green corridor required
Victoria Park 1	1	Walking		
Yarra River Trail (Abbott Street to Turners Street) 1	1	Access - close to home	1	Open space - improve design and layout
	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	1	Safe	1	Playgrounds - upgrade
			1	Toilets - additional required

A2.4.3 Open space beyond walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 172 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.4.3a Most frequently visited open space beyond walking distance

The following table lists the open spaces visited beyond walking distance of home.

No.	Open space visited	%
23	Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne	13%
15	Barkly Gardens	9%
14	Burnley Park	8%
14	Citizens Park	8%
13	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	8%
7	Fitzroy Gardens	4%
7	Yarra River Corridor	4%
3	Yarra Bend Park	2%
2	Abbotsford Convent Arts Precinct	1%
2	Carlton Gardens	1%
2	Edinburgh Gardens	1%
2	Hays Paddock	1%
2	Studley Park	1%
2	Yarra Park	1%
1	Banksia Park	1%
1	Ben Alexander Reserve	1%
1	Bridge Road	1%
1	Central Gardens	1%
1	Collingwood children's Farm	1%
1	Darling Gardens	1%
1	Local playgrounds	1%
1	Loys Paddock	1%
1	Macleay Park	1%
1	Merri Creek Shared Trail	1%
1	Phillip Island	1%
1	Port Melbourne Beach	1%
1	Powlett Reserve	1%
1	Princes Park	1%
1	Quarries Park	1%
1	Sandown Street Beach	1%
1	Sir William Angliss Reserve	1%
1	St James Park	1%
1	St Kilda Beach	1%
1	University of Melbourne Burnley Campus	1%
1	Wattle Park	1%
1	Yarra Flats	1%
1	Yarra Primary School	1%

A2.4.3b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements

The following table lists the reasons why Central Richmond respondents visit open space beyond walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in

priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. Overall the results indicate that Royal Botanical Gardens is mainly used as a destination garden for its beauty and character while Barkley Gardens is used for the playgrounds and social/family events.

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne 23	6	Gardens	4	Improvements - none required
	4	Picnics	1	Open space - additional required
	4	Relaxing		
	3	Open space - beautiful		
	2	Open space - fresh air		
	2	Open space - peaceful		
	2	Vegetation - flowers		
	2	Walking		
	1	Access - close to work		
	1	Birdlife watching		
	1	Exercising		
	1	Gardens - diversity		
	1	Open space		
	1	Open space - green place		
	1	Open space - historical character		
	1	Open space - provides cool areas		
	1	Pond setting		
	1	Taking visitors to the park		
	1	Trees		
	1	Vegetation - diversity		
1	Views			
1	Volunteering			
Barkly Gardens 15	7	Playgrounds	3	Improvements - none required
	3	Social - meeting people/friends/	3	Picnic facilities - shade required
	3	Walking	3	Toilets - upgrade existing
	2	Play - children	1	Café/kiosk - additional required
	1	Dog friendly	1	Facilities - valued
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Lighting - additional required
	1	Facilities	1	Open space - valued
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Overall strategy - council is doing a good job
	1	Open space - valued	1	Toilets - maintenance required
	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs		
	1	Social - children's parties		
	1	Social - parties		
Burnley Park 14	5	Dog walking	4	Improvements - none required
	3	Exercising	1	Cafe/kiosk facilities - additional required
	3	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Carpark - additional required
	2	Open space - natural character	1	Community centre - required
	2	Picnics	1	Developments - do not develop a restaurant/events centre
	2	Playgrounds	1	Shelters - additional required
	2	Walking	1	Sports field/oval - improve
	1	Diverse range of activities		
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Open space - historical character		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Open space - layout		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Open space - uncrowded		
	1	River setting		
	1	Sport - children		
	1	Sport - spectating		
	1	Trees - beautiful		
	1	Trees - indigenous		
	1	Trees - native		
Citizens Park 14	2	Social - meeting people/friends	2	Sporting facilities - facilities for girls required
	2	Sport - girl's organised football	1	Carpark - additional required
	1	Access - close to home	1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	1	Access - close to pool	1	Dogs - prohibit dogs
	1	Dog walking	1	Dogs - regular cleaning/maintenance of waste required
	1	Informal ball games/sport	1	Dogs - regular cleaning/maintenance of off-leash areas required
	1	Jogging/running	1	Facilities - improve for children
	1	Play - children	1	Open space - allow school access
	1	Playgrounds	1	Shelters - additional required
	1	Sport	1	Sports fields/ovals - improve turf replacement program
	1	Sport - children's football organised	1	Sports fields/ovals - replace turf
	1	Sport - children's organised	1	Toilets - remove
	1	Sport - club based	1	Trees - additional required
	1	Sport - football organised		
Kevin Bartlett Reserve 13	4	Sport - junior organised football	2	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require upgrade
	3	Sport - football	2	Sporting facilities - upgrade
	2	Exercising	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	2	Sport - children's organised	1	Dogs - regular cleaning/maintenance of waste required
	1	Playgrounds	1	Facilities - upgrade
	1	Sport	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
	1	Sport - club	1	Security - additional required
	1	Sport - cricket	1	Shelters - additional required
	1	Sport - junior organised soccer	1	Sporting facilities - indoor sporting facilities required
	1	Sport - organised	1	Sports fields/ovals - upgrade
Fitzroy Gardens 7	1	Walking	1	Toilets - upgrade existing
	3	Open space - beautiful	1	Safety - improve
	1	Access - travel through	1	Shelters - additional required
	1	Gardens - beautiful	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Open space - identity	1	Vegetation - plant additional flowering plants
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Play - children		
1	Social - meeting people/friends			

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Walking		
Yarra River Corridor 7	3	Exercising	2	Shared paths - separate cyclists from pedestrian paths
	3	Relaxing	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	2	Walking	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Access - travel through	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	River setting		
	1	Wildlife watching		
Yarra Bend Park 3	1	Cycling		
	1	Exercising		
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Open space - beautiful		
Abbotsford Convent Arts Precinct 2	1	Café and kiosk facilities	1	Carpark - additional required
	1	Cycling	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Lunch	1	Open space - valued
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Play - children		
Carlton Gardens 2	1	Cycling - through	1	Shared paths - separate cyclists from pedestrian paths
	1	Picnics		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Edinburgh Gardens 2	1	Entertainment/events	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Picnics	1	Open space - valued
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Hays Paddock 2	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Café/kiosk - coffee van required
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Play - children		
Studley Park 2	2	River setting	1	Cycle paths - additional required
	1	Open space - green place		
Yarra Park 1	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, appreciated
	1	Open space - large space	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Sport - spectating		
Banksia Park 1	1	Open space - natural character		
Ben Alexander Reserve 1	1	Playgrounds	1	Improvements - none required
Bridge Road 1			1	Open space - improve atmosphere
Central Gardens 1	1	Exploring	1	Improvements - none required
Collingwood children's Farm 1	1	Exercising	1	Cycle paths - improve connection of paths
	1	Open space - natural character		
Darling Gardens 1	1	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Trees - additional required

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Local Playgrounds 1	1	Play - children		
Loys Paddock 1	1	Jogging/running	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
Macleay Park 1	1	Sport - children	1	Paths - surface needs improvement north of St Georges Road
Merri Creek Shared Trail 1	1	Access - travel through		
Phillip Island 1	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
	1	Relaxing		
Port Melbourne Beach 1	1	Dogs - off-leash area		
Powlett Reserve 1	1	Sport - tennis		
Princes Park 1	1	Dog friendly		
Quarries Park 1	1	Exercising	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	1	Play - children		
Sandown Street Beach 1	1	Dog friendly	1	Open space - improve design and layout
Sir William Angliss Reserve 1	1	Playgrounds		
St James Park 1	1	Carparks	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Gardens		
	1	Paths - walking		
St Kilda Beach 1	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
University of Melbourne Burnley Campus 1	1	Picnics	1	Open space - advertise
Wattle Park 1	1	Markets		
Yarra Flats 1	1	Cycling		
	1	Hiking		
Yarra Primary School 1	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Bins - empty frequently

A2.4.4 Open space not visited

This question was asked to find out what issues currently limit the use of existing open space by respondents. The question included some of the common reasons why people may not use open space. The reasons can apply either to a specific open space or more broadly to open space in general.

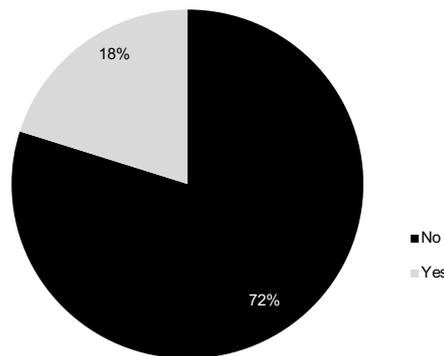
The question has been analysed below in 2 parts:

Part 1 – whether there is open space they would like to visit but are unable to.
Part 2 – the reasons they are unable to visit open space.

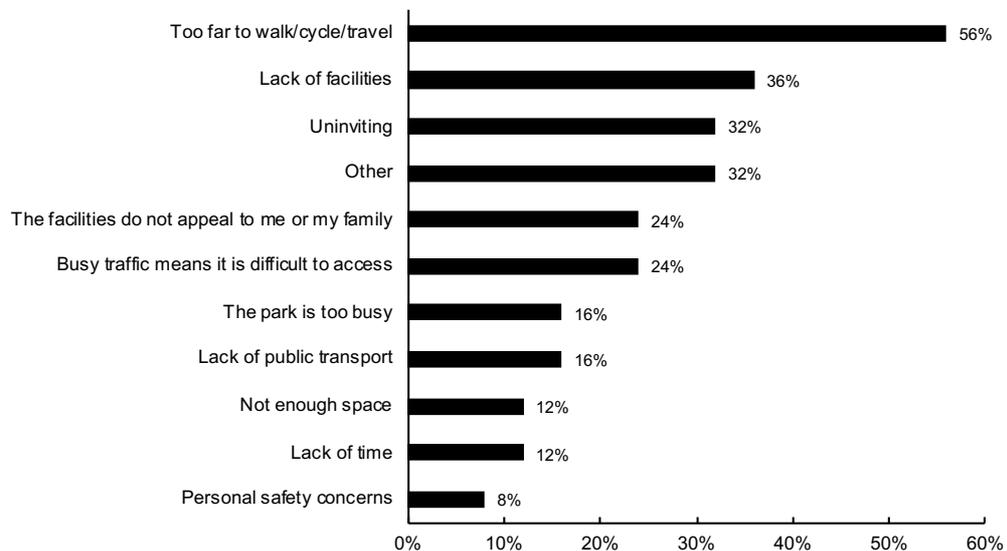
The percentages nominated in Part 1 are a proportion of the total 172 surveys received.
The percentages nominated in Part 2 are a percentage of the 31 respondents who answered yes to the first part of the question.

Part 1 Is there open space you would like to visit but are unable to?

18 per cent of respondents indicated that they would like to visit open space but are unable to. This is slightly lower than the Municipal average, 22 per cent.



Part 2 The reasons why you are unable to visit open space:



The most frequent reason for not visiting open space was due to distance at 56 per cent, followed by the lack of facilities and that they were uninviting. The other category included parks being difficult to access, particularly for people with limited mobility, dog related issues and syringes were also noted as an issue. Compared to the Municipal average, 15 per cent more respondents in Central Richmond considered travel distance to open space as an issue and 17 per cent more indicated the lack of facilities as a reason for not visiting open space.

A2.4.5 Types of open space visited and frequency of use

The following table shows the frequency of use of different types of open space in Central Richmond. The percentages are calculated based on the 172 completed surveys. The total percentage column shown on the left hand side of the table is the sum of total use and does not include never and not completed responses. The percentages on the right hand side indicate frequency of use. The percentages in Table A below have been highlighted using shades of colour to assist with interpretation of the results.

	0% to 9%
	10% to 19%
	20% to 29%
	30% to 39%
	40% and over

Table A Types of open spaces used and frequency of use.

Open space along the Yarra is the most popular type of open space, followed by small local parks. Large parks and gardens and local streets for exercise were tied for the third most used type of open space.

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly	Monthly	1-2 times a year	Never	NC
47%	Open space along the Merri Creek	3%	5%	5%	12%	23%	41%	10%
92%	Open space along the Yarra River	11%	19%	23%	21%	19%	4%	4%
83%	Large parks and gardens	7%	16%	21%	24%	15%	10%	5%
81%	Large sporting reserves	10%	16%	19%	15%	21%	14%	5%
52%	Medium sized parks	3%	6%	6%	16%	20%	36%	11%
85%	Small local parks	17%	20%	20%	18%	10%	9%	9%
54%	Urban Squares	6%	4%	13%	16%	15%	30%	16%
83%	Local streets for exercise	40%	20%	14%	7%	2%	11%	3%

Table B Frequently visited types of open spaces in priority order

On a daily/weekly basis, local streets for exercise are the most popular followed by small local parks and then the open space along the Yarra.

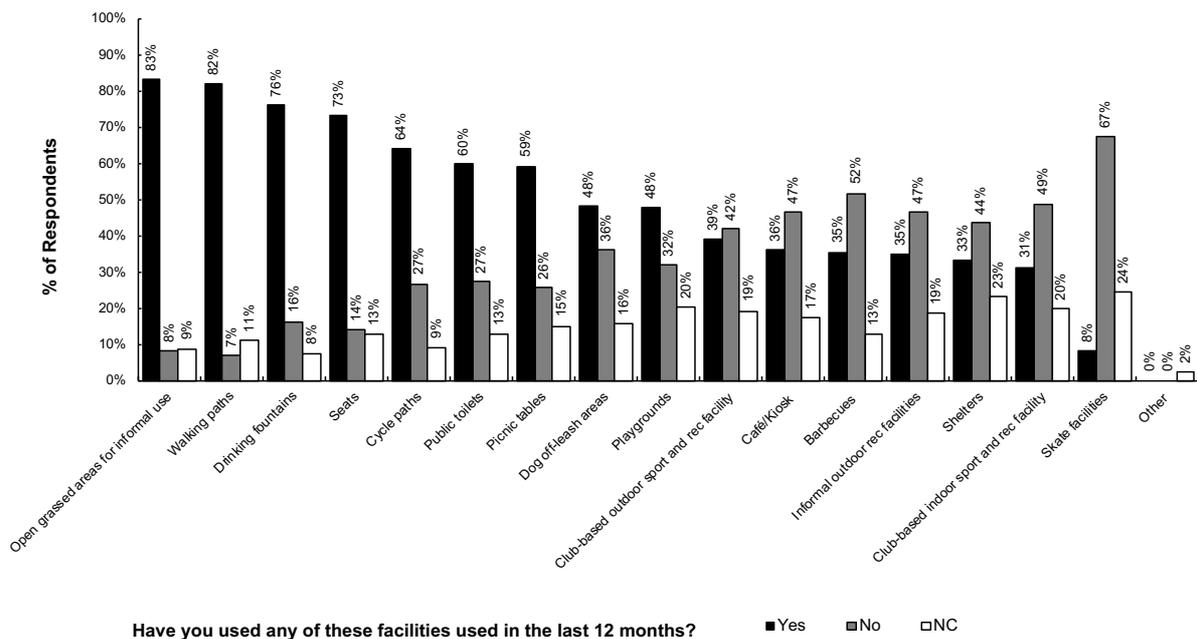
Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly
74%	Local streets for exercise	40%	20%	14%
56%	Small local parks	17%	20%	20%
53%	Open space along the Yarra River	11%	19%	23%

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly
45%	Large sporting reserves	10%	16%	19%
44%	Large parks and gardens	7%	16%	21%
23%	Urban Squares	6%	4%	13%
16%	Medium sized parks	3%	6%	6%
12%	Open space along the Merri Creek	3%	5%	5%

A2.4.6 Facilities and features in open space

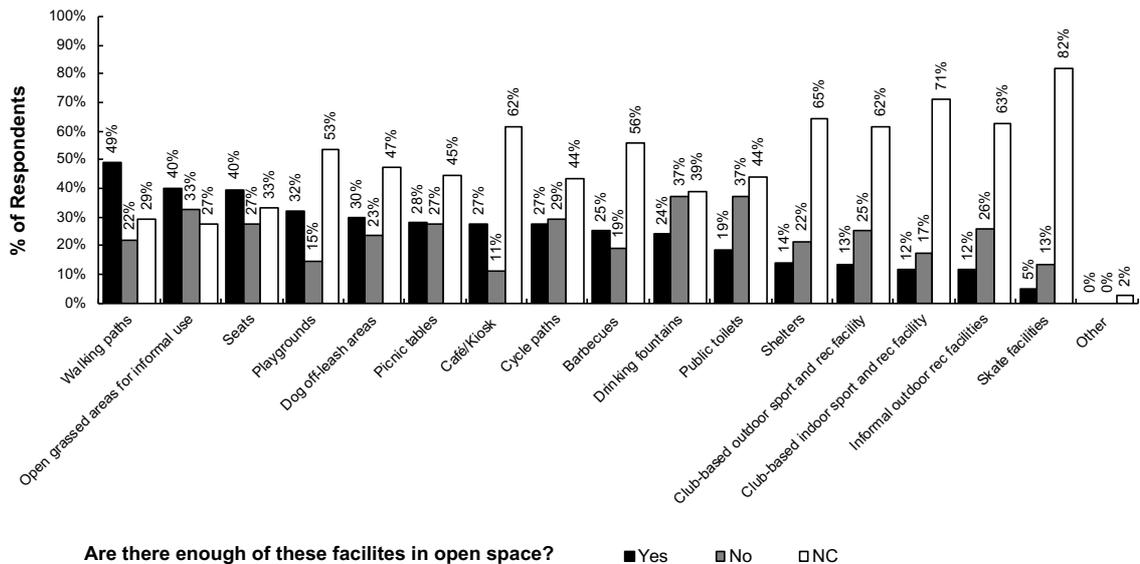
A2.4.6a Use of facilities and features in open space

The following table indicates use of facilities in open space over the last twelve months. The percentages are calculated on the number of returned surveys from Central Richmond, 172. Open grassed areas had the highest level of use which was 8 per cent higher than the municipal average, reflecting the greater participation in ball sports. Walking paths, drinking fountains and seats were popular facilities consistent with the municipal-wide average.



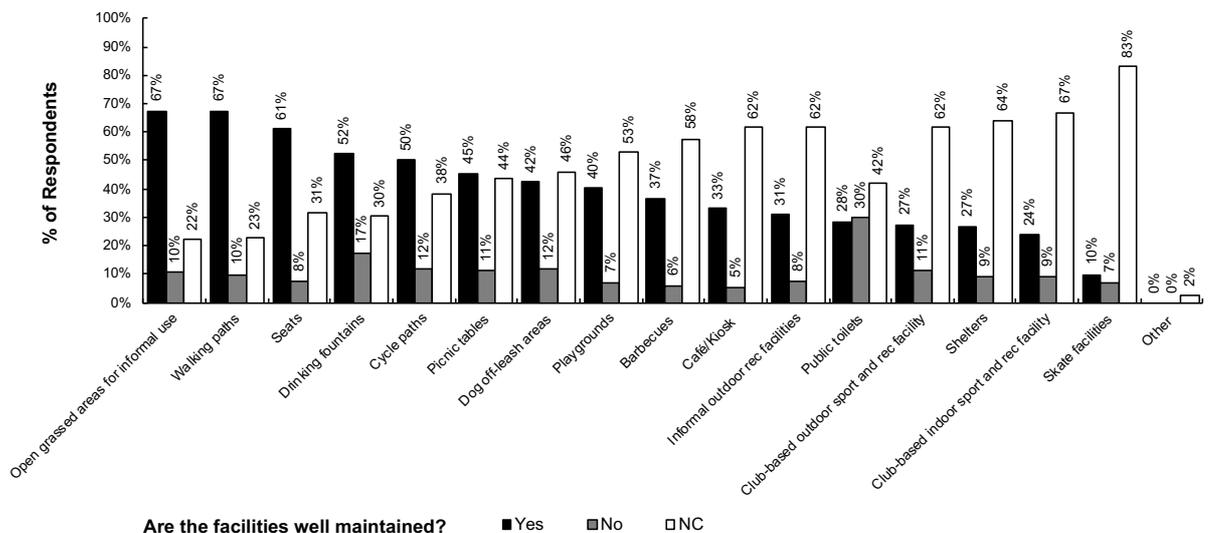
A2.4.6b Provision of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the percentage of respondents that consider the various facilities within open space either are or are not adequately provided for. Percentages are calculated on the total number of Central Richmond surveys received, 172. There is a higher proportion of people stating there are not enough open grassed areas and also more people requesting walking paths compared to the municipal-wide average.



A2.4.6c Maintenance of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the level of satisfaction with the maintenance of open space facilities. The percentages are calculated on the total number of Central Richmond surveys returned, 172.



A2.4.7 General comments on open space

Respondents were provided a section where they were able to write any additional comments on the open space within the Municipality and their local area. The following is a summary of these comments from returned surveys from Central Richmond respondents which have been grouped together into topics and assembled in priority order.

No.	General Comments List
51	Open Space
6	Open space - additional required
6	Open space - additional required as density increases

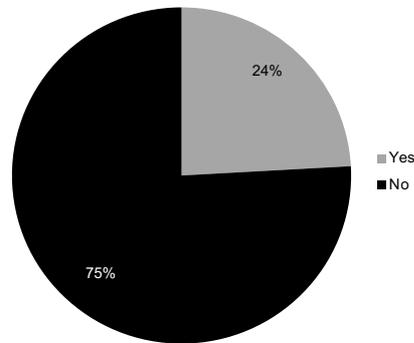
No.	General Comments List
5	Open space - additional required as private gardens are smaller
5	Open space - additional required for children's sport
4	Open space - keep/retain what there is
3	Open space - ensure they are well maintained
3	Open space - valued
2	Open space - beneficial to health and wellbeing
2	Open space - contributes to liveability
2	Open space - proceed with Gleadell Street to be an open space
1	Improvements - appreciated
1	Open space - additional green corridors required
1	Open space - additional required in Cremorne
1	Open space - additional small parks required
1	Open space - adequate amount of open space provided
1	Open space - ensure they are safe
1	Open space - keep open feel and uncluttered
1	Open space - keep space green
1	Open space - proceed with the Underpark proposal
1	Open space - utilise dead space as green space
1	Open space - valued for walking
1	Plaza - redevelop the plaza at Church Street and Bridge Road
1	River - valued
23	Other
8	Overall strategy - prioritise sport for children's health
3	Overall strategy - council is doing a good job
2	Heritage streetscapes - develop a strategy to retain significant streetscapes, Swan Street/Bridge Road
1	Developments - to contribute to open spaces
1	Developments - to provide open green spaces
1	High Density Developments - require street courtyards to contribute to the streetscape
1	Overall strategy - appreciate focus on climate change
1	Overall strategy - appreciate the focus on multiculturalism
1	Overall strategy - appreciate the opportunity to comment
1	Overall strategy - encourage walking/cycling as traffic is heavy
1	Overall strategy - prioritise open space over café/kiosk business
1	Public Art - encourage street art on Gleadell Street
1	Survey - provide further opportunity to be specific about facilities
16	Maintenance and Management
3	Maintenance - valued
2	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
2	Dogs - regular cleaning/maintenance required on sports fields/ovals
2	Rubbish - syringes an issue
2	Shared use space - separate dogs from sporting fields
1	Cyclists - conflicts with pedestrians on shared paths
1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste at Yarra River Trail (Acacia Place to Victoria Street)
1	Drug abuse - action required
1	Drug abuse - action required on Victoria Street
1	Management - enforce regulations before creating new regulations
1	Rubbish - remove litter from open space
15	Recreation Facilities
2	Sporting facilities - additional required
2	Sporting facilities - basketball courts required
1	Informal recreation facilities - required for older children
1	Informal recreation facilities - skate park required

No.	General Comments List
1	Playgrounds - adventure park required
1	Playgrounds - water play features required
1	Sporting facilities - additional required
1	Sporting facilities - basketball courts, indoors, required
1	Sporting facilities - basketball stadiums required
1	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require facilities for girls
1	Sporting facilities - heat pool in Richmond
1	Sporting facilities - maintain
1	Sporting facilities - tennis courts required
11	Park Infrastructure
2	Drinking fountains - additional required
1	Bike racks - additional required
1	Carpark - additional required
1	Carpark - reduce
1	Dogs - waste bag/bins, additional required at Yarra River Trail (Acacia Place to Victoria Street)
1	Fencing - more required
1	Open space - encourage use by providing more facilities
1	Toilets - additional required
9	Trees and Vegetation
2	Streetscape - more green/plants
2	Trees - plant more street trees
1	Rooftop garden - provide more
1	Streetscape - more green/plants at Bridge Road/Gleadell Street
1	Trees - additional required
1	Vegetation - plant to seclude park form streets
1	Vegetation - weed out the White Moth Vine
6	Paths
1	Cycle paths - connecting paths required
1	Cycle paths - improvements required on Church Street
1	Cycle paths - regular maintenance required
1	Cycle paths - upgrade as density increases for commuters
1	Paths - appreciated
1	Paths - connect open spaces with shared use paths
5	Access
2	Access - pedestrian crossing required on Gleadell Street and Bridge Road
1	Access - ensure accessibility for all abilities
1	Access - restrict motor vehicle access for the MCG
1	Access - upgrade Bridge Road to be pedestrian focused

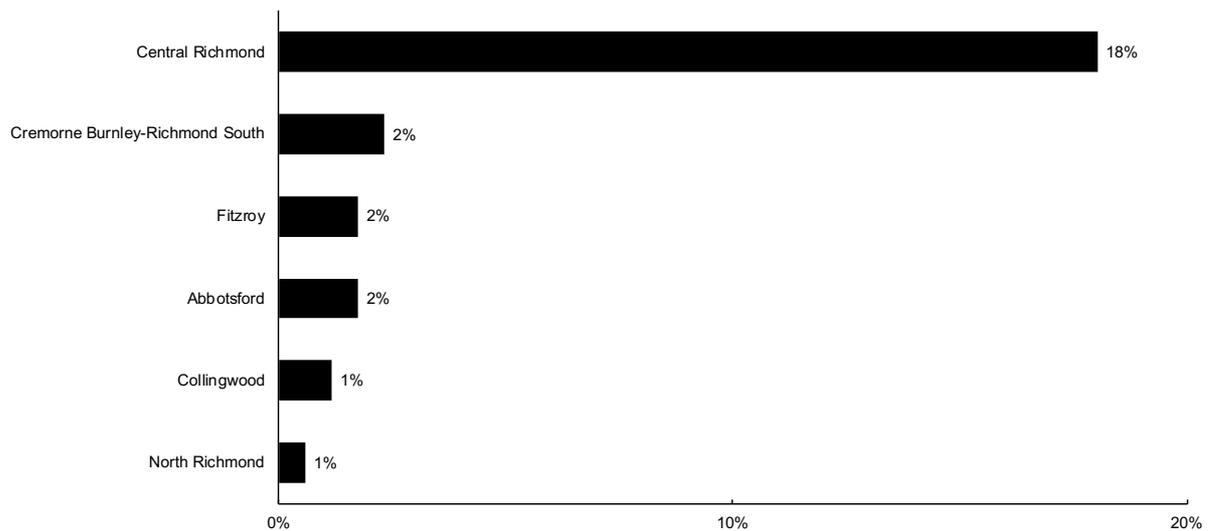
A2.4.8 Work in City of Yarra

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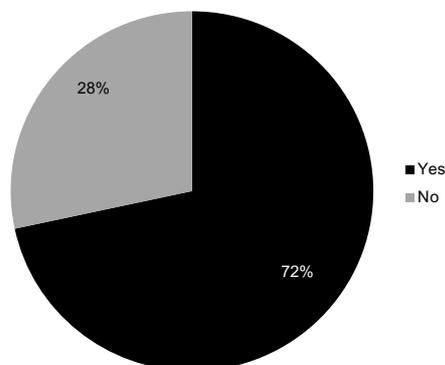
A2.4.8a Respondents that work in the City of Yarra



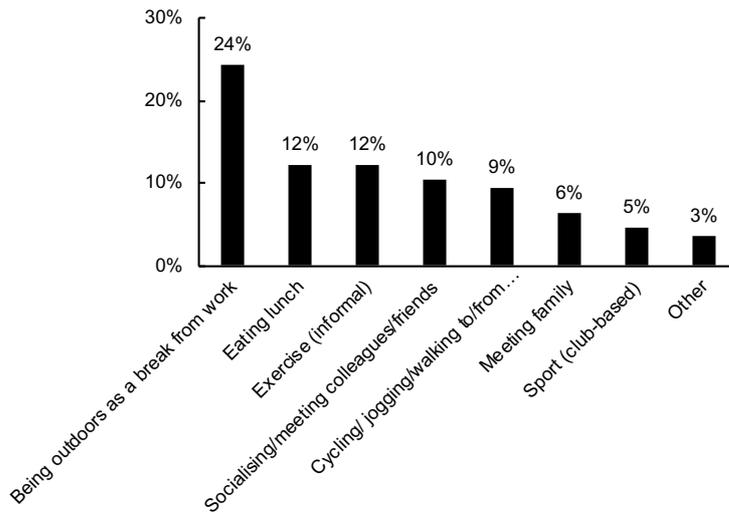
A2.4.8b Where respondents work



A2.4.8c Respondents that visit the open space near their workplace



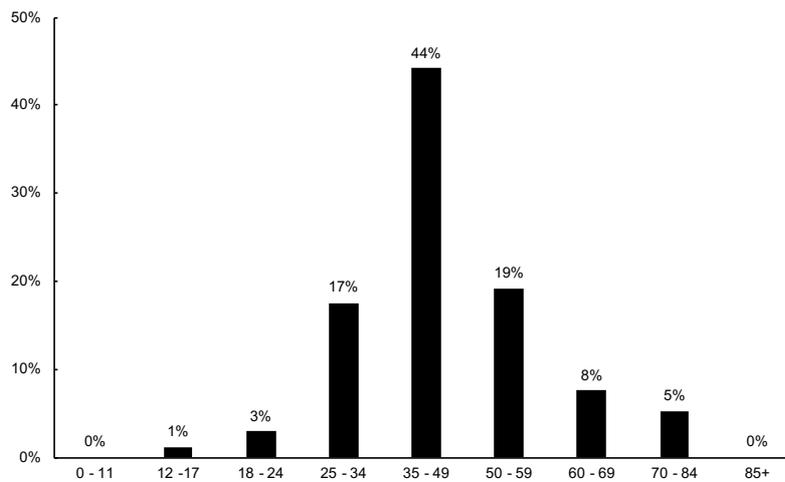
A2.4.8d Reason for visiting open space near work



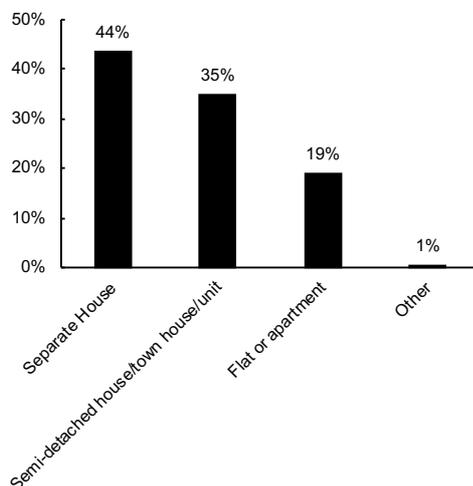
A2.4.9 Information about respondents

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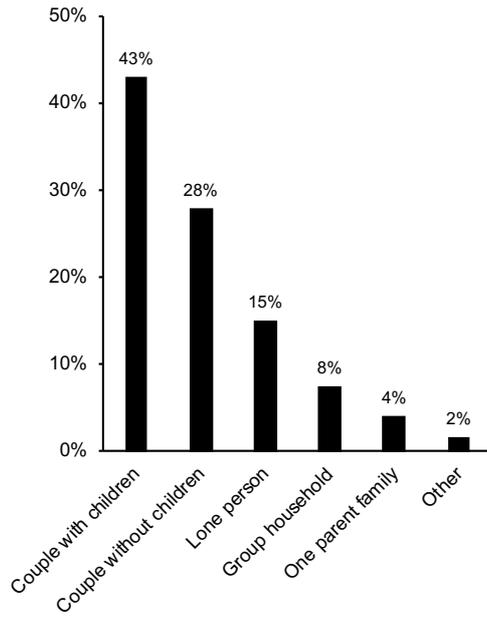
A2.4.9a Age range



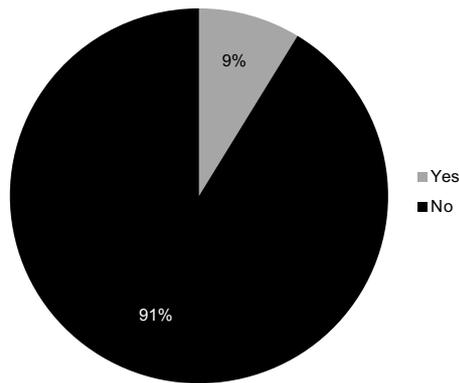
A2.4.9b Dwelling type



A2.4.9c Household type



A2.4.9d Respondents who speak English as a second language



A2.5 Clifton Hill

Summary of the survey outcomes for Clifton Hill

68 respondents indicated they live in Clifton Hill. This represents 5 per cent of total surveys received. The Community Profile figures indicate that 7 per cent of the City of Yarra population lives in Clifton Hill.

Clifton Hill is well provided with open space and this is reflected in the responses to the survey in this precinct. There is an appreciation of the bushland qualities of open space given the proximity to Merri Creek and while it is appreciated the most frequently valued open space is Darling gardens, primarily for play, dog walking and meeting people. In relation to facility provision in open space, respondents have requested additional facilities including shelters and seats. Overall the use of open grassed areas, walking paths and seats is higher than the Municipal average and they value the trees and request more in the streetscapes and open space. Dogs and children are integral to the respondents lives as is enjoying a picnic, playing sport and exercising outdoors.

A2.5.1 Values of open space

Respondents were asked to indicate what they valued most about the open spaces in their Municipality and were invited to select any of the twenty-four values listed, with an option to add additional values under the 'other' category.

Percentages are calculated on the basis of the total number of returned surveys for Clifton Hill, 68. The table below illustrates the information, listing the twenty-five values in priority order.

79 per cent of respondents consider the trees as the most valued feature of open space closely followed by a place to relax and unwind and an escape from the built environment which is consistent with the municipal average. Natural bushland and the quiet were ranked higher than the municipal average, while the green character, knowing it is there and cultural heritage values were ranked lower than the municipal average.

Value	%
Trees	79%
A place to relax and unwind	78%
An escape from the built environment	68%
The feeling of space	66%
Just being outside	53%
Habitat for native plants and animals	53%
A place for children to play	47%
Health and well being	46%
It's accessible	40%
Natural bushland character	40%
The quiet	38%
Meeting people/friends	38%
Exercising dogs	38%
Green character	37%

Value	%
Fitness	34%
Flowers/garden beds	32%
The diversity of open space	31%
Playing casual ball games/activity	25%
Historical character	25%
Knowing that it's there	24%
Playing team/club based sport	19%
Cultural heritage values/significance	19%
Cultural activities and events	18%
Watching activity	12%
Other	1%

A2.5.2 Open space within walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 68 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.5.2a Most frequently visited open spaces

The following table lists the open spaces visited within walking distance of home.

No.	Open space within walking distance	%
43	Darling Gardens	63%
22	Quarries Park	32%
19	Edinburgh Gardens	28%
7	Yarra Bend Park	10%
6	Merri Creek Precinct	9%
5	Ramsden Street Reserve	7%
4	Hall Reserve	6%
4	Yarra River Corridor	6%
3	Dights Falls	4%
3	Fairfield Park	4%
2	Coulson Reserve	3%
2	Rushall Reserve	3%
1	Barkly Gardens	1%
1	Carlton gardens	1%
1	Citizens Park	1%
1	Holden Byrne Reserve	1%
1	Redleap Reserve	1%
1	Studley Park	1%

A2.5.2b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements to open space within walking distance in Clifton Hill

The following table lists the reasons why Clifton Hill respondents visit open space within walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. Overall the results indicate that dog walking is

a popular activity of the respondents in all the open space, with Darling Gardens and Quarries Park also favoured for their playgrounds.

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements	
Darling Gardens 43	14	Playground	5	Improvements - none required	
	9	Dog walking	4	Lighting - additional required	
	6	Social - meeting people/friends	4	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required	
	5	Access - convenient (on the way)	3	Playgrounds - fence	
	5	Picnics	3	Toilets - additional required	
	5	Trees	2	Garden Beds - additional flower bed required	
	4	Access - close to home	2	Improvements - appreciated	
	4	Walking	2	Open space - keep/retain what there is	
	3	Play - children	2	Open space - valued	
	2	Jogging/running	1	Access - provide safer places to cross major roads	
	2	Open space - green place	1	Bins - additional required	
	2	Relaxing	1	Bins - empty frequently	
	1	Access - close to public transport	1	Cyclists - prohibit in that area	
	1	Access - close to shops/cafes	1	Developments - limit	
	1	Access - easy to access	1	Dogs - drinking facilities, additional required	
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Dogs - enforce regulations	
	1	Exercising	1	Drinking fountains - additional required	
	1	Informal ball games/sport	1	Events/entertainment - improve management of events	
	1	Open space - beautiful	1	Facilities - childcare centre required	
	1	Open space - grassed areas	1	Facilities - hall for club activities	
	1	Open space - large space	1	Open space - ensure space is well maintained	
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Open space - improvements required	
	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Open space - protect space	
	1	Open space - well maintained	1	Paths - additional required	
	1	Paths	1	Paths - additional required along southern boundary	
	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs	1	Paths - maintenance required	
	1	Play - toddlers	1	Playground - shade required over swings	
	1	Recreation	1	Playgrounds - valued	
	1	Sitting	1	Playgrounds - water play feature required	
	1	Social - sense of community	1	Rotunda - appreciated	
	1	Walking - with pram	1	Seating - additional required	
				1	Signage - cyclist regulation signs required
				1	Signage - historical data
				1	Signage - informative, instructional and navigational signage required
				1	Trees - additional required to block views of the road
				1	Trees - maintenance required
				1	Trees - replant after removal
				1	Trees - water
	Quarries Park 22	9	Dog walking	3	Picnic facilities - additional BBQ's required
		8	Playground	2	Bins - additional required
		5	Exercising	2	Dogs - drinking facilities, additional required
		2	Picnic facilities - BBQs	2	Lighting - additional required
		2	Walking	2	Trees - additional required

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements	
	1	Access - close to home	1	Bins - recycling bins to be installed	
	1	Cycle paths	1	Dogs - drinking facilities, move away from playground	
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Dogs - fenced off-lead areas required	
	1	Dogs - off-lead area	1	Dogs - waste bag/bins, more required	
	1	Events/entertainment	1	Drinking fountains - additional required	
	1	Open space	1	Drinking fountains - maintenance required	
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Exercise equipment - additional required	
	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Gazebos - additional required	
	1	Open space - popular	1	Improvements - none required	
	1	Social - children's parties	1	Open space - additional required as density increases	
	1	Sporting facilities - cricket nets	1	Open space - keep uncluttered	
	1	Sports field/oval	1	Pavilions - additional required	
	1	Trees	1	River - monitor water quality	
				1	Shared use space - use soccer pitch for women's cricket as well
				1	Trees - maintenance required
			1	Trees - plant along paths	
Edinburgh Gardens 19	7	Dog walking	3	Improvements - none required	
	4	Exercising	1	Bins - additional required	
	4	Picnics	1	Dogs - fenced off-lead areas required	
	4	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Drinking fountains - additional required	
	3	Relaxing	1	Exercise equipment - additional required	
	2	Access - close to home	1	Garden Beds - additional required	
	2	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Informal recreational facilities - enlarge skate park	
	1	Access - close to the library	1	Open space - ensure it is well maintained	
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Rubbish - remove litter from open space	
	1	Informal recreation facilities - skate park	1	Shade - additional required	
	1	Open space	1	Vegetation - additional required	
	1	Open space - green place			
	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs			
	1	Playground			
	1	Playground - fenced			
1	Social - club meetings				
Yarra Bend Park 7	3	Dog walking	3	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required	
	2	Exercising	1	Cyclists - slow through park	
	1	Jogging/running	1	Open space - keep/retain what the natural character	
	1	Open space - beautiful			
	1	Open space - peaceful			
	1	Recreation			
	1	Walking			
Merri Creek Precinct 6	3	Access - close to home	1	Cyclists - slow through park	
	3	Open space - natural character	1	Rubbish - remove litter from open space	
	2	Walking			
	1	Access - travel through			
	1	Birdlife watching			
	1	Cycling			
	1	Open space - historical character			
	1	Outdoors/being outside			
	2	Walking	1	Paths - additional required around oval	

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Ramsden Street Reserve 5	1	Access - close to home	1	Paths - improve near Roseneath Street Bridge
	1	Access - easy to access	1	Seating - improve design
	1	Sport - cricket	1	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require shade
Hall Reserve 4	3	Access - close to home	1	Bins - recycling bins to be installed
	2	Health and well-being	1	Birdlife - Indian Mynah overtaking native species
	2	Access - easy to access	1	Drinking fountains - additional required at skate park
	1	Access - travel through	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Birdlife watching	1	Informal recreational facilities - add netball boundaries to basketball court
	1	Cycling - through	1	Informal recreational facilities - skate park requires shade
	1	Dog walking	1	Paths - surfaces require improvements
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Vegetation - continue weed eradication and native planting
	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Vegetation - plant indigenous vegetation to attract birdlife
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Trees		
Yarra River Corridor 4	3	Walking	1	Developments - do not allow on the Yarra
	1	Dog friendly	1	Dogs - enforce regulations
	1	Dog walking	1	River - improve water quality
	1	Jogging/running	1	River - maintain integrity
	1	Playground		
Dights Falls 3	3	Cycling	1	Dogs - enforce regulations
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Paths - additional required
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Signage - informative, instructional and navigational signage required
	1	Walking		
Fairfield Park 3	2	Cycling - through	2	Sporting facilities - clubrooms at Ivanhoe Northcote Canoe Club require upgrade/maintenance
	1	Canoeing/rowing/kayaking		
	1	Health and well-being		
	1	Paths - unpaved		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Walking		
Coulson Reserve 2	2	Exercising	2	Dogs - drinking facilities, additional required
	1	Dog walking	1	Bins - recycling bins to be installed
			1	Dogs - off-lead areas, additional required
			1	Dogs - waste bag/bins, more required
			1	Drinking fountains - maintenance required
			1	Exercise equipment - additional required
			1	Improvements - appreciated
			1	Open space - additional required as density increases
			1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQ's required
Rushall Reserve 2	1	Dog walking	1	Community group - required for weed removal
	1	Open space - beautiful	1	Cycle path - do not add
	1	Open space - small space	1	Vegetation - avoid using chemical herbicides
	1	Vegetation - Indigenous		
	1	Playground	1	Toilets - upgrade existing

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Barkly Gardens 1				
Carlton gardens 1	1	Jogging/running	1	Exercise equipment - additional required
Citizens Park 1	1	Sport - Richmond Junior Football Club	1	Facilities - maintenance required
			1	Sporting facilities - facilities for girls required
Holden Byrne Reserve 1	1	Lunch	1	Improvements - appreciated
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Walking		
Redleap Reserve 1	1	Birdlife watching		
	1	Open space - green place		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Trees		
	1	Wildlife watching		
Studley Park 1	1	Open Space	1	Signage - required along the river regarding indigenous history/practice
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	River setting		
	1	Trees		

A2.5.3 Open space beyond walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 68 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.5.3a Most frequently visited open space beyond walking distance

The following table lists the open spaces visited beyond walking distance of home.

No.	Open space visited	%
10	Edinburgh Gardens	15%
5	Fairfield Park	7%
4	Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne	6%
4	Yarra Bend Park	6%
2	All Nations Park	3%
2	Princes Park	3%
1	Barkly Gardens	1%
1	Bellbird Picnic Area	1%
1	Burnley Bouldering Wall	1%
1	CERES Community Environment Park	1%
1	Citizens Park	1%
1	Darebin Parklands	1%
1	Dights Falls	1%
1	Fitzroy Gardens	1%
1	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	1%
1	Linear Park - Inner Circle Railway Linear Park	1%

No.	Open space visited	%
1	Royal Park Nature Play Playground	1%
1	Sherbrooke Falls Walk	1%
1	Yarra River Corridor	1%

A2.5.3b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements

The following table lists the reasons why Clifton Hill respondents visit open space beyond walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. Overall the results indicate that Edinburgh Gardens and Fairfield Park are visited mainly for social activities, whereas Royal Botanic Gardens is enjoyed for its entertainment/events.

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No	Suggested Improvements
Edinburgh Gardens 10	4	Picnics	1	Improvements - none required
	4	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Rubbish - regular removal required
	2	Diverse range of activities	1	Trees - water
	1	Cycling		
	1	Exercising		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Playground		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Shade		
	1	Sporting facilities - cricket oval		
	1	Trees		
1	Walking			
Fairfield Park 5	2	Social - meeting people/friends	2	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require an upgrade
	1	Café and kiosk facilities	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Canoeing/rowing/kayaking	1	Open space - needs upgrading
	1	Dog walking	1	Sporting facilities - improve facilities for the Ivanhoe Northcote Canoe Club
	1	Lunch		
	1	River setting		
	1	Views		
1	Walking			
Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne 4	1	Entertainment/events - children	1	Exercise equipment - additional required
	1	Entertainment/events - moonlight cinema		
	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Paths - walking		
	1	Picnics		
Yarra Bend Park 4	1	Open space - natural character	1	Playgrounds - additional required
	1	Picnics		
	1	Recreation		
	1	Walking		
All Nations Park 2	1	Dog walking	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Informal recreation facilities - skate park		
Princes Park 1	2	Jogging/running	1	Improvements - none required

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No	Suggested Improvements
Barkly Gardens 1	1	Access - close to work		
	1	Facilities		
Bellbird Picnic Area 1	1	Wildlife watching - bats	1	Improvements - none required
			1	Open space - valued
Burnley Bouldering Wall 1	1	Playground	1	Improvements - none required
CERES Community Environment Park 1	1	Markets		
Citizens Park 1	1	Access - close to work	1	Vegetation - additional colour is needed
	1	Walking		
Darebin Parklands 1	1	Dog walking	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Open space		
Dights Falls 1	1	Open space - natural character	1	Bins - additional required
Fitzroy Gardens 1	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Open space - natural character		
Kevin Bartlett Reserve 1	1	Sport - Richmond Junior Football Club	2	Sporting facilities - facilities required for girls
			1	Dogs - regular cleaning/maintenance of waste
			1	Sports field/oval - improve turf replacement management
Linear Park - Inner Circle Railway Linear Park 1	1	Cycling	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Cycling - through		
Royal Park Nature Play Playground 1	1	Play - children	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Playground		
Sherbrooke Falls Walk 1	1	Access - travel through	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
Yarra River Corridor 1	1	Cycling	1	River - improve banks
	1	Jogging/running		

A2.5.4 Open space not visited

This question was asked to find out what issues currently limit the use of existing open space by respondents. The question included some of the common reasons why people may not use open space. The reasons can apply either to a specific open space or more broadly to open space in general.

The question has been analysed below in 2 parts:

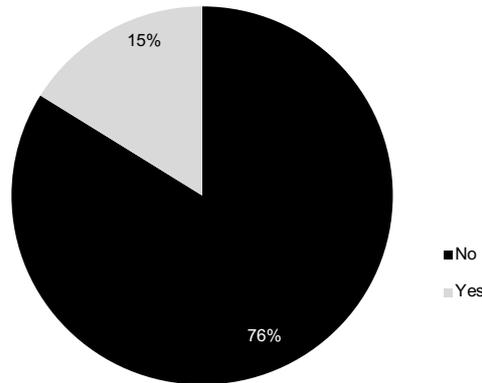
Part 1 – whether there is open space they would like to visit but are unable to.

Part 2 – the reasons they are unable to visit open space.

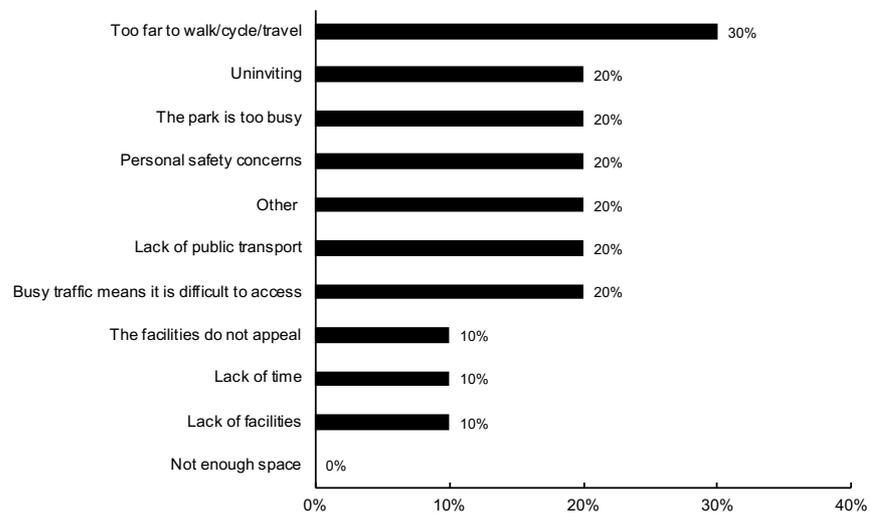
The percentages nominated in Part 1 are a proportion of the total 68 surveys received. The percentages nominated in Part 2 are a percentage of the 10 respondents who answered yes to the first part of the question.

Part 1 Is there an open space you would like to visit but are unable to?

15 per cent of respondents indicated that they would like to visit open space but are unable to. This is lower than the Municipal average, 22 per cent.



Part 2 The reasons why you are unable to visit open space:



The most frequent reason for not visiting open space was due to the distance, however compared to the Municipal average, 11 per cent less respondents in Clifton Hill considered travel distance to open space as an issue. Lack of public transport, open space being too busy and personal safety concerns were all around 5 per cent higher, while the traffic and other reasons lower than the Municipal responses.

A2.5.5 Types of open space visited and frequency of use

The following table shows the frequency of use of different types of open space in Clifton Hill. The percentages are calculated based on the 68 completed surveys. The total percentage column shown on the left hand side of the table is the sum of total use and does not include never and not completed responses. The percentages on the right hand side indicate frequency of use. The percentages in Table A below have been highlighted using shades of colour to assist with interpretation of the results.

	0% to 9%
	10% to 19%
	20% to 29%
	30% to 39%
	40% and over

Table A Types of open spaces used and frequency of use.

Open space along the Yarra River and large parks and gardens are equally the most utilised open spaces followed by the Merri Creek. This reflects the proximity of Clifton Hill to the Merri Creek/Yarra River and large areas of open space.

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly	Monthly	1-2 times a year	Never	NC
93%	Open space along the Merri Creek	21%	28%	22%	12%	10%	6%	3%
97%	Open space along the Yarra River	15%	22%	21%	24%	16%	3%	1%
97%	Large parks and gardens	21%	24%	24%	16%	13%	0%	4%
82%	Large sporting reserves	13%	19%	22%	9%	19%	13%	6%
54%	Medium sized parks	3%	4%	7%	18%	22%	31%	16%
81%	Small local parks	15%	12%	21%	19%	15%	10%	10%
50%	Urban Squares	1%	3%	10%	18%	18%	34%	18%
81%	Local streets for exercise	35%	29%	9%	4%	3%	15%	6%

Table B Frequently visited types of open spaces in priority order

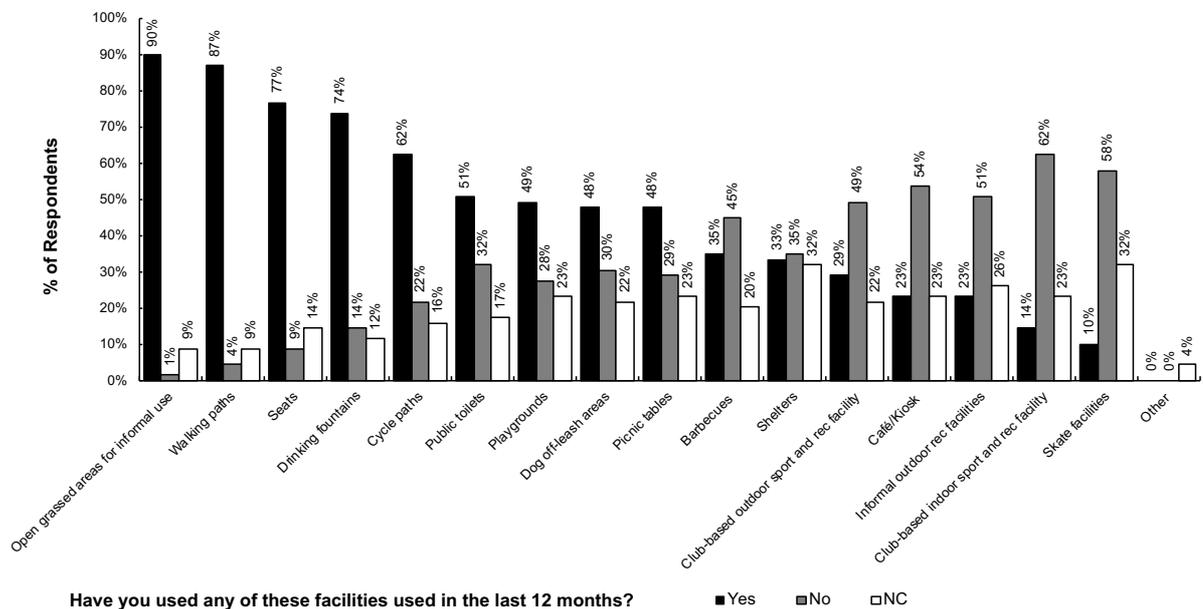
On a daily/weekly basis, local streets for exercise are the most popular followed by open space along the Merri Creek and large parks and gardens. This generally reflects the proximity of Merri Creek and the number of large parks in Clifton Hill.

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly
74%	Local streets for exercise	35%	29%	9%
71%	Open space along the Merri Creek	21%	28%	22%
68%	Large parks and gardens	21%	24%	24%
57%	Open space along the Yarra River	15%	22%	21%
54%	Large sporting reserves	13%	19%	22%
47%	Small local parks	15%	12%	21%
15%	Medium sized parks	3%	4%	7%
15%	Urban Squares	1%	3%	10%

A2.5.6 Facilities and features in open space

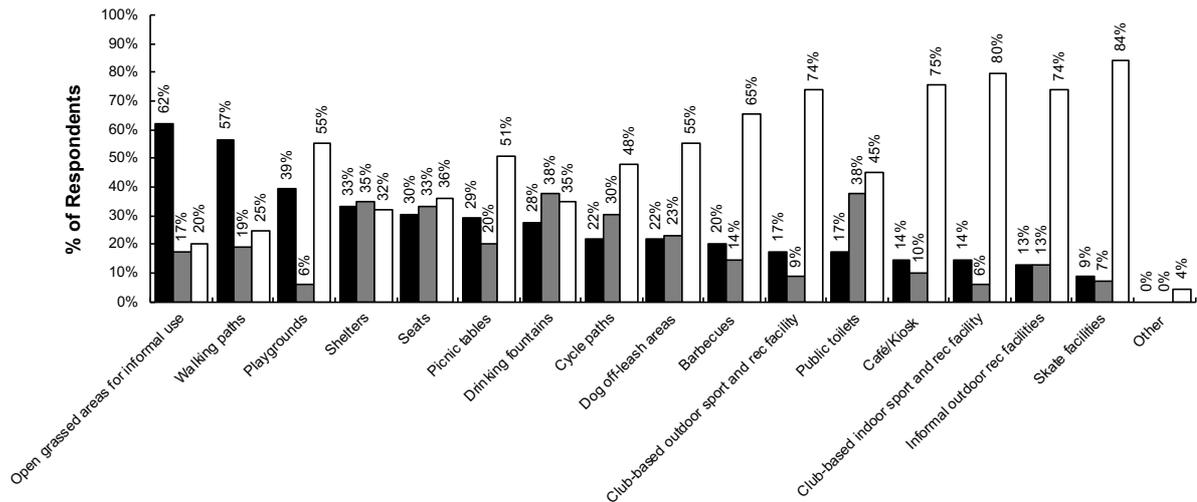
A2.5.6a Use of facilities and features in open space

The following table indicates use of facilities in open space over the last twelve months. The percentages are calculated on the number of returned surveys from Clifton Hill, 68. Respondents indicated that open grassed areas, walking paths and seats were the most popular facilities used in the last 12 months, approximately 15 to 7 per cent higher than the Municipal average.



A2.5.6b Provision of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the percentage of respondents that consider the various facilities within open space either are or are not adequately provided for. Percentages are calculated on the total number of Clifton Hill surveys received, 68.

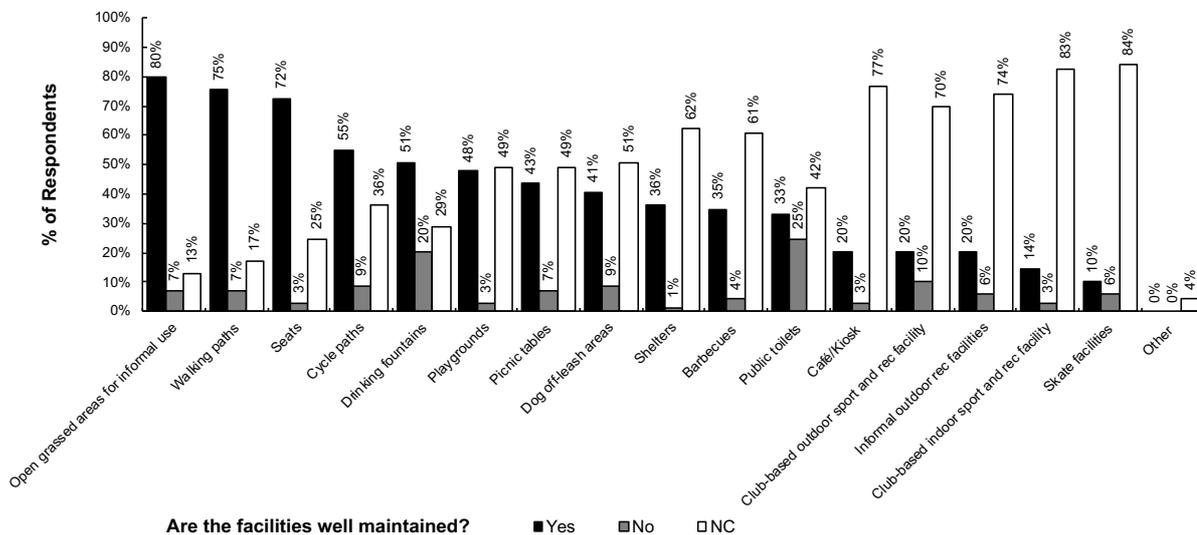


Are there enough of these facilities in open space? ■ Yes ■ No □ NC

Compared to the municipal average there is a higher level of satisfaction with the provision of open grassed areas and playgrounds, however a much higher level of dissatisfaction with provision of shelters and a higher level of dissatisfaction with provision of seats and dog off lead areas.

A2.5.6c Maintenance of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the level of satisfaction with the maintenance of open space facilities. The percentages are calculated on the total number of Clifton Hill surveys returned, 68 and the results are very similar to the municipal results.



Are the facilities well maintained? ■ Yes ■ No □ NC

A2.5.7 General comments on open space

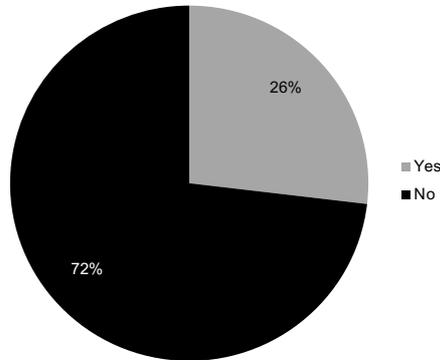
Respondents were provided a section where they were able to write any additional comments on the open space within the Municipality and their local area. The following is a summary of these comments from returned surveys from Clifton Hill respondents which have been grouped together into topics and assembled in priority order.

No.	General Comments List
21	Open Space
6	Open space - valued
4	Open space - additional required as density increases
3	Open space - contributes to liveability
2	Open space - beneficial to health and wellbeing
1	Open space - additional small open spaces required
1	Open space - diversity of types valued
1	Open space - important for lack of private gardens
1	Open space - natural character valued
1	Open space - not enough provided in Collingwood
1	Open space - Roseneath Street Reserve needs improvement
9	Maintenance and Management
2	The Westfield Restoration Project - improve management
1	Bins - empty more frequently
1	Council - to follow up with community on maintenance requests
1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
1	Drones - designate a flying space
1	Maintenance - valued
1	Open space - ensure they are well maintained
1	Sporting clubs - additional support required
9	Other
5	Overall strategy - Council is doing a good job
1	Cyclist traffic lights - install to allow head start for safer commutes at Wellington Street and Alexander Parade
1	Open space - promote Merri Creek and Yarra Bend Parks in a bushwalking guide
1	Overall strategy - keep promoting cycling
1	Public art - appreciated
8	Recreation Facilities
2	Sporting facilities - make sporting fields multi use
1	Informal recreation facilities - upgrade skate parks for differing abilities
1	Playground - water play required
1	Recreational facilities - indoor facilities with storage for regular community meetings/events required
1	Sporting facilities - appreciate the running track upgrade at Collingwood Athletics
1	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require an upgrade at Mayors Park
1	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require upgrade/maintenance
5	Park Infrastructure
1	Lighting - follow guidelines by the International Dark Sky Association
1	Picnic facilities - additional tables required near playgrounds
1	Seating - additional required
1	Signage - informative, instructional and navigational signage required on trails
1	Signage - interpretive retelling local histories required
4	Trees and Vegetation
1	Trees - create a register of trees children can climb
1	Trees - large trees valued
1	Trees - protect all trees
1	Trees - street tree planting slows traffic
1	Access
1	Access - improve access to the river for rowing purposes
1	Paths
1	Shared paths - regulations needed for cyclists

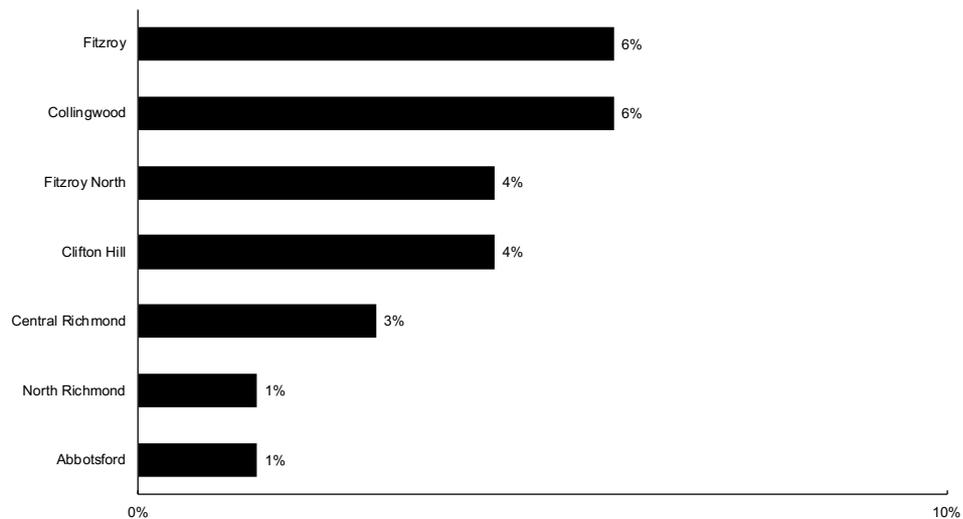
A2.5.8 Work in City of Yarra

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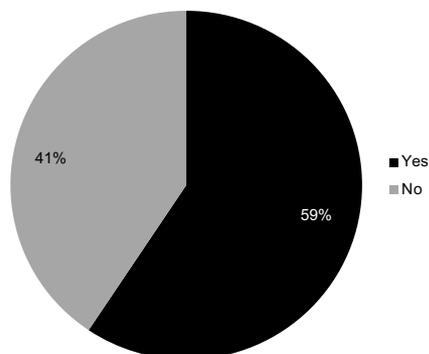
A2.5.8a Respondents that work in the City of Yarra



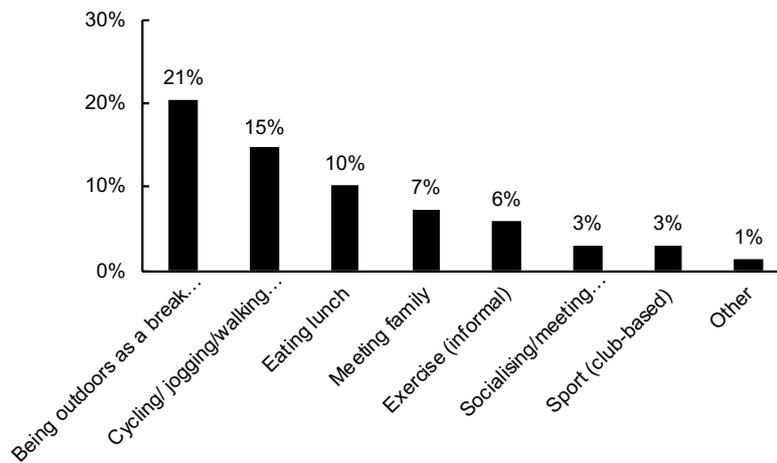
A2.5.8b Where respondents work



A2.5.8c Respondents that visit the open space near their workplace



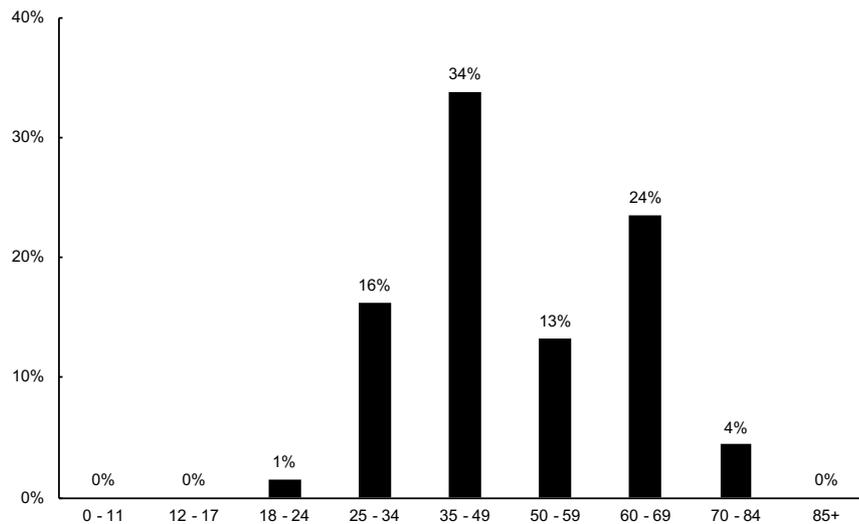
A2.5.8d Reason for visiting open space near work



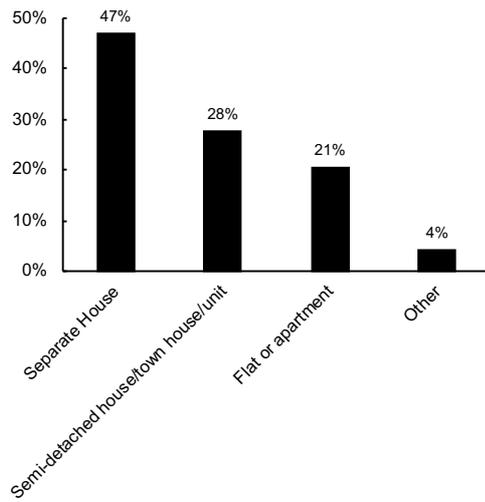
A2.5.9 Information about respondents

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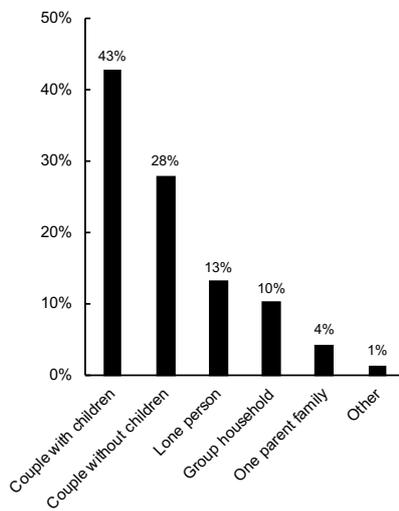
A2.5.9a Age range



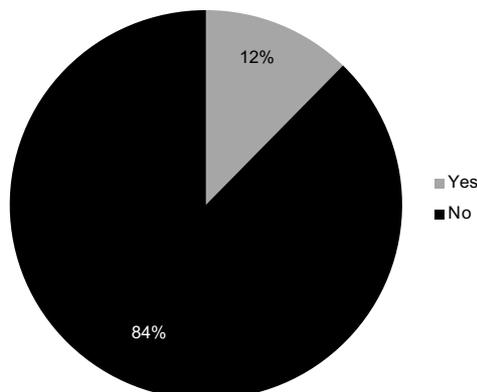
A2.5.9b Dwelling type



A2.5.9c Household type



A2.5.9d Respondents who speak English as a second language



A2.6 Collingwood

Summary of the survey outcomes for Collingwood

99 respondents indicated they live in Collingwood. This represents 8 per cent of total surveys received. The Community Profile figures indicate that 10 per cent of the City of Yarra population lives in Collingwood.

The urban context of Collingwood is changing from the industrial context to a high density mixed use character with residential, business, retail and commercial uses in renovated former industrial buildings. It is characterised by a lack of large green open spaces due to its industrial past. The survey respondents visit and highly value the small local open space and also travel further into adjoining areas to exercise and use larger areas of open space the most common being Fitzroy Gardens. Small parks are well utilised for short breaks but in the case of Peel Street Park the design and over use make the park uninviting for some residents.

Residents appreciate and would like to have additional open space in any form as well as more street trees, community gardens and playgrounds. Dogs are popular, the need for dog owners to be responsible for waste was identified as a key issue. Compared with other precincts, there is a lower level of participation in exercise due to the lack of opportunities to do this in Collingwood.

A2.6.1 Values of open space

Respondents were asked to indicate what they valued most about the open spaces in their Municipality and were invited to select any of the twenty-four values listed, with an option to add additional values under the 'other' category.

Percentages are calculated on the basis of the total number of returned surveys for Collingwood, 99. The table below illustrates the information, listing the twenty-five values in priority order.

77 per cent of respondents consider trees as the most valued feature of open space, followed by as a place to relax and escape the built environment, 12 per cent higher than the overall response. The green character, flowers and garden beds the quiet and historical character are all ranked higher than the municipal-wide results. Being a place for children to play, health and wellbeing and fitness are all ranked lower, reflecting the lack of provision of larger areas of open space that are of a size to exercise in.

Value	%
Trees	77%
A place to relax and unwind	74%
An escape from the built environment	71%
The feeling of space	55%
Just being outside	53%
Habitat for native plants and animals	49%
Green character	44%
Flowers/garden beds	41%
Exercising dogs	30%

Value	%
A place for children to play	35%
Health and well being	35%
The quiet	32%
It's accessible	31%
Natural bushland character	28%
The diversity of open space	28%
Historical character	25%
Cultural activities and events	24%
Fitness	24%
Cultural heritage values/significance	23%
Knowing that it's there	20%
Playing casual ball games/activity	15%
Watching activity	15%
Playing team/club based sport	10%
Other	3%

The other category included a range of comments including having a spiritual connection with nature, duck watching, using picnic facilities, having urban agriculture, being able to have dogs off-leash, use bins, and having the playgrounds fenced.

A2.6.2 Open space within walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 99 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.6.2a Most frequently visited open spaces

The following table lists the open spaces visited within walking distance of home.

No.	Open space within walking distance	%
35	Peel Street Park	35%
22	Oxford Street Park	22%
20	Fitzroy Gardens	20%
13	Edinburgh Gardens	13%
10	Darling Gardens	10%
8	Carlton Gardens	8%
8	Yarra Bend Park	8%
7	Cambridge Street Reserve	7%
7	Gahan Reserve	7%
6	McNamara Reserve	6%
5	Victoria Park	5%
4	Powlett Reserve	4%
3	Citizens Park	3%
3	Dights Falls	3%
3	Yarra River Corridor	3%
2	Abbotsford Convent Arts Precinct	2%
2	Condell Street Reserve	2%
2	Curtain Square	2%
2	Department of Housing Harmsworth Street	2%
2	Local Oval	2%
2	Local Park	2%
2	Quarries Park	2%

No.	Open space within walking distance	%
2	Yarra Park	2%
1	Albert Park	1%
1	Alexander Street Reserve	1%
1	Atherton Reserve	1%
1	Department of Housing Perry Street	1%
1	Department of Housing Richmond Place	1%
1	Fitzroy Primary School	1%
1	Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne	1%
1	Saint Phillips Reserve	1%
1	Saint Joseph Primary School	1%
1	Studley Park	1%
1	Tattersson Park	1%

A2.6.2b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements to open space within walking distance in Collingwood

The following table lists the reasons why Collingwood respondents visit open space within walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. The results indicate that Peel Street Park and Oxford Street Park are the most popular, particularly because they are nearby in order to take a break from the indoors, or to bring the dog for a short walk, while Fitzroy Gardens is utilised for exercising and other qualities of a larger area of open space.

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Peel Street Park 35	7	Access - close to home	6	Seating - improve design
	5	Dog walking	5	Shade - additional required
	5	Outdoors/being outside	4	Open space - improve design and layout
	4	Dogs friendly	3	Dogs - owners responsible for the removal of waste
	4	Open space - green place	3	Fencing - additional required
	4	Access - travel through	3	Paths - connecting path/s required
	3	Lunch	3	Paths - improvements required around wheelchair access ramp
	3	Reading	3	Rubbish - regular litter removal required
	3	Relaxing	2	Dogs - over use
	2	Apartment living	2	Lighting - additional required
	2	Open space	2	Lighting - upgrade
	2	Open space - provision	2	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	2	Paths - additional direct paths required
	1	Access - easy to access	2	Playgrounds - additional required
	1	Open space - additional required	2	Seating - additional required
	1	People watching	2	Security - additional required
	1	Picnics	2	Trees - additional required
	1	Social - phone calls	2	Vegetation - additional required
	1	Sunshine/Vitamin D	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Walking	1	Dogs - improve usability for dogs
			1	Drainage - improvement needed
			1	Entertainment/events - prohibit
			1	Fencing - remove fencing
			1	Graffiti - removal required
			1	Homelessness - action required

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
			1	Improvements - none required
			1	Improvements - required
			1	Nature strip - required from Wellington Street to Peel Street Park
			1	Open grassed areas - improvements required
			1	Open grassed areas - raised area to protect grass
			1	Open space - additional required
			1	Pergola required for shade
			1	Playgrounds - additional required with creative/diverse character
			1	Rotunda - required for entertainment/events
			1	Seating - change colour
			1	Security - prohibit alcohol consumption
			1	Security - prohibit late night alcohol consumption
			1	Shelter - additional required
			1	Vegetation - resilient plants required
Oxford Street Park 22	7	Relaxing	3	Trees - additional required
	6	Lunch	2	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	3	Access - close to home	2	Graffiti - removal required
	2	Access - close to work	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Access - travel through	2	Shade - additional required
	2	Exercising	1	Bins - empty frequently
	2	Open space - fresh air	1	Cyclists - prohibit
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Dogs - over use
	2	Sunshine/Vitamin D	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	2	Walking	1	Garden beds - improvements required
	1	Dog walking	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Open grassed areas - maintenance required
	1	Open space - green place	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Reading	1	Paths - dangerous, east side of the park
	1	Trees - shade	1	Security - additional required
			1	Security - improve surveillance
			1	Shelters - additional required
		1	Smoking - prohibit in open space	
		1	Trees - plant additional indigenous trees	
		1	Vandalism - an issue	
Fitzroy Gardens 20	5	Exercising	2	Improvements - none required
	4	Open space - green place	1	Café/kiosk facilities - additional required
	3	Access - close to home	1	Community garden - required
	3	Dog walking	1	Developments - avoid over developing
	3	Open Space - ambience, beauty	1	Developments - to donate money for open spaces
	3	Open space - peaceful	1	Dog - drinking facilities, additional required
	3	Relaxing	1	Improvements - none required, value trees and water
	3	Trees	1	Lighting - upgrade required
	2	Open space	1	Playgrounds - additional creative/diverse character
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Trees - additional required to clean air

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	2	Walking	1	Trees - plant additional indigenous trees
	1	Access - travel through	1	Vegetation - additional flowers required
	1	Café and kiosk facilities		
	1	Entertainment/events - children		
	1	Open space - fresh air		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Sunshine/ Vitamin D		
Edinburgh Gardens 13	4	Dog walking	2	Drinking fountains - maintenance required
	2	Access - close to home	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Exercising	2	Toilets - additional required
	2	Informal ball games/sport	1	Informal sporting facilities - improve basketball court surface
	2	Open space - large space	1	Community garden - required
	2	Picnics	1	Dog - waste bags/bins, additional required
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for holes
	2	Trees - beautiful	1	Irrigation - pipes leaking north of skate park
	1	Access - cycle through	1	Signage - improve for dogs on-leash/off-leash areas
	1	Cycling	1	Social - value the social aspect
	1	Diverse range of activities		
	1	Dogs friendly		
	1	Historical character		
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Open space		
1	Open space - ambience, beauty			
1	Open space - peaceful			
1	Outdoors/being outside			
1	Play			
Darling Gardens 10	3	Informal ball games/sport	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Access - convenient (on the way)	2	Toilets - additional required
	2	Dog walking	1	Community garden - required
	2	Picnics	1	Open space - additional required
	2	Play - children	1	Seating - additional required
	2	Playground	1	Toilets - upgrade existing
	1	Access - close to home		
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Open space - fresh air		
	1	Park facilities		
	1	Paths - cycling		
	1	Playground - basket swing		
	1	Relaxing		
1	Social - meeting people/friends			
Carlton Gardens 8	3	Jogging/running	1	Cafe/kiosk facilities - additional required
	2	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Community garden - required
	2	Picnics	1	Exercise equipment - additional required
	2	Trees - large	1	Garden beds - additional required
	1	Access - close to museum	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Cycling	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Exercising		

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
	1	Open space - green place		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Play - children		
	1	Playground		
	1	Relaxing		
Yarra Bend Park 8	2	Dogs - off-leash area	3	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	2	Jogging/running	2	Paths - surface needs improvements
	2	Picnics	1	Access - improve access to the Yarra for cyclists and people with disabilities
	2	Relaxing	1	Dogs - drinking facilities, additional required
	2	Walking	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
	1	Dogs friendly	1	Drinking fountains -required near playground
	1	Drawing	1	Rubbish - regular litter removal required
	1	Exercising	1	Shelters - additional required near playgrounds
	1	Natural character - bushland character/feel		
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	River trail		
	1	Working - outdoors		
1				
Cambridge Street Reserve 7	2	Access - close to home	1	Development - concerns about impact on open space
	2	Playground	1	Dogs - over use
	1	Dog walking	1	Improvements - required
	1	Lunch	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Picnic facilities - BBQ's	1	Open space - additional required as density increases
	1	Play - children	1	Open space - enlarge/extend this open space
	1	Sitting	1	Open space - keep/retain what is there
	1	Trees - shade		
Gahan Reserve 7	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Dogs - fenced off-lead areas required
	1	Access - close to home	1	Fencing - additional required
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Open space - enlarge/extend this open space
	1	Open Space - ambience, beauty	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Open space - fresh air	1	Toilets - upgrade existing
	1	Play	1	Trees - additional required
	1	Play - children	1	Vegetation - additional flowers required
	1	Sport - volleyball		
	1	Walking		
1	Working - outdoors			
McNamara Reserve 6	2	Play - children	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Playground	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Bins - empty frequently
	1	Access - close to home	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Informal ball games/sport	1	Open space - enlarge/extend this open space

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Park facilities	1	Open space - grassed area required
	1	Play	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Playground - fenced		
	1	Shade		
Victoria Park 5	2	Dog walking	1	Dogs - conflict with use of sporting ovals
	2	Informal ball games/sport	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	1	Exercising	1	Information - additional information required about open space and facilities available
	1	Picnics	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Play - children	1	Signage - improve clarity for dog on-leash/off-leash areas
	1	Relaxing		
Powlett Reserve 4	1	Access - close to home	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
	1	Picnic facilities - BBQ's	1	Fencing - around playground for safety
	1	Dog walking	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	1	Lunch	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Open space - provision	1	Sporting facilities - additional tennis facilities required
	1	Outdoors/being outside		
	1	Play		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Sport - tennis		
	1	Trees		
Citizens Park 3	2	Open Space - ambience, beauty	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas, additional required
	1	Access - close to home	1	Playgrounds - additional required
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Sporting facilities - multi use court
	1	Open space - large space	1	Toilets - value upgrade
	1	Safe		
	1	Walking		
Dights Falls 3	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Access - improve crossing at Turo Street and Hoddle Street
	1	Dog walking	1	Rubbish - regular litter removal required
	1	Jogging/running	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Natural character - bushland character/feel	1	Vegetation - improve weed control
	1	Paths		
	1	Walking		
Yarra River Corridor 3	1	Access - close to home	2	Signage - about local history/indigenous culture
	1	Cycling	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Natural character - bushland character/feel	1	Vegetation - improve weed control
	1	Open space - green place	1	Vegetation - additional native/indigenous planting required
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Outdoors/being outside		
	1	Walking		
Abbotsford Convent Arts Precinct 2	1	Café and kiosk facilities	2	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - grassed areas		
	1	Trees		
	1	Yoga		
Condell Street Reserve 2	1	Access - close to home	1	Playgrounds - provide shade
	1	Play - children	1	Playgrounds - upgrade required
	1	Playground	1	Toilets - additional required

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Curtain Square 2	1	Access - convenient (on the way)	1	Open grassed areas - additional required
	1	Dogs friendly	1	Open grassed areas - improve
			1	Toilets - upgrade existing
Department of Housing Harmsworth Street 2	1	Open space - fresh air	1	Vegetation - additional flowers required
	1	Outdoors/being outside		
	1	Play		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Local ovals 2	1	Dog walking		
	1	Exercising		
Local parks 2	1	Access - close to home	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Play - children	1	Seating - additional required
Quarries Park 2	2	Playground	1	Cafe/kiosk facilities - additional required
	1	Informal recreation facilities - skate park	1	Playgrounds - water play required
	1	Picnic facilities	1	Toilets - upgrade existing
	1	River setting		
Yarra Park 2	1	Dog walking	2	Improvements - none required
	1	Exercising		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Trees - heritage		
	1	Trees - shade		
Albert Park 1	1	Exercising		
	1	Relaxing		
Alexander Street Reserve 1	1	Access - close to home	1	Dogs - enforce regulations
			1	Gates - removal appreciated
			1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
Atherton Reserve 1	1	Café and kiosk facilities	1	Trees - additional required
	1	People watching		
	1	Relaxing		
Department of Housing Perry Street 1	1	Café and kiosk facilities	1	Picnic facilities - additional tables
Department of Housing Richmond Place 1	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Fitzroy Primary School 1	1	Informal ball games/sport		
	1	Play - children		
Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne 1	1	Exercising		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Walking		
Saint Phillips Reserve 1	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Historical character		
	1	Relaxing		
Saint Joseph Primary School 1	1	Informal ball games/sport		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Studley Park 1	1	Dogs friendly	1	Trees - additional required
Tatterson Park 1	1	Access - close to home	1	Paths - additional required
	1	Leisure centre	1	Trees - additional required

A2.6.3 Open space beyond walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 99 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.6.3a Most frequently visited open space beyond walking distance

The following table lists the open spaces visited beyond walking distance of home.

No.	Open space visited	%
15	Edinburgh Gardens	15%
7	Yarra Bend Park	7%
6	Fitzroy Garden	6%
6	Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne	6%
4	Yarra River Corridor	4%
3	Carlton Gardens	3%
3	Citizens Park	3%
3	Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne "The Tan"	3%
2	Darebin Parklands	2%
2	Gahan Reserve	2%
2	Peel Street Park	2%
2	Quarries Park	2%
2	Studley Park	2%
1	Atherton Reserve	1%
1	Caulfield Park	1%
1	Ceres Community Environment Park	1%
1	Department of Housing Harmsworth Street	1%
1	Dights Falls	1%
1	East Melbourne Park	1%
1	Federation Square	1%
1	Gilpin Park	1%
1	Jells Park	1%
1	Kokoda Track Memorial Park	1%
1	Lysterfield Park	1%
1	Merri Creek Shared Trail	1%
1	Nature Play at Royal Park	1%
1	Neill Street Reserve	1%
1	Yarra Bank Reserve	1%
1	Yarra Park	1%

A2.6.3b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements

The following table lists the reasons why Collingwood respondents visit open space beyond walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. The overall results indicate that Edinburgh Gardens is generally utilised as a social space for picnics and dog walking while Yarra Bend Park is used for informal exercise.

Open Space	No.	Reasons for Visiting	No.	Suggested Improvements
Edinburgh Gardens 15	5	Social - meeting people/friends	2	Improvements - none required
	4	Picnics	1	Cafe/kiosk facilities - additional required
	3	Dog walking	1	Drones - allow
	3	Open space - large space	1	Exercise equipment - additional required
	2	Exercising	1	Fencing - additional required in off-leash areas
	2	Open Space - ambience, beauty	1	Playgrounds - shade required over equipment
	2	Informal recreational facilities - skate park	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Access - close to home		
	1	Cycling - through		
	1	Dogs - off-leash area		
	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Playground		
	1	Sport - soccer lessons		
	1	Walking		
	Yarra Bend Park 7	2	Jogging/running	3
2		Walking	1	Dogs - drinking facilities, additional required
1		Cycling	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
1		Dogs - exercising	1	Pedestrian crossing - improve at Turo Street
1		Exercising	1	Trees - maintenance required
1		Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Vegetation - maintenance required
1		Open space - natural character		
1		Relaxing		
1		River setting		
1		Social - meeting people/friends		
Fitzroy Garden 6	2	Open Space - ambience, beauty	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
	2	Open space - peaceful	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	1	Dogs - on-leash area	1	Garden beds - additional required
	1	Dog walking	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Exercising	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Health and well-being	1	Vegetation - additional required
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Trees - beautiful		
	1	Walking		
Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne 6	2	Walking	1	Access - extend in children's garden
	1	Café and kiosk facilities	1	Open space - additional botanical gardens required
	1	Health and well-being	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Jogging/running	1	Toilets - maintenance required
	1	Open space		
	1	Open Space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - diversity of types		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Playground - water play		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Yarra River Corridor 4	2	Cycling	3	Cyclists - conflicts with pedestrians on shared paths
	2	Jogging/running	1	Bins - additional required

Open Space	No.	Reasons for Visiting	No.	Suggested Improvements
	2	Walking	1	Paths - valued
	1	Birdlife watching		
	1	Cycling - with children		
	1	Wildlife watching		
Carlton Gardens 3	1	Exercising	2	Improvements - none required
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Walking		
Citizens Park 3	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Dogs - additional fenced off-leash areas in Collingwood required
	1	Dogs friendly	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Exercising		
	1	Studying		
	1	Walking		
Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne "The Tan" 3	3	Jogging/running	1	Signage - informative, instructional and navigational signage required
Darebin Parklands 2	1	Dogs friendly	1	Dogs - fence off-leash areas
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Improvements - none required
Gahan Reserve 2	1	Access - close to home	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Access - close to the library	1	Toilets - upgrade existing
	1	Reading		
Peel Street Park 2	1	Apartment living	1	Dogs - over use
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Open grassed areas- increase area
	1	Relaxing	1	Vegetation - additional required
Quarries Park 2	2	Playground	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - large	1	Playgrounds - upgrade
Studley Park 2	1	Exercising	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - identity	1	Picnic facilities - additional required tables near the playground
	1	Open space - natural character		
Atherton Reserve 1	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Caulfield Park 1	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Ceres Community Environment Park 1	1	Community hub	1	Open space - additional community environmental parks required
	1	River setting		
Department of Housing Harmsworth Street 1	1	Community garden	1	Security - additional required
	1	Safe - locked garden		
Dights Falls 1	1	Exercising	3	Signage - informative, instructional and navigational signage required
	1	Natural character - bushland character/feel		
	1	Paths - exercising		
East Melbourne Park 1	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs		
	1	Sport - tennis		
Federation Square 1	1	Entertainment/events		

Open Space	No.	Reasons for Visiting	No.	Suggested Improvements
Gilpin Park 1	1	Exercising	1	Lighting - additional required
	1	Jogging/running		
Jells Park 1	1	Paths - good quality	1	Trees - additional required
Kokoda Track Memorial Park 1	1	Exercising	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Open space - natural character		
Lysterfield Park 1	1	Car park - plenty		
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Safe - jogging		
Merri Creek Shared Trail 1	1	Walking	2	Cyclists - conflicts with pedestrians on shared paths
Nature Play at Royal Park 1	1	Hill		
	1	Playground		
	1	Water park		
Neill Street Reserve 1	1	Sporting facilities - multi use court	1	Improvements - none required
Yarra Bank Reserve 1	1	Drawing		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Outdoors/being outside		
Yarra Park 1	1	Exercising	1	Toilets - additional required

A2.6.4 Open space not visited

This question was asked to find out what issues currently limit the use of existing open space by respondents. The question included some of the common reasons why people may not use open space. The reasons can apply either to a specific open space or additional broadly to open space in general.

The question has been analysed below in 2 parts:

Part 1 – whether there is open space they would like to visit but are unable to.

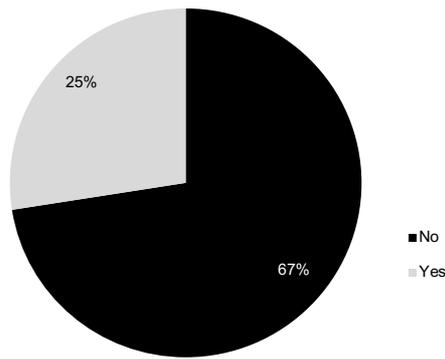
Part 2 – the reasons they are unable to visit open space.

The percentages nominated in Part 1 are a proportion of the total 99 surveys received.

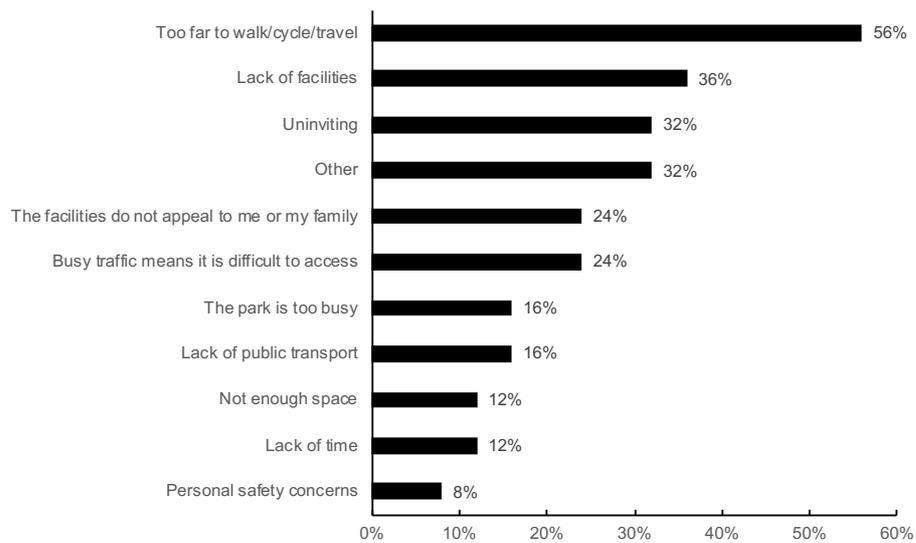
The percentages nominated in Part 2 are a percentage of the 25 respondents who answered yes to the first part of the question.

Part 1 Is there open space you would like to visit but are unable to?

25 per cent of respondents indicated that they would like to visit open space but are unable to. This is slightly higher than the Municipal average, 22 per cent.



Part 2 The reasons why you are unable to visit open space:



The most frequent reason for not visiting open space was due to distance followed by the lack of facilities. Equally open spaces were said to feel uninviting and there were a number of other reasons such as dogs were not allowed to be off-leash, they feared vandals and skateboarders or felt they were unwelcome, or unaware of the space. Compared to the Municipal average, 15 per cent more respondents in Collingwood considered travel distance to open space as an issue. While other reasons were consistent with the Municipal response, open space being uninviting is 11 per cent higher.

A2.6.5 Types of open space visited and frequency of use

The following table shows the frequency of use of different types of open space in Collingwood. The percentages are calculated based on the 99 completed surveys. The total percentage column shown on the left hand side of the table is the sum of total use and does not include never and not completed responses. The percentages on the right hand side indicate frequency of use. The percentages in Table A below have been highlighted using shades of colour to assist with interpretation of the results.

	0% to 9%
	10% to 19%
	20% to 29%
	30% to 39%
	40% and over

Table A Types of open spaces used and frequency of use

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly	Monthly	1-2 times a year	Never	NC
68%	Open space along the Merri Creek	4%	5%	11%	23%	24%	21%	11%
87%	Open space along the Yarra River	6%	10%	20%	31%	19%	6%	7%
88%	Large parks and gardens	5%	16%	24%	29%	13%	3%	9%
77%	Large sporting reserves	1%	12%	13%	20%	30%	12%	11%
68%	Medium sized parks	1%	6%	15%	23%	22%	17%	15%
90%	Small local parks	26%	25%	18%	11%	9%	4%	6%
77%	Urban Squares	21%	12%	19%	12%	12%	9%	14%
77%	Local streets for exercise	42%	10%	11%	10%	3%	13%	10%

Small local parks are the most frequently used open spaces, followed by large parks and gardens and open space along the Yarra River, which is consistent with the open space network available in Collingwood.

Table B Frequently visited types of open spaces in priority order

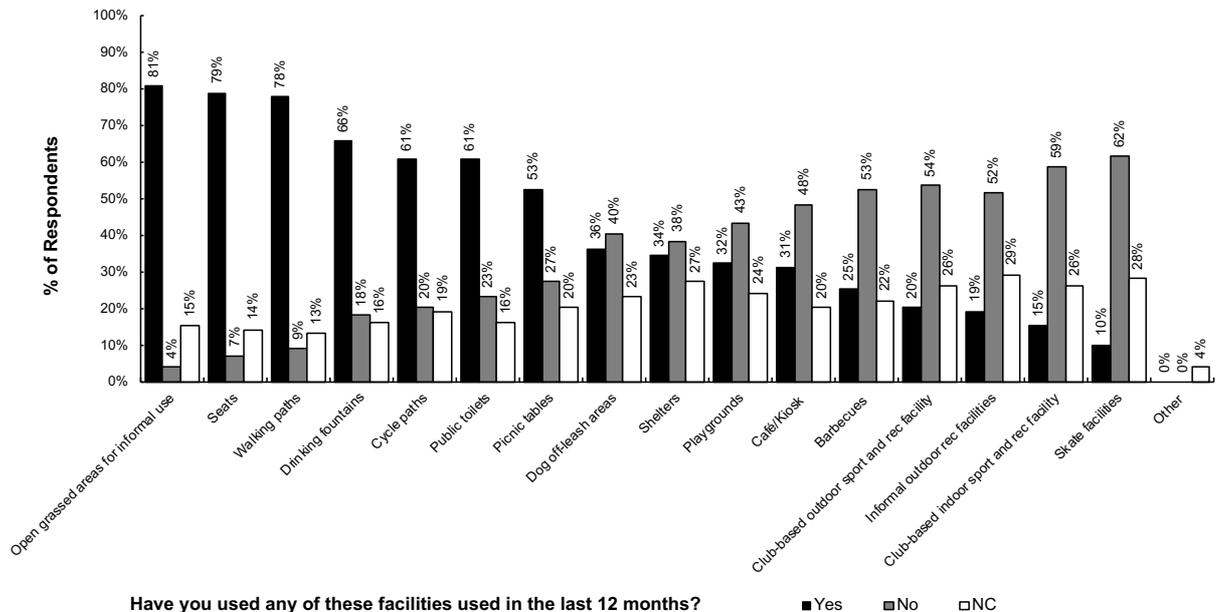
Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly
90%	Small local parks	26%	25%	18%
88%	Large parks and gardens	5%	16%	24%
87%	Open space along the Yarra River	6%	10%	20%
77%	Large sporting reserves	1%	12%	13%
77%	Urban Squares	21%	12%	19%
77%	Local streets for exercise	42%	10%	11%
68%	Open space along the Merri Creek	4%	5%	11%
68%	Medium sized parks	1%	6%	15%

On a daily/weekly basis, small local parks are the most popular followed by large parks and gardens and open space along the Yarra River. On a daily basis local streets for exercise is the most frequently used, followed by small local parks. People in Collingwood are using local parks nearby and travelling outside their suburb to access large open space and open space along the Yarra River.

A2.6.6 Facilities and features in open space

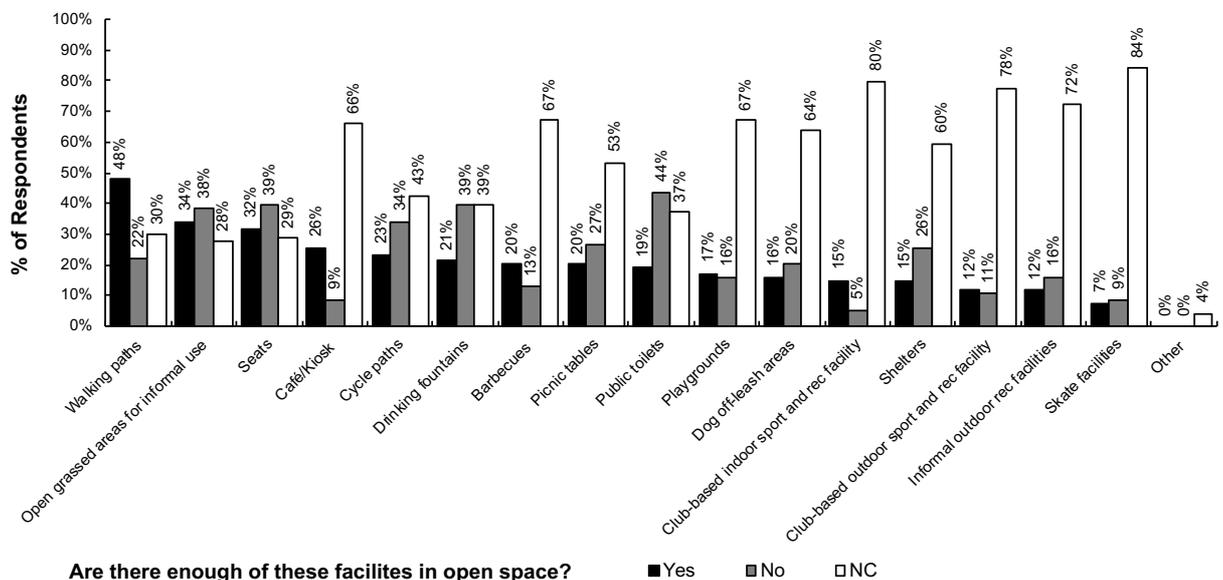
A2.6.6a Use of facilities and features in open space

The following table indicates use of facilities in open space over the last twelve months. The percentages are calculated on the number of returned surveys from Collingwood, 99. Respondents indicated that open grassed areas, seats and walking paths were the most popular facilities used in the last 12 months, seats being used 11 per cent more than the Municipal response.



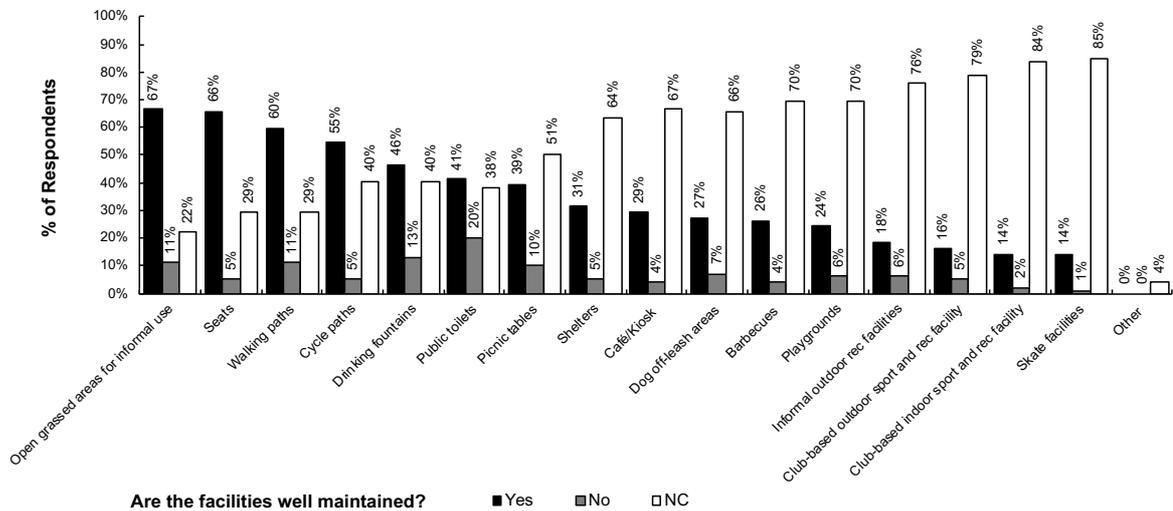
A2.6.6b Provision of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the percentage of respondents that consider the various facilities within open space either are or are not adequately provided for. Percentages are calculated on the total number of Collingwood surveys received, 99, the biggest difference between the municipal results and Collingwood is the need for additional open grassed areas for informal use (26% more respondents requested this). Seats and public toilets are also identified as not being well provided for in Collingwood.



A2.6.6c Maintenance of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the level of satisfaction with the maintenance of open space facilities. The percentages are calculated on the total number of Collingwood surveys returned, 99.



A2.6.7 General comments on open space

Respondents were provided a section where they were able to write any additional comments on the open space within the Municipality and their local area. The following is a summary of these comments from returned surveys from Collingwood respondents which have been grouped together into topics and assembled in priority order.

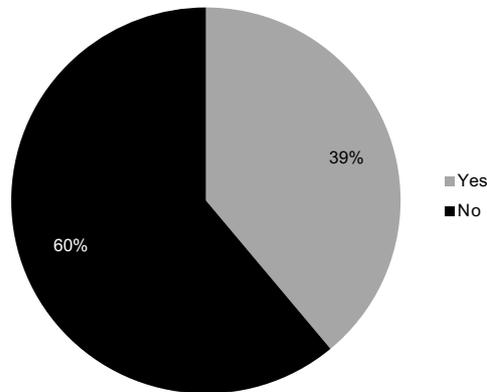
No.	General Comments List
40	Open Space
11	Open space - additional required
8	Open space - additional required as density increases
3	Streetscape - additional green plants
2	Open space - beneficial to health and wellbeing
1	Access - maximize use of school grounds for open space
1	Open space - additional required with natural character for play
1	Open space - grass nature strips required to link parks
1	Open space - important for relaxing
1	Open space - important for socialization
1	Open space - improve maintenance
1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
1	Open space - larger open space required
1	Open space - utilise dead space as green space
1	Open space - value design and layout
1	Open space - value informal open spaces
1	Open space - value maintenance
1	Open space - value the choice and variety
1	Open space - value the Yarra River
1	Open space - valued
11	Trees and Vegetation
3	Community gardens - additional required

No.	General Comments List
2	Trees - plant additional street trees
1	Fernery - required
1	Garden beds - additional required
1	Garden beds - additional required permeable bed on streets for dog urination
1	Trees - important for shade
1	Trees - plant additional street trees on Alexander Parade
1	Trees - protect exotic/heritage trees
10	Maintenance and Management
2	Bins - to be emptied additional frequently
2	Dogs - fenced in off-leash areas required
2	Graffiti - maintenance required
1	Car Parks - reduce fees and extend times around open spaces
1	Cyclists - conflict with pedestrians on shared paths
1	Dogs - urination becoming a problem on Cambridge Street
1	Maintenance - valued
10	Park Infrastructure
1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
1	Bins - additional required
1	Café/kiosk - additional required
1	Dog - drinking facilities, additional required at off-leash areas
1	Rotunda - required for events/entertainment
1	Seating - additional required
1	Seating - additional required for elderly with shade
1	Shade - additional required
1	Toilets - additional required
1	Toilets - additional required at off-leash areas
8	Recreation Facilities
1	Exercise equipment - additional required
1	Playgrounds - additional required
1	Playgrounds - additional required with creative/diverse character
1	Playgrounds - important for child development
1	Playgrounds - maintenance required at public housing developments
1	Playgrounds - prohibit exercising on children's equipment
1	Playgrounds - water play park required
1	Sporting facilities - additional indoor basketball courts required
6	Other
3	Council - to appoint an open space officer
2	Value the review of existing spaces when creating new open spaces
1	High density developments - limit developments
1	High density developments - to contribute funds for open space
1	Survey - should include section on urban agriculture
2	Access
2	Access - value walking through large open spaces
2	Paths
1	Shared paths - need separate paths for cyclists and pedestrians
1	Paths - desire lines should be made into paths

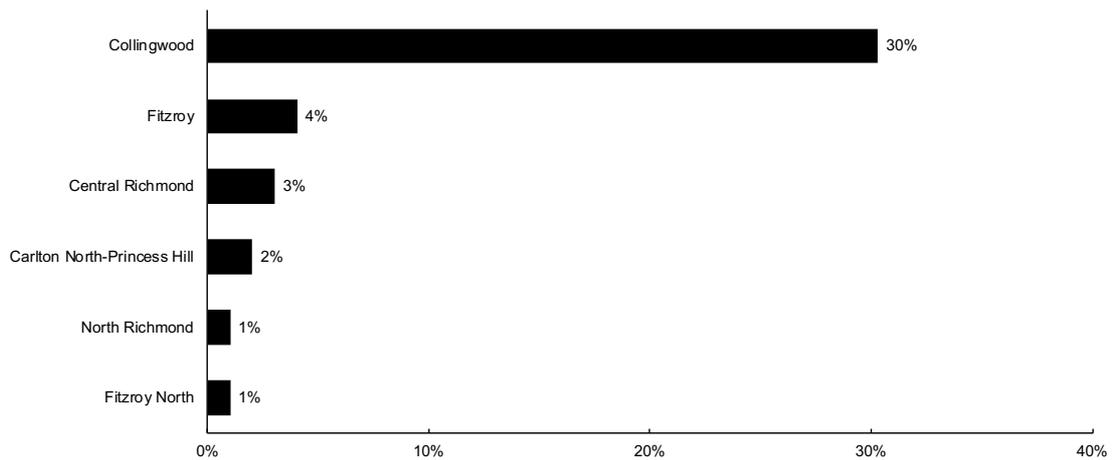
A2.6.8 Work in City of Yarra

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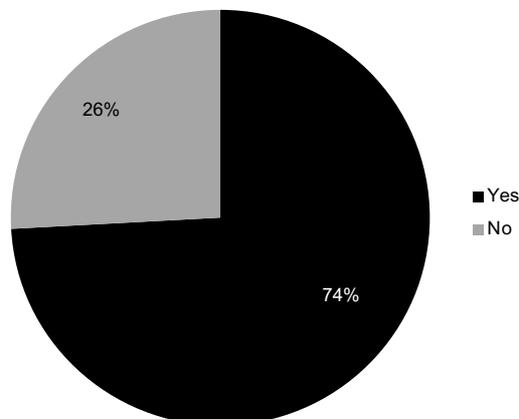
A2.6.8a Respondents that work in the City of Yarra



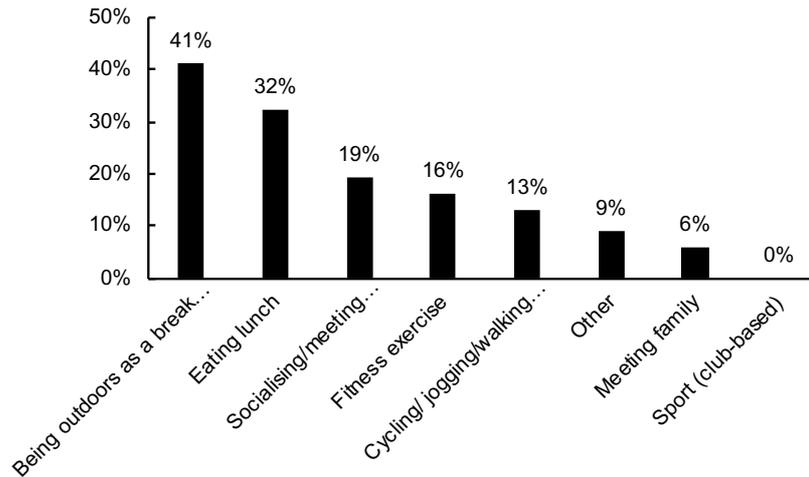
A2.6.8b Where respondents work



A2.6.8c Respondents that visit the open space near their workplace



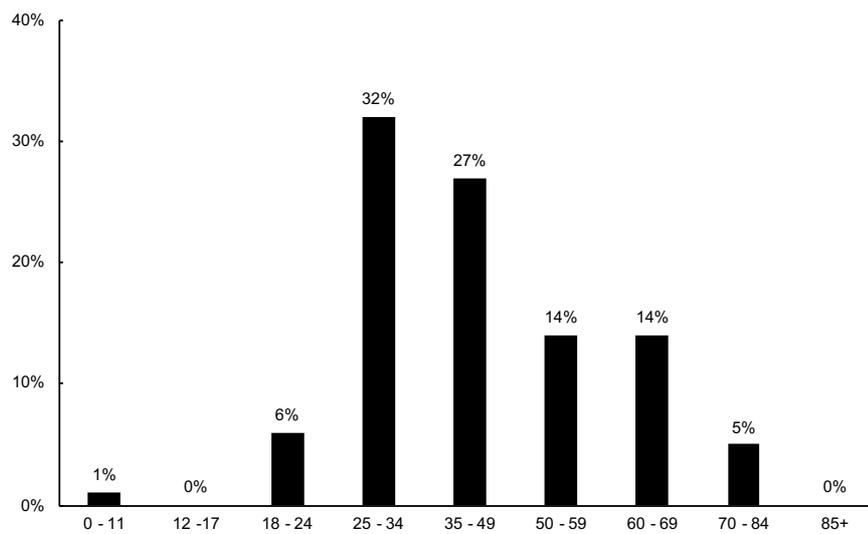
A2.6.8d Reason for visiting open space near work



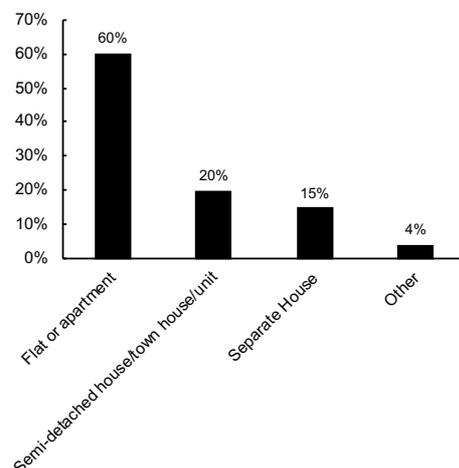
A2.6.9 Information about respondents

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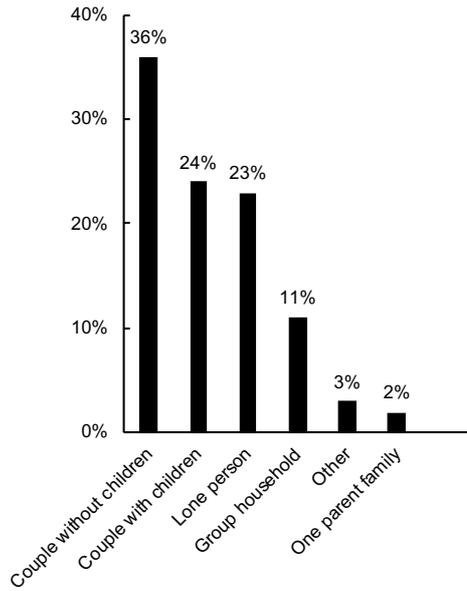
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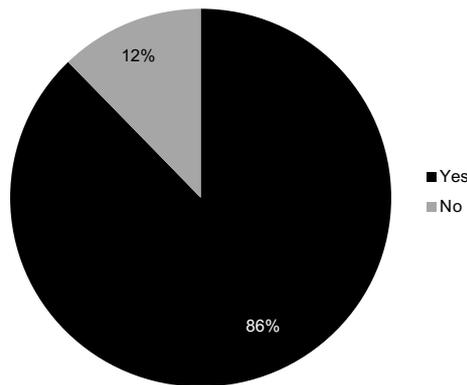
A2.6.9b Dwelling type



A2.6.9c Household type



A2.6.9d Respondents who speak English as a second language



A2.7 Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley

Summary of the survey outcomes for Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley

94 respondents indicated they live in Cremorne, Burnley or Richmond South. This represents 7 per cent of total surveys received. The Community Profile figures indicate that 6 per cent of the City of Yarra population lives in Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley.

Cremorne, Burnley and South Richmond residents appreciate and utilise their open space for social contact and events, playing sport and walking their dogs. Barkley Gardens is the most popular open space valued for play, picnics, meeting friends and exercise. Citizens Park, Barkley Gardens and Whites Street Reserve are other popular reserves. Key issues identified in the responses include the lack of open space, particularly in Cremorne and difficulty in accessing open space available due to a lack of/poor quality of footpaths and/or cycle paths and busy traffic.

Conflicts between dog owners and children using sporting grounds was a common conflict, with dog waste being a reoccurring issue at Citizens Park and Kevin Bartlett Reserve. Those parks also require clubroom upgrades and facilities for females. Trees were highly valued in parks for their character and shade and requested as a priority in the streetscapes as well.

A2.7.1 Values of open space

Respondents were asked to indicate what they valued most about the open spaces in their Municipality and were invited to select any of the twenty-four values listed, with an option to add additional values under the 'other' category.

Percentages are calculated on the basis of the total number of returned surveys for Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley, 94. The table below illustrates the information, listing the twenty-five values in priority order.

The highest ranking for open space values is as a place to relax and unwind, followed by trees and the feeling of space. These top three are consistent with the municipal wide results however the top ranking in the municipal average is trees. The key differences from the municipal average is a higher priority given to a place for children to play, the quiet, fitness and playing team based and casual ball sports. Habitat values, walking dogs and green character were all given a lower ranking.

Value	%
A place to relax and unwind	77%
Trees	73%
The feeling of space	66%
Place for children to play	64%
An escape from the built environment	62%

Value	%
Just being outside	55%
Health and wellbeing	55%
Fitness	51%
Meeting people/friends	49%
Habitat for native plants and animals	49%
It is accessible	41%
The quiet	39%
Flowers/garden beds	39%
Natural bushland character	39%
Exercising dogs	38%
Playing casual ball games	33%
Playing team/club based sport	33%
The diversity of open space	28%
Knowing that it is there	22%
Historical character	19%
Cultural heritage values	18%
Cultural activities and events	15%
Green character	14%
Watching activity	9%
Other	1%

A2.7.2 Open space within walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 94 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.7.2a Most frequently visited open spaces

The following table lists the open spaces visited within walking distance of home.

No.	Open space beyond Cremorne	%
43	Barkly Gardens	46%
29	Citizens Park	31%
18	Burnley Park	19%
11	White Street Reserve	12%
9	Charles Evans Reserve	10%
8	Golden Square Park	9%
8	Gosch's Paddock	9%
7	Yarra Park	7%
7	Yarra River Corridor	7%
6	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	6%
6	McConchie Reserve	6%
6	Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne	6%
3	Yarra River Trail (Railway to Punt Rd)	3%
2	Alan Bain Reserve	2%
2	Dame Nellie Melba Park	2%
2	Kagan Institute Richmond Campus	2%
2	Loys Paddock	2%
2	Ryans Reserve	2%
1	Fitzroy Gardens	1%

No.	Open space beyond Cremorne	%
1	Local Open Space	1%
1	Richmond Terrace Park	1%
1	Treasury Gardens	1%
1	Wangaratta Street Park	1%
1	Williams Reserve	1%
1	Yarra River Trail (Bridge Rd to Swan St)	1%
1	Yarra River Trail (McConchie Reserve to Church St)	1%
1	Yarra River Trail (Johnston St to Clark St)	1%

A2.7.2b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements to open space within walking distance in Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley

The following table lists the reasons why Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley respondents visit open space within walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. Barkly Gardens is predominately used for informal play, social events and exercise, whereas Citizens Park is mainly used for sport and dog walking/exercise.

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Barkly Gardens 43	11	Playground	5	Toilets - maintenance required
	8	Picnic facilities - BBQs	4	Picnic facilities - shade required
	6	Access - close to home	3	Improvements - none required
	6	Social - meeting people/friends	3	Playground - shade required
	5	Exercising	2	Improvements - none required - improvements appreciated
	4	Dog walking	2	Picnic facilities - shelter required
	4	Open space - large space	2	Toilets - additional required
	4	Play - children	2	Toilets - deterrents for drug users
	4	Walking	2	Toilets - upgrade required
	3	Diverse range of activities	2	Trees - maintenance required
	3	Dog friendly	1	Bins - additional required
	3	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Cafe/kiosk facilities - additional required
	3	Events - children	1	Cycle paths - improve
	3	Picnics	1	Cycling - improve amenity/safety in streets to access open space
	2	Access - convenient (on the way)	1	Dogs - enforce on-leash regulations
	2	Informal ball games/sports	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	2	Play	1	Dogs - prohibit on sporting fields
	2	Relaxing	1	Footpaths - improve amenity in streets to access open space
	1	Access - easy to access	1	Garden beds - maintenance required
	1	Jogging/running	1	Informal sport facilities - install goal posts
1	Open space	1	Informal sporting facilities - basketball court requires shade	
1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Informal sports facilities - install layer soccer nets next to power terminals	
1	Open space - away from busy roads and traffic	1	Lighting - additional required	
1	Open space - fresh air	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required	
1	Open space - green	1	Maintenance - valued	
1	Open space - layout	1	Paths - surface upgrades	
1	Open space - peaceful	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs additional required	

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Open space - well maintained	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs regular maintenance required
	1	Social - children's parties	1	Picnic facilities - upgrade
	1	Social - sense of community	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Sport - children's cricket	1	Security - prohibit consumption of alcohol at night
	1	Sports oval	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Trees - shade	1	Traffic - close Mary St during school hours
			1	Trees - additional required
			1	Trees - plant additional indigenous trees
Citizens Park 29	8	Sport - junior football	7	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require upgrade
	5	Dog walking	6	Dogs - dog owners responsible for dog waste
	5	Sport - children	5	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require facilities for girls
	2	Exercising	3	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	2	Playgrounds	2	Dogs - prohibit on sporting fields
	2	Sport	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Sport - junior cricket	2	Sports oval - improve turf
	2	Sport - football	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	1	Access - close to home	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
	1	Access - easy to access	1	Drainage - improvement required
	1	Dog friendly	1	Exercise equipment - additional required
	1	Dogs - exercise	1	Gates - improve
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Information - additional information required about open space and facilities available
	1	Jogging/running	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Open space	1	Paths - connecting path/s required to Bridge Road
	1	Open space - being outside	1	Paths - running track required
	1	Open space - grassed areas	1	Pavilion - improve
	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	1	Play	1	Shelters - provide additional
	1	Play - children	1	Sporting facilities - additional facilities for girls required
1	Play - young toddler	1	Toilets - maintenance required	
1	Relaxing	1	Toilets - upgrade required	
1	Social - meeting people/friends			
1	Sport - community organised			
1	Sports oval			
Burnley Park 18	4	Dog walking	3	Caretaker's cottage - improve
	3	Walking	3	Exercise equipment - additional required
	2	Access - close to home	2	Cafe/kiosk facilities - additional required
	2	Exercising	2	Garden beds - improvement required
	2	Open space - being outside	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Open space - large space	1	Bins - empty frequently
	2	Play - children	1	Dogs - owners to effectively control their dogs
	2	Playground	1	Dogs - prohibit on sporting field
	1	Access - cycling through	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	1	Access - travel through	1	Garden Beds - additional native/indigenous planting required

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Birdlife watching	1	Informal sporting facilities - basketball facilities -appreciated
	1	Sport - basketball	1	Informal sports facilities- facilities for older children
			1	Playgrounds - increase diversity of equipment for a range of ages
			1	Toilets - open outside of business hours
White Street Reserve 11	2	Sport - informal ball games	2	Playgrounds - upgrade required
	1	Cycle paths - good quality	1	Informal sporting facilities - climbing wall required
	1	Dogs - exercise	1	Lighting - required for evening play
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Open space - enlarge/extend the open space
	1	Open space - grassed areas	1	Playgrounds - fence to prevent dogs
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Toilets - upgrade required
	1	Picnics	1	Trees - maintenance required
	1	Play - young toddler		
	1	Reading		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Sport - children's		
	1	Trees - large		
1	Trees - native			
Charles Evans Reserve 9	3	Social - meeting people/friends	4	Grassing - improvements required
	2	Dog friendly	2	Open space - additional required
	2	Access - close to home	2	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	2	Picnics	1	Garden beds - maintenance required
	2	Play - children		
	1	Access - easy to access		
	1	Informal ball games/sports		
	1	Open space - additional required		
	1	Open space - grassed areas		
	1	Open space - green		
	1	Open space - additional required		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Open space - provision		
	1	Playground		
1	Relaxing			
Golden Square Park 8	3	Access - close to home	4	Toilets - additional required
	3	Playground	3	Playgrounds - shade required
	2	Dog walking	2	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	1	Café and kiosk facilities	1	Dogs - prohibit near playgrounds
	1	Dog friendly	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	1	Family friendly	1	Picnic facilities - additional tables required
	1	Informal ball games/sports	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Open space - being outside		
	1	Open space - clean		
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
	1	Open space - well maintained		
1	Play - children			
Gosch's Paddock	4	Dog walking	3	Open space - additional required
	2	Exercising	1	Access - provide an overpass

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
8	2	Walking	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Access - close to home	1	Cycling - improve amenity in the streets to access open space
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	1	Informal ball games/sports	1	Footpaths - improve amenity in the streets to access open space
	2	Open space - additional required	1	Garden beds - additional required
	1	Open space - clean	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Traffic - noise intrusive
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Trees - additional required
	1	Open space - sense of space		
	1	Sport - spectating		
Yarra Park 7	2	Dog walking	2	Open space - additional required
	2	Jogging/running	1	Access - provide an overpass at Sean St
	1	Access - close to home	1	Carpark - remove, retain as parkland
	1	Cycling	1	Drinking fountains - provide additional
	1	Exercising	1	Exercise equipment - additional required
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Playgrounds - increase diversity of equipment for a range of age groups
	1	Open space - green		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Playground		
	1	Walking		
Yarra River Corridor 7	3	Exercising	1	Cyclists - conflicts with pedestrians on shared paths
	2	Open space - peaceful	1	Drinking fountains - provide additional
	2	Running	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Access - cycling through	1	Lighting - additional required on trail
	1	Access - easy to access	1	Rubbish - additional traps required on river
	1	Cycling	1	Shared paths - separate paths for cyclists and pedestrians required
	1	Cycling - travel through	1	Shared paths - widen paths
	1	Open Space - ambience, beauty	1	Trees - additional required
	1	Open space - being outside	1	Vegetation - additional native/indigenous planting required
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
	1	Open space - fresh air		
	1	Views		
	1	Walking		
McConchie Reserve 6	2	Access - close to home	2	Seating - additional required
	2	Dog walking	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Dog friendly	1	Bins - emptied additional frequently
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Biodiversity - improve habitat for Rakali
	1	Exercising	1	Interpretation Signage - about indigenous culture
	1	Informal sporting facilities - basketball half court	1	Picnic facilities - additional tables required
	1	Open space - beautiful	1	Public art - provide additional indigenous
	1	Open space - green		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Playground		
	1	River setting		
2	Open space - peaceful	1	Improvements - none required	

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne 6	1	Exercising	1	Improvements - none required, improvements appreciated
	1	Flora and Fauna		
	1	Gardens		
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Open Space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - green		
	1	Open space - none within walking distance		
	1	Walking		
Kevin Bartlett Reserve 3	1	Picnics	1	Lighting - additional required on East Side
	1	Sport - children	1	Sporting facilities - additional netball facilities required
	1	Sport - children's football	1	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require greater access for children
	1	Sport - football	1	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require upgrade
			1	Toilets - upgrade required
Yarra River Trail (Railway to Punt Rd) 3	1	Access - convenient (on the way)	1	Carpark - remove, retain as parkland
	1	Open space - additional required	1	Open space - additional required (Nylex)
	1	River setting	1	Open space - enlarge/extend the open space
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Walking		
Dame Nellie Melba Park 2	1	Access - close to home	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, no restricted hours
	1	Dog walking	1	Seating - upgrade surface
	1	Play - young toddler		
	1	Shade		
Kagan Institute Richmond Campus 2	1	Access - convenient (on the way)	1	Community garden - required
	1	Sport - basketball	1	Informal recreational facilities - provide additional
	1	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Sport - children	1	Picnic facilities - additional required
	1	Sport - volleyball	1	Trees - additional required
Loys Paddock 2	2	Exercising	1	Garden beds - additional native/indigenous planting required
	1	Dog walking	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - peaceful		
Ryans Reserve 2	1	Reading	1	Cafe/kiosk facilities - additional required
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Walking		
	1	Sport - netball		
Alan Bain Reserve 1	1	Open space	2	Trees - additional required
	1	Sport - cricket	1	Cycle paths - improve
	1	Sport - football	1	Open space - improve
			1	Paths - perimeter path required
			1	Shade - provide additional
Fitzroy Gardens 1	1	Cycling	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Open space - green		
	1	Walking		
Richmond Terrace Park 1	1	Reading	1	Community garden - required
	1	Relaxing	1	Vegetation - provide additional
	1	Social		

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Treasury Gardens 1	1	Open space - beautiful	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Walking		
Wangaratta Street Park 1	1	Access - close to home	1	Open space - uninviting
Williams Reserve 1	1	Access - close to home	1	Improvements - none required, improvements appreciated
	1	Café and kiosk facilities		
	1	Playground		
Yarra River Trail (Bridge Rd to Swan St) 1	1	Access - travel through		
	1	Exercising		
Yarra River Trail (McConchie Reserve to Church St) 1	1	Exercising	1	Paths - cyclist/pedestrian bridge required at MacRobertson Bridge or Church Street Park
	1	Open space - green		
	1	River setting		
Yarra River Trail (Johnston St to Clark St) 1	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Open space - peaceful		

A2.7.3 Open space beyond walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 94 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.7.3a Most frequently visited open space beyond walking distance

The following table lists the open spaces visited beyond walking distance of home.

No.	Open space beyond walking distance	%
9	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	10%
8	Citizens Park	9%
5	Outside of Municipality	5%
4	Barkly Gardens	4%
4	Edinburgh Gardens	4%
4	Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne	4%
4	Yarra Bend Park	4%
4	Yarra River Corridor	4%
3	Burnley Park	3%
3	Gosch's Paddock	3%
2	Collingwood Children's Farm	2%
2	Fawkner Park	2%
2	Studley Park	2%
1	Albert Park	1%
1	Darebin Parklands	1%
1	Fairfield Park	1%
1	Golden Square Park	1%

No.	Open space beyond walking distance	%
1	Local Open Space	1%
1	Local Ovals	1%
1	Port Melbourne Beach	1%
1	Princes Park Carlton	1%
1	Richmond Terrace Park	1%
1	Sandridge Beach	1%
1	Yarra Park	1%
1	Yarra River Trail (River St to Bridge Rd)	1%

A2.7.3b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements

The following table lists the reasons why Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley respondents visit open space beyond walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. Overall the results indicate that Kevin Bartlett Reserve is mainly used for structured sporting use, while Citizens park is used for a combination of sport and unstructured recreation use. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space.

Open Space	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvement
Kevin Bartlett Reserve 9	3	Sport - junior football	2	Bins - additional required
	1	Dog walking	2	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require facilities for girls
	1	Jogging/running	1	Dogs - owners responsible for waste
	1	Sport	1	Drainage - improvement required
	1	Sport - children	1	Seating - provide additional
	1	Sport - girl's football	1	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require upgrade
	1	Sport - children's cricket	1	Sporting facilities - upgrade
	1	Sport - community	1	Sports oval - improve turf
	1	Sport - participation		
Citizens Park 8	1	Access - central location	1	Picnic facilities - BBQ's additional required
	1	Access - close to pool	1	Cycling - improve amenity/safety in streets to access open space
	1	Access - convenient (on the way)	1	Dogs - dog owners responsible for dog waste
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Footpaths - improve amenity in streets to access open space
	1	Dogs - exercise	1	Grassing - fill in holes
	1	Exercise equipment	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance and cleaning required
	1	Fences	1	Playground - additional equipment required
	1	Playground	1	Security - additional required
	1	Sport - Auskick	1	Trees - additional required around sports oval
	1	Sport - Richmond Union Cricket Club		
	1	Sporting facilities		
1	Sporting oval			
Outside of municipality 5	1	Playgrounds	1	Open space - additional required in Cremorne
	1	Beach	1	Playgrounds - additional creative/diverse character
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Playgrounds - water park required in Cremorne

Open Space	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvement
	1	Facilities		
	1	Open space		
	1	Open space - identity		
	1	Playground - diversity of equipment for a range of age groups		
	1	Walking		
	1	Water park		
Barkly Gardens 4	1	Access - convenient (on the way)	1	Playground - improvements appreciated
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Toilets - upgrade
	1	Dog walking		
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Playground		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Edinburgh Gardens 4	2	Relaxing	1	Sporting facilities - increase football use
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Park infrastructure - provide additional facilities
	1	Cycle paths	1	Paths - separate cyclist and pedestrian paths
	1	Festivals		
	1	Open space - beauty		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Picnics		
Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne 4	1	Free	2	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Relaxing		
Yarra Bend Park 4	2	Open space - natural character	1	Improvements - none required
	2	Walking	1	Improvements - none required, improvements appreciated
	1	Exercising	1	Paths - maintenance required on dirt tracks
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Open space		
	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
	1	Open space - large space		
Burnley Park 3	1	Picnic facilities - BBQ's	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Children's parties	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Gardens		
	1	Play - children		
	1	Walking		
Gosch's Paddock 3	2	Dog walking	1	Cafe/kiosk facilities - additional required
	2	Walking	1	Dogs - prohibited areas
Collingwood Children's Farm 2	1	Cafe/kiosks	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Farm - animals	1	Open space - additional required in Cremorne
	1	Gardens		
	1	Open space - historic character		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	River setting		
Fawkner Park 2	1	Cycling	1	Cycling Paths - connect Fawkner Park to the Yarra River Trail
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Open space - additional required

Open Space	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvement
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Open space - value natural character
	1	Picnics		
	1	Sport - tennis		
Studley Park 2	1	Dog friendly	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs additional required
	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs	1	Playground - upgrade
	1	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Shelters - provide additional
	1	Walking	1	Toilets - additional required
Albert Park 1	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Open space		
	1	Open space - fresh air		
Darebin Parklands 1	1	Information - flora and fauna		
	1	Information - heritage		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Open space - natural character		
Fairfield Park 1	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Open space - provides cool areas		
	1	River setting		
Golden Square Park 1	1	Fairy Tree	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Picnic facilities - BBQ's		
	1	Playground		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Local concreted open space 1	1	Sport - Roller derby	1	Sporting facilities - provide additional hard surfaced multi use courts
	1	Sport - Roller hockey		
Local Ovals 1	1	Sport - children's football		
Port Melbourne Beach 1	1	Beach		
Princes Park Carlton 1	1	Jogging/running		
Richmond Terrace Park 1	1	Walking - rest stop	1	Improvements - none required
Sandridge Beach 1	1	Dog friendly		
Yarra Park 1	1	Dogs - none	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Informal sport facilities - goal posts		
Yarra River Trail (River St to Bridge Rd) 1	1	Open space - natural character	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Trees		

A2.7.4 Open space not visited

This question was asked to find out what issues currently limit the use of existing open space by respondents. The question included some of the common reasons why people may not use open space. The reasons can apply either to a specific open space or additional broadly to open space in general.

The question has been analysed below in 2 parts:

Part 1 – whether there is open space they would like to visit but are unable to.

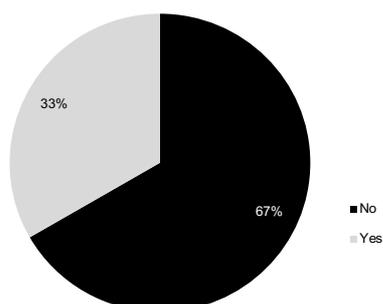
Part 2 – the reasons they are unable to visit open space.

The percentages nominated in Part 1 are a proportion of the total 94 surveys received.

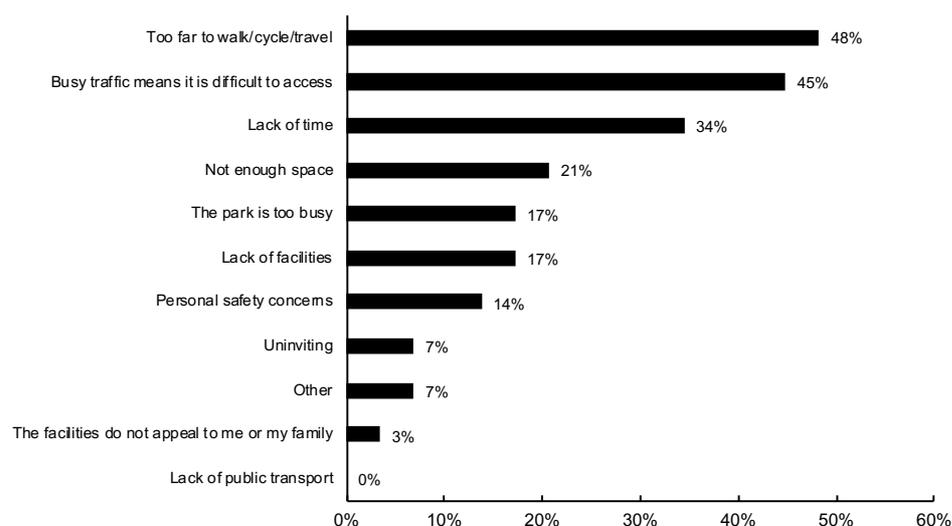
The percentages nominated in Part 2 are a percentage of the 29 respondents who answered yes to the first part of the question.

Part 1 Is there open space you would like to visit but are unable to?

33 per cent of respondents indicated that they would like to visit open space but are unable to. This is 11 per cent higher than the Municipal average, 22 per cent.



Part 2 The reasons why you are unable to visit open space:



The most frequent reason for not visiting open space was due to the distance followed by a lack of access due to major roads. Compared to the Municipal average, 7 per cent more respondents in this precinct noted travel distance to open space as an issue. The traffic as a reason for not visiting open space is 18 per cent higher than the Municipal

average. Time constraints were also higher than the Municipal average of 26 per cent by 8 per cent.

A2.7.5 Types of open space visited and frequency of use

The following table shows the frequency of use of different types of open space in Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley. The percentages are calculated based on the 94 completed surveys. The total percentage column shown on the left hand side of the table is the sum of total use and does not include never and not completed responses. The percentages on the right hand side indicate frequency of use. The percentages in Table A below have been highlighted using shades of colour to assist with interpretation of the results.

	0% to 9%
	10% to 19%
	20% to 29%
	30% to 39%
	40% and over

Table A Types of open spaces used and frequency of use.

Open space along the Yarra River is the most visited open space, followed closely by large parks and gardens, local streets for exercise and small local parks

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly	Monthly	1-2 times a year	Never	NC
88%	Large parks and gardens	21%	24%	19%	16%	7%	10%	2%
82%	Large sporting reserves	7%	21%	23%	15%	15%	13%	5%
86%	Local streets for exercise	49%	18%	12%	4%	3%	6%	7%
51%	Medium sized parks	2%	4%	6%	16%	22%	38%	11%
49%	Open space along the Merri Creek	1%	2%	1%	6%	38%	34%	17%
89%	Open space along the Yarra River	19%	30%	22%	13%	5%	4%	6%
84%	Small local parks	13%	30%	12%	21%	9%	9%	7%
52%	Urban Squares	0%	9%	9%	11%	24%	29%	19%

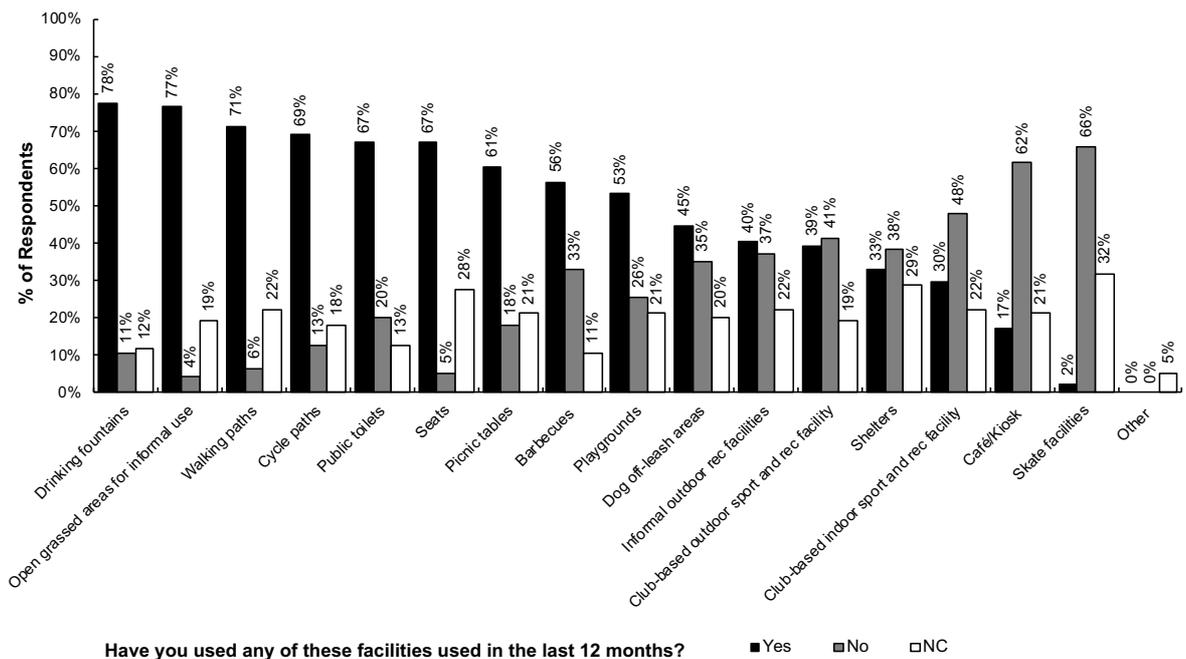
Table B Frequently visited types of open spaces in priority order

On a daily/weekly basis, local streets for exercise are the most popular followed by open space along the Yarra River, and large parks and gardens. This generally reflects the lack of small local parks in Cremorne and the proximity to the Yarra River and Barkley Gardens.

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly
79%	Local streets for exercise	49%	18%	12%
71%	Open space along the Yarra River	19%	30%	22%
65%	Large parks and gardens	21%	24%	19%
54%	Small local parks	13%	30%	12%
52%	Large sporting reserves	7%	21%	23%
17%	Urban Squares	0%	9%	9%
13%	Medium sized parks	2%	4%	6%
4%	Open space along the Merri Creek	1%	2%	1%

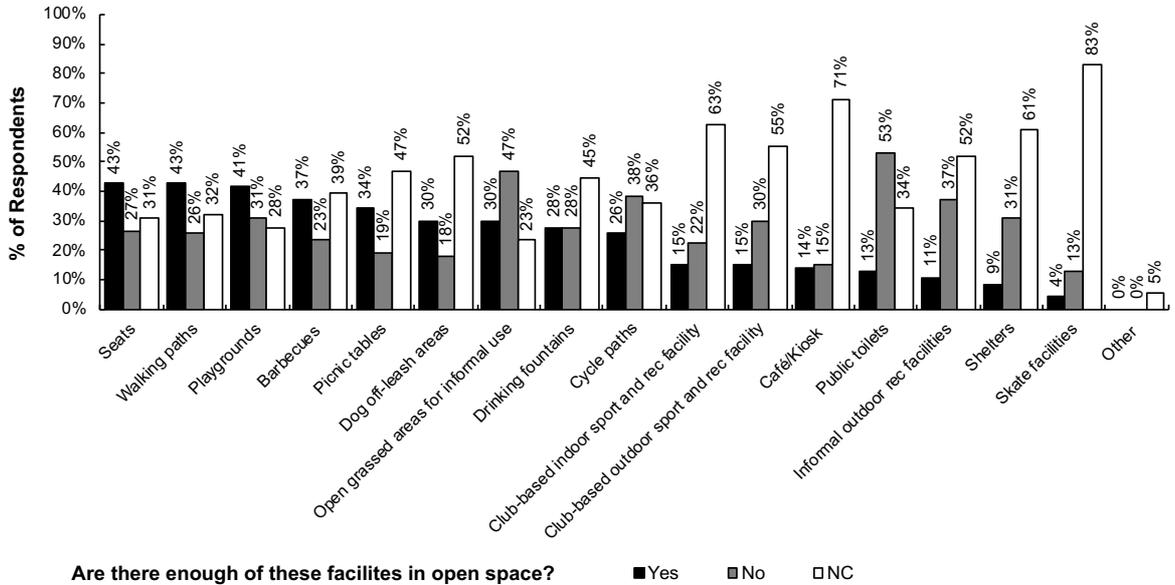
A2.7.6a Use of facilities and features in open space

The following table indicates use of facilities in open space over the last twelve months. The percentages are calculated on the number of returned surveys from Cremorne, Burnley and South Richmond, 94. Respondents indicated that drinking fountains, open grassed areas and walking paths were the most popular facilities used in the last 12 months. Overall, compared to the municipal average, the level of use of many of the facilities is higher in this precinct.



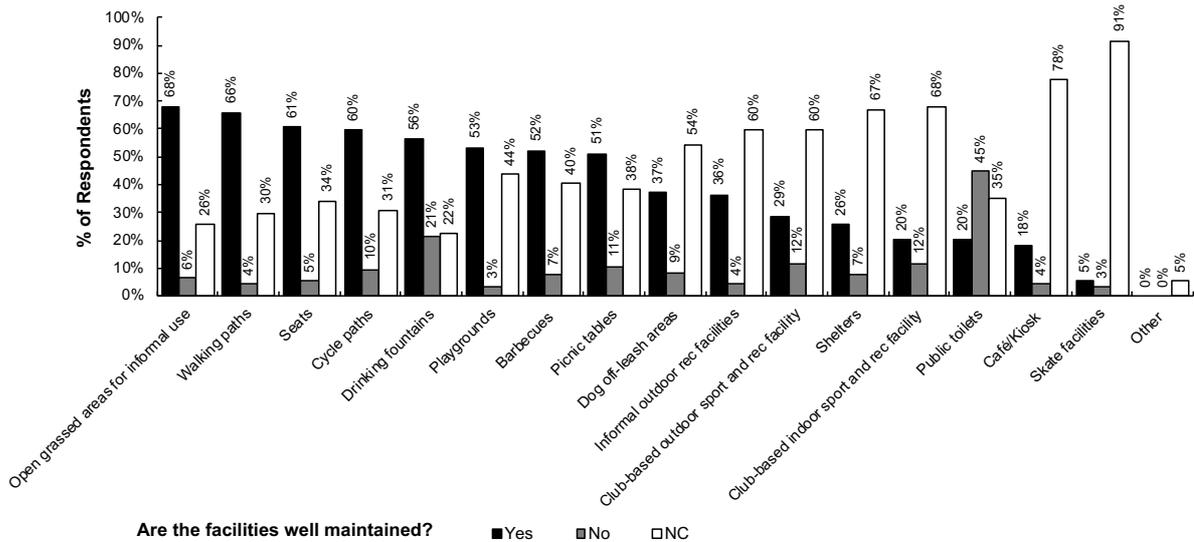
A2.7.6b Provision of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the percentage of respondents that consider the various facilities within open space either are or are not adequately provided for. Percentages are calculated on the total number of Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley surveys received, 94. Compared with the municipal results, there is a greater demand for more facilities and features in open space, particularly open grassed areas, public toilets and informal outdoor recreation facilities.



A2.7.6c Maintenance of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the level of satisfaction with the maintenance of open space facilities. The percentages are calculated on the total number of Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley surveys returned, 94.



A2.7.7 General comments on open space

Respondents were provided a section where they were able to write any additional comments on the open space within the Municipality and their local area. The following is a summary of these comments from returned surveys from Cremorne, Richmond South and Burnley respondents which have been grouped together into topics and assembled in priority order.

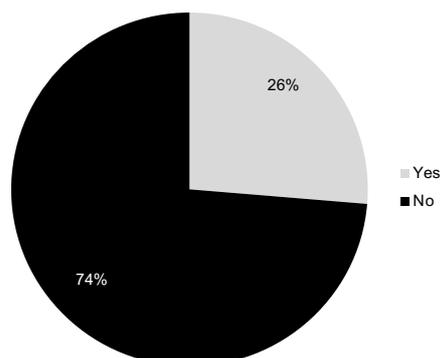
No.	General Comments List
35	Open Space
19	Open space - additional required as density increases
3	Open space - contributes to livability
3	Open space - provide additional multi use spaces
2	Open space - prioritise open space development
1	Open space - appreciate previous improvements
1	Open space - appreciate the choice and variety
1	Open space - beneficial to health and wellbeing
1	Open space - important for birds and wildlife
1	Open space - inappropriate use after hours a concern
1	Open space - additional open spaces with trees required
1	Open space - additional open spaces required for a variety of reasons
1	Open space - additional small open spaces required
13	Maintenance and Management
3	Cyclists - conflicts with pedestrians on shared paths
2	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
1	Bins - empty frequently
1	Dog - off-leash areas, additional required
1	Dog - off-leash personal safety concerns
1	Dogs - prohibit on sporting fields
1	Paths - enforce walking on paths dedicated to pedestrians
1	Rubbish - remove rubbish from open space
1	Shopping trolleys - remove from streets and open space
1	Smoking - prohibit at 64 Balmain Street
10	Recreation Facilities
3	Sporting facilities - provide additional for girls
2	Sporting facilities - provide additional for children
1	Playgrounds - shelter required
1	Sports field - required
1	Sporting facilities - provide additional hard surfaced multi use courts
1	Sporting facilities - provide additional indoor multi use courts
1	Sports facilities - valued
10	Trees and Vegetation
2	Trees - additional street trees required
1	Garden beds - additional required
1	Streetscape - additional green/plants
1	Streetscape - additional green/plants on southern Canterbury Street
1	Trees - do not remove
1	Trees - fruit trees for community engagement
1	Trees - plant additional fruit trees
1	Vegetation - improve maintenance
1	Vertical garden - additional required
9	Park Infrastructure

No.	General Comments List
1	Bins - additional required
1	Drinking Fountains - additional required
1	Interpretation signage - about indigenous culture
1	Interpretation signage - about native vegetation
1	Lighting - additional required
1	Picnic facilities - additional required
1	Picnic facilities - shelters required
1	Signage - instructional and navigational signage for paths required on Yarra Trail
1	Toilets - additional required
9	Other
1	Appreciate the opportunity to comment
1	Council to acquire Ryan's Reserve for protection
1	Footpaths - infrastructure to accommodate growing density on Southern Canterbury St
1	High density developments - should contribute funds for open space developments in immediate vicinity
1	High density developments - to include incidental green into design
1	Improvements - none required, appreciate the opportunity to comment
1	Streets - widen on southern Canterbury Street
1	Traffic - congested
1	Traffic - speeds need to be reduced access and residential streets
6	Access
2	Footpaths - improve amenity in streets to access open space
1	Cycling - improve amenity in streets to access open space
1	Footpaths - provide additional paths connecting to the Royal Botanical Gardens "Tan" and Melbourne Cricket Ground
1	Links - green cyclist and pedestrian link between Richmond Highschool and Primary
1	Links - improve links so open space is on route
6	Paths
1	Cycle paths - connecting paths required, Coppin Street
1	Cycle paths - additional required on road
1	Cycle paths - need separate paths for cyclists and pedestrians
1	Paths - maintenance required post construction
1	Paths - safer routes required

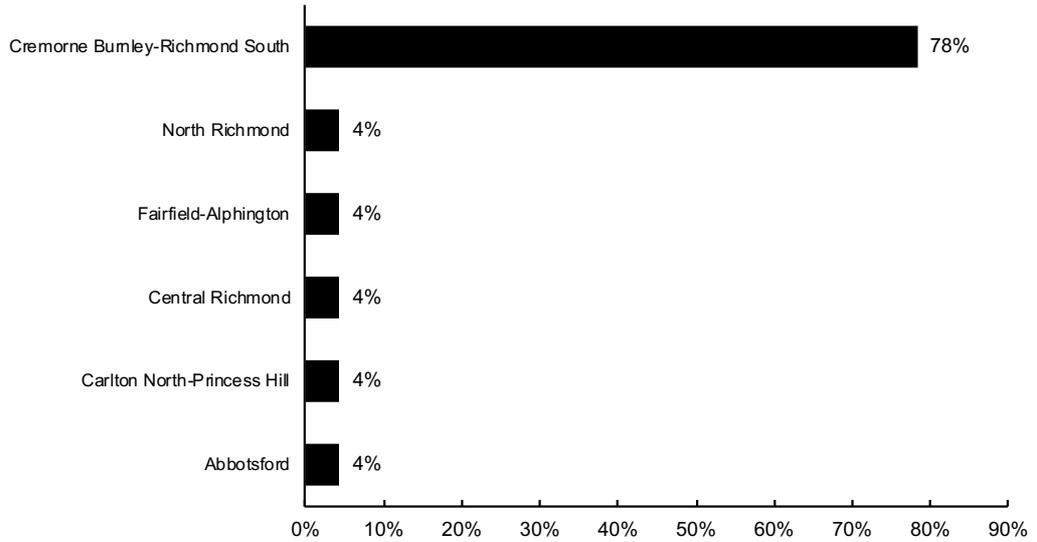
A2.7.8 Work in City of Yarra

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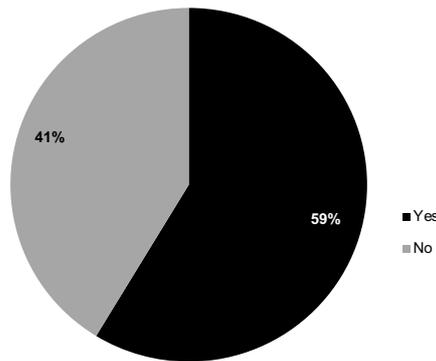
A2.7.8a Respondents that work in the City of Yarra



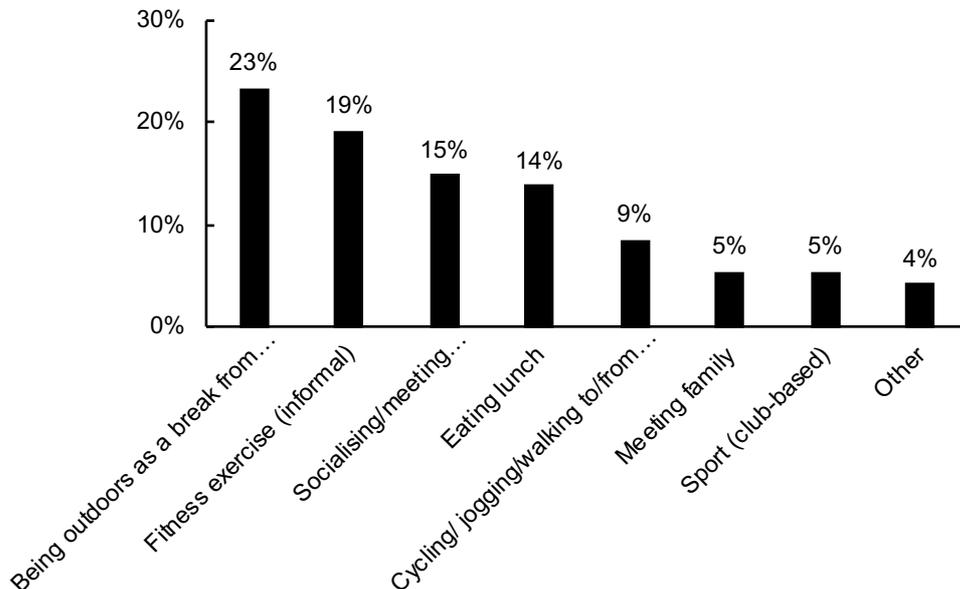
A2.7.8b Where respondents work



A2.7.8c Respondents that visit the open space near their workplace



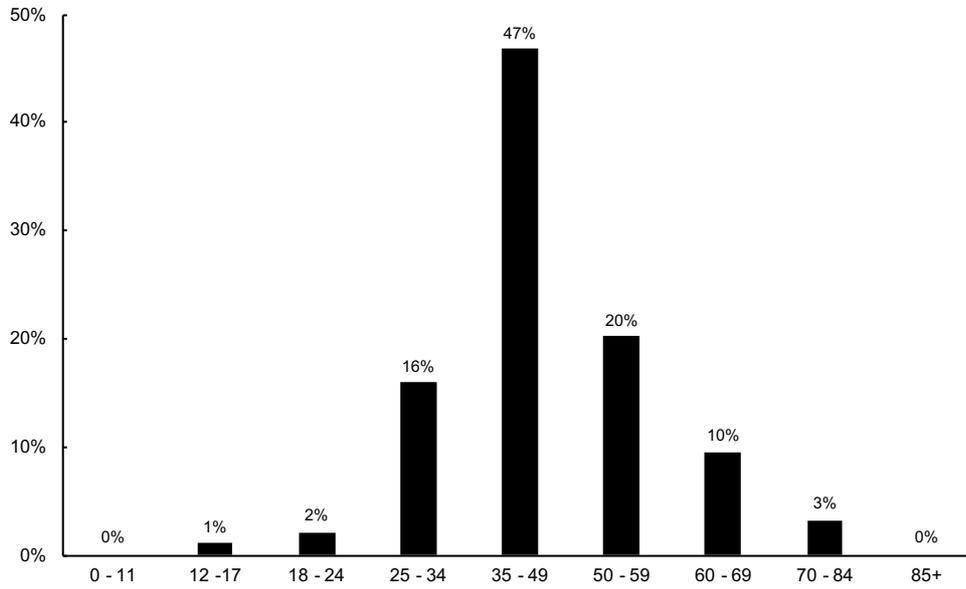
A2.7.8d Reason for visiting open space near work



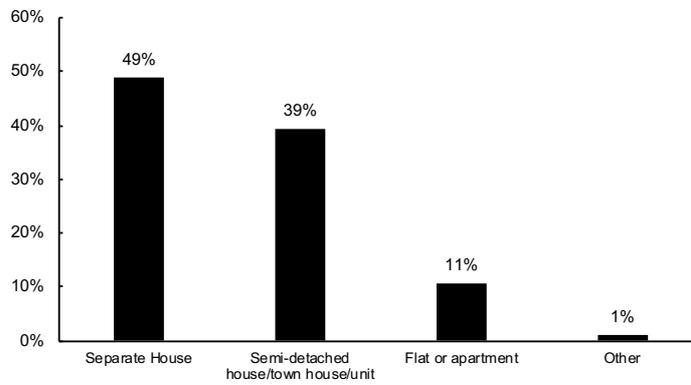
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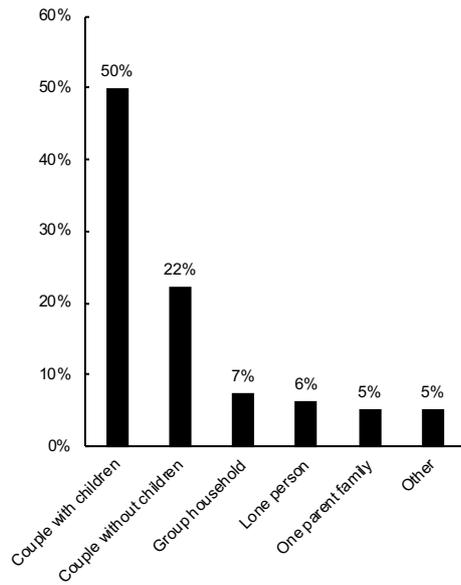
A2.7.9a Age range



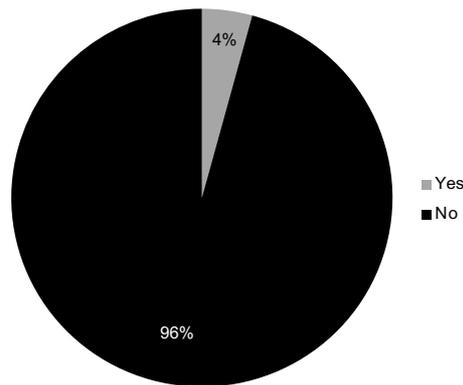
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3.7.9c Household type



3.7.9d Respondents who speak English as a second language



A2.8 Fairfield and Alphington

Summary of the survey outcomes for Fairfield and Alphington

55 respondents indicated they live in Fairfield and Alphington. This represents 4 per cent of total surveys received. The Community Profile figures indicate that 3 per cent of the City of Yarra population lives in Fairfield and Alphington.

Alphington Park is most popular, mainly for dog walking, play and its beauty. Fairfield Park and Coate Park are also popular mainly for dog walking and exercise. Being close to the Yarra River concerns regarding the health of the river is a key issue for them. Informal sporting facilities, particularly with a focus on women's sports and netball are repeatedly cited, as is the desire for more drinking fountains, and for new and diverse playgrounds.

A2.8.1 Values of open space

Respondents were asked to indicate what they valued most about the open spaces in their Municipality and were invited to select any of the twenty-four values listed, with an option to add additional values under the 'other' category.

Percentages are calculated on the basis of the total number of returned surveys for Fairfield and Alphington, 55. The table below illustrates the information, listing the twenty-five values in priority order.

84 per cent of respondents value open space a place to relax and unwind, followed by trees and habitat for native plants and animals. The higher valuing of habitat values and also its natural bushland character reflects the proximity of this precinct to the Yarra River. The other significant difference is the value of open space for meeting people and and friends is much lower than the municipal average. This is likely due to the higher amount of private open space that residents have access to in this precinct.

Value	%
A place to relax and unwind	84%
Trees	82%
Habitat for native plants and animals	78%
An escape from the built environment	71%
Health and well being	64%
Natural bushland character	64%
A place for children to play	62%
The feeling of space	62%
Just being outside	58%
Exercising dogs	56%
Flowers/garden beds	49%
The quiet	49%
Green character	47%
Fitness	45%

Value	%
It's accessible	42%
Cultural heritage values/significance	38%
Historical character	38%
Meeting people/friends	38%
Knowing that it's there	35%
The diversity of open space	31%
Cultural activities and events	29%
Playing casual ball games/activity	25%
Playing team/club based sport	24%
Watching activity	15%
Other	4%

The other category included risk and adventure play for children and collecting edible weeds.

A2.8.2 Open space within walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 55 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.8.2a Most frequently visited open spaces

The following table lists the open spaces visited within walking distance of home.

No.	Open space within walking distance	%
24	Alphington Park	44%
13	Fairfield Park	24%
12	Coate Park	22%
9	Darebin Parklands	16%
9	Yarra Bend Park	16%
7	Alphington Park Wetland	13%
5	Rudder Grange	9%
5	Sparks Reserve	9%
4	Yarra River Corridor	7%
2	Edinburgh Gardens	4%
1	Atherton Reserve	2%
1	Bellbird Picnic Area	2%
1	Darebin Yarra Trail Link	2%
1	Johnson Park	2%
1	Local cycle paths	2%
1	Local golf clubs	2%
1	Merri Creek Shared Trail	2%
1	Oxford Street Park	2%
1	Peel Street Park	2%
1	Raines Reserve	2%

A2.8.2b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements to open space within walking distance in Fairfield and Alphington

The following table lists the reasons why Fairfield and Alphington respondents visit open space within walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. Overall dog walking is the main reason people visit open space, along with watching children play and exercising.

Open Space	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Alphington Park 24	10	Dog walking	3	Playgrounds - upgrade
	5	Access - close to home	2	Improvements - none required
	4	Play - children	2	Informal recreational facilities - netball court required
	3	Open space - beautiful	2	Open space - regular watering required
	3	Relaxing	1	Access - to the river required
	3	Walking	1	Dogs - prohibit dogs
	2	Exercising	1	Dogs - prohibit dogs off-leash
	2	Recreation - family	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	1	Access - to the river	1	Exercise equipment - additional required
	1	Informal ball games/sport	1	Informal recreational facilities - skate park required
	1	Informal sporting facilities - cricket nets	1	Paths - limit the number of paths
	1	Jogging/running	1	Playgrounds - nature play playground required
	1	Open space - diversity of types	1	Playgrounds - water play playgrounds required
	1	Open space - fresh air	1	Sporting facilities - facilities dedicated to women's sport required
	1	Open space - natural character		
1	Vegetation - Indigenous			
1	Wildlife watching			
Fairfield Park 13	4	Dog walking	3	Improvements - none required
	4	Walking	2	Open space - additional bushland required
	3	Exercising	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	3	Play - children	1	Fairfield Boathouse - extend opening hours to include dinner in summer
	2	Access - travel through	1	Landscape design - maintain historic character
	2	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Revegetation - review impact on vistas/views
	2	Play - augmented reality games	1	Streetscape - additional plantings required
	1	Access - close to home	1	Trees - retain exotic/deciduous trees
	1	Café/kiosk facilities		
	1	Canoeing/rowing/kayaking		
	1	Dogs - exercising		
	1	Open space - historical character		
	1	Open space - memory/association		
	1	Outdoors/being outside		
	1	Relaxing		
1	Sport - children's cricket			
Coate Park 12	5	Dog walking	2	Drinking fountains - additional required
	3	Access - close to home	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required

Open Space	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	2	Exercising	1	Exercise equipment - additional required
	2	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Informal recreation facilities - skate park required
	1	Access - travel to school	1	Open grassed areas- improvements required
	1	Birdlife watching - ducks	1	Open space - maintenance required
	1	Informal ball games/sport	1	Paths - improve paths under the Fairfield Railway Bridge
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Paths - improve river paths
	1	Open space - valued	1	Paths - maintenance needed due to tunnel erosion
	1	Outdoors/being outside	1	Residential run-off - filter through wetland
	1	Play - augmented reality games	1	Rubbish - remove from river
	1	Play - children	1	Vegetation - avoid using chemical herbicides
	1	River setting	1	Vegetation - replant and restore river corridor
	1	Walking		
Darebin Parklands 9	4	Dog walking	1	Access - provide safer places to cross major roads for cycle path
	4	Exercising	1	Access - required to path from Alphington
	4	Walking	1	Cycle paths - finish
	1	Jogging/running	1	Sporting facilities - facilities dedicated to women's sport required
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Open space - valued		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Yarra Bend Park 9	3	Open space - beautiful	1	Dogs - drinking facilities, additional required
	2	Dog walking	1	Dogs - prohibit dogs
	1	Access - close to home	1	Dogs - prohibit dogs off-leash
	1	Access - travel through	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Cycle paths	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Dogs - off-lead area		
	1	Exercising		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Open space - uncrowded		
	1	Picnics		
	1	River setting		
	1	Sport - golf		
	1	Vegetation - Indigenous		
	1	Walking		
1	Wildlife watching			
Alphington Park Wetland 7	5	Dog walking	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Exercising	1	Signage - informative, instructional and navigational signage required
	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Open space - fresh air		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Walking		
Rudder Grange 5	2	Dog walking	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	2	Walking	1	Open space - retain natural character
	1	Dog friendly	1	Walk through - reopen

Open Space	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Open space - historical character		
	1	Open space - memory/association		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Open space - small space		
	1	Play - augmented reality games		
	1	River setting		
Sparks Reserve 5	2	Access - close to home	2	Open space - protect the natural character
	2	Walking paths		
Yarra River Corridor 4	2	Walking	1	Paths - additional required
	1	Dog walking	1	Restoration - continue
	1	Recreation - family		
	1	Relaxing		
Edinburgh Gardens 2	1	Dog walking	1	Playgrounds - upgrade
	1	Open space - popular	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Playgrounds		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Atherton Reserve 1	1	Access - close to work	1	Playgrounds - nature play playground required
			1	Playgrounds - water play playgrounds required
Bellbird Picnic Area 1	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Wildlife watching - bats		
Darebin Yarra Trail Link 1	1	Cycling		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Walking paths		
Johnson Park 1	1	Dog walking	1	Improvements - none required
Local cycle paths 1	1	Cycling		
Local golf clubs 1				
Merri Creek Shared Trail 1	1	Cycling	1	River - to be cleaned
	1	Walking		
Oxford Street Park 1	1	Lunch	1	Garden beds - additional required
	1	Relaxing	1	Open grassed areas - improvements required
Peel Street Park 1	1	Lunch	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Outdoors/being outside		
Raines Reserve 1	1	Access - close to work	1	Garden beds - additional required with historical context
			1	Trees - plant more shade trees to reduce heat islands
			1	Vegetation - avoid plants that block views

A2.8.3 Open space beyond walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 55 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.8.3a Most frequently visited open space beyond walking distance

The following table lists the open spaces visited beyond walking distance of home.

No.	Open space visited	%
10	Edinburgh Gardens	18%
3	Abbotsford Convent Arts Precinct	5%
3	Quarries Park	5%
3	Studley Park	5%
3	Yarra Bend Park	5%
2	Fairfield Park	4%
2	Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne	4%
2	Sparks Reserve	4%
1	Alphington Park	2%
1	Bellbird Picnic Area	2%
1	Carlton Gardens	2%
1	Darebin Creek Precinct	2%
1	Darebin Parklands	2%
1	Melbourne Central Shopping Centre	2%
1	Oxford Street Park	2%
1	Ramsden Street Reserve	2%
1	Wilson Reserve	2%
1	Yarra River Corridor	2%

A2.8.3b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements

The following table lists the reasons why Fairfield and Alphington respondents visit open space beyond walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. Edinburgh Gardens is the most frequently visited open space beyond walking distance, for dog walking and also for social events and sport.

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Edinburgh Gardens 10	3	Dog walking	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Playground	1	Dogs - prohibit dogs
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Dogs - prohibit dogs off-leash
	2	Sport - children's cricket	1	Informal recreational facilities - additional basketball court required
	1	Facilities		
	1	Informal recreation facilities - basketball court		
	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Play - children		
1	Trees - beautiful			
Abbotsford Convent Arts Precinct 3	1	Markets	1	Improvements - none required
			1	Landscape design - retain historical character
Quarries Park 3	1	Exercising	1	Playgrounds - adventure play required
	1	Play - children	1	Playgrounds - upgrade

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Playground	1	Playgrounds - water play required
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Studley Park 3	2	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Boathouse		
	1	Open space		
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Walking paths		
Yarra Bend Park 3	1	Cycling	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Exercising	1	Toilets - upgrade existing
	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Sport		
	1	Walking		
	1	Walking paths		
Fairfield Park 2	1	Canoeing/rowing/kayaking	1	Access - improve wheelchair access
	1	Dog friendly	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Walking	1	Toilets - upgrade existing
Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne 2	1	Open space - beautiful	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs		
	1	River setting		
	1	Walking		
Sparks Reserve 2	2	Access - close to home		
	2	Walking		
Alphington Park 1				
Bellbird Picnic Area 1	1	Wildlife watching - flying foxes	1	Improvements - none required
Carlton Gardens 1	1	Relaxing		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Darebin Creek Precinct 1	1	Dog walking	1	Access - additional bridge required at southern end
	1	Exercising		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
Darebin Parklands 1	1	Dog walking		
Melbourne Central Shopping Centre 1	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Oxford Street Park 1	1	Lunch	1	Landscape design - improvement/upgrade needed
Ramsden Street Reserve 1			1	Informal recreational facilities - cricket nets require maintenance
Wilson Reserve 1	1	Dog walking		
	1	Exercising		
Yarra River Corridor 1	1	Exercising	1	Improvements - none required

A2.8.4 Open space not visited

This question was asked to find out what issues currently limit the use of existing open space by respondents. The question included some of the common reasons why people may not use open space. The reasons can apply either to a specific open space or more broadly to open space in general.

The question has been analysed below in 2 parts:

Part 1 – whether there is open space they would like to visit but are unable to.

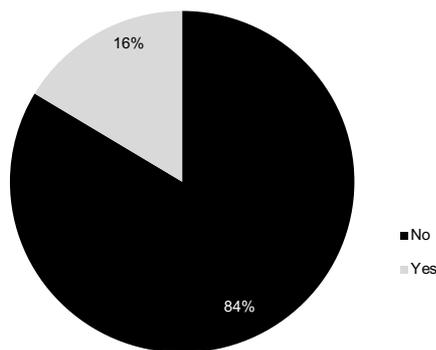
Part 2 – the reasons they are unable to visit open space.

The percentages nominated in Part 1 are a proportion of the total 55 surveys received.

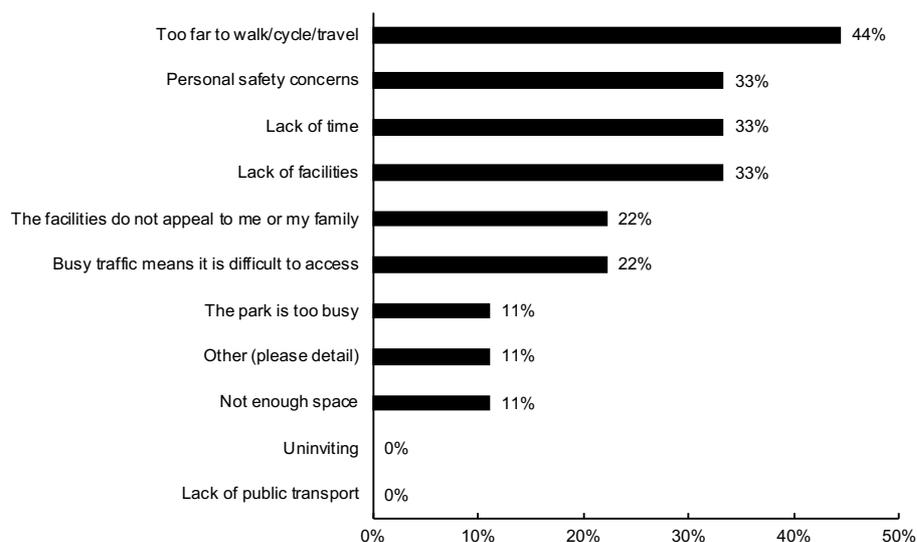
The percentages nominated in Part 2 are a percentage of the 9 respondents who answered yes to the first part of the question.

Part 1 Is there open space you would like to visit but are unable to?

16 per cent of respondents indicated that they would like to visit open space but are unable to. This is lower than the Municipal response, 22 per cent.



Part 2 The reasons why you are unable to visit open space:



The most frequent reason for not visiting open space was due distance, followed equally by personal safety concerns, a lack of time and lack of facilities. Compared to the

Municipal average, 3 per cent more respondents in Fairfield and Alphington considered travel distance to open space as an issue. Personal safety scored 18 per cent higher, followed by lack of facilities at 14 per cent, with lack of time being only 7 per cent more than the Municipal response.

A2.8.5 Types of open space visited and frequency of use

The following table shows the frequency of use of different types of open space in Fairfield and Alphington. The percentages are calculated based on the 55 completed surveys. The total percentage column shown on the left hand side of the table is the sum of total use and does not include never and not completed responses. The percentages on the right hand side indicate frequency of use. The percentages in Table A below have been highlighted using shades of colour to assist with interpretation of the results.

	0% to 9%
	10% to 19%
	20% to 29%
	30% to 39%
	40% and over

Table A Types of open spaces used and frequency of use

Overwhelmingly the open space along the Yarra River is most visited, followed by small local parks, while the large park and gardens are equally used as local streets for exercise.

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly	Monthly	1-2 times a year	Never	NC
84%	Open space along the Merri Creek	15%	18%	13%	29%	9%	16%	0%
98%	Open space along the Yarra River	25%	31%	22%	15%	5%	2%	0%
89%	Large parks and gardens	16%	18%	20%	24%	11%	11%	0%
84%	Large sporting reserves	5%	15%	18%	29%	16%	16%	0%
56%	Medium sized parks	4%	4%	13%	11%	25%	40%	4%
93%	Small local parks	18%	22%	24%	20%	9%	7%	0%
31%	Urban Squares	0%	2%	4%	13%	13%	67%	2%
89%	Local streets for exercise	35%	25%	20%	5%	4%	9%	2%

Table B Frequently visited types of open spaces in priority order

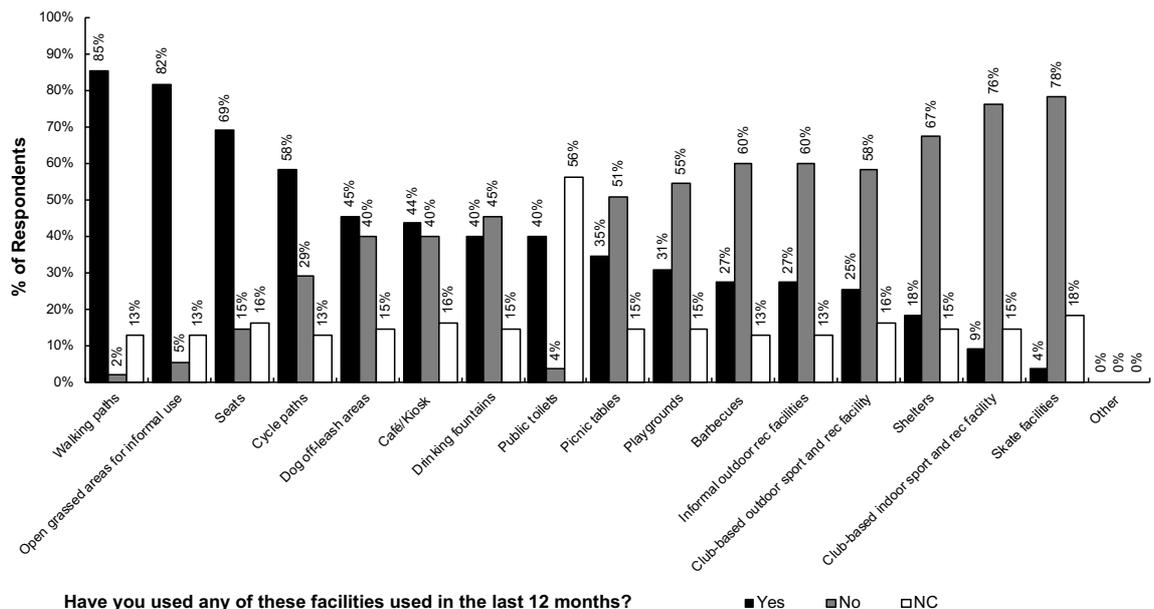
On a daily basis, local streets for exercise are the most popular followed by the open space along the Yarra River. This generally reflects the easy access to the Yarra River in Fairfield and Alphington.

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly
80%	Local streets for exercise	35%	25%	20%
78%	Open space along the Yarra River	25%	31%	22%
64%	Small local parks	18%	22%	24%
55%	Large parks and gardens	16%	18%	20%
45%	Open space along the Merri Creek	15%	18%	13%
38%	Large sporting reserves	5%	15%	18%
20%	Medium sized parks	4%	4%	13%
5%	Urban Squares	0%	2%	4%

A2.8.6 Facilities and features in open space

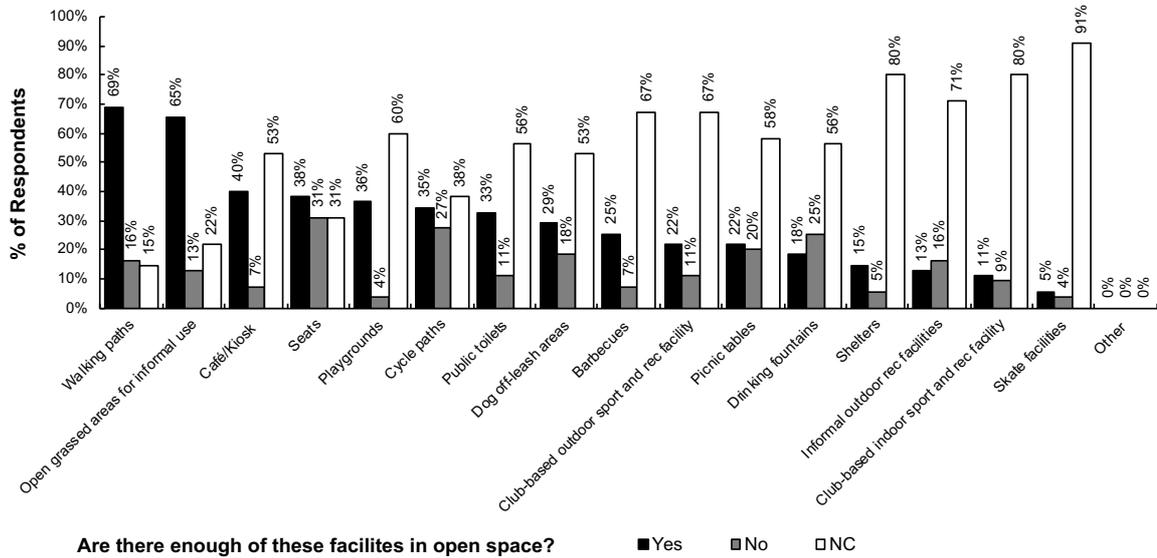
A2.8.6a Use of facilities and features in open space

The following table indicates use of facilities in open space over the last twelve months. The percentages are calculated on the number of returned surveys from Fairfield and Alphington, 55. Respondents indicated that walking paths, open grassed areas and seats were the most popular facilities used in the last 12 months, all slightly higher than the Municipal average.



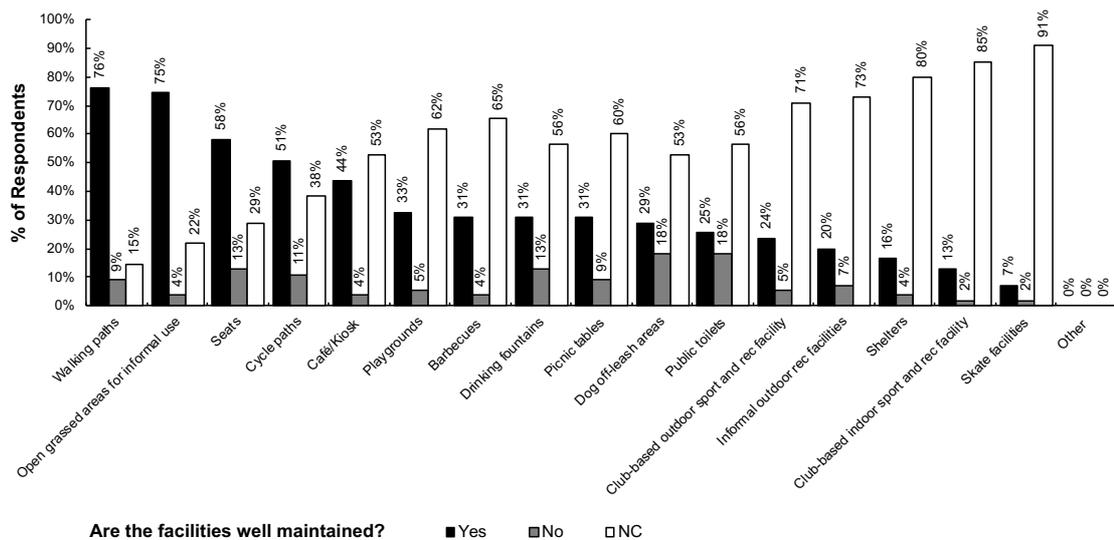
A2.8.6b Provision of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the percentage of respondents that consider the various facilities within open space either are or are not adequately provided for. Percentages are calculated on the total number of Fairfield and Alphington surveys received, 55. Coupled with the municipal average, respondents are more satisfied with the provision of facilities except for seats, where there is a higher number of people identifying there aren't enough seats.



A2.8.6c Maintenance of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the level of satisfaction with the maintenance of open space facilities. The percentages are calculated on the total number of Fairfield and Alphington surveys returned, 55.



A2.8.7 General comments on open space

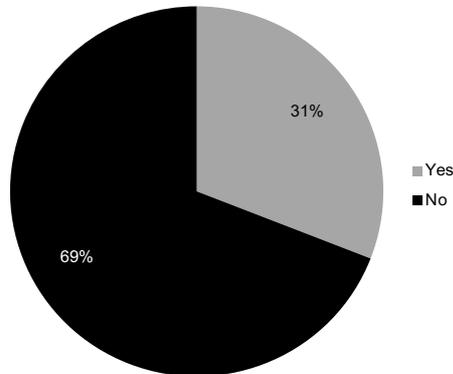
Respondents were provided a section where they were able to write any additional comments on the open space within the Municipality and their local area. The following is a summary of these comments from returned surveys from Fairfield and Alphington respondents which have been grouped together into topics and assembled in priority order.

No.	General Comments List
23	Open Space
6	Open space - valued
4	Open space - keep/retain what there is
2	Improvements - improvements made in Studley Park and Fairfield Park have made areas inaccessible
2	Open space - additional required
1	Improvements - none required
1	Open space - additional required as density increases
1	Open space - additional required as private gardens are smaller
1	Open space - additional smaller spaces required as density increases
1	Open space - contributes to liveability
1	Open space - important to combat global warming
1	River - maintain a green riparian zone
1	River - preserve banks from erosion
1	Urban ecosystem - required
8	Recreation Facilities
2	Exercise equipment - additional required
2	Playgrounds - additional nature play parks required
2	Sporting facilities - netball courts required
1	Informal recreation facilities - skate park required
1	Sporting facilities - netball courts with lights required
1	Sporting facilities - provide more for females
7	Other
1	Developments - concerns about impact on suburb's quality
1	Developments - do not allow over three stories in height
1	Glennville development - keep proposed development back from the river
1	Overall strategy - Council is doing a good job
1	Papermill - poorly planned
1	Street lighting - additional required in Como Street
1	Street lighting - maintenance required
6	Maintenance and Management
1	Community group - create group for community clean up
1	Dogs - fenced in off-leash areas required
1	Drones - flying space required
1	Graffiti - removal required
1	Maintenance - valued
1	Rubbish - remove litter in open space
2	Paths
1	Cycle paths - connecting paths required on Queens Parade in Clifton Hill
1	Streets - safety an issue
1	Park Infrastructure
1	Carpark - additional required at local school

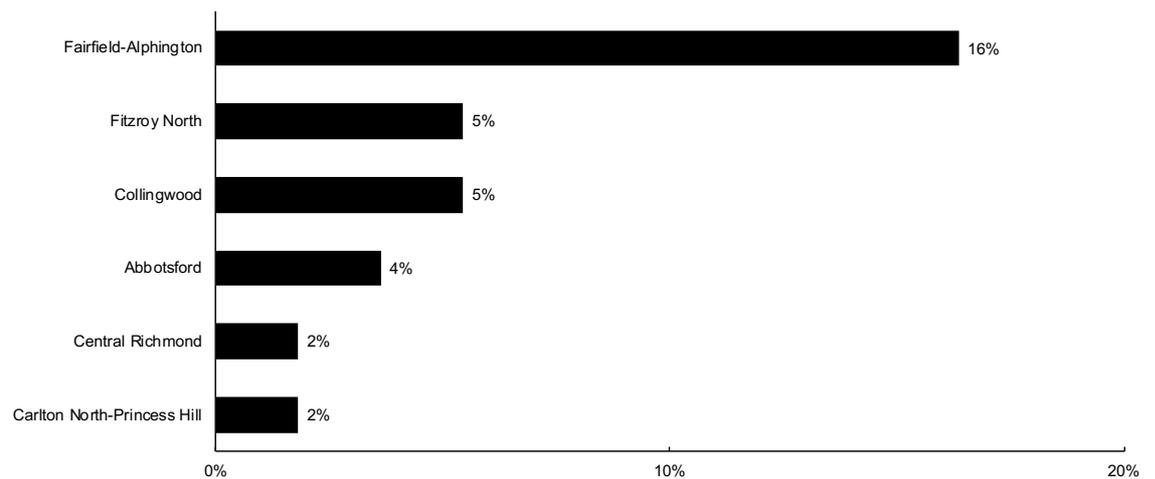
A2.8.8 Work in City of Yarra

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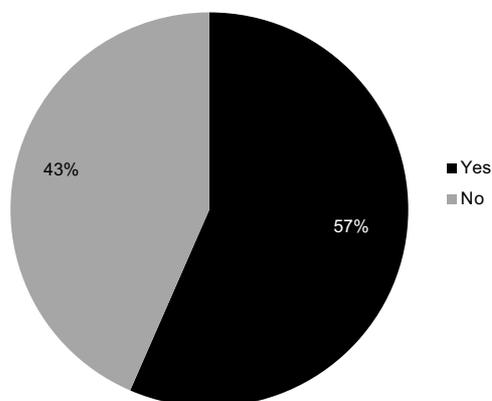
A2.8.8a Respondents that work in the City of Yarra



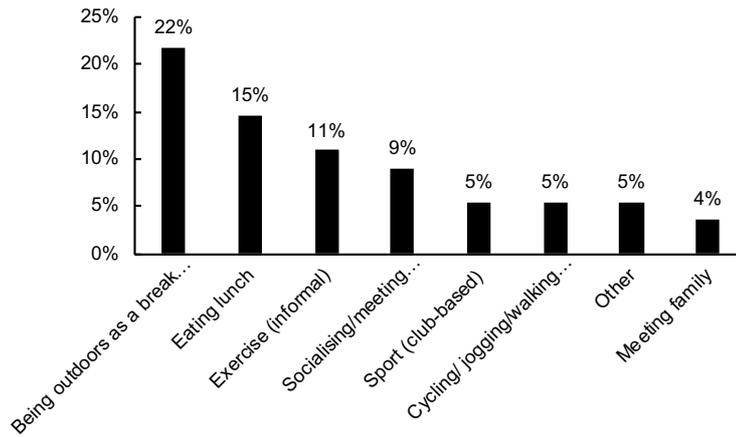
A2.8.8b Where respondents work



A2.8.8c Respondents that visit the open space near their workplace



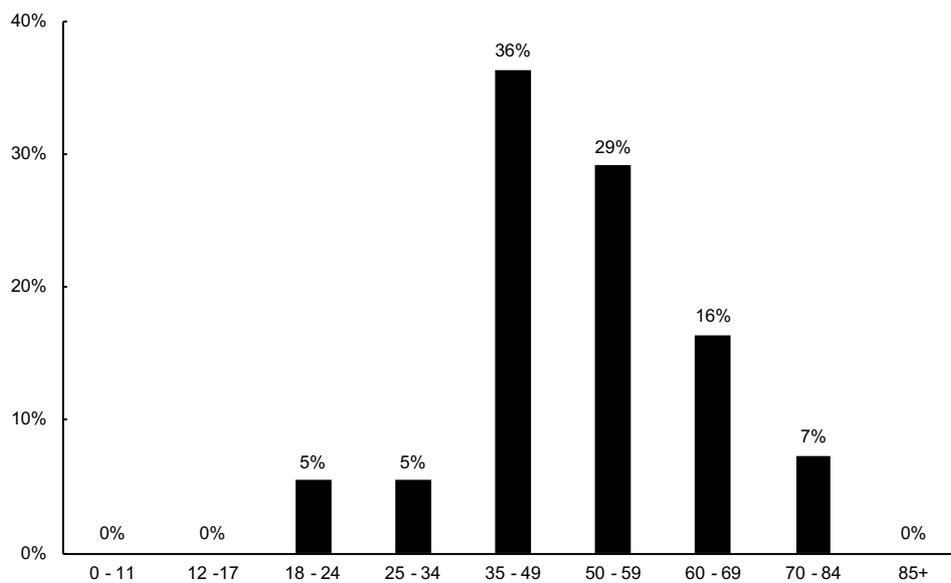
A2.8.85 Reason for visiting open space near work



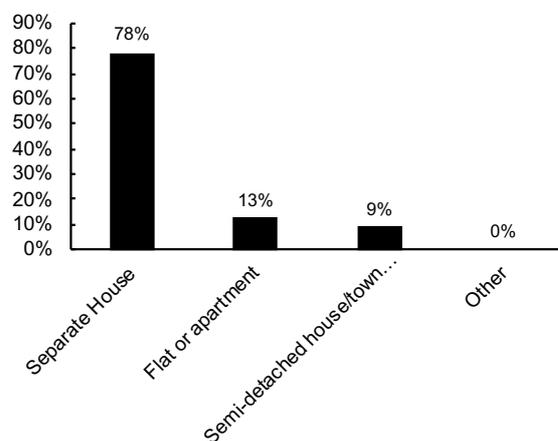
A2.8.9 Information about respondents

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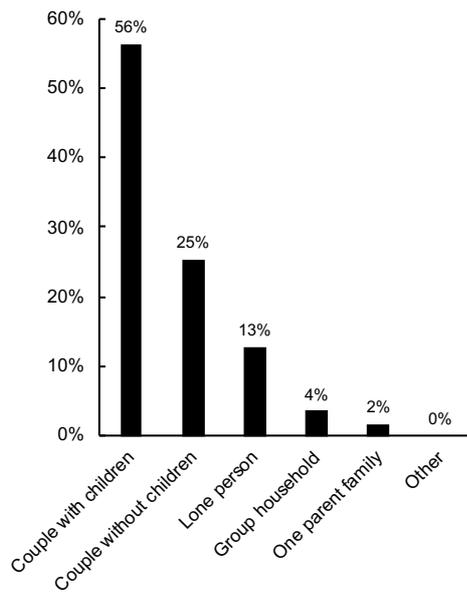
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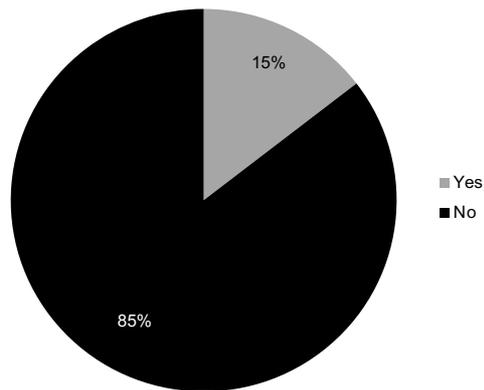
A2.8.9b Dwelling type



A2.8.9c Household type



A2.8.9d Respondents who speak English as a second language



A2.9 Fitzroy

Summary of the survey outcomes for Fitzroy

121 respondents indicated they live in Fitzroy. This represents 10 per cent of total surveys received. The Community Profile figures indicate that 12 per cent of the City of Yarra population lives in Fitzroy.

Respondents in Fitzroy value the access they have to the small and large open space reserves within and adjoining their precinct. Edinburgh Gardens is the most popular open space for dog walking, meeting friends, walking and relaxing followed by Carlton Gardens mainly for travelling through and relaxing. Trees were often mentioned in their role in climate health with street trees as a focus. There were requests for additional open space as the density in Fitzroy increases. Organised sport was not a focus of responses with most exercise taking place in the form of jogging and cycling, and there were many requests for fenced off-leash areas for dogs.

A2.9.1 Values of open space

Respondents were asked to indicate what they valued most about the open spaces in their Municipality and were invited to select any of the twenty-four values listed, with an option to add additional values under the 'other' category.

Percentages are calculated on the basis of the total number of returned surveys for Fitzroy, 121. The table below illustrates the information, listing the twenty-five values in priority order.

76 per cent of respondents consider the opportunity to relax and unwind followed by trees and that it is accessible as the top three most valued features of open space. Valuing the accessibility of open space is much higher for Fitzroy than the municipal average, along with flowers and garden beds and the quiet.

Value	%
A place to relax and unwind	76%
Trees	76%
It's accessible	54%
Just being outside	53%
The feeling of space	53%
A place for children to play	52%
Health and well being	52%
An escape from the built environment	51%
Flowers/garden beds	50%
Meeting people/friends	47%
Green character	46%
The quiet	45%
Exercising dogs	43%
Habitat for native plants and animals	43%
Fitness	41%
Knowing that it's there	32%
Natural bushland character	29%

Value	%
Cultural heritage values/significance	26%
The diversity of open space	24%
Historical character	21%
Cultural activities and events	18%
Watching activity	15%
Playing casual ball games/activity	12%
Playing team/club based sport	9%
Other	2%

The other category included the grassed areas as well as that open spaces are there for everyone.

A2.9.2 Open space within walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 121 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.9.2a Most frequently visited open spaces

The following table lists the open spaces visited within walking distance of home.

No.	Open space within walking distance	%
67	Edinburgh Gardens	55%
47	Carlton Gardens	39%
24	Smith Reserve	20%
16	Condell Street Reserve	13%
14	Atherton Reserve	12%
14	Fitzroy Gardens	12%
6	Garryowen Park	5%
5	King William Reserve	4%
3	Princes Park	2%
3	Whitlam Place	2%
3	Yarra Bend Park	2%
2	Frank King Park	2%
2	Murchinson Square	2%
2	Oxford Street Park	2%
2	Peel Street Park	2%
2	Treasury Gardens	2%
1	All Nations Park	1%
1	Capital City Trail	1%
1	Curtain Square	1%
1	Darling Gardens	1%
1	Merri Creek Trail	1%
1	Nature Play at Royal Park	1%
1	None within walking distance	1%
1	Park Street Reserve	1%
1	Royal Melbourne Botanical Gardens	1%
1	Victoria Park	1%
1	Yarra River Corridor	1%

A2.9.2b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements to open space within walking distance in Fitzroy

The following table lists the reasons why Fitzroy respondents visit open space within walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. Overall the results indicate that Edinburgh Gardens is the most popular open space for dog walking and meeting people, along with a diversity of other uses. Carlton Gardens, though also used for recreational purposes, is used primarily to travel through on route to other places. In contrast, Smith Reserve and Condell Street Reserve are used mainly because they are nearby and for play.

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Edinburgh Gardens 67	13	Dog walking	7	Improvements - none required
	13	Social - meeting people/friends	3	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	11	Relaxing	2	Dogs - drinking facilities required
	10	Walking	2	Exercise equipment - additional required
	8	Open space - large space	2	Open space - valued
	7	Dog friendly	2	Playgrounds - shade required
	7	Picnics	2	Seating - additional required
	7	Playground	1	Bike racks - additional required
	5	Access - close to home	1	Bins - additional required
	5	Play - children	1	Dogs - agility area required
	4	Exercising	1	Drinking fountains - upgrade
	4	Open space - green place	1	Fencing - additional required along bike lane
	3	Access - convenient (on the way)	1	Heritage - acknowledgement of LGBTQ history
	3	Jogging/running	1	Music - reduce noise
	3	Open space - popular	1	Open auditorium - required
	3	Open space - provides cool areas	1	Open space - additional required as density increases
	3	Trees	1	Open space - overcrowded
	2	Cycling - through	1	Paths - additional unsealed paths required
	2	Diverse range of activities	1	Paths - running track's surface needs improvements
	2	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Public art - additional required
	2	Informal ball games/sport	1	Security - additional required near grand stands
	2	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Security - decrease hours on alcohol ban
	2	Social - consuming alcohol	1	Security - prohibit alcohol
	2	Social - sense of community	1	Shelters - additional required
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Signage - improve dog regulation signs
	1	Facilities	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Open space	1	Toilets - maintenance required
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Toilets - upgrade existing
	1	Open space - beautiful	1	Trees - additional required
	1	Open space - diversity of types	1	Water - additional fountains required
	1	Open space - layout	1	Water - council to support water sensitive urban design
1	Open space - peaceful			
1	Open space - shade			
1	Outdoors/being outside			
1	Paths			

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Reading		
	1	Recreation		
	1	Sitting		
	1	Sport - children		
	1	Trees - large		
Carlton Gardens 47	8	Access - travel through	6	Improvements - none required
	7	Relaxing	3	Dogs - off-leash areas required
	6	Access - close to home	2	Cycle paths - improve
	5	Dog walking	2	Shared paths - separate cyclists and pedestrian paths
	4	Jogging/running	1	Access - provide safer places to cross major roads
	4	Walking	1	Cultural events - additional required
	3	Exercising	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	3	Open space - green place	1	Dogs - off-leash areas required beside tennis courts
	3	Play - children	1	Lighting - additional required
	3	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Playgrounds - additional required
	2	Access - convenient (on the way)	1	Seating - additional required
	2	Access - easy to access	1	Seating - benches that face grassed areas
	2	Informal ball games/sport	1	Shelters - additional required
	2	Outdoors/being outside	1	Signage - museum sign too bright
	1	Access - close to museum	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Birdlife watching - ducks	1	Toilets - upgrade existing
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Vegetation - more native/indigenous planting required
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Walking paths - remove cyclist ban
	1	Health and well-being		
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
	1	Open space - fresh air		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Open space - well maintained		
	1	Playgrounds		
1	Recreation			
1	Social - sense of community			
1	Trees			
1	Wildlife watching - possums			
Smith Reserve 24	8	Access - close to home		
	8	Playground	3	Open grassed areas - improvements/maintenance required
	5	Dog walking	3	Seating - additional required
	3	Social - meeting people/friends	3	Traffic - noise intrusive
	2	Access - close to pool	3	Trees - additional required
	2	Dogs - exercising	2	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	2	Social - sense of community	2	Lighting - additional required
	1	Access - convenient (on the way)	2	Playground - upgrade/expand
	1	Access - easy to access	2	Playgrounds - shade required
	1	Access - travel through	2	Shade - additional required

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Dog friendly	1	Air - improve quality
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Informal ball games/sport	1	Bins - empty frequently
	1	Open space	1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	1	Open space - green place	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
			1	Exercise equipment - additional required
			1	Improvements - none required
			1	Open space - additional required
			1	Open space - improve design and layout
			1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
			1	Playground - regular maintenance and cleaning required
			1	Rubbish - regular litter removal required including enforcement
			1	Security - improve surveillance
		1	Vegetation - hedge required	
Condell Street Reserve 16	6	Playground	5	Playground - upgrade
	5	Access - close to home	3	Bins - empty frequently
	5	Play - children	3	Playground - shade required
	2	Outdoors/being outside	2	Seating - additional required
	2	Picnics	2	Shade - additional required
	2	Seating	2	Trees - additional required
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Bins - recycling bins to be installed
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Fencing - additional required
	1	Open space - grassed areas	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Reading	1	Vegetation - additional required
	1	Sitting		
1	Trees - beautiful			
Atherton Reserve 14	3	Dog walking	3	Playgrounds - additional required
	2	Access - close to home	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	2	Dogs - exercising	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
	2	Play - children	1	Dogs - prohibit off-leash
	1	Access - close to work	1	Dogs - prohibit on sporting field
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Jogging/running	1	Rubbish - regular litter removal required
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Open space - green place	1	Seating - move near bins
	1	Outdoors/being outside	1	Vegetation - additional required
	1	Paths - safe for children		
	1	Playground		
	1	Reading		
1	Relaxing			
Fitzroy Gardens 14	6	Walking	1	Improvements - none required
	3	Access - travel through	1	Open space - valued
	1	Access - easy to access	1	Paths - additional required
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Playgrounds - additional required

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Exercising	1	Playgrounds - maintenance required
	1	Jogging/running	1	Seating - shelter required
	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Vegetation - additional native/indigenous planting required
	1	Picnics		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Trees - beautiful		
	1	Trees - large		
	1	Trees - shade		
Garryowen Park 6	2	Access - close to home	1	Drinking fountains - maintenance required
	2	Play - children	1	Improvements - none required
	2	Play - children	1	Lighting - additional required
	1	Dog friendly	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Open space	1	Open grassed area - maintenance required
	1	Open space - grassed areas	1	Open space - improve design and layout
	1	Open space - green place	1	Rubbish - regular removal required
	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Outdoors/being outside	1	Security - prohibit alcohol
	1	Playground		
	1	Sitting		
King William Reserve 5	4	Playground	2	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	2	Play - children	1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
			1	Drinking fountains - maintenance required
			1	Homelessness - action required
			1	Improvements - none required
			1	Rubbish - regular removal required
			1	Shade - additional required
			1	Trees - additional required
Princes Park 3	2	Jogging/running	1	Paths - improve running track's surface
	1	Exercising		
Whitlam Place 3	2	Relaxing	2	Open space - improve design and layout
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Lunch	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Reading	1	Seating - additional required
			1	Shade - additional required
Yarra Bend Park 3	2	Dog walking	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Dog friendly		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Walking		
Frank King Park 2	2	Access - close to home	2	Dogs - prohibit
Murchinson Square 2	1	Dog walking	2	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
	1	Exercising		

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Oxford Street Park 2	1	Access - close to home	2	Shade - additional required
	1	Lunch		
	1	Vegetation - diversity		
Peel Street Park 2	1	Lunch	1	Paths - improve
	1	Relaxing	1	Public art - additional required
			1	Trees - additional required
Treasury Gardens 2	1	Access - travel through		
	1	Walking		
All Nations Park 1	1	Dog walking	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
Capital City Trail 1	1	Access - travel through	1	Lighting - additional required
Curtain Square 1	1	Dog walking		
Darling Gardens 1	1	Access - convenient (on the way)	1	High density developments - limit developments
	1	Dog walking		
	1	Walking		
Merri Creek Shared Trail 1	1	Cycling	1	Rubbish - regular litter removal required
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Vegetation - re-vegetation required
Nature Play at Royal Park 1	1	Play - children	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
			1	Shelters - additional required
None within walking distance 1			1	Open space - additional required near Kerr Street
Park Street Reserve 1	1	Cycling		
	1	Dog friendly		
Royal Melbourne Botanical Gardens 1	1	Exercising		
	1	Gardens		
	1	Walking		
Victoria Park 1	1	Exercising	1	Bike racks - additional required
Yarra River Corridor 1	1	Exercising	1	High density developments - limit developments
	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Rubbish - regular litter removal required
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		

A2.9.3 Open space beyond walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 121 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.9.3a Most frequently visited open space beyond walking distance

The following table lists the open spaces visited beyond walking distance of home.

No.	Open space visited	%
13	Edinburgh Gardens	11%
7	Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne	6%
6	Darling Gardens	5%
6	Yarra Bend Park	5%
5	Merri Creek Precinct	4%
5	Yarra River Corridor	4%
4	Abbotsford Convent Art Centre	3%
4	Princes Park	3%
3	Carlton Gardens	2%
2	Curtain Square	2%
2	Fitzroy Gardens	2%
2	Frank King Park	2%
2	Victoria Park	2%
1	Atherton Reserve	1%
1	Barkly Gardens	1%
1	Bass Coast Parks	1%
1	Bellarine Peninsula	1%
1	Bells Beach	1%
1	Collingwood Childrens Farm	1%
1	Collingwood Leisure Centre	1%
1	Darebin Parklands	1%
1	Dights Falls	1%
1	Flagstaff Gardens	1%
1	Great Ocean Road	1%
1	Outside the Study Area	1%
1	Park Street Reserve	1%
1	Quarries Park	1%
1	Royal Park	1%
1	Smith Reserve	1%
1	South Melbourne/Middle Park Beach	1%
1	St. Kilda Adventure Playground	1%
1	State Library of Victoria	1%

A2.9.3b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements

The following table lists the reasons why Fitzroy respondents visit open space beyond walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. The reasons for visiting Edinburgh Gardens are predominantly for social events, and the Royal Botanic Gardens for their ambiance and beauty.

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Edinburgh Gardens 13	4	Social - meeting people/friends	2	Toilets - additional required
	2	Picnic facilities - BBQ's	1	Bins - additional required
	2	Dog friendly	1	Bins - empty frequently
	2	Playgrounds	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Access - travel through	1	Informal recreational facilities - improve skate park
	1	Cycling	1	Shade - additional required along central path
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Vegetation - additional required
	1	Dogs - off-leash area		

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Events/Entertainment		
	1	Exercising		
	1	Informal recreation facilities - skate park		
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Open space - large		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Play		
Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne 7	3	Open space - peaceful	1	Improvements - none required
	2	Relaxing		
	1	Dog walking		
	1	Entertainment/events		
	1	Gardens		
	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Paths - jogging/running		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Trees		
Darling Gardens 6	3	Playgrounds	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Picnics	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Dog walking	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Informal ball games/sports	1	Open space - valued
	1	Open space - grassed areas	1	Security - prohibit alcohol
	1	Open space - layout		
	1	Play - children		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Yarra Bend Park 6	4	Cycling	1	Dogs - agility park required
	2	Dog walking	1	Paths - maintenance required
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Playgrounds - additional required
	1	Dogs - off-leash area		
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Trees		
	1	Walking		
Merri Creek Precinct 5	1	Cycling	1	Access - increase access to the river for canoeing
	1	Dog walking	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Exercising	1	Rubbish - regular removal required
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Rubbish - remove from river
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Walking		
Yarra River Corridor 5	2	Dog walking	1	Boat sheds - additional required for hire
	1	Access - close to work	1	Facilities - additional required
	1	Canoeing	1	Open space - value natural character

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	River setting		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Walking		
Abbotsford Convent Art Centre 4	2	Eating	1	Improvements - none required
	2	Market	1	Open space - value natural character
	1	Culture	1	Open space - valued
	1	Exhibitions		
	1	Farm		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Walking		
Princes Park 3	2	Jogging/running	1	Dogs - increase usability for dogs
	1	Dog friendly		
	1	Paths - jogging/running		
Carlton Gardens 3	1	Architecture - beautiful	1	Bike racks - additional required
	1	Diverse range of activities	1	Cafe/kiosk facilities - additional required
	1	Open space - grassed area		
	1	Open space - layout		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Trees - beautiful		
Curtain Square 2	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash area	1	Dogs - additional fenced off-leash areas required
	1	Dog walking		
Fitzroy Gardens 2	1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Dogs - increase usability for dogs
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Trees - additional tall trees required
	1	Relaxing	1	Vegetation - more native/indigenous planting required
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Frank King Park 2	1	Open space - fresh air		
	1	Relaxing		
Victoria Park 2	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash area		
	1	Recreation		
Atherton Reserve 1	1	Open space - heritage	1	Sporting oval - improve
	1	Open space - peaceful		
Barkly Gardens 1	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs	1	Bins - empty frequently
	1	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Playgrounds - additional required
	1	Social - sense of community		
Bass Coast Parks 1	1	Recreation		
Bellarine Peninsula 1	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
Bells Beach 1	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Water - clean		
Collingwood Childrens Farm 1	1	Cycling	1	Toilets - upgrade existing
	1	Education - children		
	1	Open space - green space		
	1	Open space - natural character		
Collingwood Leisure Centre 1	1	Swimming - lessons		
	1	Sport - tennis		
	1	Dog walking		

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Darebin Parklands 1	1	Open space - natural character		
Dights Falls 1	1	Open space - natural character	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Walking		
Flagstaff Gardens 1	1	Access - close to work		
Great Ocean Road 1	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Access - improvements required
Outside the Municipality 1	1	Open space - views		
Park Street Reserve 1	1	Exercising		
	1	People watching		
Quarries Park 1	1	Play - children	1	Improvements - none required
Royal Park 1	1	Dog walking	1	Improvements - none required
			1	Open space - value diversity
Smith Reserve 1	1	Access - close to pool	1	Vegetation - hedge required
	1	Exercising		
South Melbourne/Middle Park Beach 1	1	Diverse range of activities		
St. Kilda Adventure Playground 1	1	Playgrounds		
State Library of Victoria 1	1	Protests	1	Shade - additional required

A2.9.4 Open space not visited

This question was asked to find out what issues currently limit the use of existing open space by respondents. The question included some of the common reasons why people may not use open space. The reasons can apply either to a specific open space or more broadly to open space in general.

The question has been analysed below in 2 parts:

Part 1 – whether there is open space they would like to visit but are unable to.

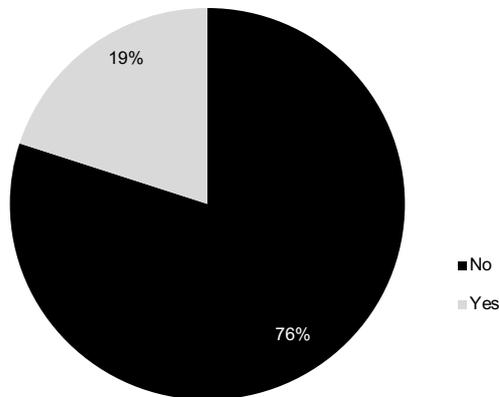
Part 2 – the reasons they are unable to visit open space.

The percentages nominated in Part 1 are a proportion of the total 121 surveys received.

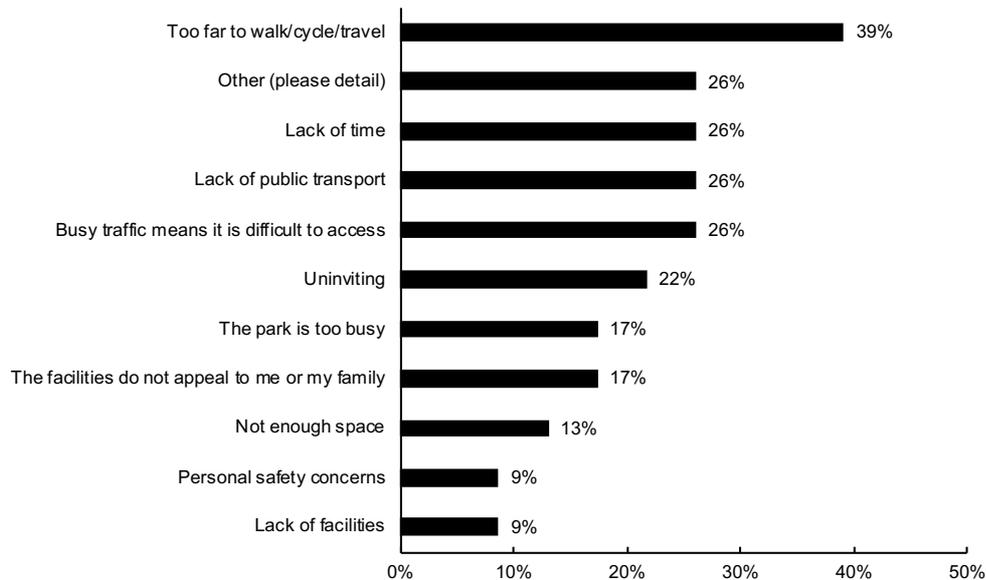
The percentages nominated in Part 2 are a percentage of the 23 respondents who answered yes to the first part of the question.

Part 1 Is there open space you would like to visit but are unable to?

19 per cent of respondents indicated that they would like to visit open space but are unable to. This is slightly lower than the Municipal average, 22 per cent.



Part 2 The reasons why you are unable to visit open space:



The most frequent reason for not visiting open space was due to distance, followed equally by lack of time, lack of transport, busy traffic and a variety of other reasons such as they found it an unpleasant space, unwelcoming for dogs, difficult to find access points (in the case of the Yarra River) or lacking exercise equipment.

A2.9.5 Types of open space visited and frequency of use

The following table shows the frequency of use of different types of open space in Fitzroy. The percentages are calculated based on the 121 completed surveys. The total percentage column shown on the left hand side of the table is the sum of total use and does not include never and not completed responses. The percentages on the right hand side indicate frequency of use. The percentages in Table A below have been highlighted using shades of colour to assist with interpretation of the results.

	0% to 9%
	10% to 19%
	20% to 29%
	30% to 39%
	40% and over

Table A Types of open spaces used.

Large parks and gardens were the most visited open space, followed by small local parks, open space along the Yarra River and medium sized parks.

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly	Monthly	1-2 times a year	Never	NC
70%	Open space along the Merri Creek	1%	2%	4%	27%	36%	27%	2%
83%	Open space along the Yarra River	2%	2%	12%	26%	41%	16%	2%
98%	Large parks and gardens	18%	26%	20%	26%	7%	1%	2%
75%	Large sporting reserves	4%	5%	12%	21%	32%	22%	2%
82%	Medium sized parks	7%	12%	11%	28%	25%	17%	2%
92%	Small local parks	23%	22%	20%	18%	8%	5%	3%
54%	Urban Squares	5%	12%	11%	17%	10%	42%	4%
74%	Local streets for exercise	37%	21%	12%	2%	2%	22%	3%

Table B Frequently visited types of open spaces in priority order

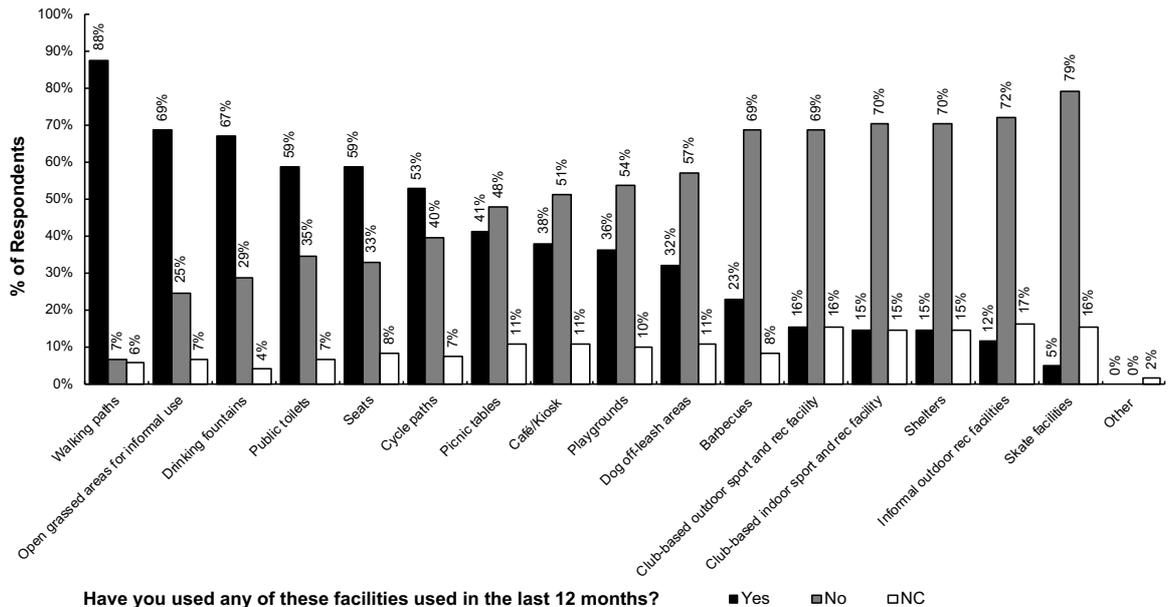
On a frequent basis, local streets for exercise are the most popular followed by small local parks and the third being large parks and gardens. This reflects the open space network given that the small parks and large gardens are the most easily accessible, whereas it is further to travel to reach the Yarra River and Merri Creek.

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly
69%	Local streets for exercise	37%	21%	12%
65%	Small local parks	23%	22%	20%
64%	Large parks and gardens	18%	26%	20%
29%	Medium sized parks	7%	12%	11%
27%	Urban Squares	5%	12%	11%
21%	Large sporting reserves	4%	5%	12%
16%	Open space along the Yarra River	2%	2%	12%
7%	Open space along the Merri Creek	1%	2%	4%

A2.9.6 Facilities and features in open space

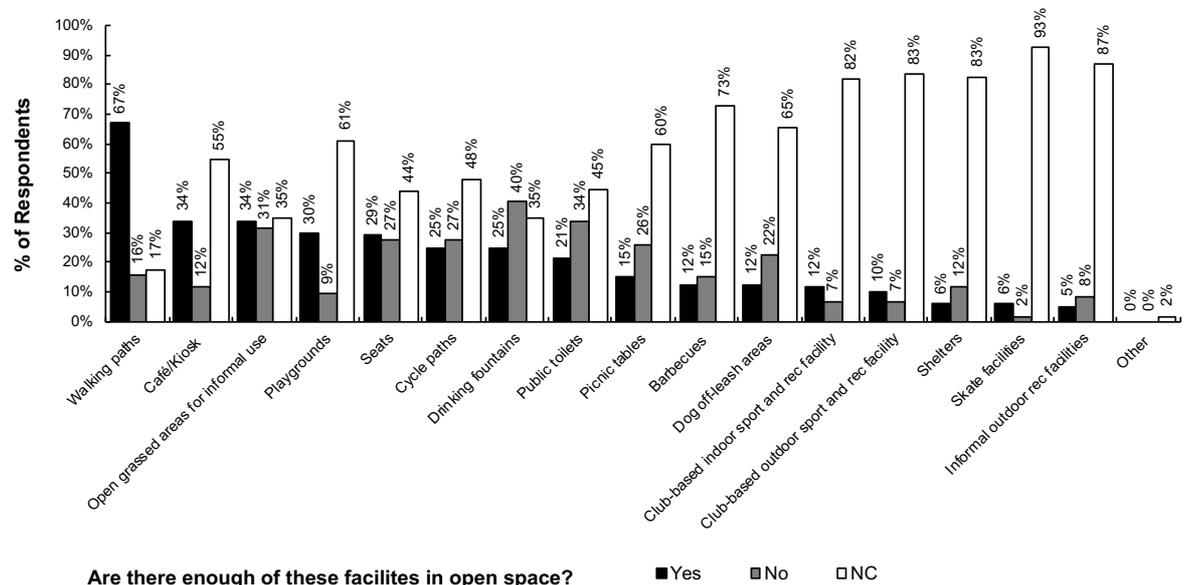
3.9.6a Use of facilities and features in open space

The following table indicates use of facilities in open space over the last twelve months. The percentages are calculated on the number of returned surveys from Fitzroy, 121. Respondents indicated that walking paths, open grassed areas and drinking fountains were the most popular facilities used in the last 12 months. Open grassed areas being 6 per cent lower than the Municipal average, and walking paths slightly higher.



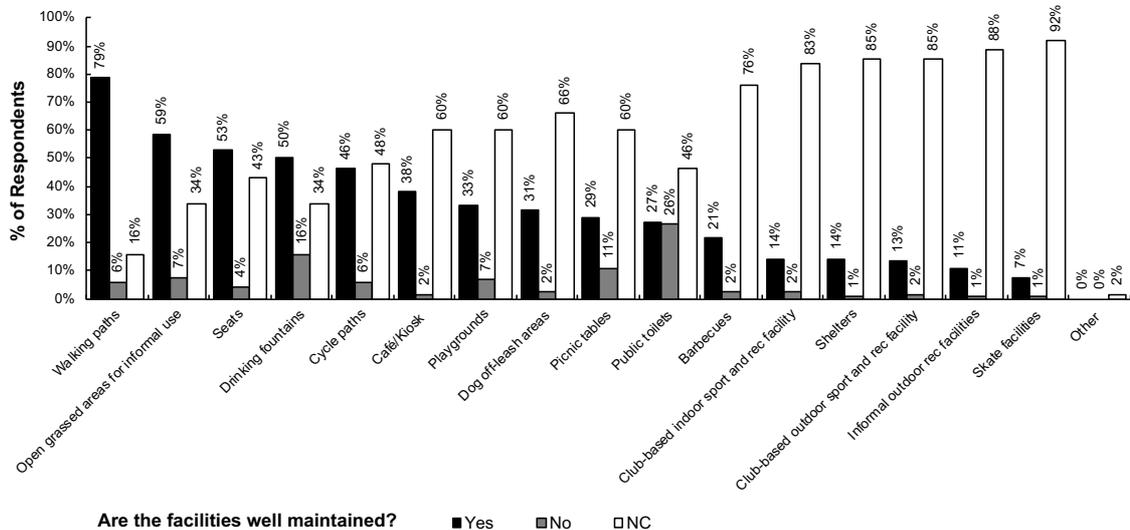
3.9.6b Provision of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the percentage of respondents that consider the various facilities within open space either are or are not adequately provided for. Percentages are calculated on the total number of Fitzroy surveys received, 121. Compared to the municipal average, more people identify there are not enough open grassed areas and drinking fountains.



A2.9.6c Maintenance of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the level of satisfaction with the maintenance of open space facilities. The percentages are calculated on the total number of Fitzroy surveys returned, 121.



A2.9.7 General comments on open space

Respondents were provided a section where they were able to write any additional comments on the open space within the Municipality and their local area. The following is a summary of these comments from returned surveys from Fitzroy respondents which have been grouped together into topics and assembled in priority order.

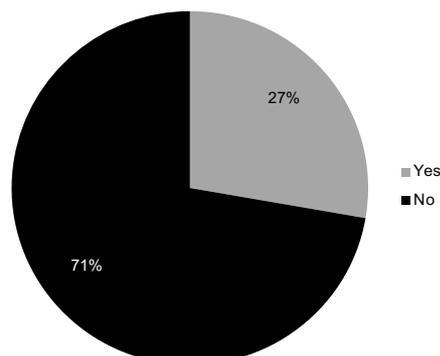
No.	General Comments List
22	Open Space
6	Open space - additional required
5	Open space - additional required as density increases
2	Open space - ensure they are well maintained
2	Open space - important for relaxation
1	Open space - beneficial to health and wellbeing
1	Open space - important to combat global warming
1	Open space - improve design and layout to include more trees
1	Open space - improve maintenance
1	Open space - valued
1	Shade - additional required
1	Traffic - noise intrusive
10	Maintenance and Management
2	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
2	Rubbish - remove litter in open space
1	Alcohol - remove prohibitions
1	Bins - empty frequently
1	Dogs - enforce regulations
1	Graffiti - removal required
1	Rubbish - enforce fines for littering
1	Weeds - do not use chemical herbicides
10	Trees and Vegetation

No.	General Comments List
2	Trees - plant more street trees
1	Rooftop gardens - encourage/advise residents/businesses to create green roofs
1	Streetscape - more green/plants
1	Trees - additional required to combat climate change
1	Trees - important for shade
1	Trees - important for wildlife
1	Trees - value on streets
1	Vegetation - encourage/advise residents/businesses on greenscaping to reduce heat island effects
1	Vegetation - increase diversity
8	Other
1	Bins - remove business bins from streets
1	Events - organise more community events
1	Festivals - more required
1	Public art - encourage participatory public art works
1	Shopping strips - improve design
1	Signage - informative, instructional and navigational signage required for bicycle crossing points
1	Survey - improve
1	Traffic - slow traffic on back streets
5	Park Infrastructure
1	Bike racks - additional required
1	Bins - additional required
1	Playgrounds - additional required
1	Signage - on LGBTQT histories
1	Toilets - improve maintenance
3	Recreation Facilities
2	Playgrounds - increase diversity of equipment for a range of age groups
1	Playgrounds - shade required
1	Paths
1	Paths - improve surfaces for running
1	Sustainability
1	Climate change - plan for climate change

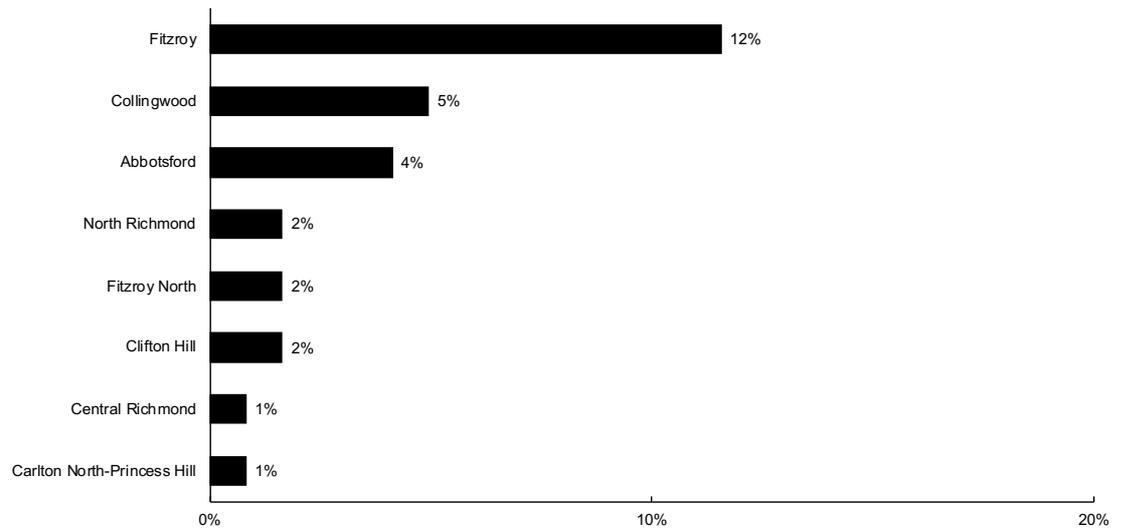
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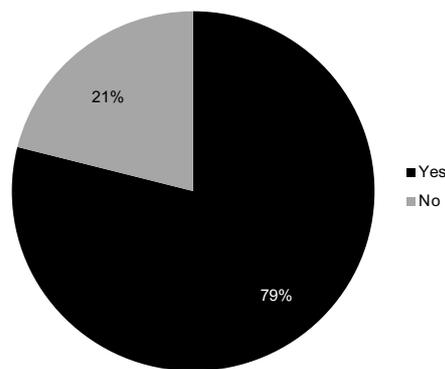
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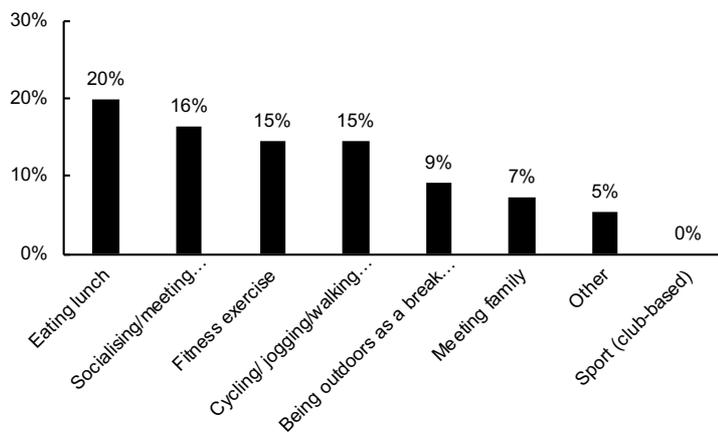
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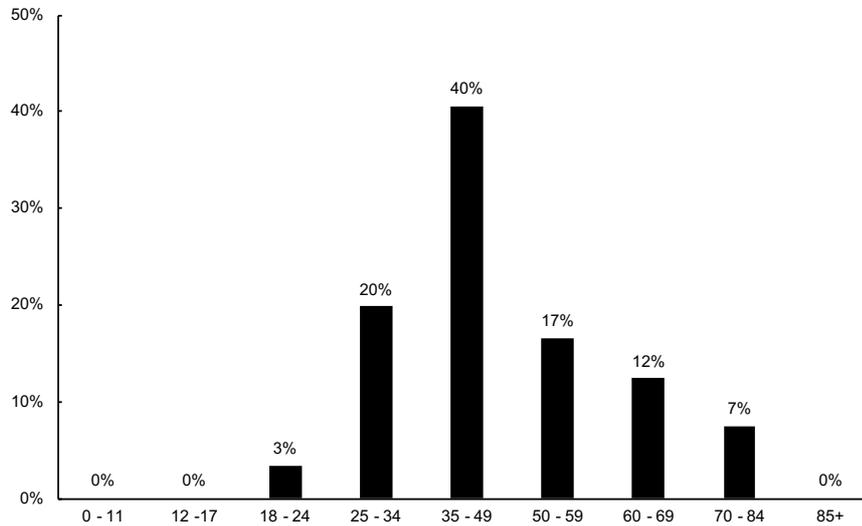
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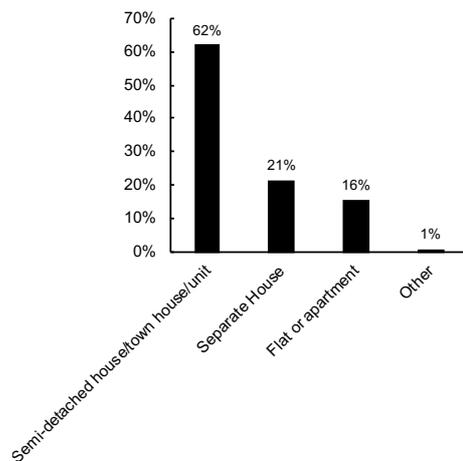
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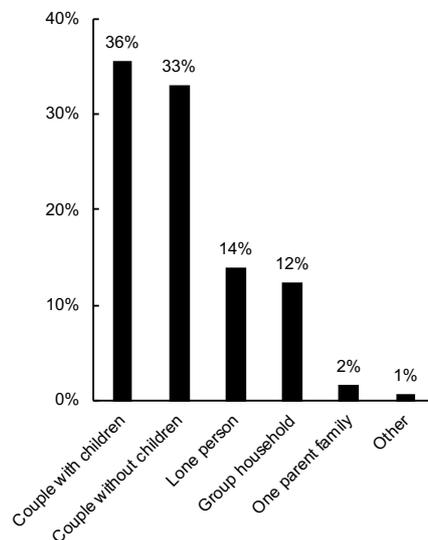
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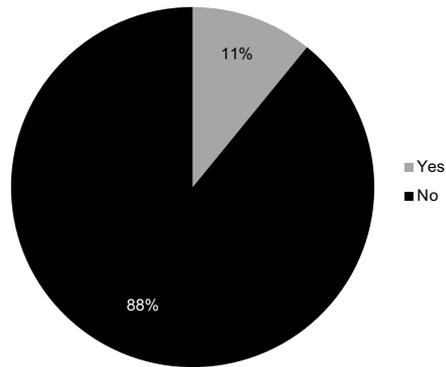
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A2.9.9c Household type



A2.9.9d Respondents who speak English as a second language



A2.10 Fitzroy North

Summary of the survey outcomes for Fitzroy North

170 respondents indicated they live in Fitzroy North. This represents 13 per cent of total surveys received. The Community Profile figures indicate that 13 per cent of the City of Yarra population lives in Fitzroy North.

Fitzroy North includes Edinburgh Gardens, which is the most popular open space in the City of Yarra. The respondents of Fitzroy North greatly appreciate open space and overwhelmingly visit it primarily for dog walking, exercise, play and meeting friends. There is concern about increasing density of development and the negative impacts on open space, and that more open space needs to be provided to meet the populations needs. While they appreciated Edinburgh Gardens there are many concerns about the level of use, inappropriate behaviour in the gardens and the ongoing maintenance to manage the high levels of use. This includes the need for more responsibility to be taken by dog owners. Clear designation of dog off-leash areas with fencing were suggested, also the need to separate children and dogs from speeding cyclists. Open space being uninviting was one of the top reasons respondents of Fitzroy North did not visit open space with personal safety in third place which was explained in part by comments in the other category as being related to the conflicts between dogs and other park users.

A2.10.1 Values of open space

Respondents were asked to indicate what they valued most about the open spaces in their Municipality and were invited to select any of the twenty-four values listed, with an option to add additional values under the 'other' category.

Percentages are calculated on the basis of the total number of returned surveys for Fitzroy North, 170. The table below illustrates the information, listing the twenty-five values in priority order.

The ranking of the top three values trees, a place to relax and unwind and the feeling of space are the same as the municipal average. Residents in Fitzroy North have valued meeting people and friends and exercising dogs higher than the municipal average.

Value	%
Trees	90%
A place to relax and unwind	82%
The feeling of space	77%
An escape from the built environment	71%
Just being outside	69%
Meeting people/friends	60%
Exercising dogs	56%
Habitat for native plants and animals	56%
Health and well being	56%
It's accessible	51%
A place for children to play	48%

Value	%
Green character	48%
Flowers/garden beds	44%
Fitness	44%
The quiet	42%
Natural bushland character	41%
The diversity of open space	36%
Cultural heritage values/significance	34%
Historical character	33%
Knowing that it's there	31%
Cultural activities and events	26%
Playing casual ball games/activity	25%
Watching activity	24%
Playing team/club based sport	23%
Other	8%

The other category included the reduction of the heat island effect, safety, freedom from cyclists, cycling, places to look into the distance for eye sight health, the cleanliness and facilities provided, as well as the diversity of people, sense of community and the chance to socially drink alcohol with friends outside.

A2.10.2 Open space within walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 170 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.10.2a Most frequently visited open spaces

The following table lists the open spaces visited within walking distance of home.

No.	Open space within walking distance	%
157	Edinburgh Gardens	92%
18	Darling Gardens	11%
17	Curtain Square	10%
17	Park Street Reserve	10%
16	Merri Creek Precinct	9%
10	Princes Park	6%
9	Holden Byrne Reserve	5%
9	Rushall Reserve	5%
8	Mark Street Linear Park	5%
8	Merri Creek Shared Trail	5%
5	Yarra Bend Park	3%
4	Peel Street Park	2%
4	Thomas Kidney Reserve	2%
3	Fairfield Park	2%
2	Cambridge Street Reserve	1%
2	Community Gardens	1%
2	Janet Millman Reserve	1%
2	Smith Reserve	1%
1	Campbell Reserve	1%

No.	Open space within walking distance	%
1	Capital City Trail	1%
1	Carlton Gardens	1%
1	Collingwood College	1%
1	Department of Housing Harmsworth Street	1%
1	Dights Falls	1%
1	Hardy Gallagher Reserve	1%
1	Langdon Reserve	1%
1	Local cycle paths	1%
1	Local dog park	1%
1	None within walking distance	1%
1	Ottery Reserve	1%
1	Peel Street Park	1%
1	Phillips Reserve	1%
1	Quarries Park	1%
1	Triangle Park	1%

A2.10.2b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements to open space within walking distance in Fitzroy North

The following table lists the reasons why Fitzroy North respondents visit open space within walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. Overall the results indicate that Edinburgh Gardens is the most popular open space primarily for dog related activities as well as social events, exercise, informal and formal sport, and children's play. Along with the addition of extra toilets, exercise equipment and bins there are numerous requests for dog control in the park particularly near the cycling paths. Rubbish was also cited as an issue, where regular cleaning and maintenance is required.

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Edinburgh Gardens 157	48	Dog walking	13	Toilets - additional required
	26	Relaxing	9	Improvements - none required
	25	Walking	7	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	24	Social - meeting people/friends	6	Dogs - drinking facilities, additional required
	23	Exercising	6	Exercise equipment - additional required
	20	Picnics	5	Cultural activities - additional required
	15	Play - children	5	Drinking fountains - additional required
	12	Access - close to home	4	Bins - additional required
	12	Playground	4	Cyclists - slow through park
	9	Open space - large space	4	Dogs - off-leash areas, enforcement required
	9	Sport - tennis	4	Open space - valued
	8	Jogging/running	4	Signage - improve dog regulation signs
	7	Diverse range of activities	4	Skate Park - upgrade/extend
	6	Cycling - through	3	Cafe/kiosk facilities - additional required
	6	Dogs - exercising	3	Cycle paths - separate cycle paths from dog off-leash areas
	5	Informal ball games/sport	3	Dogs - reduce off-leash areas
	6	Open space - ambience, beauty	3	Emely Baker Centre - replace with trees/gardens
6	Open space - beautiful	3	Improvements - valued	
6	Open space - valued	3	Shared paths - separate cyclist and pedestrian paths	

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	5	Open space - green place	3	Trees - maintain/protect mature trees including elm trees
	5	Open space - peaceful	2	Cyclists - prohibit in the gardens
	5	Open space - popular	2	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	4	Dog friendly	2	Entertainment/Events - additional required
	4	Open space - fresh air	2	Improvements - none required
	3	Access - travel through	2	Informal sporting facilities - additional multi use courts required
	3	Health and well-being	2	Lighting - additional required
	3	Open space - diversity of types	2	Picnic facilities - remove from dog off-leash areas
	3	Open space - escape from the built environment	2	Playgrounds - upgrade northern playground
	3	Picnic facilities - BBQ's	2	Public art - additional required with Indigenous focus
	3	Reading	2	Rubbish - regular litter removal required
	3	Shade	2	Security - allow alcohol consumption
	3	Social - sense of community	2	Security - enforce littering fines
	3	Sport	2	Sporting facilities - additional courts required
	3	Trees	2	Sporting facilities - upgrade
	2	Dogs - off-leash area	2	Sporting facilities - upgrade tennis club
	2	Open space - identity	2	Trees - additional required
	2	Open space - none at home	2	Trees - additional required in dog off-leash areas
	2	Outdoors/being outside	2	Trees - maintenance required
	2	Play - toddlers	2	Vegetation - additional flowering plants required
	2	Safe	2	Vegetation - more native/indigenous planting required
	2	Social - parties	1	Access - improve access for cycling children
	2	Sport - Fitzroy Tennis Club	1	Access - prioritise pedestrians and cyclists at crossings
	2	Sport - spectating	1	Bins - empty frequently
	2	Sport - spectating football	1	Bins - recycling bins to be installed
	2	Trees - beautiful	1	Birdlife - leave dead trees for parrots
	2	Yoga	1	Car access - prohibit at sporting oval
	1	Access - close to school	1	Community garden - required
	1	Access - close to shops/cafes	1	Cyclists - prohibit on all paths except central path
	1	Access - Inner Circle Rail Trail	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, appreciated
	1	Breakfast	1	Dogs - over use
	1	Dogs - socializing	1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	1	Entertainment/events	1	Dogs - prohibit dogs on sporting fields
	1	Gardens - beautiful	1	Dogs - sandpit required
	1	Open grassed areas	1	Emely Baker - renovate into café/restaurant
	1	Open space	1	Emely Baker Centre - remove/repurpose
	1	Open space - grassed areas	1	Entertainment/events - festivals additional required
	1	Open space - layout	1	Entertainment/events - prohibit in this area
	1	Open space - provides cool areas	1	Entertainment/events - value outdoor cinema
	1	People watching	1	Facilities - additional required
	1	Public art	1	Green waste - place to recycle green waste required
	1	Recreation	1	Informal recreation facilities - upgrade skate park
	1	Recreation - family	1	Lighting - additional required for morning jogging

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Sport - basketball	1	Lighting - required in dog off-leash area
	1	Sport - children's cricket	1	Lighting - upgrade
	1	Sport - children's football	1	Maintenance - valued
	1	Sport - community organised	1	Music - allow respectful levels till 11 p.m.
	1	Sport - Edinburgh Cricket Club	1	Open grassed area - improve
	1	Sport - Fitzroy Junior Football Club	1	Open space - additional required as density increases
	1	Sport - football	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
	1	Sport - skateboarding	1	Open space - value diversity
	1	Sport - slacklining	1	Open space - value proposed changes
	1	Sunshine/Vitamin D	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQ's required
	1	Walking - family	1	Picnic facilities - additional picnic tables required
			1	Picnic facilities - shelter required
			1	Playgrounds - shade required
			1	Playgrounds - upgrade/maintenance required
			1	Public art - additional required
			1	Rubbish - people to take responsibility of their waste
			1	Seating - additional required in shaded areas
			1	Security - enforce noise regulations
			1	Shade - additional required
			1	Shelters - additional required
			1	Slacklining - allow
			1	Sporting facilities - additional required
			1	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require upgrade/maintenance
			1	Sporting facilities - improve fencing in cricket grounds for lost balls
			1	Sporting facilities - paddle tennis court required
			1	Toilets - additional required on southern end
			1	Toilets - extend hours of use
			1	Toilets - maintenance required
			1	Toilets - upgrade existing
			1	Trees - plant additional fruit trees
			1	Trees - plant additional indigenous trees
			1	Trees - replace dying trees
			1	Vegetation - plant additional vegetation that attract bees
			1	Water features - additional required
			1	Wildlife - plant additional native/indigenous vegetation to attract wildlife
Darling Gardens 18	7	Dog walking	2	Improvements - none required
	4	Walking	1	Access - opening hours to be extended
	3	Open space - peaceful	1	Cyclists - prohibit in that area
	2	Relaxing	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Dogs - prohibit
	1	Access - close to public transport	1	Facilities - more required
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Open grassed areas - improvements required
	1	Exercising	1	Open space - valued
	1	Jogging/running	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Shared paths - separate cyclist and pedestrian paths

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Open space - diversity of types	1	Slacklining - allow
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Sporting facilities - disc golf course required
	1	Open space - fresh air	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Open space - green place	1	Traffic - noise intrusive
	1	Open space - large space	1	Trees - remove dead and dangerous ones from open space
	1	Picnics	1	Trees - plant additional indigenous trees
	1	Play - children	1	Vegetation - hedge required
	1	Playground - swings		
	1	Sport - disc golf		
	1	Sport - slacklining		
	1	Trees - beautiful		
Curtain Square 17	5	Playground	2	Trees - additional required
	4	Dog walking	2	Dogs - off-leash areas, maintenance required
	4	Picnics	1	Dogs - improve usability for dogs
	3	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Open grassed area - improve
	2	Access - close to shops/cafes/library	1	Open grassed area - water through summer
	2	Access - convenient (on the way)	1	Plumbing - improve
	2	Dogs - exercising	1	Signage - improve dog regulation signs
	2	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Trees - communicate about replacements
	2	Relaxing	1	Trees - replace trees that are dying
	1	Access - close to home	1	Vegetation - more native/indigenous planting required
	1	Exercising		
	1	Hills		
	1	Informal ball games/sport		
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Open space - small space		
	1	Play		
	1	Play - toddler		
	1	Reading		
1	Sitting			
Park Street Reserve 17	5	Dog walking	3	Bins - additional required
	4	Cycling	3	Drinking fountains - additional required
	4	Walking	2	Access - provide safer places to cross major roads
	3	Access - convenient (on the way)	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Jogging/running	2	Lighting - additional required
	2	Play - children	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	2	Relaxing	1	Paths - separate cyclist and pedestrian paths
	1	Café/Kiosks	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Cycling - through	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Exercising	1	Trees - additional required for shade
	1	Paths - good quality	1	Vegetation - additional required
	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs	1	Vegetation - avoid using chemical herbicides
	1	Playground	1	Vegetation - increase native vegetation
	Merri Creek Corridor 16	5	Walking	2
4		Dog walking	2	Paths - maintenance required
4		Open space - natural character	2	Paths - vegetation maintenance required

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	3	Cycling	2	Vegetation - improve weed control
	3	Exercising	2	Water - water sensitive urban design to improve water quality
	3	Open space - peaceful	1	Cyclists - overcrowding an issue
	2	Access - travel through	1	Cyclists - prohibit in that area
	2	Relaxing	1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	2	River setting	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
	1	Access - provides links to other open spaces	1	Dogs - off-leash, personal safety concerns
	1	Birdlife - watching	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, more required
	1	Dog friendly	1	High density developments - limit developments
	1	CERES Environmental Community Park	1	Open space - enlarge/extend this open space
	1	Health and well-being	1	Paths - City of Moreland to maintain trail
	1	Open space - large space	1	Paths - improve shared paths west of St Georges Road
	1	Open space - valued	1	Paths - surface needs improvements
	1	Paths	1	Paths - widen
	1	Picnics	1	Rubbish - remove from river
			1	Trees - additional required
			1	Vegetation - additional native/indigenous planting required
			1	Vegetation - plant additional flowering plants to attract bees
		1	Wildlife - plant additional native/indigenous vegetation to attract wildlife	
Princes Park 10	6	Exercising	2	Lighting - additional required for morning runs
	2	Dogs - exercising	1	Cycle paths - additional shade along paths to open space required
	2	Jogging/running	1	Improvements - none required
	2	Open space	1	Informal sporting facilities - additional skate park required
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs additional required
	2	Walking	1	Signage - identifying plants/trees
	1	Access - close to home	1	Toilets - maintenance required
	1	Dog friendly	1	Vegetation - plant additional flowering plants
	1	Open space - fresh air		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Paths - running track		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Play - children		
	1	Relaxing		
1	Sport - tennis			
Holden Byrne Reserve 9	4	Access - close to home	1	Bins - additional required
	2	Dog walking	1	Drinking fountains - maintenance required
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Play - children	1	Maintenance - improve
	2	Walking	1	Open space - improve design and layout
	1	Cycling - prohibit	1	Picnic facilities - additional picnic tables required
	1	Dog friendly	1	Playgrounds - fence
	1	Exercising	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Open space - beautiful	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Playground	1	Vegetation - increase native vegetation
	1	Open space - uncrowded	1	Vegetation - re-vegetation required

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Shade		
	1	Trees		
Rushall Reserve 9	4	Dog walking	8	Cycle paths - do not create proposed cycle path
	2	Open space - natural character	1	Access - additional required entry points to path
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Open grassed area - improvements required
	1	Informal ball games/sport	1	Open space - improve design and layout
	1	Access - close to home	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Trees - additional required
	1	Relaxing	1	Vegetation - improve weed control
	1	Safe - from traffic		
	1	Walking		
Mark Street Linear Park 8	3	Walking	2	Access - give cyclists and pedestrians priority at crossings
	2	Cycling - through	2	Trees - additional required
	2	Dog walking	1	Access - provide safer paths for cycling children
	2	Play	1	Garden beds - additional required
	2	Play - children	1	Open grassed area - improvements required
	2	Relaxing		
	1	Cycling		
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Open space - green place		
	1	Playground		
	1	Recreation		
Merri Creek Shared Trail 8	5	Walking	2	River - clean
	2	Cycling	1	Improvements - continue woody weed removal along Merri Creek
	2	Dog walking	1	Improvements - none required
	2	Exercising	1	Open space - valued
	2	Jogging/running	1	Paths - vegetation maintenance required
	1	Dogs - exercising		
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Shade		
	1	Vegetation - diversity		
Peel Street Park 5	3	Access - close to work	3	Seating - improve design
	3	Lunch	3	Shade - additional required
	2	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Open space - improve design and layout
	1	Dog walking	1	Open space - over-crowded
	1	Health and well-being	1	Public art - additional required
	1	Public art - murals	1	Rubbish - regular litter removal required
	1	Relaxing		
Yarra Bend Park 5	2	Open space - natural character	1	Bins - additional required
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Paths - maintenance required
	1	Cycling	1	Vegetation - maintenance required
	1	Dog walking		
	1	Exercising		
	1	Informal ball games/sport		
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Vegetation - Indigenous		

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Walking		
Thomas Kidney Reserve 4	3	Cycling	1	Cyclists - prohibit
	1	Dog walking	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - green place		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Walking		
Fairfield Park 3	3	Sport - soccer	1	Carpark - additional required
	1	Dog walking	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Informal ball games/sport		
Cambridge Street Reserve 2	1	Lunch	1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
Community Gardens 2	1	Gardening	1	Community gardens - additional required on streets
	1	Gardening - learning to grow plants		
	1	Vegetation - diversity		
Janet Millman Reserve 2	1	Dog walking	1	Dogs - move dog amenities into off- leash area
	1	Open space - natural character	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Vegetation - additional required between bike path and Railway Street
	1	Walking		
Smith Reserve 2	2	Playground	1	Improvements - none required
			1	Playgrounds - increase diversity of equipment for a range of age groups
Campbell Reserve 2	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	1	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
Capital City Trail 1	1	Walking	1	Shared paths - separate cyclist and pedestrian paths
Carlton Gardens 1	1	Health and well-being	1	Cyclists - continue prohibition of cyclists
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
	1	Trees		
Collingwood College 1	1	Children's school	1	Carpark - additional required
			1	Open space - improve design and layout
			1	Sporting oval - improve turf
			1	Traffic - pollution intrusive
Department of Housing Harmsworth Street 1	1	Playground	1	Open space - improve design and layout
			1	Playgrounds - upgrade
Dights Falls 1	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Paths - walking paths		
	1	Relaxing		
Hardy Gallagher Reserve 1	1	Access - close to work	1	Informal sporting facilities - upgrade bocce courts
			1	North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House - upgrade
Langdon Reserve 1	1	Play - children	1	Dogs - prohibit
Local cycle paths 1	1	Cycling	1	Underpass - maintenance required at Rushall
	1	Jogging/running		

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Walking		
Local dog park 1	1	Dog friendly	1	Open space - enlarge/extend this open space
None within walking distance 1				
Ottery Reserve 1	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Dogs - improve usability for dogs
Phillips Reserve 1	1	Sport - disc golf	1	Sporting facilities - disc golf course required
Quarries Park 1	1	Sport - skateboarding	1	Shelters - additional required
Triangle Park 1	1	Open space	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
	1	Sitting		

A2.10.3 Open space beyond walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 170 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.10.3a Most frequently visited open space beyond walking distance

The following table lists the open spaces visited beyond walking distance of home.

No.	Open space visited	%
24	Yarra Bend Park	14%
10	Edinburgh Gardens	6%
9	Yarra River Corridor	5%
8	Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne	5%
7	Carlton Gardens	4%
7	Fitzroy Gardens	4%
7	Merri Creek Precinct	4%
7	Princes Park	4%
5	Merri Creek Shared Trail	3%
5	Quarries Park	3%
4	Collingwood Childrens Farm	2%
4	Fairfield Park	2%
3	Park Street Reserve	2%
3	Rushall Reserve	2%
2	Curtain Square	1%
2	Deep Rock Precinct	1%
2	Dights Falls	1%
2	Port Melbourne Beach	1%
1	Abrahams Reserve	1%
1	All Nations Park	1%
1	Alphington Park	1%
1	Balfe Park	1%
1	CERES Environmental Community Park	1%
1	Darling Gardens	1%

No.	Open space visited	%
1	Edwardes Lake Park	1%
1	George Knott Reserve	1%
1	Local Cycle Paths	1%
1	Local farms	1%
1	Mayors Park	1%
1	McNamara Reserve	1%
1	Mornington Peninsula	1%
1	Oxford Street Park	1%
1	Royal Park	1%
1	Royal Park Nature Playground	1%
1	Studley Park	1%
1	Victoria Park	1%

A2.10.3b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements

The following table lists the reasons why Fitzroy North respondents visit open space beyond walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. The main area of open space valued by residents is Yarra Bend Park for its natural qualities and character, along with dog walking, exercise and social events. Dog walking is the main reason people visit open space.

Open Space	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Yarra Bend Park 24	8	Dog walking	5	Improvements - none required
	8	Open space - natural character	2	Paths - improve
	3	Exercising	2	Toilets - additional required
	3	Picnics	1	Bins - additional required
	2	Cycling	1	Cyclists - conflicts with pedestrians on shared paths
	2	Dogs - exercising	1	Dogs - enforce regulations
	2	Recreation	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, more required
	2	Walking	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Access - close to home	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
	1	Cycle paths	1	Open space - value natural character
	1	Cycling - through	1	Paths - connecting path/s required
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Rubbish - regular litter removal required
	1	Music	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Security - improve surveillance of rubbish dumping
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Signage - informative, instructional and navigational signage required
	1	Open space - large space	1	Trees - plant additional indigenous trees
	1	Outdoors/being outside	1	Wildlife - native wildlife needs protection
1	Relaxing			
1	River setting			
1	Social - meeting people/friends			
1	Sport - women's football			
1	Wildlife watching - Tawny Frogmouths			
Edinburgh Gardens 10	3	Dog walking	1	Dogs - drinking facilities, more required
	3	Picnics	1	Dogs - owners to control dogs

Open Space	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	2	Exercising	1	Cycle paths - required through park
	2	Open space - large space	1	Improvements - none required
	2	Play - children	1	Informal sporting facilities - basketball courts required
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Informal sporting facilities - disc golf course required
	1	Freedom	1	Interpretative signage - on rain garden
	1	Informal ball games/sport	1	Open space - valued
	1	Open space - fresh air	1	Sporting facilities - improve fencing in cricket grounds for lost balls
	1	Skate park	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Sport	1	Toilets - maintenance required
	1	Trees	1	Trees - plant fruit trees
	1	Vegetation - diversity	1	Vegetation - more native/indigenous planting required
	1	Walking		
Yarra River Corridor 9	4	Open space - natural character	1	Cyclists - conflicts with pedestrians on shared paths
	2	Cycling - through	1	Development - limit
	2	Walking	1	Paths - connecting path/s required
	1	Cycling	1	Paths - maintenance of vegetation required
	1	Open space - large space	1	Signage - informative, instructional and navigational signage required
	1	Outdoors/being outside		
	1	Paths		
	1	Relaxing		
Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne 8	2	Gardens	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Jogging/running	1	Carpark - additional required
	1	Events/entertainment - outdoor cinema	1	Entertainment/events - less required
	1	Facilities	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Open space - diversity of types		
	1	Open space - green place		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Social		
	1	Vegetation - diversity		
Carlton Gardens 7	3	Walking	1	Cyclists - remove prohibition
	2	Access - travel through	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Access - close to museum	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Exercising	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Open space		
	1	Open space - beautiful		
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
	1	Open space - grassed areas		
	1	Open space - popular		
	1	Open space - well maintained		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Play - children		
	1	Shade		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Fitzroy Gardens	2	Café and kiosk facilities	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Open space - peaceful	1	Cycle paths - required through park

Open Space	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
7	1	Entertainment/events	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Gardens		
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
	1	Open space - well maintained		
	1	Social - parties		
	1	Walking		
Merri Creek Corridor 7	3	Dog walking	2	Rubbish - regular removal required
	3	Open space	1	Bins - additional required
	2	Exercising	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, require enforcement
	2	Open space - natural character	1	Rubbish - remove from river
	2	Walking	1	Vegetation - more native/indigenous planting required
	1	Cycling		
	1	Dog friendly		
	1	Health and well-being		
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Open space - green place		
	1	Recreation - family		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Wildlife watching		
Princes Park 7	3	Dog walking	2	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
	2	Paths	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Access - close to school	1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Seating - additional required in shaded areas
	1	Dogs - socialising	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Exercise equipment		
	1	Jogging/running		
	1	Playground		
	1	Pond setting		
Merri Creek Shared Trail 5	2	Cycling	3	Paths - widen
	2	Walking	1	Paths - improve surface
	1	Cycle paths - good quality	1	Rubbish - regular removal required
	1	Cycling - with children	1	Safety - improve
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	River setting		
Quarries Park 5	2	Playground	1	Bins - additional required
	2	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Cycling	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Lunch	1	Playgrounds - shade required
	1	Open space - large space	1	Public art - maintain
	1	Outdoors/being outside	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Picnics		
	1	Playground - challenging		
	1	Walking		
Collingwood Childrens Farm 4	3	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
Fairfield Park 4	2	River setting	1	Access - improve access to river for canoeing/kayaking
	1	Access - to river	1	Dogs - waste bags/bins, more required

Open Space	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Diverse range of activities		
	1	Entertainment/events - free		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Walking		
Park Street Reserve 3	1	Access - travel through	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Exercising	1	Trees - additional required
	1	Open space	1	Vegetation - additional required
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Vegetation - additional native/indigenous planting required
	1	Open space - grassed areas		
	1	Trees		
Rushall Reserve 3	1	Birdlife watching - ducks	1	Improvements - continue woody weed removal on the Merri Creek
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Cycle paths - additional required
	1	Open space - large space	1	Vegetation - more native/indigenous planting required
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Trees - beautiful		
	1	Walking		
Curtain Square 2	2	Access - close to the library	1	Open space - value diversity
	1	Playground		
Deep Rock Precinct 2	1	Dog friendly	2	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
	1	Picnics		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Walking		
Dights Falls 2	1	Cycling	1	High density developments - prohibit on river
	1	Exercising		
	1	Picnics		
Port Melbourne Beach 2	1	Dog walking	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Exercising		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Swimming		
	1	Walking		
Abrahams Reserve 1	1	Cycling		
	1	Play - children		
All Nations Park 1	1	Dog walking		
Alphington Park 1	1	Sport - football		
	1	Walking		
Balfe Park 1	1	Sport		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
CERES Environmental Community Park 1	1	Vegetation - diversity	1	Improvements - none required
Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden 1	1	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Access - opening hours to be extended
	1	Views		
	1	Dog walking	1	Facilities - more required

Open Space	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Darling Gardens 1	1	Relaxing		
Edwardes Lake Park 1	1	Lake setting	1	Birdlife - plant more indigenous/native plants to encourage water birds
	1	Open space - large space	1	Cultural activities - additional required
			1	Drinking fountains - additional required
			1	Sporting facilities - canoe hire required
George Knott Reserve 1	1	Sport - children	1	Wildlife - plant more native/indigenous vegetation to attract wildlife
				Access - pedestrian path linking from Queens Parade
Local Cycle Paths 1	1	Cycling		
Local farms 1	1	Horse - riding		
Mayors Park 1	1	Playground	1	Improvements - none required
McNamara Reserve 1	1	Playground		
Mornington Peninsula 1	1	Beach		
	1	Walking		
Oxford Street Park 1	1	Access - close to work	1	Open grassed area - improvements required
			1	Paths - improve
			1	Trees - plant mature trees
Royal Park 1	1	Open space - green place		
Royal Park Nature Playground 1	1	Play - children	1	Shade - additional required
Studley Park 1	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	River setting		
Victoria Park 1	1	Sport - football	1	Dogs - over use
			1	Signage - improve dog regulation signs

A2.10.4 Open space not visited

This question was asked to find out what issues currently limit the use of existing open space by respondents. The question included some of the common reasons why people may not use open space. The reasons can apply either to a specific open space or more broadly to open space in general.

The question has been analysed below in 2 parts:

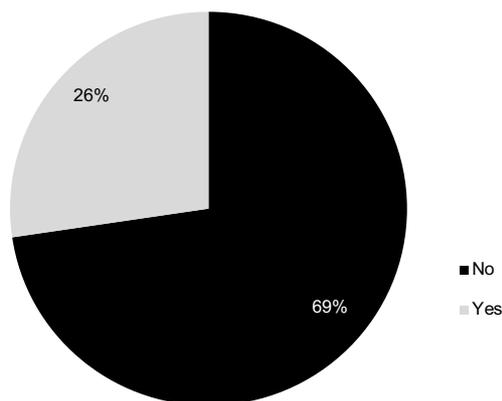
Part 1 – whether there is open space they would like to visit but are unable to.

Part 2 – the reasons they are unable to visit open space.

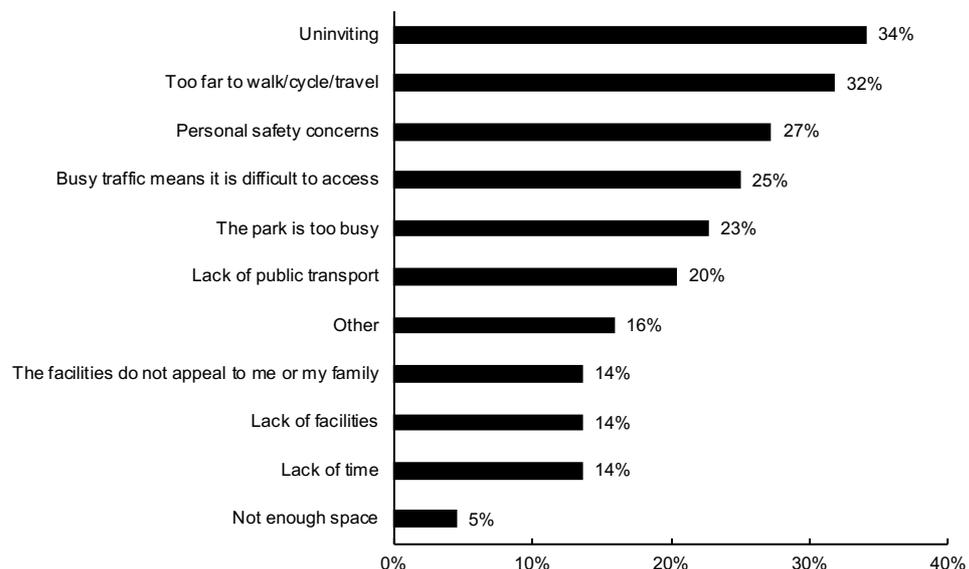
The percentages nominated in Part 1 are a proportion of the total 170 surveys received. The percentages nominated in Part 2 are a percentage of the 44 respondents who answered yes to the first part of the question.

Part 1 Is there open space you would like to visit but are unable to?

26 per cent of respondents indicated that they would like to visit open space but are unable to. This is slightly higher than the Municipal average, 22 per cent.



Part 2 The reasons why you are unable to visit open space:



The most frequent reason for not visiting open space was that they found the space to be uninviting, this was closely followed by the distance then personal safety concerns. Compared to the Municipal average, 11 per cent more respondents in Fitzroy North considered open space being uninviting as an issue. 9 per cent less Fitzroy North respondents indicated distance as a reason for not visiting open space. Personal safety concerns were higher, by 27 per cent of respondents, which is 12 per cent above the Municipal average.

A2.10.5 Types of open space visited and frequency of use

The following table shows the frequency of use of different types of open space in Fitzroy North. The percentages are calculated based on the 170 completed surveys. The total percentage column shown on the left hand side of the table is the sum of total use and does not include never and not completed responses. The percentages on the right hand side indicate frequency of use. The percentages in Table A below have been highlighted using shades of colour to assist with interpretation of the results.

	0% to 9%
	10% to 19%
	20% to 29%
	30% to 39%
	40% and over

Table A Types of open spaces used and frequency of use.

Large parks and gardens are the most visited open spaces, which reflects the location of Edinburgh Gardens within this precinct. This is followed by open space along the Merri Creek and using local streets for exercise. Fitzroy North has some wide streets with well-established trees which are likely to contribute to the high levels of use of the local streets.

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly	Monthly	1-2 times a year	Never	NC
91%	Open space along the Merri Creek	11%	20%	22%	21%	16%	9%	1%
84%	Open space along the Yarra River	2%	9%	14%	27%	32%	12%	5%
97%	Large parks and gardens	42%	27%	18%	8%	2%	3%	0%
72%	Large sporting reserves	1%	4%	12%	21%	34%	21%	7%
74%	Medium sized parks	1%	6%	12%	22%	32%	16%	10%
82%	Small local parks	14%	20%	16%	15%	18%	10%	8%
62%	Urban Squares	4%	8%	14%	19%	17%	19%	19%
86%	Local streets for exercise	45%	18%	14%	4%	5%	8%	6%

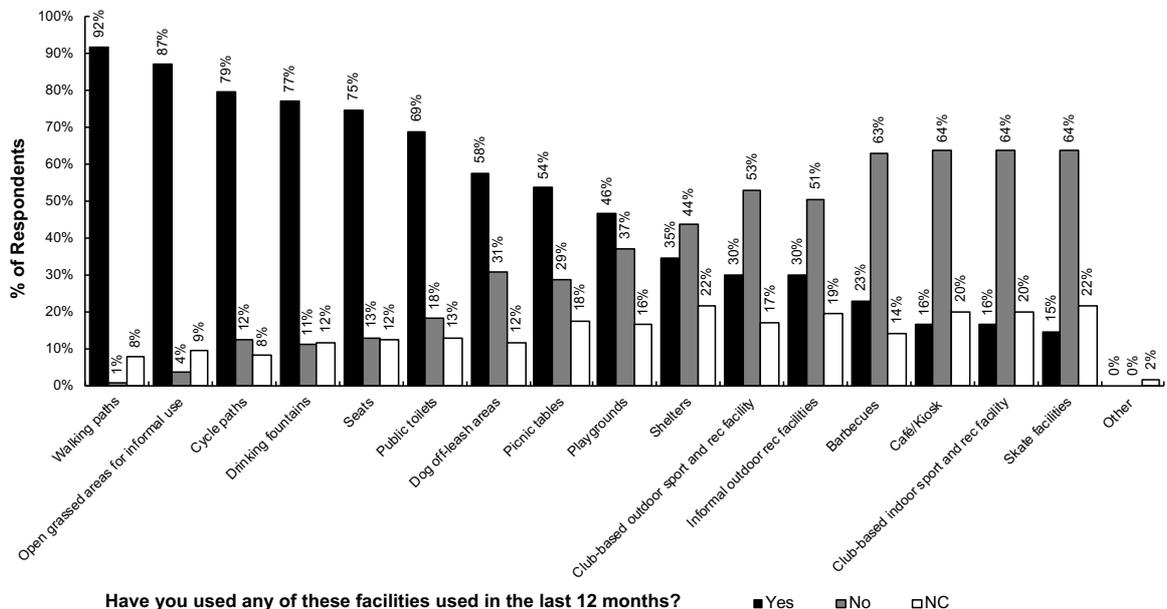
Table B Frequently visited types of open spaces in priority order

In terms of the most frequently used open space, large parks and gardens are the most popular followed by local streets for exercise before the Merri Creek This generally reflects that the popularity of Edinburgh Gardens and attractiveness of the streetscape near the Gardens.

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly
87%	Large parks and gardens	42%	27%	18%
76%	Local streets for exercise	45%	18%	14%
54%	Open space along the Merri Creek	11%	20%	22%
50%	Small local parks	14%	20%	16%
26%	Urban Squares	4%	8%	14%
25%	Open space along the Yarra River	2%	9%	14%
19%	Medium sized parks	1%	6%	12%
16%	Large sporting reserves	1%	4%	12%

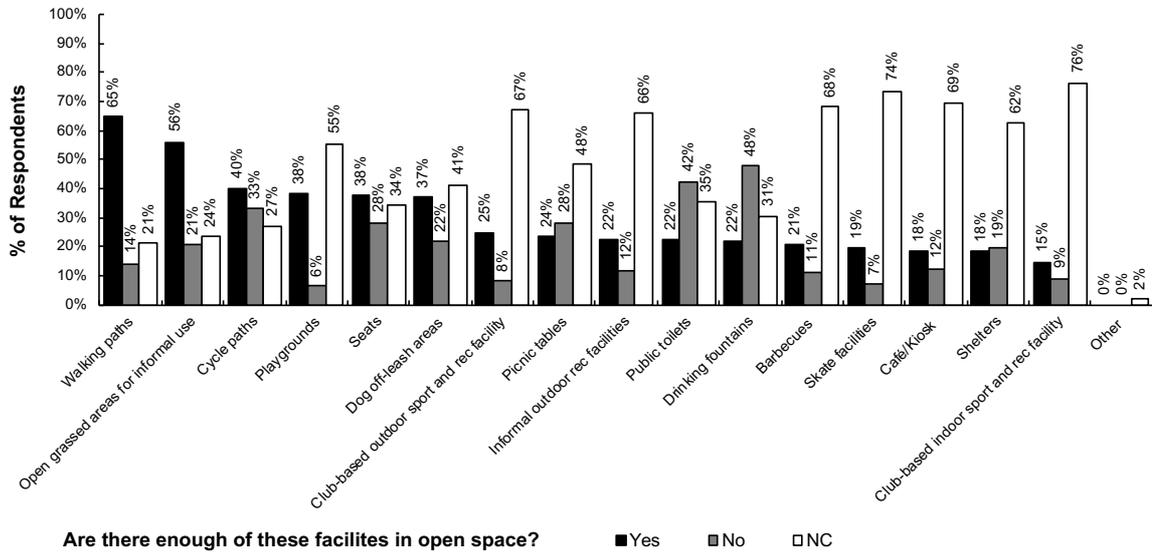
A2.10.6a Use of facilities and features in open space

The following table indicates use of facilities in open space over the last twelve months. The percentages are calculated on the number of returned surveys from Fitzroy North, 170. Respondents indicated that walking paths, open grassed areas and cycle paths were the most popular facilities used in the last 12 months, all higher than the Municipal average.



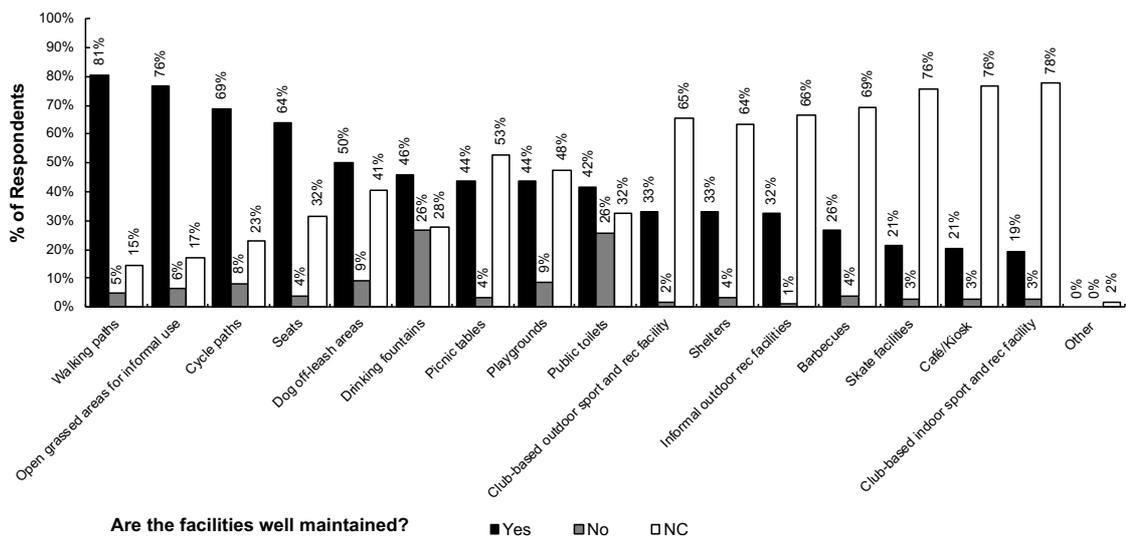
A2.10.6b Provision of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the percentage of respondents that consider the various facilities within open space either are or are not adequately provided for. Percentages are calculated on the total number of Fitzroy North surveys received, 170. Compared to the municipal average, more people identify that there are not enough cycle paths, drinking fountains and public toilets.



A2.10.6c Maintenance of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the level of satisfaction with the maintenance of open space facilities. The percentages are calculated on the total number of Fitzroy North surveys returned, 170.



A2.10.7 General comments on open space

Respondents were provided a section where they were able to write any additional comments on the open space within the Municipality and their local area. The following is

a summary of these comments from returned surveys from Fitzroy North respondents which have been grouped together into topics and assembled in priority order.

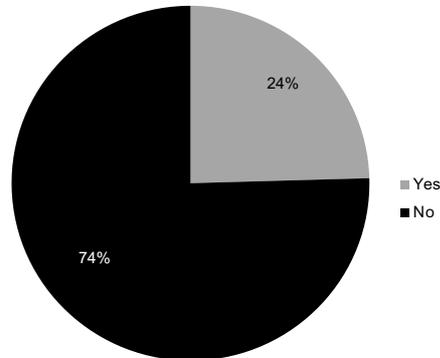
No.	General Comments List
49	Open Space
18	Open space - valued
10	Open space - additional required as density increases
5	Open space - contributes to liveability
4	Open space - keep/retain what there is
2	Open space - beneficial to health and wellbeing
2	Open space - keep/retain as community/social spaces
2	Open space - value the choice and variety
1	Open space - additional green corridors required
1	Open space - additional required between Dean Street and Barkly Street
1	Open space - additional required south of Alexandra Parade
1	Open space - council to purchase abandoned dwellings for open space
1	Open space - value informal open spaces
1	Open space - value natural character
39	Maintenance and Management
5	Maintenance and management - valued
4	Dogs - enforce regulations
3	Alcohol - consumers to be responsible for waste
3	Cyclists - conflicts with pedestrians on shared paths
3	Cyclists - slow through parks
3	Dogs - off-leash areas valued
2	Rubbish - remove litter in open space
1	Alcohol - allow consumption for special events
1	Alcohol - over consumption in open space
1	Dogs - increase fines for leaving waste
1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for controlling their dogs
1	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
1	Dogs - waste bag/bins, additional required
1	Events/entertainment - prohibit festivals in open spaces
1	Graffiti - removal required
1	Open space - ensure they are well maintained
1	Open space - maintenance required for small local parks
1	Picnic facilities - encourage people to be responsible for waste
1	Ranger - provide for larger/less used open spaces
1	Security - enforce regulations for littering
1	Slacklining - allow in public spaces
1	Toilets - improve maintenance
16	Other
3	High density developments - to contribute to open space
3	Overall strategy - council is doing a good job
1	Activities - additional required for refugees
1	Developments - encourage innovation in vacant shops
1	Developments - limit large developments
1	High density developments - limit developments
1	High density developments - limit developments around open space
1	Overall strategy - increase taxation on high income earners for open space funding
1	Overall strategy - invest funding into open space in lower socio-economic areas
1	Survey - additional space required for further comments
1	Survey - include questions on community gardens
1	Traffic - reduce near parks

No.	General Comments List
15	Park Infrastructure
4	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
4	Signage - improve dog regulation signs
2	Seating - additional required
1	Bins - additional required
1	Drinking fountains - additional required
1	Facilities - more required for elderly
1	Picnic facilities - additional tables required within dog off-leash areas
1	Shade - additional required
14	Recreation Facilities
2	Exercise equipment - additional required
2	Informal recreation facilities - table tennis required
2	Informal sport facilities - additional multi use courts required
1	Informal sport facilities - additional netball courts required
1	Informal sport facilities - disc golf course required
1	Little Free Libraries - additional required
1	Playgrounds - shade required
1	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require upgrade/maintenance
1	Sporting facilities - paddle tennis court required
1	Sporting facilities - provide tennis facilities free of cost
1	Sporting facilities - upgrade tennis club
11	Paths
2	Cycle paths - need to separate cyclists from dog off-leash areas
2	Shared paths - separate cyclists and pedestrian paths
2	Shared Paths - widen
1	Cycle paths - maintenance required
1	Cycle paths - safer routes for cyclists required
1	Cycle paths - valued
1	Cycle paths - widen/upgrade paths in streets
1	Shared paths - mandate right of way rules for cyclists
5	Trees and Vegetation
2	Community gardens - additional required
1	Trees - additional required for shade
1	Trees - plant more fruit trees
1	Trees - plant more street trees
1	Sustainability
1	Green waste - place to recycle required

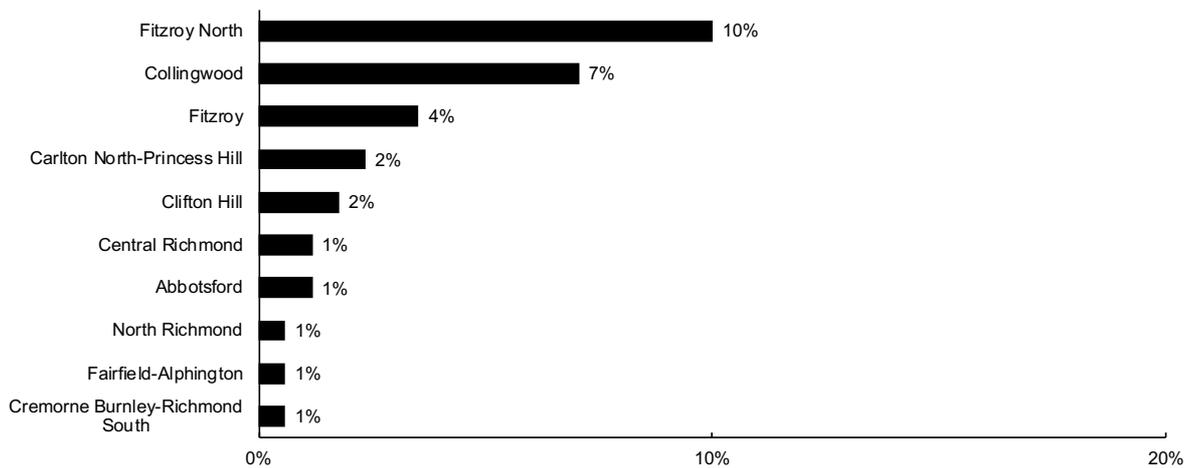
A2.10.8 Work in City of Yarra

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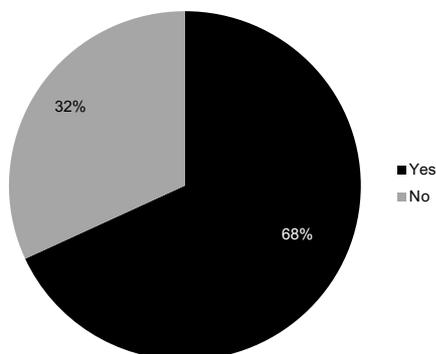
A2.10.8a Respondents that work in the City of Yarra



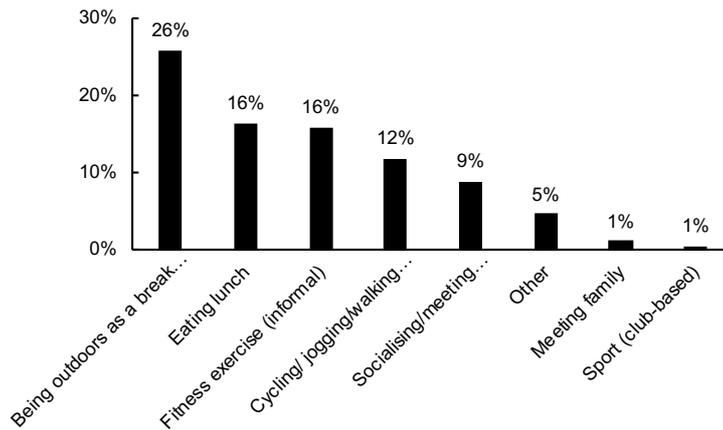
A2.10.8b Where respondents work



A2.10.8c Respondents that visit the open space near their workplace



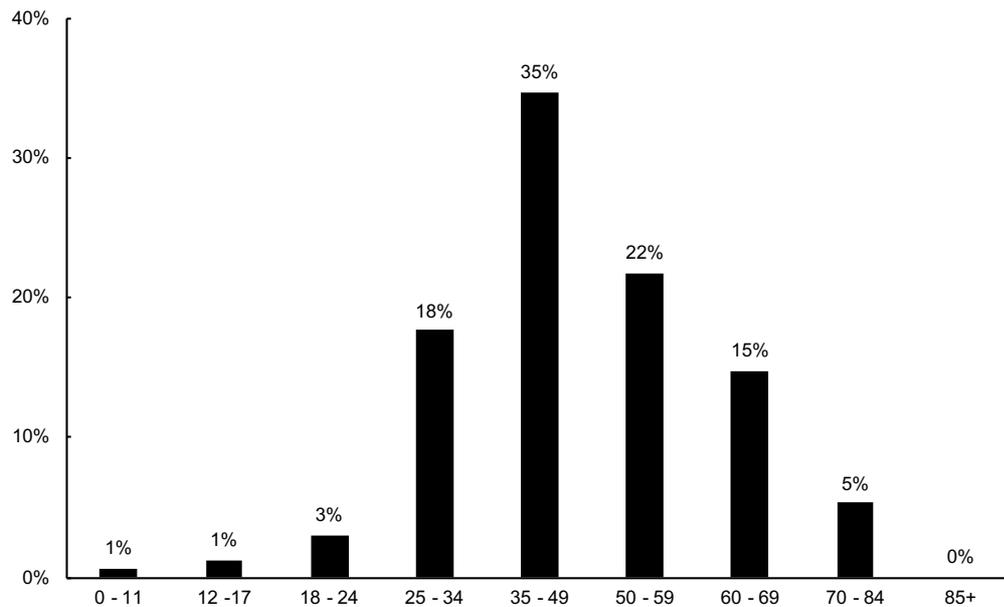
A2.10.8d Reason for visiting open space near work



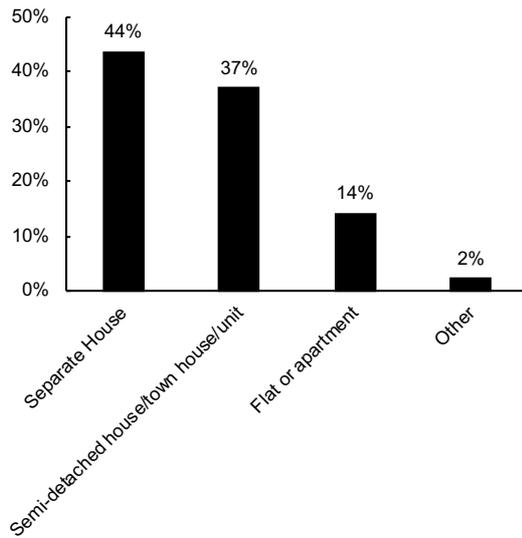
A2.10.9 Information about respondents

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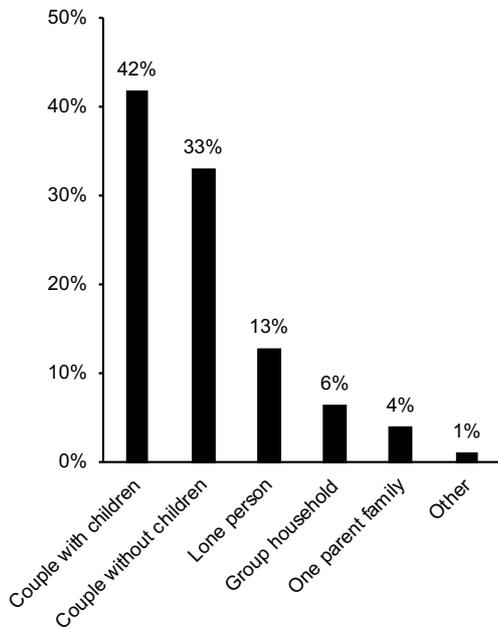
A2.10.9a Age range



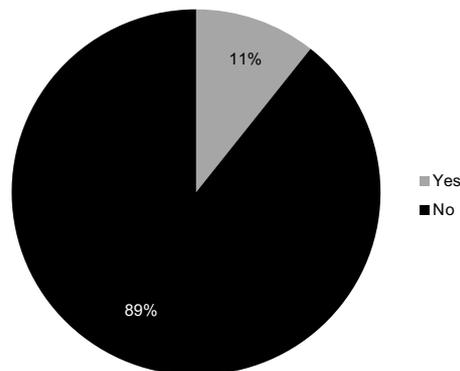
A2.10.9b Dwelling type



A2.10.9c Household type



A2.10.9d Respondents who speak English as a second language



A2.11 North Richmond

Summary of the survey outcomes for North Richmond

158 respondents indicated they live in North Richmond. This represents 13 per cent of total surveys received. The Community Profile figures indicate that 15 per cent of the City of Yarra population lives in North Richmond.

With both the Yarra River corridor and Citizens Park located in North Richmond, the respondents appreciate the existing open space and also the opportunity to comment via the survey. Citizens Park overwhelmingly receives the highest levels of use because it is close by, for walking, exercise, dog walking and play. This is followed by the Yarra River corridor for walking and cycling. Respondents nominate they use small local parks on a frequent basis, most likely due to their close proximity. There is a focus on the importance of open space for fitness and support for children's participation in sport including female participation. Additional open space is frequently requested, particularly as density increases. Additional trees in parks and gardens and the streets are also requested.

A2.11.1 Values of open space

Respondents were asked to indicate what they valued most about the open spaces in their Municipality and were invited to select any of the twenty-five values listed, with an option to add additional values under the 'other' category.

Percentages are calculated on the basis of the total number of returned surveys for North Richmond, 158. The table below illustrates the information, listing the twenty-four values in priority order.

The top three values are consistent with the municipal results with open space being a place to relax and unwind, trees and the feeling of space. The key difference is the higher ranking of fitness, watching activity, playing team-based sport and flowers and garden beds.

Value	%
A place to relax and unwind	54%
Trees	51%
The feeling of space	48%
Just being outside	46%
An escape from the built environment	44%
Fitness	41%
Health and well being	40%
A place for children to play	38%
Habitat for native plants and animals	35%
It's accessible	34%
Meeting people/friends	34%
Exercising dogs	32%
Green character	30%

Value	%
Natural bushland character	27%
Knowing that it's there	25%
The quiet	25%
Flowers/garden beds	23%
Playing casual ball games/activity	22%
Watching activity	22%
Playing team/club based sport	19%
Cultural activities and events	17%
The diversity of open space	17%
Cultural heritage values/significance	13%
Historical character	13%
Other	3%

The other category included a range of comments including water amenities, cleanliness, order and safety, cat walking, fenced off-leash areas, and space to walk through.

A2.11.2 Open space within walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 158 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.11.2a Most frequently visited open spaces

The following table lists the open spaces visited within walking distance of home.

No.	Open space within walking distance	%
110	Citizens Park	70%
25	Yarra River Corridor	16%
22	Williams Reserve	14%
13	Fitzroy Gardens	8%
10	Yarra Bend Park	6%
9	Barkly Gardens	6%
6	Yarra Primary School	4%
5	Abbotsford Convent Arts Precinct	3%
5	Burnley Park	3%
5	Department of Housing Richmond Place	3%
5	Yarra Park	3%
4	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	3%
3	Local gardens	2%
3	Local Parks	2%
2	Annettes Place	1%
2	Edinburgh Gardens	1%
2	None with n walking distance	1%
2	Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne	1%
2	Studley Park	1%
1	Butler Street Park	1%
1	Chestnut Street Reserve	1%
1	Darling Gardens	1%
1	Fairfield Park	1%
1	Flockhart Reserve	1%

No.	Open space within walking distance	%
1	Gahan Reserve	1%
1	Gosch's Paddock	1%
1	Local Dog Park	1%
1	Local Football Fields	1%
1	Peppercorn Park	1%
1	Powlett Reserve	1%
1	Richmond Terrace Park	1%

A2.11.2b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements to open space within walking distance in North Richmond

The following table lists the reasons why North Richmond respondents visit open space within walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. Overall the results indicate that Citizens Park is heavily used for both recreation, dogs exercise and sport, while the Yarra River Corridor is used to enjoy the natural space and travel through by foot or bicycle.

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Citizens Park 110	16	Access - close to home	35	Improvements - none required
	16	Walking	8	Dogs - owners to be responsible for waste
	15	Exercising	4	Open space - upgrade
	9	Dog walking	4	Playgrounds - upgrade
	8	Playground	3	Picnic facilities - additional BBQ's required
	6	Dogs - exercising	3	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require upgrade/maintenance
	6	Social - meeting people/friends	3	Trees - additional required
	5	Access - convenient (on the way)	3	Trees - plant additional indigenous trees
	5	Dog - friendly	2	Dogs - prohibit
	5	Informal ball games/sport	2	Lighting - additional required
	5	Relaxing	2	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	5	Sport	2	Open space - valued
	4	Play - children	2	Seating - additional required
	4	Sports oval	1	Access - additional information about scheduled use required
	3	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Access - improvements required
	3	Dogs - watching	1	Birds - plant additional native/indigenous vegetation to attract birdlife
	3	Jogging/running	1	Birds - prohibit pigeon feeding
	3	Markets	1	Carpark - remove parking permits
	3	Open space	1	Development - concerns about impact on open space
	3	People watching	1	Dogs - improve usability for dogs
3	Walking - through	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required	
2	Diverse range of activities	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, extend hours of use	
2	Sport - football	1	Dogs - off-leash, personal safety concerns	
1	Access - close to gym	1	Dogs - over use	
1	Access - travel through	1	Dogs - owners to be in control of their dogs	
1	Cycling - children	1	Dogs - prohibit dogs on sporting fields time	
1	Dogs - socialising	1	Dogs - prohibit on sporting fields	

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Open space - adult space	1	Drainage - improvement needed
	1	Open space - beautiful	1	Drainage - improvement needed near swimming pool
	1	Open space - fresh air	1	Drug abuse - action required
	1	Open space - grassed areas	1	Fencing - additional required
	1	Open space - green place	1	Improvements - none required, improvements appreciated
	1	Open space - large space	1	Lighting - use floodlighting
	1	Open space - provision	1	Maintenance - valued
	1	Outdoors/being outside	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
	1	Picnics	1	Paths - improve surface for jogging
	1	Recreation	1	Pavilion - required
	1	Sitting	1	Picnic facilities - additional tables required
	1	Sport - Auskick	1	Picnic facilities - improve drainage around tables
	1	Sport - children's organised junior football	1	Playgrounds - additional required
	1	Sport - children's organised sport	1	Playgrounds - increase diversity of equipment for a range of age groups
	1	Sport - cricket	1	Playgrounds - shade required
	1	Sport - Milo Cricket	1	Playgrounds - water play required
	1	Sport - organised	1	Rubbish - remove litter
	1	Sport - Richmond Junior Football Club	1	Seating - additional near playground
	1	Sport - spectating	1	Security - improve surveillance
	1	Sport - spectating football	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Sunshine/Vitamin D	1	Shared space - keep/retain as both dogs and sports area
	1	Walking - with children	1	Sport field/oval - improve turf
			1	Sporting facilities - clubrooms requires facilities for girls
			1	Sporting facilities - improve cricket turf
			1	Sporting facilities - upgrade spectators seating
			1	Toilets - upgrade existing
			1	Trees - maintenance required
			1	Vegetation - additional native/indigenous planting required
Yarra River Corridor 25	9	Walking	3	Improvements - none required
	7	Cycling	2	Developments - limit developments
	4	Open space - natural character	2	Seating - additional required
	4	Open space - peaceful	1	Access - ramp required at Gipps Street
	3	Open space - away from busy roads and traffic	1	Access - underpass at Swan Street Bridge needs widening
	3	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Bins - additional required
	2	Exercising	1	Birds - plant additional native/indigenous vegetation to attract honeyeaters
	1	Abbotsford Convent Arts Precinct	1	Cyclists - conflicts with pedestrians on shared paths
	1	Access - travel through	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs	1	Lighting - solar lights required for path at night
	1	Collingwood Childrens Farm	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
	1	Dog walking	1	Open space - protect
	1	Jogging/running	1	Paths - dangerous, improvements needed
	1	Open space	1	Paths - widen
	1	Open space - fresh air	1	River - prevent erosion
	1	Recreation	1	Rubbish - remove litter

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Relaxing	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	River setting	1	Trees - plant additional indigenous trees
Williams Reserve 22	3	Relaxing	5	Improvements - none required
	3	Social - meeting people/friends	2	Dogs - waste bags/bins, additional required
	3	Access - close to home	1	Access - retain ease of access
	3	Playground	1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
	3	Play - children	1	Dogs - prohibit dogs
	2	Picnics	1	Fencing - additional required
	2	Dog walking	1	Picnic facilities - fence
	1	Access - close to shops/cafes	1	Picnic facilities - shade required over BBQs
	1	Access - travel through	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Café/kiosk	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Exercising	1	Trees - additional required
	1	Open space	1	Vegetation - increase high to mid-level plantings on the east of the park
	1	Open space - grassed areas		
	1	Outdoors/being outside		
	1	Playground		
1	Relaxing			
1	Sitting			
1	Social - meeting people/friends			
Fitzroy Gardens 13	4	Walking	5	Improvements - none required
	2	Open space - large space	2	Lighting - additional required
	2	Open space - ambience, beauty	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Exploring	1	Entertainment/events - additional required
	1	Health and well-being	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Jogging/running	1	Open space - valued
	1	Open space - green place	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	1	Open space - peaceful	1	Safety - improve
	1	Picnics	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Relaxing	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Social - consuming alcohol with friends		
	1	Trees		
1	Walking - through			
Yarra Bend Park 10	2	Exercising	3	Improvements - none required
	2	Open space - peaceful	1	High Density Developments - limit developments
	2	Walking	1	Picnic facilities - improve security
	1	Access - close to home	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Access - close to work	1	Security - enforce fines for littering
	1	Cycling	1	Security - improve surveillance
	1	Dog - friendly		
	1	Dog walking		
	1	Open space - diversity of types		
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Play - children		
	1	Relaxing		
Barkly Gardens	2	Access - close to school	4	Improvements - none required
	1	Access - close to home	1	Dogs - improve usability for dogs

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
9	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Informal sporting facilities - basketball hoop required
	1	Dog walking	1	Open space - valued
	1	Picnic facilities - BBQs	1	Paths - improvements needed
	1	Play - children	1	Toilets - upgrade existing
	1	Playground		
	1	Recreation		
	1	Walking		
Yarra Primary School 6	3	Playground	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Access - close to home	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Dog walking	1	Improvements - none required, improvements appreciated
	1	Informal ball games/sport	1	Informal recreation facilities - table tennis required
	1	Informal sporting facilities - basketball hoops	1	Informal recreation facilities - tennis courts required
	1	Play - children	1	Trees - additional required
	1	Play - safe for children	1	Vegetation - additional native/indigenous planting required
	1	Studying		
Abbotsford Convent Arts Precinct 5	2	Social - meeting people/friends	3	Improvements - none required
	1	Access - to Yarra	2	Open space - valued
	1	Café/kiosk	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Dog walking	1	Bins - recycling bins required
	1	Exercising	1	Shared paths - improvement required
	1	Markets		
	1	Open space		
	1	Open space - heritage character		
	1	Outdoors/being outside		
	1	Walking		
Burnley Park 5	1	Dog walking		
	1	Facilities		
	1	Open space - diversity of types		
	1	Sport - children's organised junior cricket		
	1	Sport - children's organised junior football		
	1	Sport - organised		
Department of Housing Richmond Place 5	1	Access - convenient (on the way)	2	Drug abuse - action required
	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment	1	Bins - empty frequently
	1	Outdoors/being outside	1	Bins - recycling bins required
	1	Playground	1	Education campaign - against dumping waste
	1	Relaxing	1	Improvements - required
	1	Sitting	1	Informal sporting facilities - upgrade
	1	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Open space - bare/uninviting/neglected, improvements required
	1	Social - sense of community	1	Playgrounds - additional required
Yarra Park 5	3	Walking	4	Improvements - none required
	2	Dog walking	1	Cyclists - slow through park
	1	Dogs -- fewer dogs present		
Kevin Bartlett Reserve 4	1	Sport - children's organised sport	1	Rubbish - remove litter
	1	Sport - organised	1	Sport field - improve turf management
	1	Sport - Richmond Junior Football Club	1	Sporting facilities - facilities required for girls

Open Spaces	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Sport - soccer	1	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require upgrade/maintenance
			1	Sporting facilities - improve facilities for girls and boys
Local gardens 3	1	Access - close to home	3	Improvements - none required
	1	Access - easy to access		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
Local parks 3	2	Open space - grassed areas	1	Improvements - none required
	2	Sitting		
	1	Relaxing		
Annettes Place 2	1	Open space - uncrowded	1	Playgrounds - upgrade
	1	Play - children	1	Security - additional required
Edinburgh Gardens 2	1	Picnics	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Sunshine/Vitamin D		
None within walking distance 2				
Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne 2	1	Exploring	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Walking		
Studley Park 2	2	Open space - natural character	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Cyclists - no cyclists present	1	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Open space		
Butler Street Park 1	1	Access - close to home	1	Drug abuse - action required
Chestnut Street Reserve 1	1	Café/kiosk	1	Open space - restrict motor vehicle access
Darling Gardens 1	1	Playground	1	Improvements - none required
Fairfield Park 1	1	Cycling	1	Improvements - none required
Flockhart Reserve 1	1	Access - close to home	1	Security - enforce fines for littering
			1	Security - improve surveillance
Gahan Reserve 1	1	Open space - diversity of types	1	Playgrounds - maintenance required for wooden structure
Gosch's Paddock 1	1	Jogging/running	1	Open space - valued
Local dog park 1	1	Open space - grassed areas	1	Grassings - improvements required
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Walking - through		
Local football fields 1	1	Open space - large space		
Peppercorn Park 1	1	Outdoors/being outside	1	Rubbish - remove litter
	1	Walking		
Richmond Terrace Park 1	1	Open space - grassed areas	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Outdoors/being outside	1	Open space - valued
	1	Sitting		

A2.11.3 Open space beyond walking distance

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 158 surveys received. The number is the total number of survey responses for each specific open space, and they are listed in priority order.

A2.11.3a Most frequently visited open space beyond walking distance

The following table lists the open spaces visited beyond walking distance of home.

No.	Open space visited	%
10	Fitzroy Gardens	6%
9	Edinburgh Gardens	6%
9	Yarra Bend Park	6%
7	Barkly Gardens	4%
7	Kevin Bartlett Reserve	4%
5	Carlton Gardens	3%
4	Burnley Park	3%
4	Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne	3%
3	Citizens Park	2%
3	Local national parks	2%
3	St Kilda Beach	2%
2	Ramsden Reserve	1%
2	Williams Reserve	1%
2	Yarra River Corridor	1%
1	Birrarung Marr	1%
1	Darling Gardens	1%
1	Elwood Beach	1%
1	Flagstaff Gardens	1%
1	Lilydale to Warburton Rail trail	1%
1	Maribyrnong River	1%
1	Wallen Reserve	1%

A2.11.3b Reasons for visiting and suggested improvements

The following table lists the reasons why North Richmond respondents visit open space beyond walking distance along with any suggested improvements, and are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific open space. While respondents in North Richmond use Fitzroy Gardens for travelling through and its beauty, they are travelling to Edinburgh Gardens for social occasions.

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
Fitzroy Gardens 10	2	Open space - beautiful	3	Improvements - none required
	2	Relaxing	1	Dogs - prohibit
	2	Walking	1	Facilities - additional required for children
	2	Access - convenient (on the way)		
	1	Dogs - fewer present		
	1	Lunch		
	1	Open space		

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Photography		
	1	Recreation - with family		
Edinburgh Gardens 9	5	Social - meeting people/friends	3	Improvements - none required
	1	Entertainment/events	2	Maintenance - regular maintenance & cleaning required
	1	Open space - diversity of types	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Open space - memory/association	1	Open space - valued
	1	Open space - safe	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Relaxing		
Yarra Bend Park 9	4	River setting	5	Improvements - none required
	2	Open space - large space	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Access - close to home	1	Open grassed area - maintenance required
	1	Cycling	1	Picnic facilities - additional BBQs required
	1	Dogs - off-leash area	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Exploring	1	Toilets - additional required
	1	Fishing		
	1	Open space - green place		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Playground		
	1	Sport - golf		
	Barkly Gardens 7	3	Playground	2
1		Dog walking	1	Sports oval - allow Richmond Primary School students to utilise
1		Open space - ambience, beauty		
1		Open space - green place		
1		Picnics		
1		Playground - diversity of challenges		
1		Social - meeting people/friends		
1		Social - children's parties		
1		Walking		
Kevin Bartlett Reserve 7	1	Exercising	2	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require upgrade/maintenance
	1	Open space	1	Access - provide safer places to cross major roads
	1	Sport	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Sport - football	1	Open grassed area - improvements required
	1	Sport - girl's Richmond Junior Football Club	1	Security - additional required
	1	Sport - organised	1	Sporting facilities - facilities for girls required
	1	Sport - soccer		
	1	Walking		
Carlton Gardens 5	4	Social - meeting people/friends		
	1	Garden beds		
	1	Open space		
	1	Open space - design and layout		
	1	Open space - large space		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Relaxing		
	1	Trees - beautiful		
Burnley Park	1	Open space	1	Playgrounds - nature play required

Open space visited	No.	Reason to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvements
4	1	Open space - natural character	1	Playgrounds - water play required
	1	Open space - peaceful		
	1	Playground		
	1	Social - parties		
Royal Botanical Gardens Melbourne 4	1	Gardens	1	Gardens - additional children's gardens required
	1	Open space - beautiful	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - large space	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Play - children		
	1	Gardens - waterplay		
	1	Trees		
Citizens Park 3	2	Walking	1	Dogs - prohibit dogs off-leash
	1	Play - children	1	Open space - enlarge/extend this open space
	1	Sitting	1	Playgrounds - upgrade
	1	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Shade - additional required
Local national parks 3	1	Camping	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Hiking		
	1	Open space - escape from the built environment		
St Kilda Beach 3	1	Bay	2	Improvements - none required
	1	Beach		
	1	Dog - friendly		
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - memory/association		
Ramsden Reserve 2	1	Dogs - exercising	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Dog walking		
Williams Reserve 2	1	Open space	1	Open space - additional required
			1	Trees - additional shade trees required
Yarra River Corridor 2	2	Open space - peaceful	1	Open space - keep/retain what there is
	1	Open space - ambience, beauty		
	1	Open space - natural character		
	1	Relaxing		
Birrarung Marr 1	1	Dog - friendly		
	1	Play - children		
Darling Gardens 1	1	Social - meeting people/friends	1	Improvements - none required
Elwood Beach 1	1	Access - close to work		
	1	Beach		
	1	Views		
Flagstaff Gardens 1	1	Walking	1	Improvements - none required
Lilydale to Warburton Rail trail 1	1	Cycling		
	1	Walking		
Maribyrnong River 1	1	Cycling		
Wallen Reserve 1	1	Dog walking	1	Improvements - none required

A2.11.4 Open space not visited

This question was asked to find out what issues currently limit the use of existing open space by respondents. The question included some of the common reasons why people may not use open space. The reasons can apply either to a specific open space or more broadly to open space in general.

The question has been analysed below in 2 parts:

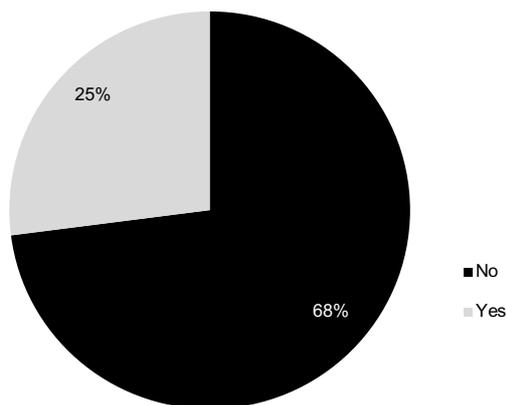
Part 1 – whether there is open space they would like to visit but are unable to.

Part 2 – the reasons they are unable to visit open space.

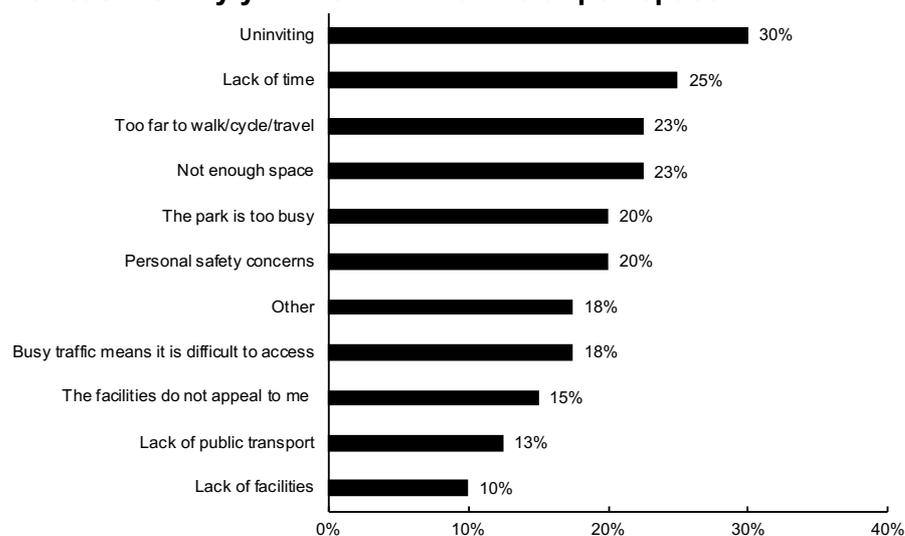
The percentages nominated in Part 1 are a proportion of the total 158 surveys received. The percentages nominated in Part 2 are a percentage of the 40 respondents who answered yes to the first part of the question.

Part 1 Is there open space you would like to visit but are unable to?

25 per cent of respondents indicated that they would like to visit open space but are unable to. This is slightly higher than the Municipal average, 22 per cent.



Part 2 The reasons why you are unable to visit open space:



The most frequent reason for not visiting open space was because the open spaces were uninviting, followed by the lack of time distance and lack of space. Compared to the

Municipal average, 7 per cent more respondents in North Richmond considered open spaces to be uninviting.

A2.11.5 Types of open space visited and frequency of use

The following table shows the frequency of use of different types of open space in North Richmond. The percentages are calculated based on the 158 completed surveys. The total percentage column shown on the left hand side of the table is the sum of total use and does not include never and not completed responses. The percentages on the right hand side indicate frequency of use. The percentages in Table A below have been highlighted using shades of colour to assist with interpretation of the results.

	0% to 9%
	10% to 19%
	20% to 29%
	30% to 39%
	40% and over

Table A Types of open spaces used in priority order.

Open space along the Yarra is the most visited type of open space followed by small local parks and large parks and gardens. This is slightly inconsistent with the open space network in North Richmond given the high number of people nominating they use Citizens Park.

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly	Monthly	1-2 times a year	Never	NC
46%	Open space along the Merri Creek	2%	3%	4%	16%	22%	47%	7%
84%	Open space along the Yarra River	6%	9%	27%	28%	14%	11%	4%
79%	Large parks and gardens	3%	7%	16%	26%	28%	17%	4%
64%	Large sporting reserves	4%	9%	14%	20%	17%	32%	4%
47%	Medium sized parks	4%	6%	9%	14%	15%	42%	11%
82%	Small local parks	16%	18%	27%	15%	6%	14%	4%
55%	Urban Squares	4%	7%	12%	13%	20%	36%	9%
74%	Local streets for exercise	28%	16%	15%	8%	8%	22%	4%

Table B Frequently visited types of open spaces in priority order

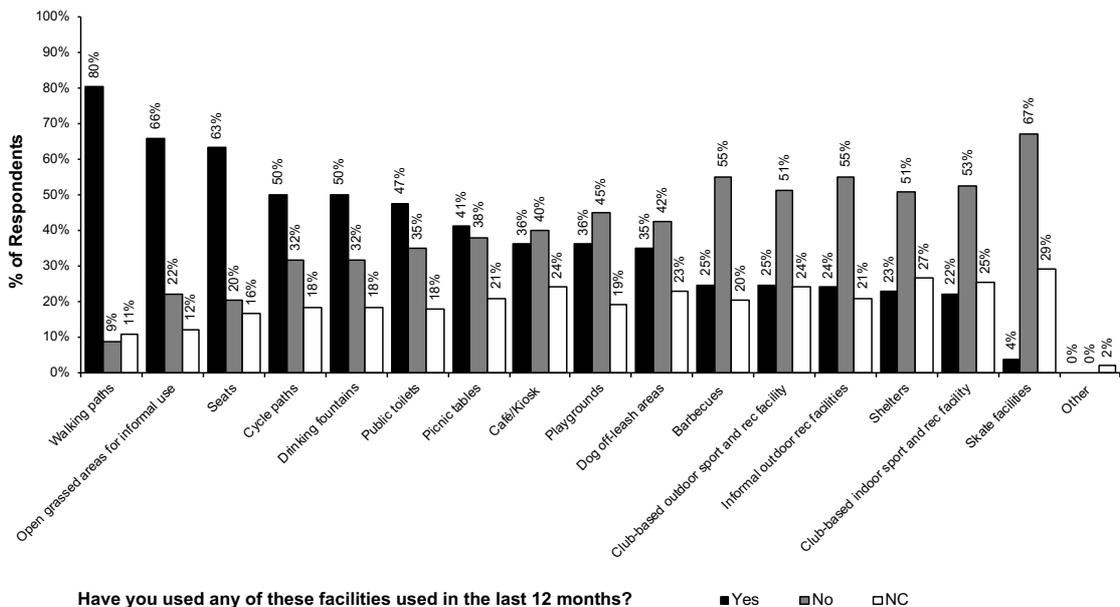
On a frequent basis small local parks are the most popular, followed by the local streets when used for exercise, and then the Yarra River.

Total	Open Space	Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly
61%	Small local parks	16%	18%	27%
59%	Local streets for exercise	28%	16%	15%
42%	Open space along the Yarra River	6%	9%	27%
27%	Large parks and gardens	3%	9%	16%
27%	Large sporting reserves	4%	9%	14%
23%	Urban Squares	4%	7%	12%
19%	Medium sized parks	4%	6%	9%
9%	Open space along the Merri Creek	2%	3%	4%

A2.11.6 Facilities and features in open space

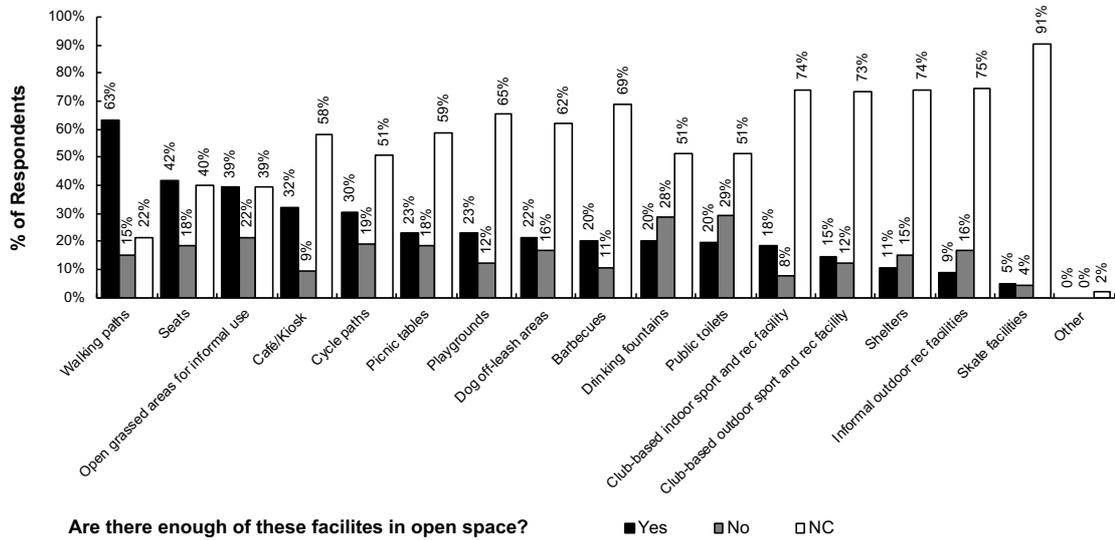
A2.11.6a Use of facilities and features in open space

The following table indicates use of facilities in open space over the last twelve months. The percentages are calculated on the number of returned surveys from North Richmond, 158. Respondents indicated that walking paths, open grassed areas and seats were the most popular facilities used in the last 12 months, with open grassed areas approximately 10 per cent lower than the Municipal average.



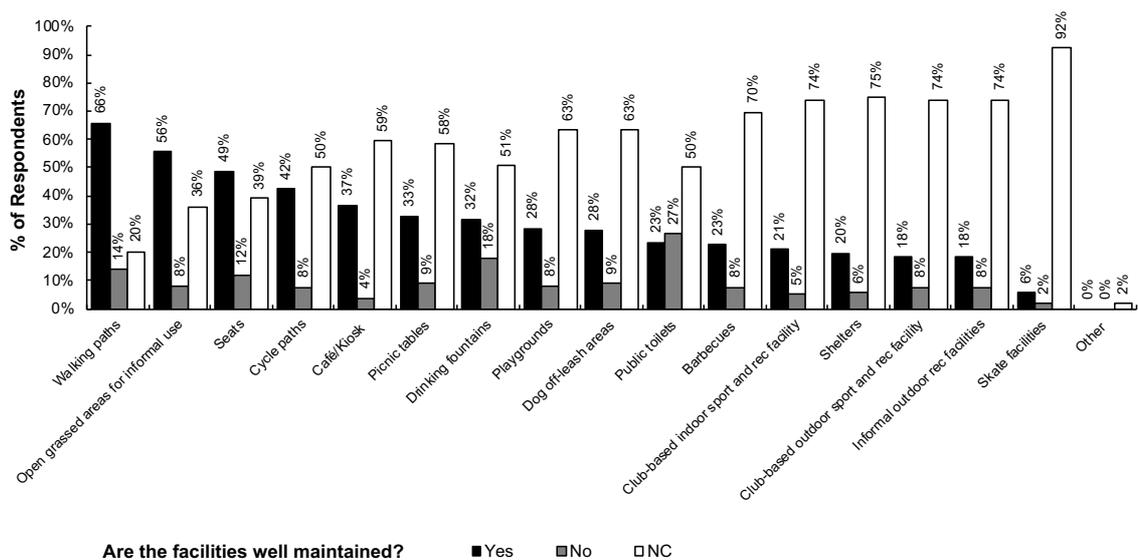
A2.11.6b Provision of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the percentage of respondents that consider the various facilities within open space either are or are not adequately provided for. Percentages are calculated on the total number of North Richmond surveys received, 158. Overall there is a higher level of satisfaction with the provision of facilities in open space when compared to the municipal results.



A2.11.6c Maintenance of facilities in open space

The following graph illustrates the level of satisfaction with the maintenance of open space facilities. The percentages are calculated on the total number of North Richmond surveys returned, 158.



A2.11.7 General comments on open space

Respondents were provided a section where they were able to write any additional comments on the open space within the Municipality and their local area. The following is a summary of these comments from returned surveys from North Richmond respondents which have been grouped together into topics and assembled in priority order.

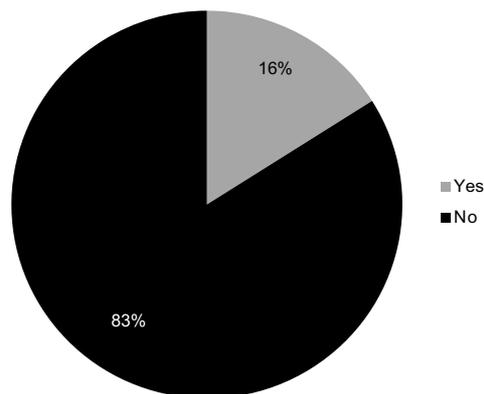
No.	General Comments List
15	Recreation Facilities
3	Sport - prioritise sport for children's health
2	Sporting facilities - additional basketball courts required
2	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require upgrade/maintenance
1	Exercise equipment - additional required
1	Playgrounds - additional required
1	Sporting facilities - clubrooms require facilities for girls
1	Sporting facilities - improve
1	Sporting facilities - provide indoor basketball courts
1	Sports fields/ovals - improve turf
1	Sports fields/ovals - improve drainage
13	Open Space
6	Open space - additional required as density increases/less private open space
2	Open space - valued
1	Open space - develop unused/dead space into green space
1	Open space - ensure they are well maintained
1	Open space - add greening to urban squares required
1	Open space - important
1	Open space - increase diversity
13	Other
4	Overall strategy - appreciate the opportunity to comment
4	Overall strategy - Council is doing a good job
1	Community behaviour - improve
1	Developments - adjoining open space maintain height restrictions
1	Developments - limit large developments
1	Developments - limit large developments along the Yarra
1	Overall strategy - prioritise natural/native flora/fauna
12	Maintenance and Management
2	Dogs - prohibit on sporting fields
2	Rubbish - remove litter in open space
1	Bins - empty more frequently
1	Dogs - enforce regulations
1	Dogs - off-leash areas, additional required
1	Dogs - regular removal of waste required
1	Maintenance - valued
1	Shared space - conflicts between cricket players and dog owners
1	Shared space - separate spaces for dogs and humans required
1	Trolleys - dumping an issue
8	Park Infrastructure
1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas required
1	Dogs - agility equipment required
1	Fencing - additional required
1	Lighting - improve in open spaces
1	Picnic facilities - additional required
1	Picnic facilities - shade required for tables
1	Picnic facilities - design for child safety

No.	General Comments List
1	Toilets - upgrade toilets at Richmond Primary School
7	Trees and Vegetation
2	Trees - additional required
1	Community gardens - additional required in streetscape
1	Trees - plant indigenous trees to support wildlife
1	Trees - plant more street trees
1	Streetscape - more green/plants
1	Vegetation - prioritise increasing vegetation in open spaces
1	Access
1	Footpaths - remove pedestrian walkway on Regent Street
1	Paths
1	Cycle paths - improve drainage along the river

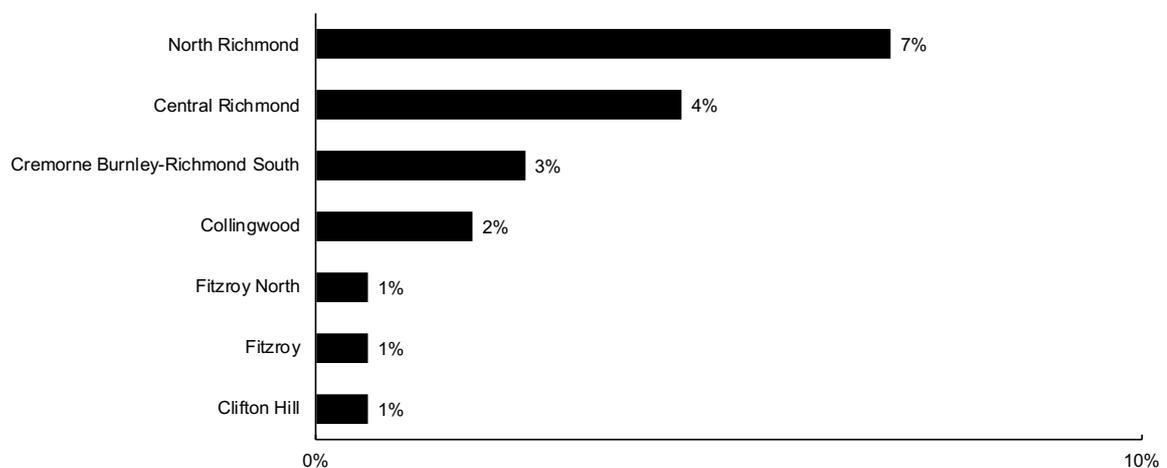
A2.11.8 Work in City of Yarra

In the following table, the percentage is calculated on the total 158 surveys received.

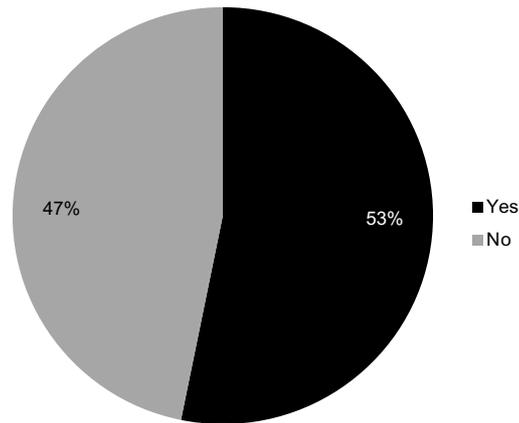
A2.11.8a Respondents that work in the City of Yarra



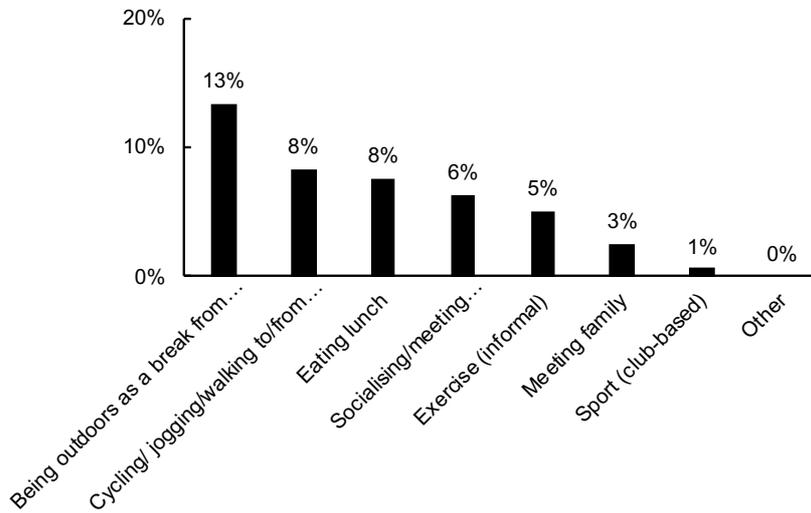
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A2.11.8c Respondents that visit the open space near their workplace



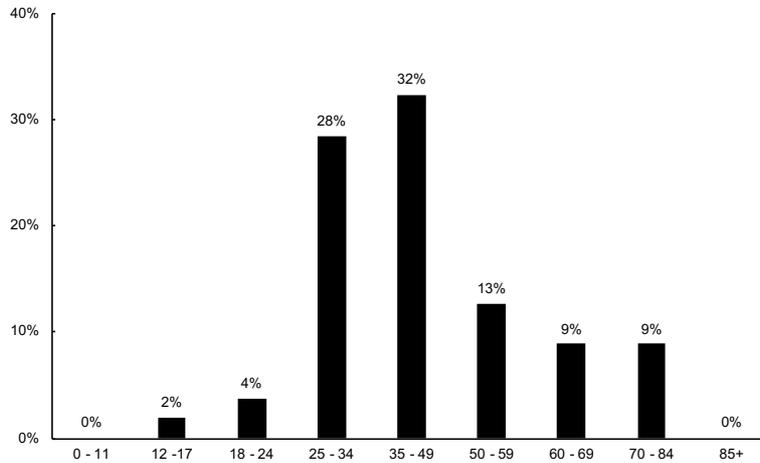
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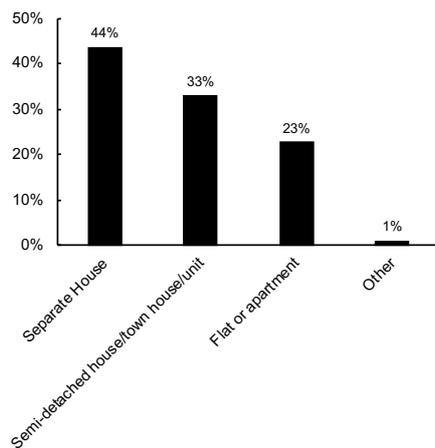
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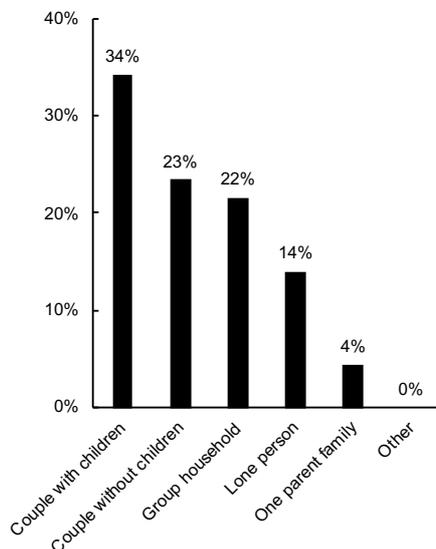
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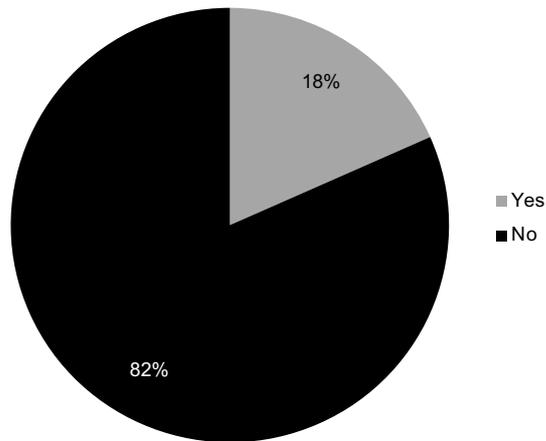
A2.11.9b Dwelling type



A2.11.9c Household type



A2.11.9d Respondents who speak English as a second language



PART B

Worker open space survey

B1 Introduction

B1.1 Summary of the worker open space survey

Workers were surveyed in four employment precincts in the City of Yarra including Collingwood, Cremorne, Fitzroy and Richmond. The Worker Survey was conducted by Metropolis Research as an intercept survey based on questions supplied by TBLD. Some questions were modified and additional questions added by Metropolis Research. Metropolis Research were commissioned to prepare an report on the survey outcomes, which is attached to this report as Appendix A.

TBLD has analysed the results of the four questions from the survey for each individual employment precinct using the raw data supplied by Metropolis Research. The four questions analysed on a precinct basis are:

- How often do you typically visit open space near your workplace?
- What open spaces near your workplace do you visit most often?
- What are all the reasons why you visit these open spaces near your workplace?
- Do you have any suggested improvements to the open space network near your workplace?

B1.2 Overall summary of the worker survey outcomes

The total number of workers surveyed was 498, and below is the breakdown of the number of surveys for each employment precinct:

- Collingwood – 124 respondents
- Cremorne – 117 respondents
- Fitzroy – 144 respondents
- Richmond – 113 respondents

For the overall survey outcomes, refer to Appendix A which includes the report on the survey outcomes prepared by Metropolis Research.

Metropolis advised that the surveys were conducted in the following locations in each of the employment precincts:

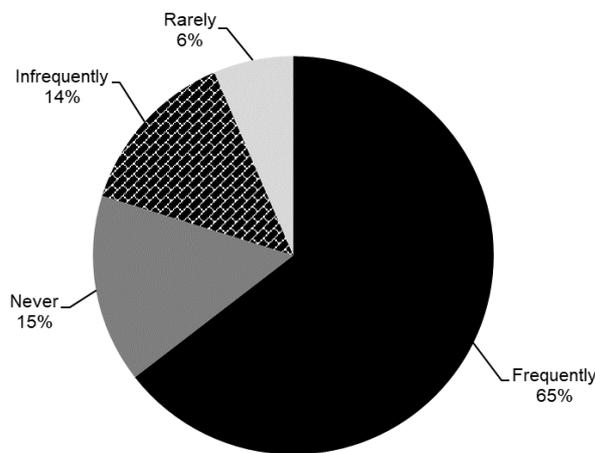
- Collingwood – Smith Street
- Cremorne – Church Street and Swan Street
- Fitzroy – St Vincents Hospital and Brunswick Street area
- Richmond – Epworth Hospital and Bridge Road.

B2 Worker survey employment precinct summaries

B2.1 Collingwood

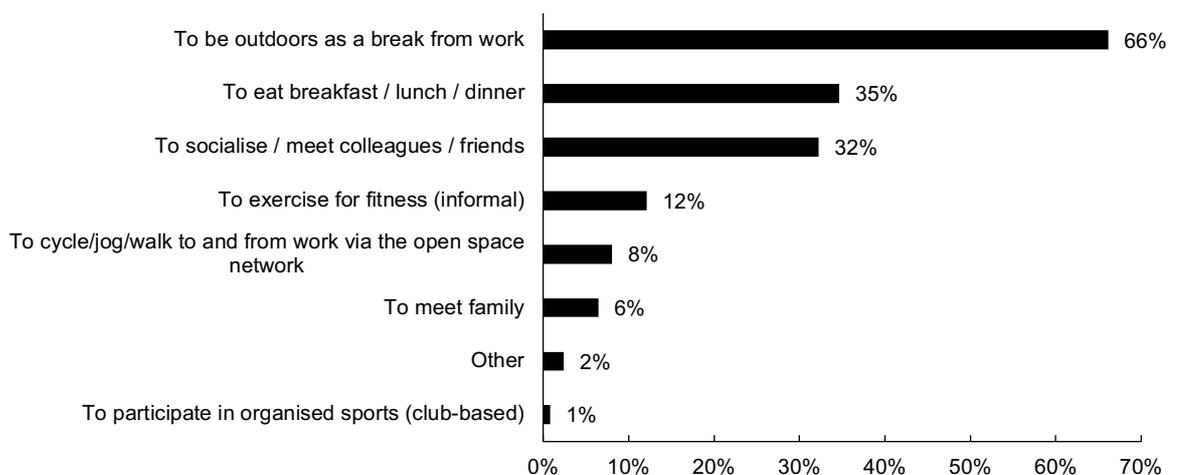
B2.1.1 How often you visit open space near your workplace

85% of the 124 respondents visit open space near the workspace, with 65% visiting it frequently.



B2.1.2 Reasons to visit open space near workplace

The majority (66%) of workers in Collingwood visit open space to be outdoors as a break from work, followed by eating meals and the socialising with friends/colleagues.



B2.1.3 Which open space do you visit near your near workplace

Fitzroy Gardens and Peel Street Park are the most visited areas of open space.

No.	Open space visited
28	Fitzroy Gardens
24	Peel Street Park
15	Edinburgh Gardens
14	Carlton Gardens
5	Gertrude Street
5	Smith Street
4	Small parks
4	Parks/reserves
4	Webb Street
3	Botanical Gardens
3	CBD parks and gardens
3	George Street
3	Oxford Street
3	Whitlam Place
2	Exhibition Gardens
2	Fitzroy Pool
1	Open space around the Department of Housing flats
1	Atherton Reserve
1	Burnley Gardens
1	Clifton Hill
1	Condell Place
1	Council house gardens
1	Fairfield Gardens
1	Fitzroy Town Hall
1	Gipps Street Park
1	Lincoln Square
1	Museum in Carlton Gardens
1	Parliament Gardens
1	Playground
1	Playground in Kew
1	Stanley Street
1	Streets
1	Treasury Gardens
1	Victoria Park
1	Yarra River

B2.1.4 Suggested improvements/changes to open space visited near the workplace

Respondents were given the opportunity to provide any suggestions for improvement to the open space or to highlight any issues they have with the open space.

Open space visited	No.	Suggested improvement for/issue width
Open space in general 43	14	Open space – additional required
	4	Green spaces – additional required in the city
	3	Greening - more trees/plants/grass in open space
	2	Picnic tables for having lunch - additional required
	2	Public toilets - additional required
	2	Quieter places to relax and unwind - additional required
	2	Shade - additional required

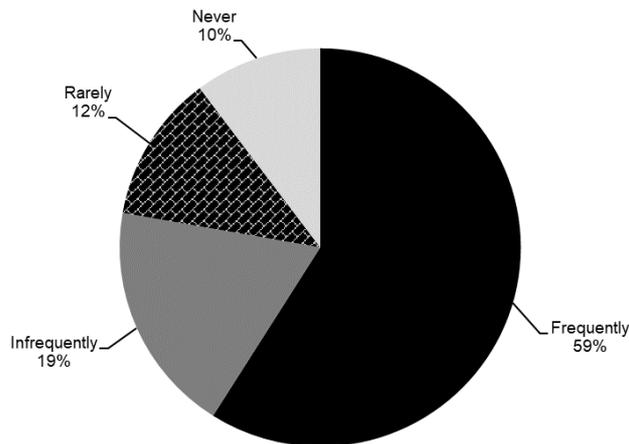
Open space visited	No.	Suggested improvement for/issue width
	2	Safety - feel unsafe
	1	Better value for the rates
	1	Bicycle parking - additional required
	1	Car parking - additional required to improve access to open space
	1	Maintenance - additional required
	1	Maintenance - cleaning graffiti required
	1	Maintenance - well maintained
	1	Pedestrian access - improve safety
	1	Pets - more pet free areas required
	1	Rubbish collection - increase frequency
	1	Seating- uncomfortable
	1	Trees - additional required
	Fitzroy Gardens 28	4
3		Green open space - additional required
3		Open space - need more like Fitzroy Gardens in City of Yarra
2		Drinking fountains - additional required
2		Public toilets - additional required
2		Seating - additional required
2		Seating - improvement required
1		Barbecue areas - additional required
1		Car parking - more required to access open space
1		Enjoy as is - no improvement required
1		Jogging paths - additional required
1		Maintenance - additional required
1		Public toilets - more cleaning required
1		Shade - additional required
Peel Street Park 24	4	Seating - additional required
	4	Enjoy as is - no improvement required
	3	Shade - additional required
	2	Open space - additional required
	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Garden bed/grassed areas - more required
	1	Garden maintenance - cleaning more frequently
	1	Open space - more awareness required
	1	Picnic tables and seats - additional required
	1	Seating - more comfortable seating required
	1	Trees - more large trees for shade
	1	Trees and vegetation - additional required
Edinburgh Gardens 15	2	Enjoy as is - no changes required
	1	Basketball court - additional required
	1	Bicycle infrastructure - required
	1	Open space - don't sell to developers
	1	Open space - need additional large parks
	1	Opens space - more required
	1	Playgrounds - additional required
Carlton Gardens 14	2	Trees - more native species in open space required
	1	Garden beds - additional required
	1	Good - no changes required
	1	Open space - more areas to relax required
	1	Seating - additional required
Smith Street 5	1	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Shade - additional required

Open space visited	No.	Suggested improvement for/issue width
Webb Street 4	1	Maintenance - more cleaning required
	1	Maintenance - well maintained
	1	Public drinking - policing required
Botanical Gardens 3	1	Open space good - no changes required
Oxford Street Park 3	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Peel Street Park - gets very busy
	1	Seating - additional required
Parks 3	1	Trees - more required
	1	Green open space - additional required
	1	Public toilets - additional required
Exhibition Gardens 2	1	Drinking fountain - additional required
	1	Rubbish bins additional required
Burnley Gardens 1	1	Footpaths - maintenance required
	1	Safety - more lighting required
Gardens in the CBD 2	1	Open space - more required near my workplace
	1	Seating - additional required
Fairfield Park 1	1	Disability parking - additional required
Gipps Street Park 1	1	Family areas - additional required
Whitlam Park 3	1	Dogs bowls and poo bags - required
	1	Open space - more required
	1	Seating - additional required
Lincoln Square 1	1	Rubbish bins - additional required
Local Open space 4	2	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Garden beds and trees - need more in streetscapes
Museum in Carlton Gardens 1	1	Open space - more required in City of Yarra
Parliament Gardens 1	1	Open space good - no changes required
Fitzroy Pool 2	1	Public pools - more required
Open space 1	1	Open space - additional required
Stanley Street 1	1	Open space - need more large parks
Treasury Gardens 1	1	Public toilets - more cleaning required
Victoria Park 1	1	Greening - additional required
Yarra River 1	1	Green open space - additional required

B2.2 Cremorne

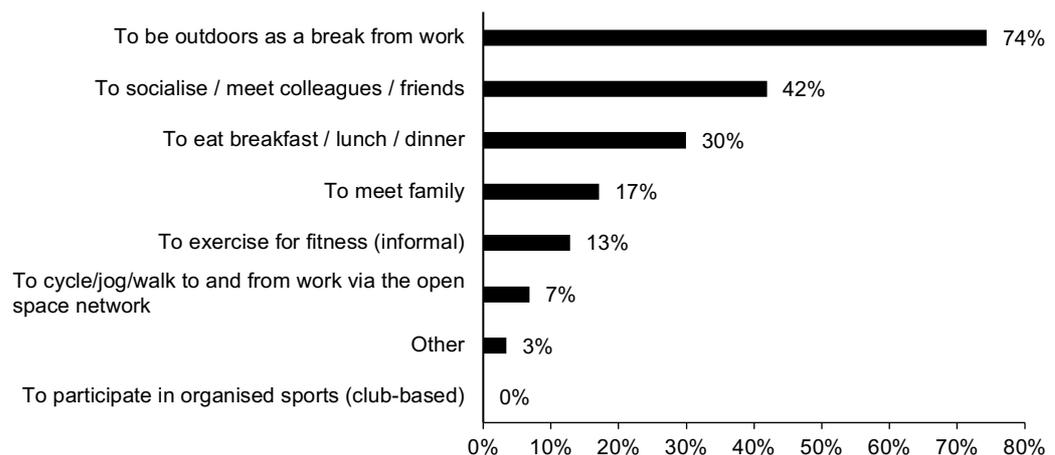
B2.2.1 How often you visit open space near your workplace

90% of respondents visit open space near the workspace, with 59% visiting it frequently. This reinforces the importance of open space to workers and is slightly higher than Collingwood.



B2.2.2 Reasons to visit open space near workplace

The majority (74%) of workers in Cremorne visit open space to be outdoors as a break from work, followed by 42% to socialise and meet with friends/colleagues. There is a low level of participation in exercise and organised sport.



B2.2.3 Which open space do you visit near your near workplace

Church Street and Parks in general are the most visited open spaces in Cremorne. It is unclear from the survey results whether people are referring to Church Street in general or Church Street Park. From the survey results below it appears that the intercept surveys for Cremorne were conducted in Church Street, which explains the high number of responses specifically mentioning this area of open space.

No.	Open space visited
27	Church Street
22	Parks (no location/name provided)
15	Barkley Gardens
9	Gardens (no location/name provided)
4	Dale Street
4	Flagstaff Gardens
4	Yarra Park
3	Citizens Park
3	Church Street Park
3	McConchie Reserve
3	Open space outside the City of Yarra and City of Melbourne
2	Burnley Gardens
2	Carlton Gardens
2	Garden near work
2	Olympic Park
2	Richmond Park
2	Small local park
2	White Street Reserve
1	Cafe
1	Richmond Terrace Park
1	Goschs Paddock
1	Kings Domain
1	Near bridge shore gardens
1	Near this street
1	Olympic Park
1	Outdoor cafes
1	Palmer Parade Park
1	Richmond Station
1	Yarra River

B2.2.4 Suggested improvements/changes to open space visited near the workplace

Respondents were asked to provide any suggestions for improvement to the open space or to highlight any issues they have with open space in general.

Open space visited	No.	Suggestions/issues with open space
Church Street 27	5	Seating - additional required
	3	Maintenance - improvement required
	2	Designated smoking areas - additional required
	2	Drinking water - to be provided
	2	Open space - additional required
	1	Provide bins with butt out facility
	1	Rubbish bins - additional required
	Parks 22	5
	2	Car parking - additional required

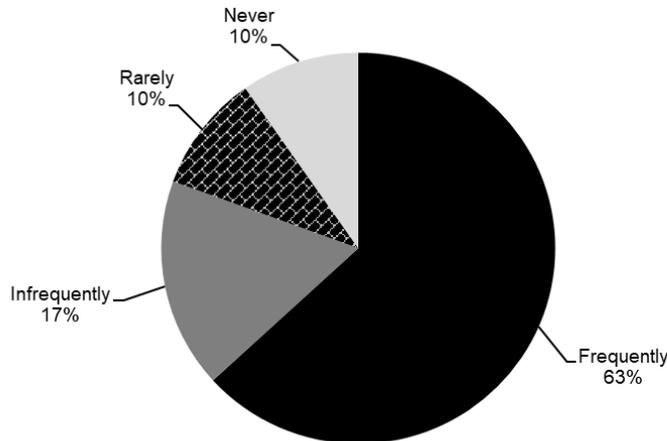
Open space visited	No.	Suggestions/issues with open space
	2	Green spaces - additional required
	2	Maintenance - additional required
	2	Open space - more required
	2	Seating - additional required
	1	Barbeque facilities - additional required
	1	Better night lighting - additional required
	1	Café/food/drink - services required
	1	Fitness equipment - additional required
	1	Improvement - none required, they are great
	1	Picnic shelters - additional required
	1	Picnic tables/chairs - additional required
	1	Shaded seating - additional required
	1	Trees - additional required
Barkley Gardens 15	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Maintenance - additional required
	2	Open space - more required
	1	Car parking - more required
	1	Dogs - owners to clean up after dogs
	1	Improvements - beautification required
	1	Improvements - none required, beautiful
	1	Maintenance - retain good condition
	1	Public toilets - improvement required
	1	Relaxing - ensure quiet and relaxing
	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Seating - additional required
	Gardens 9	4
2		Improvement - none required
1		Car parking - better parking required near open space
1		Free car parking near open space - required
1		Green open space - additional required
1		Noise - reduce noise levels in open space
1		Seating - more required
1		Variety of shade trees - additional required
Dale Street 4	2	Traffic management - improvement required
	1	Dedicated pedestrian footpath - required
	1	Grass - improvement required
	1	Rubbish bins - additional required
Flagstaff Gardens 4	1	Seating - additional required
	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Swings are facing the sun - realignment required
Yarra Park 3	2	Greening - adjacent to the river required
	2	Maintenance - cleaning required
	1	Boats - along the Yarra required
	1	Seating - additional required
Fitzroy Gardens 3	1	Rubbish bins - emptied more frequently to reduce presence of vermin
McConchie Reserve 3	1	WiFi - connectivity required
Burnley Gardens 2	2	Improvements - none required
	1	Greening - additional required
	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Maintenance - additional required
Church Street Reserve 2	1	Commercial in these areas
	1	Cycling paths - required
	1	Food trucks - more frequent

Open space visited	No.	Suggestions/issues with open space
	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Rubbish bins - additional required
Citizens Park 2	1	Dogs - review standard on-lead controls
	1	Seating additional required
City Link Off Ramp 2	2	Maintenance - cleaning required
	1	Barbecue area - required
	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Trees - additional required
	1	Trees - maintenance required
Olympic Park 2	1	Open space - additional required
Small Local Park 2	1	Greening - additional required
	1	Open space - additional required
Richmond Terrace Park 1	1	Maintenance - cleaning required

B2.3 Fitzroy

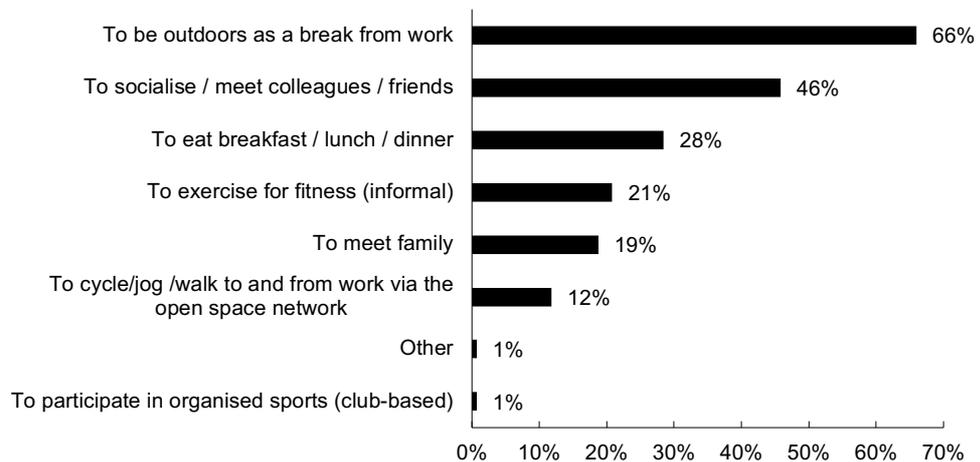
B2.3.1 How often you visit open space near workplace

90% of respondents visit open space near the workspace, with 63% visiting it frequently. This reinforces the importance of open space to workers and is similar to Cremorne and slightly higher than Collingwood.



B2.3.2 Reasons to visit open space near workplace

The main reason (66%) workers in Fitzroy visit open space is to be outdoors as a break from work, followed by 46% to socialise and meet with friends/colleagues, with 21% visiting it to exercise, which is higher than for Cremorne and Collingwood. This is likely due to workers in Fitzroy having easier access to larger open spaces.



B2.3.3 Which open space near your near workplace most visited

Parks (not named specifically) and Edinburgh Gardens are the most visited open spaces in Fitzroy, followed by Carlton Gardens and Fitzroy Gardens. As noted above in B2.3.2, access to the larger sized parks is likely to be the reason why more workers visit open space to exercise than for Collingwood and Cremorne.

No.	Open space within City of Yarra
28	Parks
25	Edinburgh Gardens
20	Carlton Gardens
20	Fitzroy Gardens
7	Small Local Parks
6	Smith Reserve
5	Brunswick Street
5	Open space outside City of Yarra & City of Melbourne
3	Atherton Gardens
3	Whitlam Place
2	Condell Street Reserve
2	Fitzroy Library Park
2	Garryowen Park
1	Argyle Square
1	Café
1	Counter Street
1	Gardens
1	Greeves Street Park
1	King William Reserve
1	Lincoln Square
1	McNamara Reserve
1	Melbourne University
1	Merri Creek
1	Royal Park
1	School
1	Treasury Gardens
1	University Square

B2.3.4 Suggested improvements/changes to open space visited near the workplace

Respondents were asked to provide any suggestions for improvement to the open space or to highlight any issues they have with open space in general. Requests for additional open space, and improving the quality and greening of the existing open space are the most common suggestions from respondents Fitzroy.

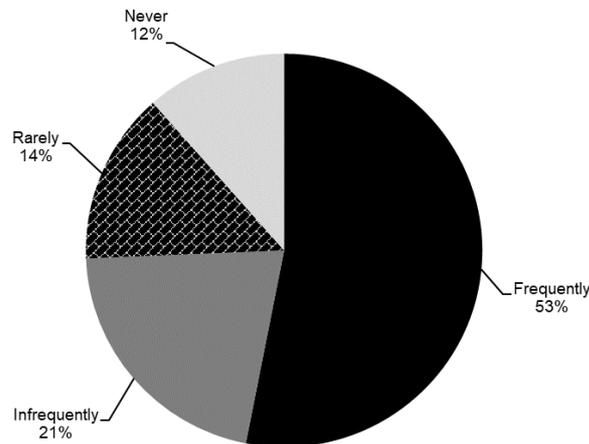
Open space visited	No	Suggestions for/issues with open space
Parks 28	11	Open space - additional required
	3	Greening - additional required
	2	Aesthetics - improve/beautify
	2	Seating - additional required
	2	Trees - additional required
	1	Aesthetic - attractive
	1	Development - concern about building heights
	1	Development - concern about over-development
	1	Maintenance - clean up after dogs

Open space visited	No	Suggestions for/issues with open space
	1	Open space - rarely visit
	1	Open space - rarely visit due to lack of time
	1	Open space - required as density increases
	1	Play areas - additional required
	1	Recreation - more activities required
	1	Recreation - rock climbing and activities required
	1	Seating - improve quality
	1	Streetscapes - adjoining require improvement
Edinburgh Gardens 25	2	Open space - more required in busy area
	1	Council - doing well with the park
	1	Green open space - more required
	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Alcohol - allow consumption in open space
	1	Public shower facility - required
Carlton Gardens 20	1	Beautiful
	1	Cycling - enforce the no cycling rule
	1	Maintenance - more required
	1	Open space - additional required
Fitzroy Gardens 20	7	Improvements - none required
	4	Open space - additional required
	2	Trees - additional required
	1	Garden beds - additional required
	1	Green open space - additional required
	1	Greening - additional required
	1	Maintenance - clean up after dogs
	1	Maintenance - regular cleaning
	1	Open space - should be available all of the time
	1	Open space - very important in high density areas
	1	Pets - effective control required
	1	Public toilets - improve cleaning
	1	Seats - additional required
	1	Seats and picnic tables - additional required
Small Local Park 7	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Greening - more required in parks
	1	Development - stop to improve/increase open space
	1	Maintenance - cleaning required to remove rubbish
	1	Maintenance - improve cleanliness
	1	Maintenance - more cleaning required
	1	Open space - more required
Smith Reserve 6	1	Open space - additional required
Atherton Gardens 3	1	Bathrooms - more required
Whitlam Place 3	1	Community - support surveys
	1	Events - available for people to hire
	1	Events - encourage more people in open space
	1	Greening - additional required
Condell Street Reserve 2	2	Greening - additional plants in the park
	1	Improvements - improve interface to streets
	1	Recreation - more facilities required
Fitzroy Library Park 2	1	Open space - more required
	1	Recreation - more activities
	1	Shade - additional required
	1	Trees - additional required
Garryowen Park 2	1	Bins - additional required
	1	Bins - recycling bins required
	1	Dogs - improve areas/facilities for them
	1	Seats - additional required

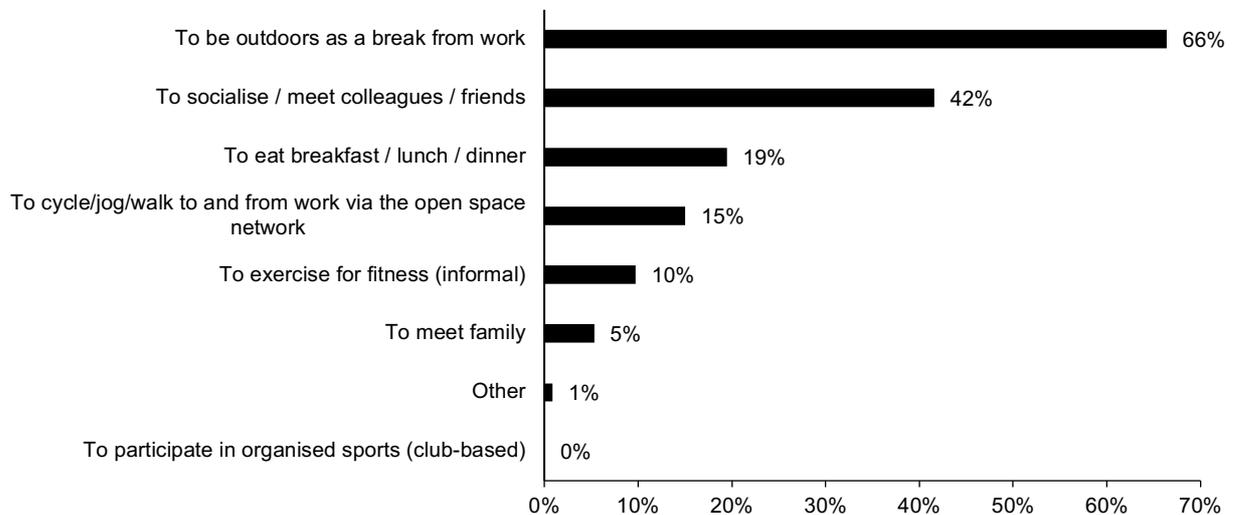
Open space visited	No	Suggestions for/issues with open space
Counter Street 1	1	Aesthetics - improve/beautify
	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Shade - additional required
Gardens 1	1	Trees - additional required
Greeves Street Park 1	1	Recreation - more facilities for games etc required
King William Reserve 1	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Open space - important to protect
	1	Trees - protect
Lincoln Square 1	1	Greenery - maintain existing
McNamara Reserve 1	1	Seats and tables - additional required
Melbourne University 1	1	Seats - additional required
	1	Shade - additional required
Royal Park 1	1	Tables - additional required
School 1	1	Improvements - non required
Treasury Gardens 1	1	Seats - additional required
University Square 1	1	Maintenance - improvement required
	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Open space - more to be developed

B2.4 Workers survey outcomes - Richmond

B2.4.1 How often you visit open space near workplace Richmond



B2.4.2 Reasons to visit open space near workplace Richmond



B2.4.3 Which open space near your near workplace most visited Richmond

No.	Open space visited
15	Fitzroy Gardens
13	Botanical Gardens
11	Parks
10	Citizens Park
8	Barkley Gardens
8	Yarra Park

No.	Open space visited
6	Edinburgh Gardens
5	Football Ground
5	Yarra River
4	Carlton Gardens
4	Erin Street
4	Richmond Park
3	Epworth
3	Reserves
2	Beach
2	City Gardens
2	Parks and gardens
2	Richmond Station
2	Treasury Gardens
1	Batman Park
1	Burnley Gardens
1	Collingwood Town Hall
1	Coppin Street
1	Factory yard
1	Federation Square
1	Gardens
1	Jolimont Street
1	Melbourne University
1	Open cafe
1	Parliament Gardens
1	Peppercorn Park
1	St Vincent's Place
1	Victoria Park
1	Williams Street

B2.4.4 What suggestions for or issues with do you have for the open space you visit near your workplace Richmond

The answers to this question have been presented in two different ways. The first table lists the answers by topic and the second table lists the comments by individual reserve.

Open Space	No.	Suggestions for/issues with open space
Fitzroy Gardens 15	1	Beautification - additional required
	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Maintenance - well maintained
	1	Open space - additional required in Richmond
	1	Seating - additional required
Botanical Gardens 13	1	Car parking - additional required
	1	Car parking - issue
	1	Greening - additional required
	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - additional required in City of Yarra
	1	Parking - make it free
	1	Public toilets - additional required
	1	Seating - improvements required
Parks 11	1	Car parking - turn open space into car parking
	1	Cycle paths - less required
	1	Improvements - none required

Open Space	No.	Suggestions for/issues with open space
	1	Improvements requires especially in Epworth Hospital area
	1	Open spaces - additional required
	1	Running tracks - additional required
Citizens Park 10	3	Car parking - additional required
	2	Improvements - none required
	2	Open space - additional required in Richmond
	1	Green open space - additional required
	1	Greening - additional required
	1	Maintenance - additional cleaning required
	1	Relaxing - in the evening
Barkley Gardens 8	1	Car parking - additional free parking required
	1	Open space - additional required in Richmond
Yarra Park 8	1	Open space - additional required
Edinburgh Gardens 6	1	Open space - additional required
Citizens Park 5	2	Picnic tables and seats - additional required
	1	Bicycle parking - additional secure parking required
	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Open space - additional required
	1	Open space - with good sunlight access
	1	Public toilets - additional required
Carlton Gardens 4	1	Car parking - free parking near open space
	1	Maintenance - City of Melbourne space well maintained, City of Yarra needs to improve
Erin Street 4	1	Car parking - more time required
	1	Open space - additional required in City of Yarra
	1	Public toilets - more required
Epworth 3	1	Car parking - additional required at train station
	1	Car parking - free parking required
	1	Improvement - none required
	1	Open space - additional required in Richmond
Reserves 3	1	Access - improvements required
	1	Car parking - additional required
Parks and gardens 3	1	Improvements - non required
Batman Park 1	1	Open spaces - additional require in City of Yarra and City of Melbourne
Burnley Gardens 1	1	Development - stop approving high rise developments
	1	Green open space - additional required
Gardens 1	1	Open space - improve balance of open space and developments
	1	Trees - increased number of trees in open space
Jolimont Street 1	1	Open space - additional required
Melbourne University 1	1	Improvements - none required
	1	Maintenance - improvement required
Peppercorn Park 1	2	Dogs - owners to clean up after their dogs
Richmond Station 1	1	Dogs - additional poo bag stations required
St Vincent's Place 1	1	Public toilets - additional required
	1	Trees - additional required along streets
Victoria Park 1	1	Events - additional required in the parks
	1	Seating - additional required

PART C

Homeless and marginalised open space survey

C. Homeless and marginalised community survey outcomes

C1 Summary of the homeless and marginalised community open space survey

Five surveys were designed for City of Yarra. These were the CALD survey, the Community survey, Homeless survey, worker and Youth survey. This report is for the Homeless and Marginalised survey only. The survey consisted of eight questions about open space including the final question being an open-ended question seeking comments regarding what changes and where would the respondents make/suggest for open space in the City of Yarra

C2 Overall summary of the homeless and marginalised community outcomes

A total of 21 responses were received. Not all respondents completed all questions. Some key overall outcomes from the survey include:

- Carlton Gardens was nominated as the most used open space, with frequency of use varying from daily to once every few months. The most typical use for this open space is physical activity, and just being in nature.
- Whilst the name/location of open spaces not used by respondents didn't highlight any one particular area not used more than another, the reasons why the open spaces weren't used were almost all related to safety and security.
- 95% of respondents completed their surveys at St Marks, and 5% submitted their response by mail.
- Nearly 80% of respondents are aged over 50 years of age, 53% aged between 50 – 59 years of age.

C3 Open space used in the City of Yarra

Name/location of open space	When do you use	Why do you use
Carlton Gardens 7	Daily	Exercise
	Once per week (2)	I like formal gardens
	Once every few months	Natural state
		Places to sit
		Trees and fresh air
		Walk (2)
No parks 3		Lives with own little area to sit
		No dogs
		Would use if was in walking distance
Edinburgh Gardens 2	Everyday	To find a good lady
	Once in a while	Garden beds
Fitzroy Gardens 2	Daily (2)	Community
		General exercise
		Walk
Rushall Reserve 2		Historical site
		Signing of Batman Treaty

Name/location of open space	When do you use	Why do you use
		Shortcut home
Treasury Gardens 2	Daily	Fresh air
	Once per week	Natural state
		Trees Walk
Whitlam Park 2	Day/Night	Eat lunch
	Varies	Relax
		Socialise To read
Abbotsford Convent Area 1	As often as I like	Away from city noise
		Away from traffic
		Green Peace and quiet
Batman Park 1	Night	To sleep
Coburg Lakes 1		Shade
Collingwood Football Club Ground 1	Night (when no events)	BBQs
		Open Pleasant Trees
Condell Park 1	Day/Night	Accessible Location
Dights Falls 1	As often as I like	Away from city noise
		Away from traffic
		Green Peace and quiet
Flagstaff Park 1	Night	To sleep
Gahans Reserve 1		Like Peel Street better but wish we could do it cheaper
Local Park 1	Not often	Walk
Near Gertrude Street 1	Once every 2 months	Freedom
		Fresh air
		Lovely park
Next to Fitzroy Library 1	Everyday	Free WiFi
Parks off Gertrude Street 1	In spare time	Play equipment
Peel Street Park 1	Daily	Play guitar

C4 Open space not used in the City of Yarra

Name of open space	Reasons not used
Botanical gardens 1	
Fitzroy/Yarra 1	Not enough time, too busy
Many 1	I do not live in Yarra

Name of open space	Reasons not used
Open space along freeway & Hoddle St	Traffic
1	
Park along Nicholson Street	Looks creepy
1	
Recreation area around Fitzroy flats	At night I am hesitant. I have clearly seen how the African youths congregate in intimidating numbers
1	
River park	Too many dogs and drug dealers
1	
Seated area on Smith Street & Gore Street	People who "own" the area are not inclusive
1	
Southern Cross Station	Security guards are racist towards the homeless
1	
General comments	Need facilities in parks, BBQ's and toilets
	Places too far away

C5 What to change about open space and where

Respondents were provided a section where they were able to write what they would change about open space in the City of Yarra and where.

Name/location of open space	What would you change
Nearby Freeway footbridge off Trenery Crescent	Good place to meet up to get trains
	Make it more inviting
Open space near King William Street and Primary School	Make it into a pop up park for and the local users
Rushall Crescent	No trees - plant more and put bike path in
All parks and walkways	More visible security especially during the night time
Not sure	More space needed near Easey Street, Collingwood
Area on loop off Studley Road	Nothing there to sit etc
General comments	Connect people in community with community gardens
	Melbourne Dreaming Book
	More celebration of Indigenous leaders, historical and current
	Worried about getting kicked out of parks
	Council watchman
	Hammocks in trees
	Have more open space
	If something breaks, notice it's slow to get fixed in East Brunswick
	Keep it more clean
	Like Playground and BBQ area
	Maintain trees better
Memorials and plaques of local Aboriginal history	

Name/location of open space	What would you change
	More bins
	More comfortable park benches
	More covers over BBQ's
	More drinking fountains in all parks
	Need BBQ's
	Open space improves areas
	Oxford Street Park More community involvement in the making to save costs
	Public toilets
	There's not enough open space

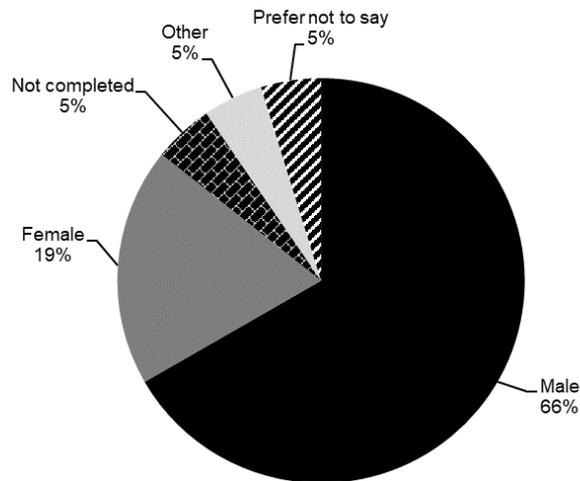
C6 Information about who completed the survey

C6.1 Where did you completed the survey?

20 respondents completed the survey at St Marks. One response was mailed in from surveys distributed at Co-Health, Collingwood.

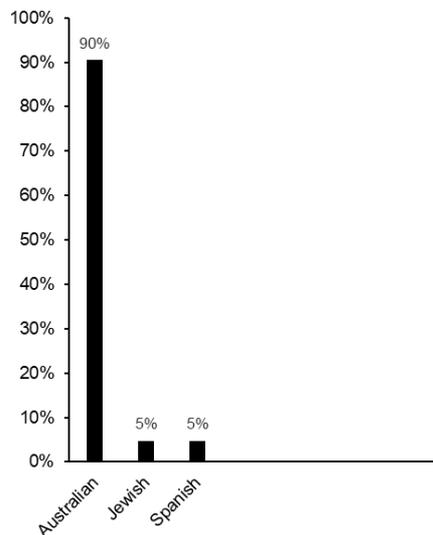
C6.2 Gender

A total of 21 surveys were completed. 66% of these were recorded as male, compared to 19% as female, with 15% nominating, not completed, other or prefer not to say.



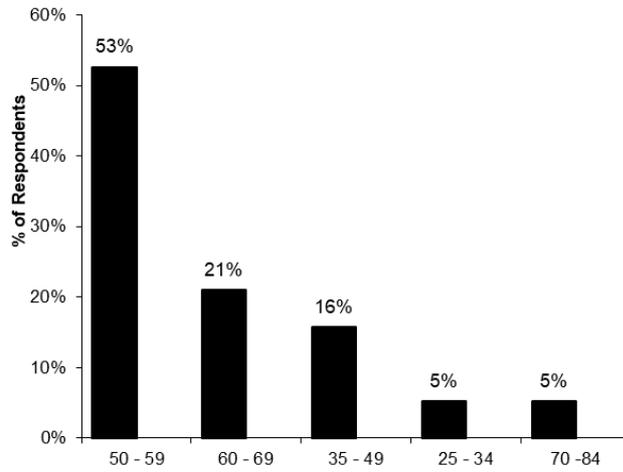
C6.3 Nationality

Nationality of those surveyed was overwhelmingly Australian (90%) with only two other nationalities nominated Jewish and Spanish at 5% each



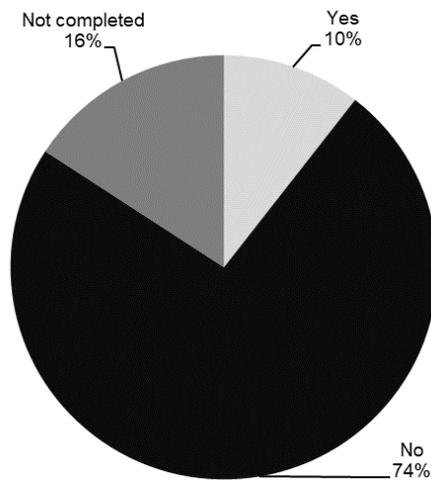
C6.4 Age range

The largest group of survey respondents (53%) is from the 50 – 59 year age range.



C6.5 Aboriginal or Torres Straits Islander

10% of respondents identified as Aboriginal or Torres Straits Islander.



PART D

Youth open space survey

D. Youth survey outcomes

D1 Summary of the youth open space survey

Five surveys were designed for City of Yarra. These were the CALD survey, the Community survey, Homeless survey, worker and Youth survey. This report is for the Youth survey only. The survey consisted of ten questions about open space including the final question being an open-ended question seeking comments regarding what changes would the respondents make/suggest for open space in the City of Yarra

D2 Overall summary of the youth survey outcomes

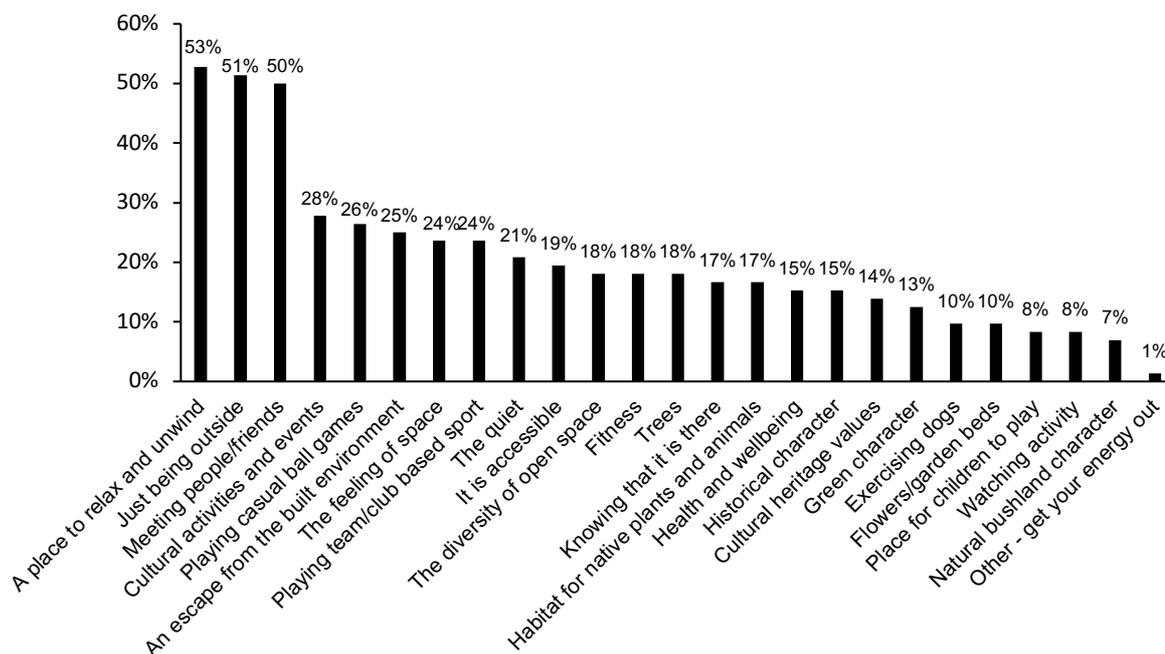
A total of 72 responses were received. Not all respondents completed all questions. Some key overall outcomes from the survey include:

- Atherton Reserve was nominated as the most used open space. Reasons for this included participation in structured sport and exercise, in particular soccer.
- The Basketball court was shown as the second most used open space, although the respondents did not provide the name of the space where the basketball courts were.
- 45% of respondents were from the Fitzroy area, with Collingwood and North Richmond each showing 11% of respondents as the suburb where they live.
- A high proportion of 12 to 17 year olds completed the survey (58%). This may be as a result of where the surveys were completed.
- A place to relax and unwind, just being outside and meeting people/friends were the top three values of open space.

D3 Values of open space

Respondents were asked to indicate what they valued most about open space. The following table is a list of these values in priority order.

The percentage column is calculated on the basis of the total number of returned surveys of 72.



The following table list the values in priority order

Value	%
A place to relax and unwind	53%
Just being outside	51%
Meeting people/friends	50%
Cultural activities and events	28%
Playing casual ball games	26%
An escape from the built environment	25%
The feeling of space	24%
Playing team/club based sport	24%
The quiet	21%
It is accessible	19%
The diversity of open space	18%
Fitness	18%
Trees	18%
Knowing that it is there	17%
Habitat for native plants and animals	17%
Health and wellbeing	15%
Historical character	15%
Cultural heritage values	14%
Green character	13%
Exercising dogs	10%
Flowers/garden beds	10%
Place for children to play	8%
Watching activity	8%
Natural bushland character	7%
Other - get your energy out	1%

D4 Open space in City of Yarra

D4.1 What open space used in the City of Yarra

No	Open space within Local Area
16	Atherton Reserve
7	Basketball court
7	Fitzroy
5	Library
5	Soccer field
5	Yarra Youth Centre
4	Citizens Park
3	Edinburgh Gardens
3	Parks
3	Richmond Recreation Centre
3	Yarra Bend
2	Fitzroy oval
1	Barkley Gardens
1	Burnley Park and oval
1	Carlton
1	Condell Park
1	Fitzroy Gardens
1	Richmond
1	Richmond High School
1	Yarra Park (City of Melbourne)

D5 Open space used in the City of Yarra

The following table lists the reasons why people visit the specific open spaces within City of Yarra and suggested improvements to them. The open spaces are listed in priority order. The numbers underneath the park names are the total number of respondents who reported visiting that specific park.

D5.1 Why do you use the open space in the City of Yarra and what improvements or changes

Open Space	No.	Reasons to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvement
Atherton Reserve 16	7	Play soccer	2	Separate dog park
	5	Play with friends/play/fun	1	Attract more people
	3	Relax	1	Basketball court
	2	Meet up with people	1	Improve basketball equipment
	1	Play Sport	1	Improve soccer equipment
	1	Soccer lesson	1	Lighting - night
			1	Make park home ground for a club
			1	More soccer activities
			1	Owners to clean up after their dogs
			1	Skate park
Basketball court 7	4	To play basketball	1	More diverse sports
Fitzroy 7	2	Play sport	2	Owners to clean up after their dogs
	1	Fun	1	More open space
	1	I use everywhere	1	More female based activities
	1	Place to hang out		
	1	Relax		
Library 5	3	Reading	1	A park
	1	Quiet	1	More space for study/furniture
	1	Relax		
	1	Study		
Soccer field 5	4	Soccer/soccer practice	4	Lighting - night
			3	Improve soccer equipment
Yarra Youth Centre 5	2	Meet people	1	Community giving activities
	2	Textiles activities		
	1	Because its there		
	1	Meet friends		
	1	Music		
	1	Open support		
	1	Work there		
Citizens Park 4	1	Big open space	2	Owners to clean up after their dogs
	1	Footy/ball games	1	Indoor courts
	1	Recreation		
	1	Workout areas		
Edinburgh Gardens 3	2	Events	1	Amphitheatre
	1	Meet friends	1	Increase police presence at night
	1	Picnic	1	More live performances
	1	Relax		
	1	Fun		
Parks 3	1	Fun	1	Owners to clean up after their dogs
	1	Lie in		
	1	Picnics		
	1	Smoke		
	1	Walks		

Open Space	No.	Reasons to Visit	No.	Suggested Improvement
Richmond Recreation Centre 3	2	Swimming/pool	1	Diving boards
	1	Basketball courts	1	Indoor courts
Yarra Bend 3	1	Escape	1	Lighting - night/early morning
	1	Natural	1	Separate cyclists and people
	2	Ride/run/recreation		
Fitzroy oval 2	2	Play soccer		
Barkley Gardens 1	1	Big enough to go running		
Burnley Park and oval 1	1	On the way to and from school		
Carlton 1	1	Close to where I live		
	1	Green space		
Condell Park 1	1	Convenient for work breaks		
Fitzroy Gardens 1	1	Meditation		
	1	Reading		
Richmond 1	1	Hang out with friends	1	More open space
Yarra Park (City of Melbourne) 1	1	Recreation/outdoor activities		

D6 Open space not visited

This question was asked to find out what issues currently limit the use of existing open space. The question included some of the common reasons why people may not use open space. The reasons can apply either to a specific open space or more broadly to open space in City of Yarra.

The question has been analysed below in 2 parts:
Part One – whether there is open space that they don't visit.
Part Two – the reasons they don't visit open space.

D6.1 Which open spaces in City of Yarra you don't visit:

No.	Name/location of open space you don't visit
2	Dog parks
2	Fitzroy Adventure Playground
1	All of them
1	Any that are far from my house
1	Atherton Reserve
1	Carlton
1	Citizens Park
1	Fitzroy
1	Jonas Street
1	Kevin Bartlett Reserve
1	Most of them :(
1	Not sure
1	Park
1	Parks with limited surveillance
1	Richmond housing (public)

1	Sporting reserves/urban plazas
1	Yarra Youth Centre

D6.2 Reasons why you don't visit open space:

Open Space don't visit	No.	Reasons don't visit
Dog parks	1	Because I'm scared
2	1	Dogs chase me away
	1	Owners don't clean up after their dogs
Fitzroy Adventure Playground	1	Because it is childish
2	1	Too old
All of them		
1		
Any that are far from my house		
1		
Atherton Reserve	1	More interested in basketball
1		
Carlton		
1		
Citizens Park	1	Not well maintained
1	1	Owners don't clean up after their dogs
	1	Too much time not able to use park
Fitzroy	1	Busy
1		
Jonas Street	1	It is un-useful
1		
Kevin Bartlett Reserve	1	Poor walking connections to residential areas
1		
Most of them	1	Don't know where they are
1		
Not sure	1	Not sure
1		
Park		
1		
Parks with limited surveillance		
1		
Richmond housing (public)	1	No amenities or activities
1		
Sporting reserves/urban plazas	1	Don't know they existed
1		
Yarra Youth Centre	1	Can't smoke
1		

D7 What to change about open space and where

Respondents were provided a section where they were able to write what they would change about open space in the City of Yarra and where. The following is a summary of these comments which have been grouped together into six topics and assembled in priority order. The total number of people making a comment on a topic is included as the bolded number in each topic heading.

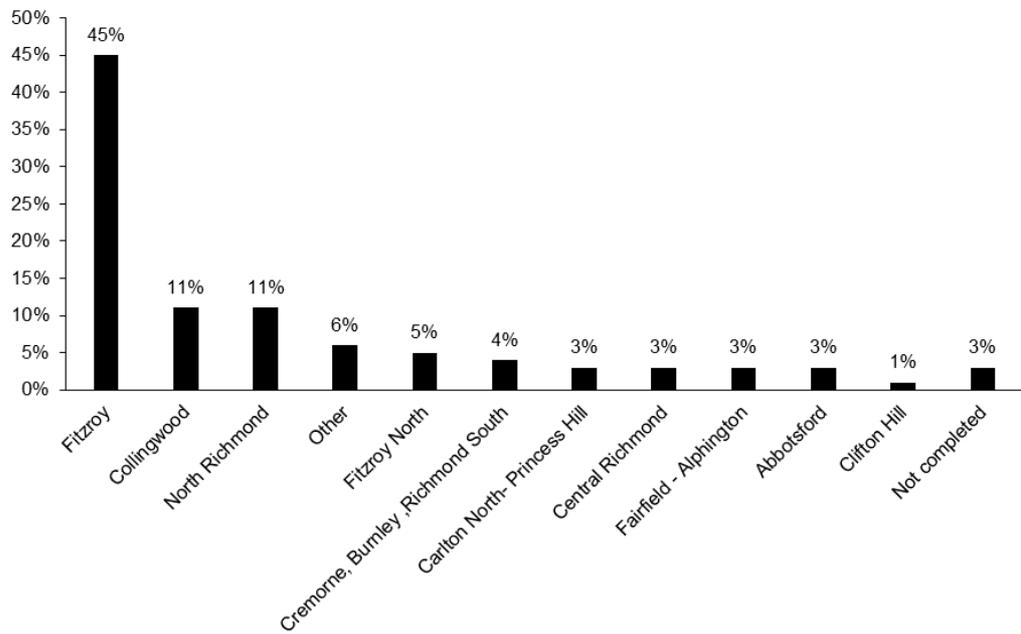
The majority of comments related to the need to improve the quality of facilities and access to open space including additional paths.

The general comments have been grouped into a series of categories to make them easier to review.

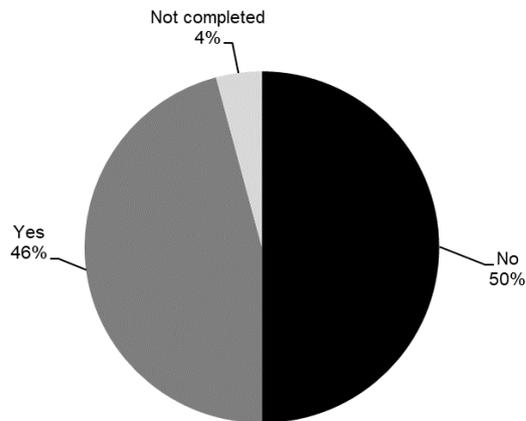
No.	General Comments
14	Recreation use
2	A fitness park area
2	Basketball - to hang out and talk
2	Soccer - nets on goals
1	Basketball - upgrade court
1	Interactive spaces
1	Playground equipment - improve
1	Soccer - A club that represents Fitzroy
1	Soccer - Indoor soccer court
1	Soccer - lights on pitch
1	Soccer - more fields
1	Swimming Pool
11	Other
9	Nothing
1	More people
1	Open to children under 12
6	Infrastructure
2	Bins - provide more, recycling and composting
2	Lighting - More spaces well-lit at night/early morning
1	Amphitheatres
1	Tennis tables -provide more
6	Provision of open space
5	Open space - more required
1	Information - more about the range
3	Dogs
1	Dog areas - provide more
1	Owners - clean up after dogs
1	Dog owners - stricter rules
1	Trees and vegetation
1	More greenery around the edges, on busy roads

D8 Information about who completed the survey

D8.1 Which suburb do you live in?

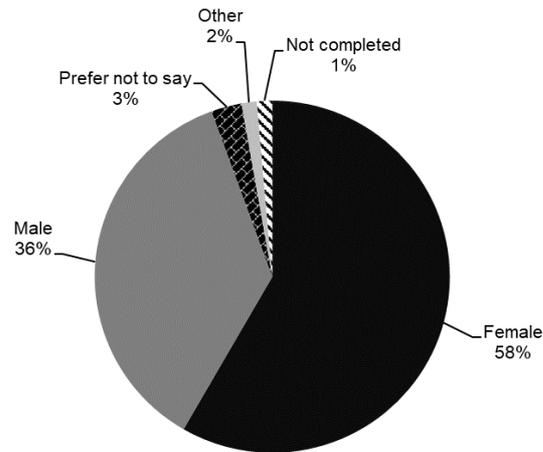


D8.2 Do you work or study in the City of Yarra?



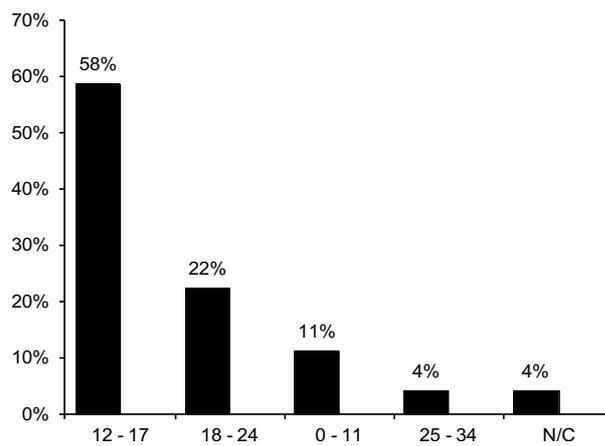
D8.3 Gender

A total of 72 surveys were completed on-line. 58% of these were recorded as female, compared to 36% as male.



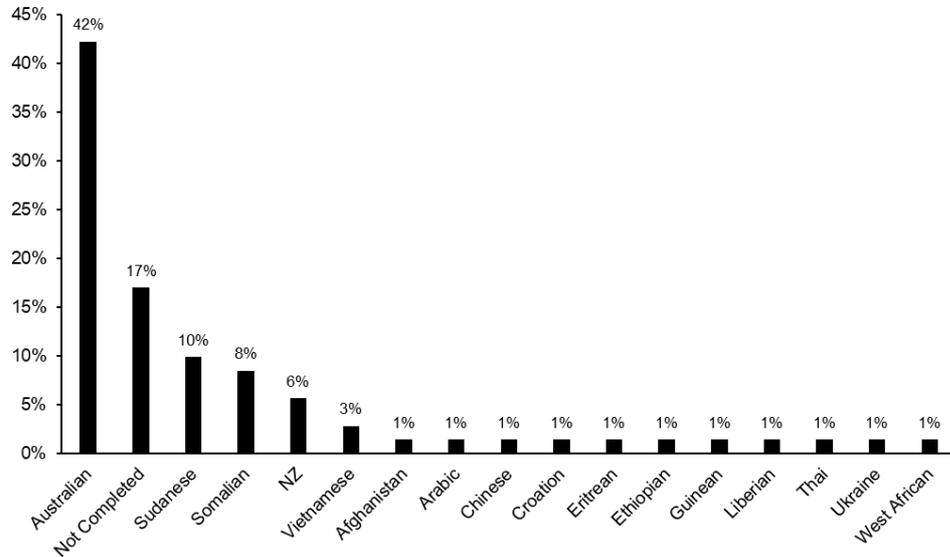
D8.4 Age range

The largest group of survey respondents is from the 12 - 17 year age range.



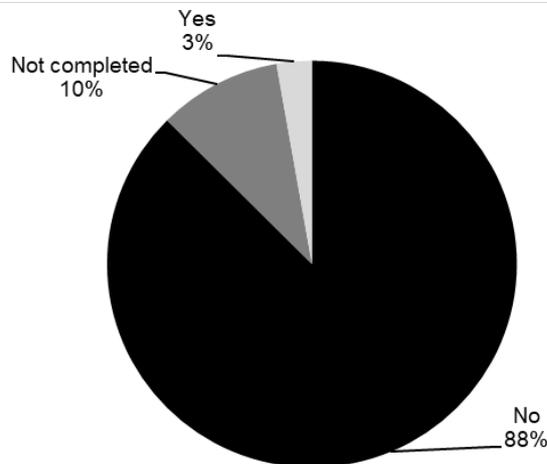
D8.5 Nationality

Nationality of those surveyed was predominantly Australian (45%) with the next largest group of people did not complete this question – 17%. Fifteen other nationalities were identified in the survey.



D8.6 Aboriginal or Torres Straits Islander

3% of respondents identified as Aboriginal or Torres Straits Islander.



PART E

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) open space survey

E. Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) community survey outcomes

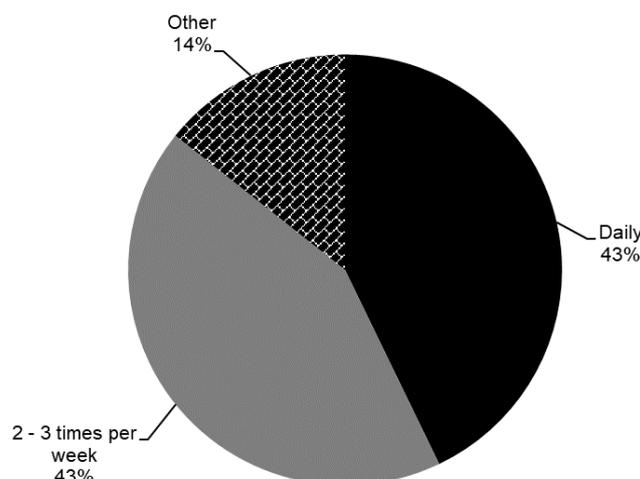
E1 Summary of the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse community open space survey

Five surveys were designed for City of Yarra. These were the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse survey, the Community survey, Homeless survey, worker and Youth survey. This section is for the CALD survey only. The survey consisted of eight questions about open space including the final question being an open-ended question seeking comments regarding what changes and where would the respondents make/suggest for open space in the City of Yarra.

E2 Overall summary of the CALD community outcomes

A total of 12 responses were received, 5 of which were from children aged under 12 years of age. Not all respondents completed all questions.

E3 How often do you visit open space in your area



E4 Open space used in the City of Yarra

Open Space	No.	Reasons to Visit
Harmsworth Street Reserve 6	3	Recreation - use playground
	2	Exercise - run around
	1	Recreation - basketball court
	1	Recreation - ride bike
	1	Socialise
Fitzroy Gardens 2	1	Exercise
	1	Facilities - BBQ
All of the parks 1		
Boat Park 1		

Carlton Gardens		
1		
Richmond	1	Exercise - walk
1	1	Recreation - sport
Murry Park (Heidleberg)		
1		

E5 Open space not used in the City of Yarra

Open Space	No.	Reasons to Visit
Richmond	1	Drug users
2	1	Too far - no MYKI
Harmsworth Street Reserve	1	Not safe - too much drinking
1		
Reservoir Park	1	Too far - no time
1		

E6 What to change about open space and where

Respondents were provided a section where they were able to write what they would change about open space in the City of Yarra and where.

Open Space	No.	Suggested improvements
Richmond	1	Open space - additional required
1		
Cnr Johnston St and Hoddle St	1	Bus stop area - improvement needed
1		
General area	1	Exercise equipment - additional required
<i>Harmsworth Street Reserve</i>	1	Basketball equipment/facilities - additional required
1	1	Soccer facilities - additional required
	1	Maintenance - additional cleaning required
	1	Play equipment - additional required
	3	Playgrounds - additional required
	2	Drinking fountains - additional required
	1	Seating - additional required

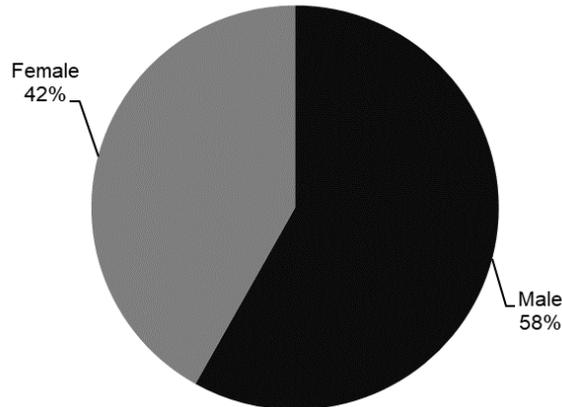
E7 Information about who completed the survey

E7.1 Where did you completed the survey?

12 respondents completed the survey at the Harvest Festival, Collingwood. The festival is held at the Harmsworth Street Reserve. The reserve form part of the grounds of the public housing towers.

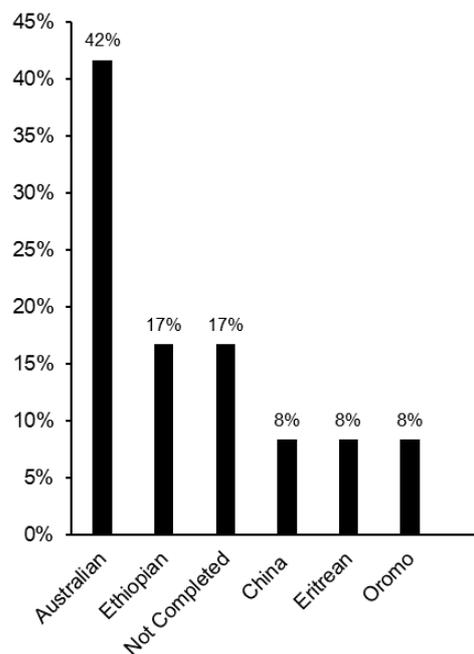
E7.2 Gender

A total of 12 surveys were completed. 58% of these were recorded as male, compared to 42% as female.



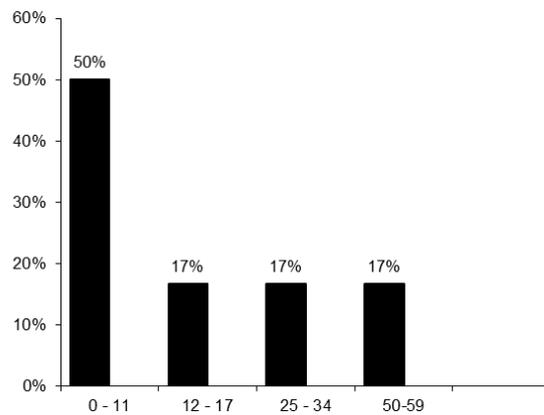
E7.3 Nationality

Nationality of those surveyed was approximately half Australian (42%) and the other half either Ethiopian, Chines, Eritrean, or Oromo, with 17% not providing an answer.



E7.4 Age range

Half of the respondents were aged between 12 and 59 years of age.



E7.5 Aboriginal or Torres Straits Islander

None of the of respondents identified as Aboriginal or Torres Straits Islander.

- 5 responded no.
- 7 did not answer the question.

PART F

Written Submissions

F. Written Submissions

F1 Overview

A total of 11 more detailed written submissions were received, comprising 6 from individual residents and 5 from organisations. For privacy reasons, the names of individual residents are not listed in this summary, but are referred to as Resident 1, 2 etc.

F2 Organisations

F2.1 Message Consultants - Tim Biles, Collingwood

- Streets have become places for cars and parked cars rather than social spaces and conduits for pedestrians.
- Ongoing road maintenance and upgrades have taken a lot of public funds at the expense of being available for other works.
- The authorities also have been allowed to make money from kerb side parking.
- Why do we render so much public space to cars when open space is a scarce resource in Yarra?
- Most of the spaces we provide for pedestrians and cyclists is unfriendly, cluttered and always challenged by the motor vehicle'.
- Apartment living means we have less private space including for children being raised in apartments not homes.
- How do we make a difference?
 - Adopt the Barcelona model.
 - Place cars under the streets and use the space above the street as public realm with moving vehicles but not parked vehicles.
- "Our Streets are Not Garages" motto for managing car parking and public open space.
- Link the traffic and car parking department with the open space department.
- Engage with the state and form a political and financial partnership.
- Identify a street to be the first model for this.
- Introduce a broader development contribution for the area with higher density.
- They have given the model to stage the works example used in Cambridge and Oxford Streets.

F2.2 Streets Alive Yarra - Jeremy Lawrence, Cremorne

- Community group who advocate for shopping streets that attract regular business from local residents.
- Return of safe streets for cyclists and pedestrians freeing up space on streets for those who prefer to drive.
- The City of Yarra has taken creative and clever steps to convert existing street space to urban park space.
- Create streets as shared zones - encourage children to play in them.
- Philosophy of streets are for the people, accommodating cars. Therefore, priority for the strategy is to recommend all quiet residential street are shared zones where pedestrians and cyclists have priority over cars.
- Convert Geadell Street to a shared zone with reduced off-street parking.
- Improve pedestrian and cycle amenity in local streets so that people walk/cycle to open spaces, so we don't need carparking in open spaces.
- Support the Plan Melbourne Principle of 20-minute neighbourhoods by ensuring every resident can walk to a park within 20 minutes.

F2.3 Melbourne Bike Polo - Damon Rao

- Highlights the need for informal active recreational spaces in urban areas as land use intensity increases into the future.
- Apply concepts around semi and informal less organised recreational opportunities to the development of the public space in the City of Yarra and provides examples.
- Suggests that single purpose courts are already used more broadly than originally intended and that the demand for variety is growing, therefore, need to redesign to accommodate multi-purpose principles.
- Used the example of the redevelopment of Neill Street Reserve in Carlton, Albert Park Futsal Courts, Grandview Park and Coopers Skate Park in Vancouver, Canada.
- Previous sites used for Bike Polo include Victoria Gardens Shopping Centre car park and Princes Hill Secondary College. However, centre management risk concerns and resident complaints at the school site have limited use.
- Flagstaff Gardens is used on a fee-paying basis but would like to see opportunities explored at Curtain Square and Melbourne Museum as well as other school sites.

F2.4 Fitzroy Residents' Association - Margaret Portelli, Secretary, Fitzroy

- Suggest that the open space strategy needs a 3-year review period given the increase development and population.
- Consider greening initiatives for streets and laneways for relief in hot weather and to socialise and references the City of Melbourne's Green Your Laneway pilot and use of pop up parks.
- Legislate to increase open space contribution in proportion to the residential developments as requested in 2016.
- Suggest that open space contribution rate should be set at 8% in the future development contribution overlay to the Yarra Planning Scheme. Reason given is that other councils have set the rate at 8%.
- Provide public transparency on open space contributions from developers within their budgets and itemised receipts and expenditures.
- Preserve existing public space by using developer's contributions primarily for the acquisition of private land for public amenity.
- Consider ways to encourage developments to not automatically be given approval for 100% of requested land including lobbying the minister for change at State level.
- Suggests that the costs of purchasing pocket parks has been inflated by the lack of height controls leading to land speculation.

F2.5 Richmond Kindergarten School Project - Justeen Fitzgibbon

Collated feedback from children included:

- Visits parks for sports, to ride bikes, parties, and fun.
- Prefer parks that are sport focused, have space to ride bikes, are adventure parks, contain sandpits, are natural bush land with animals and secret places, and have music events.
- It's important that parks have shade, places to stay dry in the rain, and room.
- Would like to see parks with slides that go underground or as big as the trees, with fun things to touch and smell (like a pool with pretend spaghetti), bridges to climb over and swim around, play structures such as ships and objects to build with.

F3 Residents

F3.1 Resident 1, Central Richmond

- We need more parks and open space for wildlife, not just people.
- Use indigenous plants and trees to encourage wildlife, including birds, insects, possums, lizards, etc. and include ponds for frogs.
- Establish dog free areas.

- Use Aboriginal names for open spaces.

F3.2 Resident 2, Collingwood

- Support the recent implementation of the Oxford Street Park and Peel Street Parks.
- Collingwood is desperately short of open space.
- Prepare an extension to Cambridge Street Park due to conflicts between different user groups in the park.
- Recent developments have overshadowed the park reducing its attractiveness of use.
- Propose a partial road closure of Cambridge Street just south of Peel Street to expand the Cambridge Street Reserve to the north-west.

F3.3 Resident 3, Cremorne

- Lived in Cremorne for over 30 years and have seen it change from a depressed industrial precinct to a design precinct with increased worker and resident population.
- Concerned that no additional open space has been provided in the precinct despite substantial growth and change.
- Has identified a range of opportunities for open space and highlighted where they have already been considered in existing strategies and plans and queried why some of these have not been implemented?

F3.4 Resident 4, Fitzroy North

- Requests additional seating in Edinburgh Gardens, particularly near the northern area near the State School, for the elderly and due to the popular nature of the park.

F3.6 Resident 5, Clifton Hill

- Requests outdoor adult exercise equipment in Clifton Hill Park.

F3.7 Resident 6, Abbotsford

- Develop a community pocket park on the corner of Hoddle and Johnston Streets, as it is neglected.
- Would love to contribute or suggest the involvement with local community health centre like Cultivating Community's partnership in developing planter box gardens on the corner of Sackville and Hoddle.
- Create a children's playground in Victoria Park for the increasing number of children, who may be intimidated by the number of dogs using the oval. Suggest near the Turner Street side of the oval close to the BBQ area.
- Establish a half basketball court in Victoria Park similar to the one in Gahan's Reserve.
- Commend council for their initiatives around open space and welcome further development.

Appendix 1

- 1.1 Resident Open Space Survey**
- 1.2 Worker Open Space Survey**
- 1.3 Marginalised/Homeless Opens Space Survey**
- 1.4 Youth Open Space Survey**



Open Space Survey : February 2018

We want to know which open spaces and facilities you love and why. Telling us how you use your open spaces will help us create a better strategy that works for everybody. We want to find out how you use our open spaces now, how you would like to use them in the future, where you think the gaps are and where you think improvements could be made. Open space includes parks, playgrounds, gardens, waterways, nature trails, sporting reserves and urban plazas. **Please return this survey or complete it online by Sunday 18 March 2018.**

Q1 Thinking about all the different types of open space, what do you value most about them? (Please tick the appropriate box(es) below)

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A place to relax and unwind | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural activities and events | <input type="checkbox"/> Trees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The feeling of space | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting people/friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers/garden beds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The quiet | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness | <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat for native plants & animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Just being outside | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and wellbeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural bushland character |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knowing that it is there | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing team/club based sport | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical character |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The diversity of open space | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing casual ball games/activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural heritage values/significance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An escape from the built environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Place for children to play | <input type="checkbox"/> Green character |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It is accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> Watching activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercising dogs | |

Q2 Please nominate up to two open spaces that you visit regularly within walking distance of home and why you visit them? If you don't know their names just give us a location (for example a street name).

Name or location of open space	Reason(s) for visiting	Do you have any suggested improvements?
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Q3 Which main open space do you visit beyond walking distance of home, and why do you visit this space? If you don't know their names just give us a location (for example a street name)..

Name or location of open space	Reason(s) for visiting	Do you have any suggested improvements?
1.		

Q4 Is there open space in the City of Yarra that you don't visit but would like to?

- Yes (Please tell us why below) No (Go to Q5)

Reasons why you don't visit open space

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk/cycle/travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough space | <input type="checkbox"/> Busy traffic means it is difficult to access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of public transport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uninviting | <input type="checkbox"/> The facilities do not appeal to me or my family | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal safety concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The park is too busy | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) |

Q5 Yarra has a range of facilities within its open space. Please tell us if you have used any of the facilities in the last 12 months, whether they are adequately maintained and were there enough?

(Please place a tick in the appropriate columns below ~ They are listed in alphabetical order).

Facilities	Used in the last 12 months?		Was it adequately maintained?		Are there enough?	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Barbecues						
Cafe/kiosk						
Club-based indoor sport and recreation facility						
Club-based outdoor sport and recreation facility						
Cycle paths						
Dog off-leash areas						
Drinking fountains						
Informal outdoor recreation facilities (for example half courts, fitness equipment, cricket nets)						
Open grassed areas for informal use						
Playgrounds						
Picnic tables						
Public toilets						
Seats						
Shelters						
Skate facilities						
Walking paths						
If other, please specify:						



Q6 Please indicate how frequently you use each type of open space listed below?
(Please place a tick in the appropriate location below).

Type of open space	Frequency of use					
	Daily	Two to three times per week	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never
Open space along the Merri Creek						
Open space along the Yarra River						
Large parks and gardens (primarily non-sporting) for example Edinburgh Gardens, Fairfield Park, Barkly Gardens and Park Street Reserve/Hardy Gallagher Reserve						
Large sporting reserves, for example Quarries Park, Yarra Bend Park, Kevin Bartlett Reserve, Victoria Park and Burnley Park						
Medium sized parks, for example Gahan Reserve (Abbotsford) and Curtain Square (Carlton North)						
Small local parks						
Urban squares						
Local streets for exercise						

Q7 Where do you live? (Please tick one box)

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abbotsford | <input type="checkbox"/> Collingwood | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitzroy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carlton North - Princes Hill | <input type="checkbox"/> Cremorne and Burnley - Richmond South | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitzroy North |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Richmond | <input type="checkbox"/> Fairfield - Alphington | <input type="checkbox"/> North Richmond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clifton Hill | | |

Q8 Your gender?
(Please tick appropriate box)

- Male Female Other Prefer not to say

Q9 Your age range (Please tick appropriate box)

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0-11 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 60-69 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12-17 | <input type="checkbox"/> 35-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> 70-84 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 50-59 | <input type="checkbox"/> 85+ |

Q10 The type of dwelling you live in? (Please tick one box)

- Flat or apartment Separate house
 Semi-detached house/townhouse/unit Other

Q11 What is your country of birth?

.....

Q12 Which of these apply to your household?
(Please tick one box)

- Speak only English at home
 Speak a language other than English at home
 If so, which other language do you speak at home?

Q13 What type of household do you live in?
(Please tick appropriate box)

- Couple with children Lone person
 Couple without children Group household
 One parent family Other

Q14 Do you work in the City of Yarra?

- Yes (Go to question 15) No (Go to question 19)

Q15 Where do you work? (Please tick one box)

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abbotsford | <input type="checkbox"/> Collingwood | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitzroy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carlton North - Princes Hill | <input type="checkbox"/> Cremorne and Burnley - Richmond South | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitzroy North |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Richmond | <input type="checkbox"/> Fairfield - Alphington | <input type="checkbox"/> North Richmond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clifton Hill | | |

Q16 If you work in the City of Yarra, do you visit open space near your workplace?

- Yes No



Q17 Why do you visit the open space near your workplace?

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Being outdoors as a break from work | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport (club-based) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socialising/meeting colleagues/friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Eating lunch | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting family | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling/jogging/walking to/from work via the open space network (rather than roads) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness/exercise (informal) | | |

Q18 If you are speaking on behalf of a community organisation or group, what is its name?

Q19 Any further comments on open space in the City of Yarra?



If you would like to be kept informed about the project directly, please supply your contact details.

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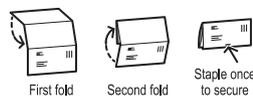
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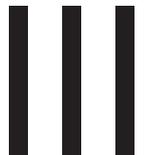
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Introduction

Metropolis Research was commissioned by the Yarra City Council to conduct primary research of workers at four locations across the municipality to explore a range of issues around the use of open space.

The research aimed to assist the development of the *Yarra City Council – Open Space Strategy*. The survey was not designed by Metropolis Research, and Metropolis Research makes no warranty as to the validity and utility of the questions.

Specifically, the survey aimed to explore the following:

- Frequency of visiting open spaces near work
- The open spaces most commonly visited
- Reasons for visiting open space near work
- Suggestions / issues with open space near work
- Respondent profile including age, gender, and industry of employment.

Methodology

The survey was conducted as a face-to-face intercept survey of approximately five minutes duration.

Individuals were randomly approached on the street at the variety of times of the day. A screening question was asked if the individual was working in the local area on that day, and if so they were invited to participate.

Individual that were not working in the local area were provided a postcard with details as to the *Open Space Strategy*, including reference to the *Open Space Strategy* Survey currently being conducted by Council via the website. Only a limited supply of these postcards was provided to Metropolis Research.

Location and timing of surveys

Surveys were conducted over a period of approximately two weeks from the 7th to the 19th of March 2018. Surveys were conducted at a variety of times, predominately in two shifts from 11am till 2pm and from 4pm till 7pm weekdays.

The following table outlines the total number of surveys completed in each of the four locations. The locations to be surveyed were advised to Metropolis Research by officers of the Yarra City Council.



Survey location**Yarra City Council - 2018 Open Space Workers Survey***(number and percent of total respondents)*

<i>Location</i>	<i>Workers</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cremorne	117	23.5%
Collingwood	124	24.9%
Fitzroy	144	28.9%
Richmond	113	22.7%
Total	498	100%

Open Space near workplace***Frequency of visiting open space***

Respondents were asked:

“How often do you typically visit open space near your workplace?”

A little less than two-thirds (60.2%) of respondents visit open space near their workplace at least once a week.

Only a relatively small (11.6%) proportion of respondents reported that they never visit open space near work.

Frequency of visiting open space near workplace**Yarra City Council - 2018 Open Space Workers Survey***(number and percent of total respondents)*

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Workers</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Frequently (<i>at least once a week</i>)	300	60.2%
Infrequently (<i>at least every few months</i>)	88	17.7%
Rarely (<i>once or twice a year at most</i>)	52	10.4%
Never	58	11.6%
Not stated	0	
Total	498	100%



Open space visited most often

Respondents that visited open space near their work were asked:

“What open spaces near your workplace do you visit most often?”

The respondents that visited open spaces near their work were asked to identify the two open spaces that they visit most often.

The 440 respondents that they visit open space near their work provided a total of 556 responses, at an average of approximately 1.3 open spaces per respondent.

The open spaces most commonly identified include Fitzroy Gardens (14.1%), Edinburgh Gardens (9.6%), Carlton Gardens (8.0%), open spaces around Church Street (5.6%), Barkley Gardens (4.4%), Botanical Gardens (4.2%), and open spaces around Peel Street (4.2%).

Metropolis Research notes that a little less than one-fifth (19.1%) of respondents identified open spaces in such a manner as to be undefined, such as “parks and gardens”. Some of these responses refer to the fact that the respondent does not visit specific open spaces, but visits a variety depending on a range of factors. Other undefined responses include those where the respondent was not fully aware of the details of the open space.

Attention is also drawn to the fact that respondents identified a significant number of open spaces, most located within the City of Yarra but also including some located outside the municipality. A total of ninety-two separate responses are categorised in the following tables. Given the difficulty of identifying some open spaces, there may be a small degree of overlap in these results.

There was significant variation in the open spaces most often visited observed between respondents from the four locations across the municipality, with attention drawn to the following:

- **Cremorne** – the three most often visited open spaces were Church Street (23.1%), Barkley Gardens (12.0%), and Yarra Park (4.3%).
- **Collingwood** – the four most often visited open spaces were Fitzroy Gardens (22.6%), Peel Street (16.9%), Edinburgh Gardens (12.1%), and Carlton Gardens (11.3%).
- **Fitzroy** – the three most often visited open spaces were Edinburgh Gardens (18.8%), Fitzroy Gardens (16.7%), and Carlton Gardens (14.6%).
- **Richmond** – the three most often visited open spaces were Fitzroy Gardens (13.3%), Botanical Gardens (11.5%), and Citizens Park (8.8%).



Open spaces visited most often
Yarra City Council - 2018 Open Space Workers Survey
(number and percent of total respondents)

Open space	Workers	
	Number	Percent
Fitzroy Gardens	70	14.1%
Edinburgh Gardens	48	9.6%
Carlton Garden	40	8.0%
Church Street	28	5.6%
Barkley Gardens	22	4.4%
Botanical Gardens	21	4.2%
Peel Street	21	4.2%
Yarra Park	13	2.6%
Near this street	11	2.2%
Citizens Park	10	2.0%
Near the library	7	1.4%
Richmond Park	7	1.4%
Cafe	6	1.2%
Football Ground	6	1.2%
Yarra River	6	1.2%
Brunswick Street	5	1.0%
Gertrude Street	5	1.0%
Smith Street	5	1.0%
Atherton Reserve	4	0.8%
Burnley Gardens	4	0.8%
Dale Street	4	0.8%
Epworth	4	0.8%
Erin Street	4	0.8%
Flagstaff gardens	4	0.8%
Near the pool	4	0.8%
Smith Reserve	4	0.8%
Treasury Gardens	4	0.8%
Webb Street	4	0.8%
Behind Coles	3	0.6%
City Gardens	3	0.6%
George Street	3	0.6%
Lincoln Square	3	0.6%
McConchie Reserve	3	0.6%
Oxford Street	3	0.6%
Richmond Station	3	0.6%
Other open spaces (57 separately identified)	68	13.7%
Undefined	96	19.3%

Total responses

556



Open spaces visited most often - Cremorne
Yarra City Council - 2018 Open Space Workers Survey
(number and percent of total respondents)

Open space	Workers	
	Number	Percent
Church Street	27	23.1%
Barkley Gardens	14	12.0%
Yarra Park	5	4.3%
Botanical Gardens	4	3.4%
Dale Street	4	3.4%
Flagstaff gardens	4	3.4%
Fitzroy Gardens	3	2.6%
McConchie Reserve	3	2.6%
Near this street	3	2.6%
Burnley Gardens	2	1.7%
Cafe	2	1.7%
Howard Street	2	1.7%
Olympic Park	2	1.7%
Richmond Park	2	1.7%
White Street	2	1.7%
Brand new park behind St Stephens church	1	0.9%
Carlton Garden	1	0.9%
Domain Gardens	1	0.9%
Football Ground	1	0.9%
Forrest Hill	1	0.9%
Marry Street	1	0.9%
Milton Parade	1	0.9%
Museum gardens	1	0.9%
Near bridge shore gardens	1	0.9%
Olympic Gardens	1	0.9%
Palmer Parade park	1	0.9%
Regharries Park	1	0.9%
Richmond Station	1	0.9%
Undefined	34	29.1%

Total responses

126



Open spaces visited most often - Collingwood
Yarra City Council - 2018 Open Space Workers Survey
(number and percent of total respondents)

<i>Open space</i>	<i>Workers</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Fitzroy Gardens	28	22.6%
Peel Street	21	16.9%
Edinburgh Gardens	15	12.1%
Carlton Garden	14	11.3%
Gertrude Street	5	4.0%
Smith Street	5	4.0%
Near this street	4	3.2%
Webb Street	4	3.2%
Botanical Gardens	3	2.4%
George Street	3	2.4%
Near the library	3	2.4%
Behind Coles	3	2.4%
Oxford Street	3	2.4%
Atherton Reserve	1	0.8%
Burnley Gardens	1	0.8%
City Gardens	1	0.8%
Clifton Hill	1	0.8%
Condell Place	1	0.8%
Council house gardens	1	0.8%
Exhibition Gardens	1	0.8%
Fairfield Gardens	1	0.8%
Fitzroy Pool	1	0.8%
Fitzroy Town Hall	1	0.8%
Gipps Street Park	1	0.8%
Lincoln Square	1	0.8%
Near CBC parks	1	0.8%
One Museum	1	0.8%
Parliament Gardens	1	0.8%
Playground	1	0.8%
Playground in kew	1	0.8%
Near the pool	1	0.8%
Stanley Street	1	0.8%
Treasury Gardens	1	0.8%
Victoria Park	1	0.8%
Yarra River	1	0.8%
Undefined	7	5.6%

Total responses

140



Open spaces visited most often - Fitzroy
Yarra City Council - 2018 Open Space Workers Survey
(number and percent of total respondents)

Open space	Workers	
	Number	Percent
Edinburgh Gardens	27	18.8%
Fitzroy Gardens	24	16.7%
Carlton Garden	21	14.6%
Brunswick Street	5	3.5%
Near this street	4	2.8%
Smith Reserve	4	2.8%
Near the library	4	2.8%
Atherton Reserve	3	2.1%
Cafe	3	2.1%
Near the pool	3	2.1%
Townhall Park	2	1.4%
Whitlam Park	2	1.4%
Lincoln Square	2	1.4%
Albert Park	1	0.7%
Argyle Square	1	0.7%
Botanical Gardens	1	0.7%
Braybrook Park	1	0.7%
Church Street	1	0.7%
Collingwood Gardens	1	0.7%
Counter Street	1	0.7%
Epworth	1	0.7%
Exhibition Gardens	1	0.7%
Fleming Park	1	0.7%
Garryowen Garden	1	0.7%
Greeves Street	1	0.7%
Heide park	1	0.7%
King Park	1	0.7%
Language Street	1	0.7%
Leicester Street	1	0.7%
McNamara Reserve	1	0.7%
Melbourne University	1	0.7%
Merri Creek	1	0.7%
Museum gardens	1	0.7%
Richmond Park	1	0.7%
Royal Park	1	0.7%
Shelley Park	1	0.7%
Treasury Gardens	1	0.7%
Undefined	38	26.4%

Total responses

166



Open spaces visited most often - Richmond
Yarra City Council - 2018 Open Space Workers Survey
(number and percent of total respondents)

Open space	Workers	
	Number	Percent
Fitzroy Gardens	15	13.3%
Botanical Gardens	13	11.5%
Citizens Park	10	8.8%
Barkley Gardens	8	7.1%
Yarra Park	8	7.1%
Edinburgh Gardens	6	5.3%
Football Ground	5	4.4%
Yarra River	5	4.4%
Carlton Garden	4	3.5%
Erin Street	4	3.5%
Richmond Park	4	3.5%
Epworth	3	2.7%
Beach	2	1.8%
City Gardens	2	1.8%
Richmond Station	2	1.8%
Treasury Gardens	2	1.8%
Batman Park	1	0.9%
Burnley Gardens	1	0.9%
Cafe	1	0.9%
Collingwood Town Hall	1	0.9%
Coppin Street	1	0.9%
Factory yard	1	0.9%
Federation Square	1	0.9%
Jolimont Street	1	0.9%
Melbourne University	1	0.9%
Parliament Gardens	1	0.9%
Peppercorn Park	1	0.9%
St Vincent's Place	1	0.9%
Victoria Park	1	0.9%
Williams Street	1	0.9%
Undefined	17	15.0%

Total responses

124



Reasons for visiting open space

Respondents visiting open space near their work were asked:

“What are all the reasons why you visit these open spaces near your workplace?”

Almost all (96.8%) of respondents visiting open space near their work identified at least one reason for visiting. Respondents were provided a pre-coded list of seven reasons (including “other” reasons), and on average these respondents identified two reasons each.

The three most common reasons for visiting open space near work were to be outdoors as a break from work (77.0%), to socialise / meet colleagues / friends (46.1%), and to eat breakfast / lunch / dinner (32.0%).

Clearly these results highlight the fact that open space near work is used primarily as a relaxation and social space.

A small number of respondents also visited open space near work for exercise (16.1%), to meet family (13.9%), and to cycle / jog / walk to and from work (11.8%).

There were only a small number of other reasons identified by respondents, with walking the dog, and to smoke being separately categorised from the “other” responses.

Reasons for visiting open space near work
Yarra City Council - 2018 Open Space Workers Survey
(number and percent of total respondents)

Reason	Workers	
	Number	Percent
To be outdoors as a break from work	339	77.0%
To socialise / meet colleagues / friends	203	46.1%
To eat breakfast / lunch / dinner	141	32.0%
To exercise for fitness (informal)	71	16.1%
To meet family	61	13.9%
To cycle / jog / walk to and from work	52	11.8%
To walk the dog	4	0.9%
To participate in organised sports (club-based)	2	0.5%
To smoke	2	0.5%
Other reasons	3	0.7%
Total responses	878	
<i>Respondents identifying at least one reason for visiting open space near work</i>	<i>426</i>	<i>(96.8%)</i>



Suggestions for or issues with open space

Respondents were asked:

“Do you have any suggestions for or issues with open spaces near your workplace?”

A little more than two-thirds (69.5%) of respondents identified at least one suggestion for or issues with open space near their workplace, at an average of 1.6 responses each.

Far and away the most common issue / suggestion for open space is to retain existing open spaces and to create new green spaces as much as possible, with one-third (33.9%) of respondents identifying this issue.

The three other most common issues or suggestions relate to more seating and tables (12.0%), more and better cleaning and maintenance (11.4%), and more greenery and trees (11.4%).

A small number of respondents identified each of a wide range of other issues including car parking, shade, public toilets, water fountains, safety / policing, beautification and many other issues.



Suggestions for or issues with open spaces near work

Yarra City Council - 2018 Open Space Workers Survey

(number and percent of total respondents)

Suggestion / issue	Workers	
	Number	Percent
More open spaces / green spaces / retain spaces	169	33.9%
More seating and tables	60	12.0%
Cleaning and maintenance	57	11.4%
More greenery and trees	57	11.4%
Car parking	32	6.4%
More shade	21	4.2%
Public toilets	20	4.0%
More bins / bin collection	12	2.4%
Water fountains	10	2.0%
Planning and development (e.g. overdevelopment)	9	1.8%
Beautification	8	1.6%
Safety / policing	7	1.4%
Play parks / kids area	6	1.2%
Animals / pets	6	1.2%
Proper walking / running tracks	5	1.0%
More events / activities in parks	5	1.0%
More bike parking / infrastructure	4	0.8%
Dogs on leash / dog friendly	4	0.8%
Traffic management	4	0.8%
Alcohol and drug issues	3	0.6%
Dog waste bags	3	0.6%
BBQ facility	3	0.6%
More info / public awareness	3	0.6%
Food trucks / stall	2	0.4%
Cafes	2	0.4%
Public shower facility	2	0.4%
Exercise equipment	2	0.4%
More / better lighting	2	0.4%
Enforcement of regulations	1	0.2%
Disability parking	1	0.2%
Fence	1	0.2%
Streetscape	1	0.2%
Less noise pollution	1	0.2%
Family area	1	0.2%
Other	22	4.4%
Total responses	546	
<i>Respondents identifying at least one suggestion for or issue with open near work</i>	<i>346</i>	<i>(69.5%)</i>



Respondent profile

The following questions outline the profile of respondents to the survey.

Age structure

Consistent with the fact that respondents were employed, most respondents were aged between 20 and 59 years.

Age structure
Yarra City Council - 2018 Open Space Workers Survey
(number and percent of respondents providing a response)

<i>Age</i>	<i>Workers</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
15 to 19 years	6	1.2%
20 to 34 years	247	49.6%
35 to 44 years	145	29.1%
45 to 59 years	80	16.1%
60 to 74 years	19	3.8%
75 years and over	1	0.2%
Not stated	0	
Total	498	100%

Gender

The survey obtained a near perfect fifty / fifty split between male and female respondents.

Gender
Yarra City Council - 2018 Open Space Workers Survey
(number and percent of respondents providing a response)

<i>Gender</i>	<i>Workers</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Male	248	49.9%
Female	249	50.1%
Other	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	1	
Total	498	100%



Industry

The majority of respondents were employed in four industries; healthcare and social assistance (21.8%), retail trade (15.6%), accommodation and food services (11.9%), and professional, scientific and technical services (10.9%). These were categorised into the 2011 ANZSIC codes.

Metropolis Research notes that these industry results are similar to the 2016 *Census* results for residents of the City of Yarra, which found the top four industries to be hospitals, cafes and restaurants, higher education, and computer system design and related services. These are based on the new 2016 ANZSIC classification system.

Frequency of visiting open space near workplace
Yarra City Council - 2018 Open Space Workers Survey
(number and percent of total respondents)

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Workers</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Health Care and Social Assistance	108	21.8%
Retail Trade	77	15.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	59	11.9%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	54	10.9%
Information Media and Telecommunications	39	7.9%
Construction	29	5.9%
Public Administration and Safety	23	4.6%
Financial and Insurance Services	19	3.8%
Education and Training	14	2.8%
Arts and Recreation Services	14	2.8%
Manufacturing	9	1.8%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	8	1.6%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	6	1.2%
Administrative and Support Services	6	1.2%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4	0.8%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2	0.4%
Mining	1	0.2%
Wholesale Trade	1	0.2%
Other Services	4	0.8%
Inadequately described	18	3.6%
Not stated	3	
Total	498	100%



Appendix One: Survey form



Yarra - 2018 Open Space Workers Intercept Survey

(untitled)

1. Staff member

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Aryan | <input type="radio"/> Geethu |
| <input type="radio"/> Mohit | <input type="radio"/> Stephane |
| <input type="radio"/> Jeremy | <input type="radio"/> Mathew |
| <input type="radio"/> Michael | <input type="radio"/> Ziheng |
| <input type="radio"/> Frances | <input type="radio"/> Sohan |
| <input type="radio"/> Ashish | <input type="radio"/> Ashish |
| <input type="radio"/> Lisa | |

2. Location

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Cremorne | <input type="radio"/> Fitzroy |
| <input type="radio"/> Collingwood | <input type="radio"/> Richmond |

(untitled)

3. In what industry do you work?

4. How often do you typically visit open space near your workplace?

- Frequently (at least once a week)
- Rarely (once or twice a year at most)
- Infrequently (at least one every few months)
- Never

5. What open spaces near your workplace do you visit most often?

One

Two

6. What are all the reasons why you visit these open spaces near your workplace?

- To be outdoors as a break from work
- To participate in organised sports (club-based)
- To socialise / meet colleagues / friends
- To eat breakfast / lunch / dinner
- To meet family
- To cycle / jog / walk to and from work via the open space network (rather than roads)
- To exercise for fitness (informal)
- Other - Write In

7. Do you have any suggestions for or issues with open spaces near your workplace?

One

Two

Three

Four

8. Which of the following best describes you?

15 to 19 years

60 to 74 years

20 to 34 years

75 years and over

35 to 44 years

Prefer not to say

45 to 59 years

9. With which gender do you most identify

Male

Other

Female

Prefer not to say

Open Space Survey : February/March 2018



Open space includes parks, playgrounds, gardens, waterways, nature trails, sporting reserves and urban plazas. Telling us how you use your open spaces will help us create a better strategy that works for everybody. We want to find out how you use our open spaces now, how you would like to use them in the future and where you think the gaps are.

Q1 Location of where you are completing this survey:

Q2 What gender do you identify as?
(Please tick appropriate box)

Male Female Other Prefer not to say

Q4 Nationality (Please tick appropriate box)

Australian
 Other, please describe

Q3 Age range (Please tick appropriate box)

12-17 25-34 50-59 70-84
 18-24 35-49 60-69 85+

Q5 Aboriginal/Torres Straits Islander
(Please tick appropriate box)

Yes No

Q6 What open space in the City of Yarra do you use, when and why?

Name/location of open space	When do you use it?	Why do you use it?
1.		
2.		

Q7 What open space in the City of Yarra don't you use and why?

Name/location of open space	Why <u>don't</u> you use it?
1.	
2.	

Q8 What would you change in the open spaces of Yarra and where?

Where? (Name/location of open space)	What would you change?
1.	
2.	

Open Space Survey : February/March 2018



We want to know which open spaces and facilities you love and why. Telling us how you use your open spaces will help us create a better strategy that works for everyone. Open space includes parks, playgrounds, gardens, waterways, nature trails, sporting reserves and urban plazas.

Q1 Which suburb do you live in? (Please tick one box)

<input type="checkbox"/> Abbotsford	<input type="checkbox"/> Collingwood	<input type="checkbox"/> Fitzroy
<input type="checkbox"/> Carlton North - Princes Hill	<input type="checkbox"/> Cremorne and Burnley - Richmond South	<input type="checkbox"/> Fitzroy North
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Richmond	<input type="checkbox"/> Fairfield - Alphington	<input type="checkbox"/> North Richmond
<input type="checkbox"/> Clifton Hill		

Q3 Your gender? (Please tick appropriate box)

Male Female Other Prefer not to say

Q4 Your age range (Please tick appropriate box)

0-11 12-17 18-24

Q5 Nationality (Please tick appropriate box)

Australian Other (Please list)

Q2 Do you work or study in the City of Yarra?

Yes (Please name the suburb)
 No (Go to question 3)

Q6 Aboriginal/Torres Straits Islander

Yes No

Q7 What do you value most about open space? (Please tick the appropriate box(es) below)

<input type="checkbox"/> A place to relax and unwind	<input type="checkbox"/> An escape from the built environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Playing team/club based sport	<input type="checkbox"/> Habitat for native plants and animals
<input type="checkbox"/> The feeling of space	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural activities and events	<input type="checkbox"/> Place for children to play	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural bushland character
<input type="checkbox"/> The quiet	<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting people/friends	<input type="checkbox"/> Watching activity	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical character
<input type="checkbox"/> Just being outside	<input type="checkbox"/> Fitness	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercising dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural heritage values
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowing that it is there	<input type="checkbox"/> Health and wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Trees	<input type="checkbox"/> Green character
<input type="checkbox"/> The diversity of open space	<input type="checkbox"/> Playing casual ball games	<input type="checkbox"/> Flowers/garden beds	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> It is accessible			

Q8 What open space in the City of Yarra do you use and why?

Name/location of open space	Why do you use it?	Suggested improvements/changes
1.		
2.		

Q9 What open space in the City of Yarra don't you use and why?

Name/location of open space	Why don't you use it?
1.	

Q10 What would you change about open space in Yarra and where?

Appendix 2

Assumptions made during the data entry process

The responses to the survey are summarised on both a municipality-wide basis and precinct basis in this report. This information in this report forms part of the primary research for the City of Yarra Open Space Strategy 2019.

The following is a summary of some of the assumptions made in entering the data from the surveys into the database.

- Some respondents did not provide the name of the open space they visited, instead listing the name of surrounding streets or buildings/landmarks that were used to help identify the park or reserve they were referring to. If this occurred, the following method was used:
 - If the open space could be identified using the street names or buildings/landmarks provided and was located within the municipality, the response were attributed to the appropriate open space.
 - If the open space visited was unable to be identified and outside of the municipality, it was placed in the category of 'Outside the Municipality' and information about its use was documented accordingly.
 - Streets, local school grounds, adjoining properties and other types of space not covered in the strategy were named and information about its use and suggested improvements were documented accordingly.
- When respondents included comments in relation to a specific open space in the 'General Comments' section, this information was entered into the specific open space in the question regarding the open space, rather than in the General Comments Section.
- When respondents used question marks in the Facilities Section of the questionnaire, they were not recorded and were counted as not completed. All other forms of marking boxes were recorded.
- When respondents provided suggested improvements as a response to the question 'reasons why you visit [open space]', these were entered as suggested improvements and not as reasons for visiting.
- When respondents mentioned either playing sports using casual language and/or in an open space that did not have formal sporting facilities it was recorded as informal ball games/sports. When sports played were named directly and in an open space that supported that sport, it was put under the category of "Sport - ", naming the sport directly. If a specific club or team was named, it was recorded under the category of "Sport" accordingly.
- When respondents included "Dogs" as a reason for visiting an open space it was recorded under "Dogs - friendly"
- Double entries and test entries were recorded as regular entries
- In types of open space visited and frequency of use if the question was responded to twice, the first answer was used as the correct response

Appendix C

Report on the community engagement for the Draft Yarra Open Space Strategy

Summary Report

Community engagement Draft Yarra Open Space Strategy 2019

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1. Introduction

1.1 Scope of the community engagement

1.1.1 Summary of the community engagement process

Council endorsed the Draft Yarra Open Space Strategy 2019 for consultation in December 2019 and it was available for public consultation from 20 January to 15 March 2020. The engagement process involved a range of consultation methods described below.

1.1.1a Your Say Yarra Website page

A Your Say Yarra Website page for the Draft Strategy was the main tool used to provide information and collect feedback. The page contained essential information around the overall direction and the proposed recommendations within each of the 10 open space precincts. There were interactive maps for each of the open space precincts and the community could also access the Draft Strategy documents via the website along with a Frequently Asked Questions page and other related Yarra Strategies.

The community was invited to participate via:

- Direct emails and letters to previous participants from the first round of consultation.
- Social media posts.
- Postcards on Access Yarra counters, libraries, neighbourhood houses, letter box drops as well as other community and service centres.
- Physical copies of the Strategy and surveys were available at the Yarra service centres.
- Direct emails to key stakeholder groups such as schools, friends of groups, sporting groups and internal advisory committees.
- Contacting service agencies that assisted with the first round of consultation including St Mark's and St Mary's House of Welcome.
- Articles in the Yarra News and associated Yarra e-newsletters.

1.1.1b Advisory committee meetings

Council officers attended advisory committee meetings where invited including the:

- Aboriginal Advisory Group
- Active Ageing Advisory Group
- Disability Advisory Committee
- Early Years Reference Group
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Yarra Environment Advisory Committee
- Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group.

At the advisory committee meetings, Council officers provided an overview of the Strategy and invited members to participate in the on-line survey. They also provided information specifically on where the Strategy intersected with the relevant strategic documents of that group and asked them to test the recommendations to ensure they were aligned.

1.1.1c Pop up sessions

Council officers attended four pop up sessions to provide information, encourage participation in the survey and provide copies of the Draft Strategy. These sessions were held at the following locations:

- Connie Benn Centre, 160 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy
- Citizens Park, Richmond
- Edinburgh Gardens, Fitzroy North
- Peel Street Park, Collingwood

The majority of those who attended the pop-up sessions completed the on-line survey. Notes of comments heard more than once were also recorded.

1.1.2 Survey / Feedback form

A hard copy and on-line survey was prepared to encourage feedback on the key recommendations in the Draft Strategy. The key strategy recommendations were listed in the survey and respondents were asked to rate the level of importance of each key recommendation. Refer to Attachment B for a copy of survey. Everyone who left their details during the first round of consultation was notified of the exhibition of the Draft Strategy and were encouraged to complete the survey.

A total of **284** surveys were completed and the results of the survey are summarised in Section 2 of this report. The Final Strategy has taken the results of this survey into consideration and this report identifies what changes have been made in response to it.

1.1.3 Written submissions

A total of ten written submission were received during the public exhibition process. These are summarised in Section 3 of this report.

1.2 Combined summary of the key outcomes from the consultation

Overall, there was support for all the key recommendations in the Draft Strategy. In particular, there is a strong level of support for maximising opportunities to include natural features including trees, garden bed and grass in open space to assist mitigation of urban heat island effect. Providing additional open space and increasing opportunities for inclusive design of open space so everyone is able to use it also received a high level of support.

The top key issues raised in the consultation include:

- Increasing urban densities and the impact this has on neighbourhood character including overshadowing and over use of open space, the visual dominance of built form without adequate levels of greening and more vehicles and traffic.
- Lack of existing open space to adequately cater to the recent and future development and increased population.
- The need to balance the provision of increased facilities for fitness and exercise with the unbuilt and natural qualities of green space which is highly valued as a place to relax and unwind.
- Dogs off-leash in open space leading to personal safety and health issues, particularly in relation to children, while others note the importance to provide off-leash areas given pets are important for community health and wellbeing.

1.3 Summary of the key changes made to the Strategy based on the consultation outcomes

1.3.1 Provision of additional open space

The open space survey outcomes and written submissions confirm the community support the need for providing additional open space, particularly in the high density precincts. In response to this, TBLD has reviewed the open space needs assessments undertaken to determine if any additional open space required beyond the 24 new public open spaces already proposed in the strategy. Based on this review, two additional open space have been added to the updated Strategy including:

- **Collingwood**

A proposed additional new Small Local open space in open space sub-precinct Collingwood B. This is due to the quantum of forecast growth planned for in this sub-precinct, and the concern expressed by the community about the need for more open space, the loss of urban greening and views to the sky as a result of increased urban densities. Additionally, the recommendation for a new Local open space in open space sub-precinct Collingwood B has been updated to specifically reference this potentially being located in the vicinity of the Former Police Workshop on Wellington and Stanley Streets.

- **Richmond**

A proposed additional new Small Local open space is included in open space sub-precinct North Richmond C. This is due to the quantum of forecast growth planned for this sub precinct, and particularly, the quantum of growth and density proposed in the northern section of it. While the existing Annette's Place Reserve can accommodate some additional use, the proximity of residential use and lack of passive surveillance will continue to limit the visibility, accessibility and diversity of uses that can be undertaken at that reserve in the future.

Figure 5A which schematically illustrates the type and location of new open space has been updated with the new open space and included in the Attachment A. Figure 7.5F - Recommendations for Collingwood and Figure 7.10F Recommendations for North Richmond have also been updated, and are included in Attachment A.

Refer to Attachment A which includes extracts from the Strategy Technical Report highlighting the updated recommendations referred to above.

1.3.2 Urban greening

The key recommendation to increase the presence of natural features in public open space, particularly in high density precincts was strongly supported during the consultation. In the feedback, people noted the importance of green open space as a contrast to the high density precincts, and the lack of overall greening in the streetscapes and on the recent development sites.

The Draft Strategy identifies the importance of green open space and includes design guidelines in Section 6 of the Technical Report in support of increased natural features in existing and new open space. Future open space design upgrades and designs of new open space as part of development sites will need to demonstrate they adhere to the design guidelines regarding natural features and urban greening. Refer to Section 6.2.1. Additional text has been added to the Strategy Technical Report to note the high level of community support for urban greening.

Refer to Attachment A for the extract of Section 3.1.5.

1.3.3 Streetscapes

The consultation outcomes included requests for streetscapes to be included as public open space. Section 1.2.3 of the Strategy Technical Report explains the difference between public open space and streetscapes, and the reason they have distinctly different roles in the public realm. This Section has been revised to provide a more detailed description why streetscapes are not included as public open space, and the existing plans and strategies that guide the future design and management of streetscapes in the City of Yarra.

The Strategy acknowledges the important contribution of streetscapes to neighbourhood character, urban greening and accessibility to open space. An additional section has been added to the Strategy in Section 3.1.7 Urban context.

Refer to Attachment A for the extracts of updates to Section 1.2.3 and the new Section 3.1.7.

1.3.4 Increased urban densities

Many people expressed concern about the impact on increased urban densities on neighbourhood character. They generally acknowledged the need for increased densities, but are concerned at the lack of planning and improvements to public open space and other parts of the public realm including the streetscapes to adequately offset the impact. The Strategy has addressed the issues of increased urban densities by planning ahead for the forecast change. This is described in Section 4 of the Strategy Technical Report. An additional Section has been added to specifically to highlight the issue of the impacts of increased levels of use of open space.

Refer to Attachment A for the new Section 4.5.

1.3.5 Open space contribution program

The open space contribution program and rate is directly linked to the projects included in the Open Space Strategy. A number of submissions made the suggestion that Council should only spend open space contributions on land acquisition.

As described in the Strategy and in this report, the open space contribution program is based around the provision of additional land area for open space and also for capital works costs to establish new open space and upgrade facilities in existing open space where appropriate to meet the additional needs of the forecast population.

The open space contribution program has been updated to reflect the additional projects as a result of the community and council officer consultation on the Draft Strategy 2019. Based on the additional projects, the contribution rate will be increased to accommodate the additional projects.

Refer to Attachment A which includes extracts from Section of the Strategy Technical Report highlighting the updated text referred to above.

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2. Survey results

2.1 Summary of key outcomes

Overall the majority of respondents considered the key recommendations from the Draft Strategy to be either Very important or Important. Only two recommendations were rated as being of lower importance - which are the provision of additional dog off-leash areas and encouraging participation in structured sport.

Rank	%	Recommendation
1.	95%	<i>Maximise opportunities to have large canopy shade trees and natural features including grass and garden beds to keep open space cooler in the summer and mitigate urban heat.</i>
2.	91%	<i>Provide additional open space so that the majority of people who live and work in the City of Yarra are within easy walking distance of open space.</i>
3.	90%	<i>Increase opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds to access, participate and enjoy open space.</i>
4.	89%	<i>Improve biodiversity values along waterway corridors including the Yarra River, Merri Creek and Darebin Creek with appropriate revegetation.</i>
5.	88%	<i>Continue to deliver sustainable water harvesting and reuse, contributing to increased urban greening in open space, particularly in higher density areas.</i>
6.	87%	<i>Implement an open space contribution rate of up to 10 per cent in the Yarra Planning Scheme that applies to new development. This is so the new population contributes fairly to new open space and improvements to existing open space.</i>
7.	86%	<i>Encourage people to be outdoors and to exercise and keep fit by providing a diverse range of facilities in open space</i>
8.	68%	<i>Encourage participation in organised sport by providing adequate open space and upgrading facilities to be more inclusive for everyone.</i>
9.	55%	<i>Investigate the provision additional dog off-leash areas as part of the future review of the Domestic Animal Management Plan.</i>

2.2 Survey method and respondents

2.2.1 Survey method and content

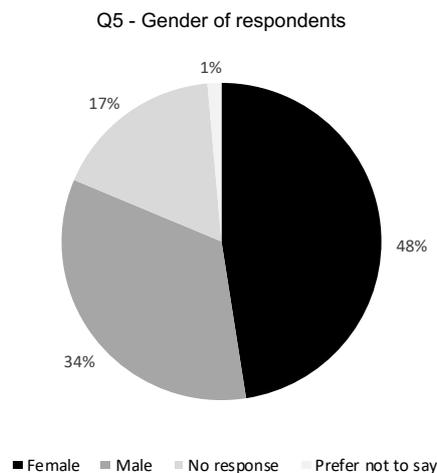
A total of **284** surveys were completed, with 36 of these completed online. The survey included a list of key recommendations from the Draft Strategy that respondents were asked to rate in terms of level of importance to them. The four categories of importance were:

- Very important
- Important
- Some importance
- Not important

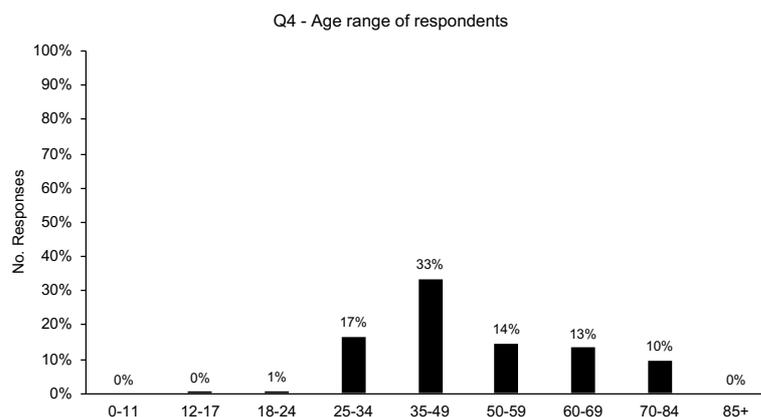
Next to each recommendation, respondents were invited to make any comments on their answer. There was also space for people to make general comments on the Draft Strategy. The other simple multiple choice questions included were to gain an understanding of who completed the survey to confirm whether a representative sample was received.

2.2.2 Who completed the survey

2.2.2a Gender

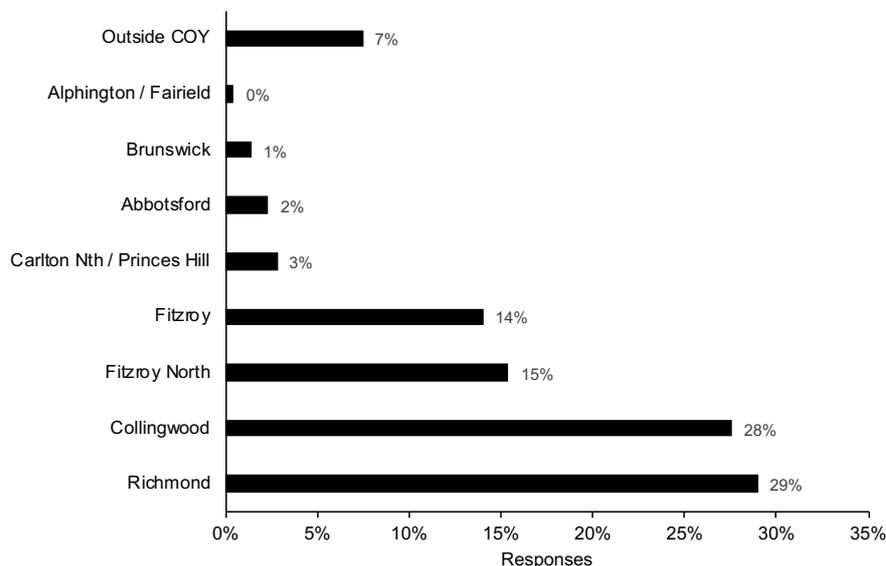


2.2.2b Age range



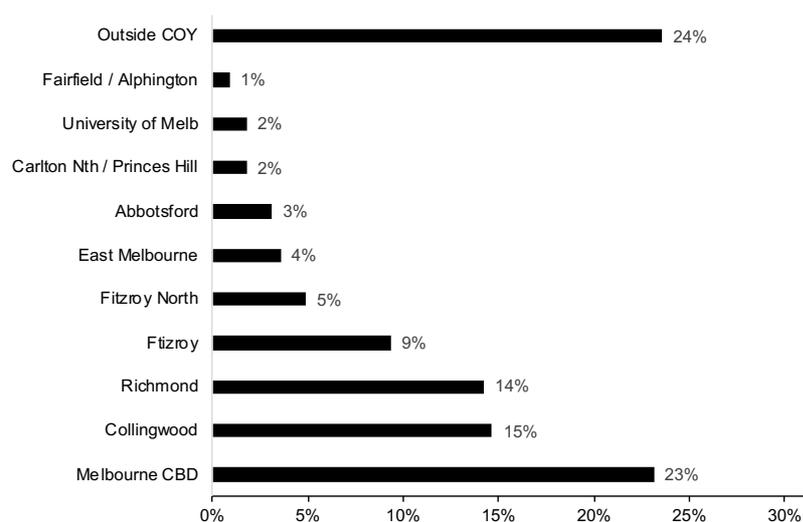
Typically these household surveys do not attract a high response rate from people under the age of 25 and there is a reasonable representation of other age groups between 25 and 84.

2.2.2c Where they live



The majority of the surveys were completed by residents from the City of Yarra, with representation from all suburbs. Please note that with 1No. survey received from Fairfield / Alphington, which is the reason the percentage appears as 0%. The highest percentage of results were received from Richmond and Collingwood as shown.

2.2.2d Where they work



Just over half of the survey respondents work outside the City of Yarra, with nearly half of them working in Melbourne CBD, and other key places being East Melbourne and at the University of Melbourne. Of the 49 per cent of those who work in the City of Yarra, they are spread across all suburbs with the majority being in Collingwood and Richmond.

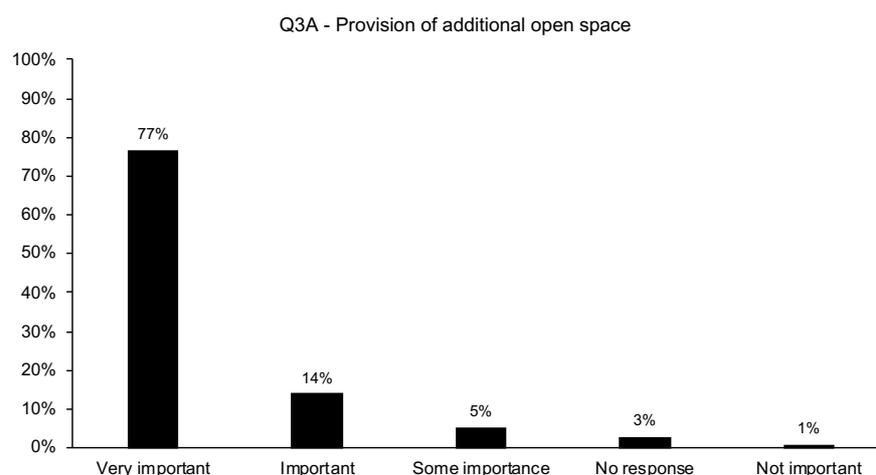
2.3 Results of each question

2.3.1 Q3A Provision of additional open space

2.3.1a Summary

The full recommendation that survey respondents were asked to indicate the level of importance to was:

- *Provide additional open space so that the majority of people who live and work in the City of Yarra are within easy walking distance of open space*



Overall there is a high level of support for the provision of additional open space and is ranked second highest out of the nine key recommendations, with a combined total of 91 per cent of respondents stating it is important. The comments associated with this rating indicate there that open space is highly valued and that additional open space is required, particularly as urban densities increase.

The survey asked people to explain the reason for their answer, and 2.3.1c has a full list of the comments. The top five have been included below in a table with a response to the comments made.

2.3.1b Top five comments

No.	Comment	Response
2.3.1.1	Green open space beneficial to health and wellbeing (30).	Respondents highly value the contribution that green open space makes to their health and wellbeing. It reinforces the importance of incorporating natural features including trees, garden beds and grass into open space upgrades and new open space. This is consistent with the Strategy including Section 1.3 Objectives and principles, Section 1.4 the importance of open space, Section 2.4 research into the health and wellbeing benefits of open space, Section 4.3 Urban densities and open space and Section 6.2 Climate change and urban greening.

No.	Comment	Response
		<p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 1.4 will be updated to reference the support of the benefits of green open space to community health and wellbeing during the consultation on the Draft Strategy.
2.3.1.2	Open space - beneficial for health and wellbeing (29).	<p>This is similar to 2.3.1.1, however the key difference is that in 2.3.1.1 respondents specifically noted green open space as distinct from open space in general. Many of these comments were supported by comments related to being places to exercise, socialise and to relax and unwind. The Strategy supports these principles throughout the document.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
2.3.1.3	Open space - additional required as density increases (19).	<p>Provision of additional open space is strongly supported particularly in the higher density areas including Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond. There were extensive comments from people noticing the increased rate of change with taller built form leading to more people and also loss of light, longer views, urban greening and sunlight.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add an additional Small Local open space in Collingwood B sub-precinct given the level of specific comments and concerns regarding the lack of open space as urban densities increase in Collingwood. Add an additional Small Local open space in North Richmond C as in response to the need for additional open space where urban densities are increasing.
2.3.1.4	Open space - important as density increases (14)	Refer to the response 2.3.1.3 above.
2.3.1.5	Green open space important to mitigate urban heat island effect (14).	<p>The comment supports the Strategy direction to identify mitigating urban heat island effect as a key role of public open space in the future. Critical to its function for this is for the open space to incorporate moisture retaining surfaces and large trees to promote evapotranspiration for effective cooling during periods of extended heat. This is included in the Strategy in Sections 1.4, 3.3.3, 4.4, 4.4.2 and 6.2.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

2.3.1c List of all comments regarding additional open space

The following list of comments are assembled into topics and summarised from the full long hand comments provided in the survey. Detail has been retained in the comments to provide more insight into the comments made.

No.	Comments regarding provision of additional open space
123	Importance of open space
29	Open space - beneficial for health and wellbeing
14	Open space - important as density increases
11	Open space - contributes to sense of community
8	Open space - for childrens play
7	Open space - essential to liveability
6	Open space - no additional open space required in my area
5	Open space - for socialisation / meeting friends
5	Open space - important for exercising pets
3	Open space - highly valued
3	Open space - trees and plants are highly valued in open space
2	Open space - beneficial to physical health
2	Open space - important due to high density living and lack of private open space
2	Open space - being outdoors is beneficial to health and wellbeing
1	Open space - buildings and roads increase the heat in Fitzroy
1	Open space - appreciate them
1	Open space - beneficial to health and wellbeing in high density areas
1	Open space - beneficial to health and wellbeing (residents and workers)
1	Open space - contact with nature
1	Open space - contributes to aesthetics
1	Open space - contributes to sustainability
1	Open space - diversity of types valued
1	Open space - dog socialisation
1	Open space - essential for work/life balance
1	Open space - for adults exercise
1	Open space - for biodiversity
1	Open space - for childrens play given no private open space
1	Open space - for fresh air
1	Open space - for outdoor activities
1	Open space - healing when you are ill
1	Open space - important access for young children
1	Open space - important every day including during the week and weekends
1	Open space - important to relax and exercise outdoors
1	Open space - improve knowledge of local eco-system
1	Open space - see the sky
1	Open space - spaces for walking valued
1	Open space - trees improve air quality
1	Open space - protect sunlight access to open space
1	Open space - unstructured and informal spaces valued
1	Open space - urban plazas are important
88	Importance of green open space
30	Green open space beneficial to health and wellbeing
14	Green open space important to mitigate urban heat island effect
11	Green open space important for biodiversity
7	Green open space that is easily accessible is important
3	Green open spaces are beautiful
3	Green open space as a break from traffic noise and pollution

No.	Comments regarding provision of additional open space
3	Green open space contributes to sense of community
2	Green open space important for physical health and fitness
2	Green open space improves air quality
2	Green open space is important for families
3	Green open space to relax and unwind
1	Green open space to absorb rainfall
1	Green open space as a break from built form
1	Green open space contributes to liveability
1	Green open space for childrens play
1	Green open space important as urban density increases
1	Green open space important for exercising pets
1	Green open space important for trees
1	Green open space important place for meeting friends
74	Additional open space required
19	Open space - additional required as density increases
9	Open space - additional green open space required as density increases
6	Open space - additional required in Collingwood
5	Open space - Edinburgh Gardens is too crowded so additional open space required to offset this
4	Open space - additional required as density increases in Fitzroy
3	Open space - additional open space required within walking distance
3	Open space - important as no access to private open space
3	Open space - important to easily reach open space for health and wellbeing
3	Open space - additional green open space required in Collingwood
1	Open space - additional open space for future generations
1	Open space - additional required in Richmond
1	Open space - additional required in Richmond Hill
1	Open space - additional required, however it is too late as urban densities are too high and land is too expensive
1	Open space - Citizens Park is overused and additional open space is required to offset this
1	Open space - convert car parks to public plazas
1	Open space - convert existing public land to open space so it is not as expensive
1	Open space - convert on-street parking to green open space and wider footpaths
1	Open space - existing open space is very busy
1	Open space - important to mitigate urban heat island effect in Collingwood
1	Open space - increase size of Greeves St Reserve in Fitzroy
1	Open space - increase the size of Napier St road closure at Webb St in Fitzroy
1	Open space - is our backyard
1	Open space - lack of open space in Collingwood impacts on ability to live there and raise a family
1	Open space - more required due to no private gardens/backyards
1	Open space - need space to kick a ball in Collingwood
1	Open space - Oxford St Collingwood to be a park
1	Open space - providing more agree with but not in locations suggested
1	Open space - support providing more that is within easy walking distance
20	Open space within easy walking distance is important
7	Open space - proximity to home valued
2	Open space - access nearby valued so you can walk there
2	Open space - accessible to everyone
1	Open space - access for workers is important
1	Open space - access to green open space reduces stress
1	Open space - access to nature contributes to sense of community
1	Open space - access to open space important to liveability

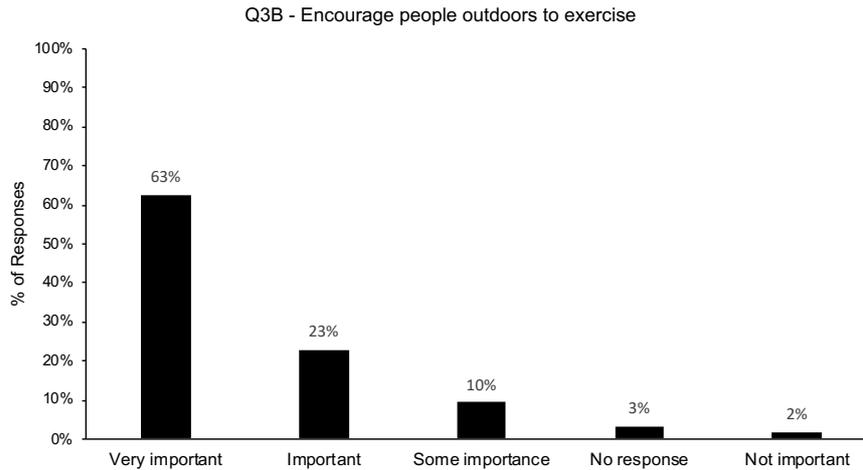
No.	Comments regarding provision of additional open space
1	Open space - access to the sky important
1	Open space - access within 300 metres of all residents a good aim
1	Access - access close to home is appreciated as I cannot walk far
1	Access - encourages use of open space
1	Open space - nearby important for wellbeing
19	Improve utilisation and quality of existing open space rather than provide additional
4	Open space - improved utilisation of existing open space required
2	Open space - quality open space is important
2	Open space - well maintained is important
2	Open space - visit open space in adjoining municipalities instead of new open space
1	Open space - consider those in adjoining areas
1	Open space - currently does not encourage community
1	Open space - currently not used to capacity
1	Open space - improve the quality of what is there rather than provide new
1	Open space - important to improve the quality of open space around the safe injecting room in Richmond
1	Open space - improve existing facilities
1	Open space - proposed open space in Central Richmond is too expensive.
1	Open space - underutilised in Richmond
1	Open space - upgrade existing open space
7	Streets
1	Streets - close streets reduce parking convert to open space
1	Streets – improve pedestrian amenity in streets in Fitzroy
1	Streets - increase planting in streetscapes in Fitzroy
1	Streets - reduce clutter from private bins left on footpaths in Fitzroy
1	Open space - improve access via local street network to major areas of open space
1	Open space - improve public road access to open space so it is safer and easier to see
1	Open space - needs to include streetscapes
5	Dogs
1	Fenced off-leash area required in Collingwood
1	Dog owners to be in control of their dog
1	Dog owners to be responsible for dog waste
1	Dog on leash area required at Citizens Park
1	Provide additional fenced dog off-leash areas
3	Impacts of additional open space on traffic and roads
1	Open space - additional would compromise traffic flow
1	Open space - need to consider traffic flow and parking.
1	Open space - retain car parking
2	Trees
1	Additional street trees to mitigate urban heat island effect required
1	Additional trees in open space to reduce carbon footprint
1	Unstructured recreation facilities
1	Unstructured recreation facilities - consider other facilities nearby so they are not duplicated

2.3.2 Q3B Provide a diversity of facilities to encourage people to exercise outdoors

2.3.2a Summary

The full recommendation that survey respondents were asked to indicate the level of importance to was:

- *Encourage people to be outdoors and exercise and keep fit by providing a diverse range of facilities in open space*



While important, this was ranked seventh out of the nine recommendations. The comments made clarify that while exercise and keeping fit are important, so too is the peace and quiet that open space provides along with the social aspects of open space. Survey respondents raised issues of the need to balance facilities with natural features and green space. The highest level of importance placed on the key recommendation to maximise natural features and urban greening reinforces the need to ensure the natural features, particularly trees are retained and are not removed at the expense of facilities.

2.3.2b Top five comments

The survey asked people to explain the reason for their answer, and 2.3.2c has a full list of the comments. The top 5 have been included below in a table with a response to the comments made.

No.	Comment	Response
2.3.2.1	Exercise is important for health and wellbeing (26)	<p>The Strategy acknowledges that exercise is important for health and wellbeing, including in Section 1.2 and 3.1.5. The Strategy does not have a specific section that identifies this as a key influence on open space.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Add a new Section 4.5 that confirms the importance of the provision of facilities for unstructured recreational use balanced with the protection of natural features and contemplative spaces in open space for people to relax and unwind.</i>

No.	Comment	Response
2.3.2.2	Diversity of facilities - agree they are important (22)	As noted in 2.3.2.1.
2.3.2.3	Diversity of facilities - important to encourage people outdoors to exercise.	<p>There is recognition that the provision of facilities encourages people to be outdoors and participate in activities. There are other comments that express concern that a balance needs to be retained between the provision of facilities for exercise and other values of open space, particularly for its naturalness, peace and quiet and the social connectedness.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Section 6.3 to refer to the balance of the provision of facilities that encourage fitness are balanced the protection and maintenance of natural features and green open space.
2.3.2.4	Diversity of facilities - prefer to have grass and trees so there is more space (9)	<p>This include comments in relation to the small size of exiting open space and that facilities can easily over-dominate the space, which people note is very important for being able to visit to relax and unwind. The need for green open space with natural features has been included and referenced throughout the Strategy.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.
2.3.2.5	Health - encouraging people to exercise reduces stress on public health system	<p>This is noted, and is described in Section 1.4, Importance of open space in the Draft Strategy. It is also supported by the Council Plan objectives, included in Section 1.3.1 of the Strategy Technical Report which are adopted as key objectives to meet for the Open Space Strategy.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

2.3.2c List of all comments regarding diversity of facilities in open space

The following list of comments are assembled into topics and summarised from the full long hand comments provided in the survey. Detail has been retained in the comments to provide more insight into the comments made.

No.	Comments regarding provision of a diversity of facilities in open space
126	Support a diversity of facilities
26	Diversity of facilities - exercise important for health and wellbeing
22	Diversity of facilities - agree they are important
15	Diversity of facilities - important to encourage people outdoors to exercise
8	Diversity of facilities - agree they are important but also need green space and trees for peace and quiet
6	Diversity of facilities - important they are accessible and free
6	Diversity of facilities - participating in exercise contributes to sense of community
6	Diversity of facilities - exercise important for social contact as well
2	Diversity of facilities - agree important and currently do not have access to this
2	Diversity of facilities - basketball rings important
2	Diversity of facilities - cycle and walking paths are important
2	Diversity of facilities - fitness is important for mental health and happiness
2	Diversity of facilities - important for children

No.	Comments regarding provision of a diversity of facilities in open space
2	Diversity of facilities - important they are outdoors
2	Diversity of facilities - important as they encourage people in older age groups outdoors
2	Diversity of facilities - tree lined paths important
1	Diversity of facilities - agree they are important as long as they feel safe to use especially women
1	Diversity of facilities - agree they are important for all age groups
1	Diversity of facilities - can be for other reasons including enjoying the arts, play, socialise
1	Diversity of facilities - exercise is important to my family
1	Diversity of facilities - important as they encourage us outdoors to exercise, especially Princes Park
1	Diversity of facilities - important for exercising dogs
1	Diversity of facilities - important for health but only in the large parks
1	Diversity of facilities - important for health, but hard to find time to do it
1	Diversity of facilities - important for health, but less options in the inner city
1	Diversity of facilities - important for health, request a major outdoor fitness station
1	Diversity of facilities - important people can walk to them to reduce vehicle use
1	Diversity of facilities - important they are close to home as I have no car
1	Diversity of facilities - important to exercise away from the traffic
1	Diversity of facilities - important to exercise in the sun for Vitamin D
1	Diversity of facilities - important to include programmed activities for older women
1	Diversity of facilities - improves accessibility to everyone
1	Diversity of facilities - more required as density increases
1	Diversity of facilities - nature play important
1	Diversity of facilities - not all open space needs to be for exercise - social contact and meeting places also important
1	Diversity of facilities - skate facilities important
1	Diversity of facilities - strategy needs more about how they will be implemented.
28	Open space and natural character
9	Diversity of facilities - prefer to have grass and trees so there is more space
3	Open space - green space is the most important, facilities are of secondary importance
2	Diversity of facilities - open grassed areas important
2	Open space - green open space with paths, trees and vegetation is a priority
2	Open space - green space encourages people to socialise and sense of community
2	Open space - large parks and gardens provide diversity of facilities and spaces that are important for community health and wellbeing
1	Open space - additional required
1	Open space - additional required in Collingwood
1	Open space - create it and people will use it and find a variety of uses for it
1	Open space - ensure ongoing maintenance
1	Open space - for children's play
1	Open space - important for workers and residents
1	Open space - people value open space when they use it
1	Open space - query whether they are already well used
12	Unstructured recreation
6	Unstructured recreation - beneficial to mental and physical health and wellbeing
2	Unstructured recreation - important to encourage people outdoors and stay active
1	Unstructured recreation - contributes to sense of community and social contact

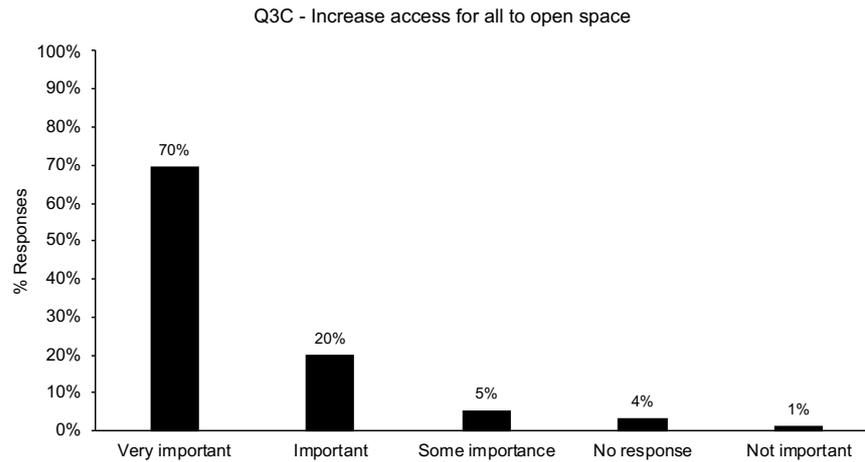
No.	Comments regarding provision of a diversity of facilities in open space
1	Unstructured recreation - important for children to access parks nearby to run and play
1	Unstructured recreation - important to keep people active
1	Unstructured recreation - personal trainers use open space
9	Health
9	Health - encouraging people to exercise reduces stress on public health system
7	Disagree with a diversity of facilities
2	Diversity of facilities - don't agree with this
1	Diversity of facilities - should not take up existing outdoor space
1	Diversity of facilities - inviting open spaces are more important than equipment
2	Diversity of facilities - no additional facilities are required
1	Diversity of facilities - don't agree with this as parks are too small
6	Paths
2	Paths - remove the commuter cycle paths from open space
1	Paths - good quality required
1	Paths - have separate cycle and pedestrian paths along the Capital City Trail
1	Paths - priority to have cycle paths
1	Paths - priority to pedestrians, bicycles and public transport
6	Structured sport
2	Structured sport - important for kids to keep fit
1	Structured sport and recreation - key reason for open space
1	Structured sport and recreation - personal trainers should not be charged to use the park
1	Sport and recreation - beneficial to mental and physical health and wellbeing
1	Sport and recreation - contributes to sense of community
5	Informal use
4	Informal use - just being outdoors is important for health and wellbeing
1	Informal use - spaces for families to enjoy as a relief from the built form
3	Indoor recreation facilities
2	Indoor recreation facilities - expensive and many cannot afford them
1	Indoor recreation facilities - important for diversity
2	Physical activity
1	Paths - walking and cycling paths are important to encourage people outdoors to exercise
1	Physical activity - improves quality of life
1	Other comments
1	Community gardens - important in open space
1	Dogs - dog walking encourages people outdoors to exercise
1	Drinking fountains - additional required
1	Electronic devices - should be banned in parks so people exercise
1	Facilities - quality of facilities is important
1	Nature - important for health and wellbeing
1	Play equipment - good quality required
1	Streetscapes - local streets are popular for walking
1	Weather - detracts from being outdoors

2.3.3 Q3C Increase access for everyone to open space

2.3.3a Summary

The full recommendation that survey respondents were asked to indicate the level of importance to was:

- *Increase opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds to access, participate and enjoy open space*



Ranked third out of nine key recommendations, the combined very important and important total is 90 per cent. The comments clarify that access and inclusion are important to the survey respondents. Improving access covers all aspects of this including:

- open space being nearby and therefore accessible
- ensuring open space is physically accessible for people with limited mobility
- ensuring open space is safe and welcoming for people to use
- it is free and therefore socially equitable
- is important to build a sense of community.

2.3.3b Top five comments

The survey asked people to explain the reason for their answer, and 2.3.3c has a full list of the comments. The top five have been included below in a table with a response to the comments made.

No.	Comment	Response
2.3.3.1	Access - important for everyone including all abilities (24)	This supports on the key principles in Section 1.3.2 of the Strategy to ensure it is accessible. There were more specific comments around ensuring that open space is accessible for people with limited mobility, in wheelchairs and the for those who cannot walk far. The design guidelines in Section 6.6 encourage the inclusion of a diversity of facilities that appeal to all the different parts of our community. Section 6.7 encourages structured sport and recreation facilities to be inclusive and accessible.

No.	Comment	Response
		<p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
2.3.3.2	Access - important to build a sense of community as they are equitable (23)	<p>The more detailed descriptions associated with this comment related to open space being a place where everyone can gather and socialise irrespective of their income, cultural background, gender, age and physical ability. Having spaces that are publicly owned and bring communities together is referenced throughout the Strategy, however there is potential to strengthen it by include equitable as one of the core principles in Section 1.3.2.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 'equitable' as a key principle to the Section 1.3.2, with the aim being - To ensure the public open space network is inclusive and accessible to everyone. .
2.3.3.3	Access and inclusion – very important consideration for all open space (22)	Noted, refer to Response and proposed change in 2.3.3.2 above.
2.3.3.4	Access - important to celebrate our cultural diversity (13)	Noted, refer to 2.3.3.2 above.
2.3.3.5	Access - to green open space as well as facilities (9)	<p>Noted, refer to response in 2.3.2.1.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to 2.3.2.1.

2.3.3c List of all comments regarding diversity of facilities in open space

The following list of comments are assembled into topics and summarised from the full long hand comments provided in the survey. Detail has been retained in the comments to provide more insight into the comments made.

No.	Comments regarding diversity of facilities in open space
145	Recognise and support increasing access for all
24	Access - important for everyone including all abilities
23	Access - important to build a sense of community as they are equitable
22	Access and inclusion – very important consideration for all open space
13	Access - important to celebrate our cultural diversity
9	Access - to green open space as well as facilities
6	Access - important for all ages including young and old
5	Access - important as it is free and equitable
4	Access - important as urban densities increase
4	Access - recognise difficult to make it accessible for everyone
3	Access - important for everyone to feel safe
2	Access - fitness important for everyone including all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds
2	Access - important especially for children
2	Access - important especially for children to access it independently
2	Access - important for residents and workers
2	Access - important for social contact
2	Access - important to celebrate diversity of our community
2	Access - more grassed areas required
2	Access - open space to be within a safe and easy walk of everyone
1	Access - all ability access in playgrounds

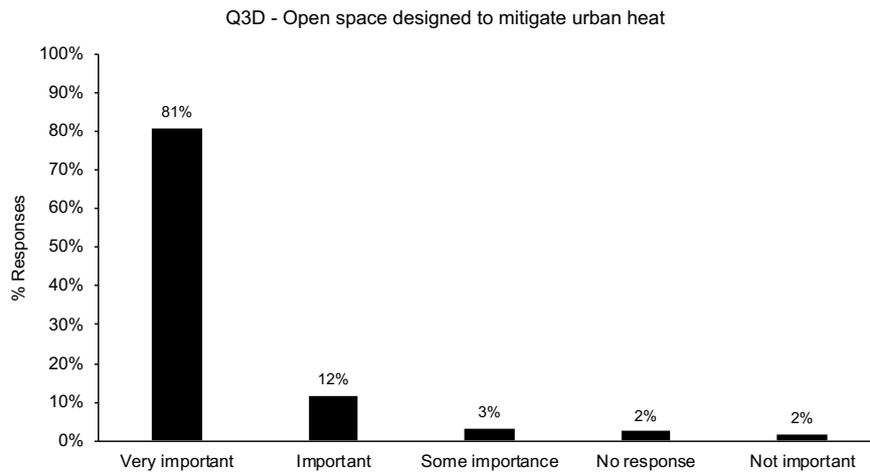
No.	Comments regarding diversity of facilities in open space
1	Access - all ability access to paths and trails important
1	Access - cobblestones in laneways difficult for people in with limited ability
1	Access - consider adjoining residents in relation to placement of facilities so it minimises noise impacts on them
1	Access - convert all of Peel Street to open space to hold community events
1	Access - Darling Gardens is a good example of an open space that is accessible for everyone
1	Access - fence playgrounds for young children
1	Access - important for community health and wellbeing of everyone
1	Access - important for everyone and Yarra does this well
1	Access - important for everyone to feel welcome and not be dominated by children's playgrounds
1	Access - important to access sports grounds
1	Access - important to ensure families can stay in the area
1	Access - increase the diversity of programs in open space - eg outdoor classes
1	Access - Rushall Reserve is not accessible for all
1	Access - safe injecting room impacts on our safe access and use of green open space
1	Access - Strategy needs to explain how this is to be implemented
1	Access - some open space is underutilised as the design and facilities are not targeted to the local demographics
1	Access - important they are well maintained to ensure they are accessible
8	Open space
3	Open space - additional open space in Collingwood required to promote access
1	Open space - additional open space required in Balmain Street Cremorne
1	Open space - additional required
1	Open space - contributes to liveability
1	Open space - contributes to the sense of place
1	Open space - improves health and well being
6	No increase in access required
3	Access - adequate now
1	Access - not important for me
1	Access - sufficient as vehicle access to roads needs to be retained
1	Structured sport - not necessary for Council to increase participation in sport
4	Dogs
1	Dogs - enforce dog off-leash regulations
1	Dogs - enforce off-leash areas at Edinburgh Gardens
1	Dogs - off-leash and dog excrement limit access for others
1	Dogs - off-leash near playgrounds limits safe access for children
1	Paths
1	Paths - separate cycle and walking paths, no shared paths

2.3.4 Q3D Open space designed to assist mitigating urban heat island effect

2.3.4a Summary

The full recommendation that survey respondents were asked to indicate the level of importance to was:

- *Maximise opportunities to have large canopy shade trees and natural features including grass and garden beds to keep open space cooler in the summer and mitigate urban heat*



With 81 per cent stating that mitigating urban heat is very important to them demonstrates the highest level of support for this recommendation. Combining the Very Important and Important totals results in 95 per cent of respondents identifying this is important.

Comments demonstrate that respondents understand the important role that trees and urban greening plays in liveability, particularly during periods of extended heat.

2.3.4b Top five comments

The survey asked people to explain the reason for their answer, and 2.3.5c has a full list of the comments. The top five have been included below in a table with a response to the comments made.

No.	Comment	Response
2.3.4.1	Important to make the city more liveable in the context of climate change (37)	Noted, and this is consistent with the Strategy. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update Section 1.4 and 3.1.5 of the Strategy text to reference the high level of community support for open space for inclusion of natural features that contribute to mitigating urban heat.</i>

No.	Comment	Response
2.3.4.2	Trees - plant more canopy shade trees important to retain liveability with climate change (33)	Noted, and this is consistent with the recommendations in the Strategy. This includes 1.1.1 where trees were identified as being important to the community and more highly valued compared the consultation results in 2006. The Principles reference the importance of trees, similarly in Section 1.4 regarding the importance of open space. The importance of trees is referred to throughout the Strategy including support for protecting and planting more throughout Section 6 Design and Management Guidelines. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
2.3.4.3	Support green spaces and large trees to mitigate forecast temperature rise (22)	Refer to response to 2.3.4.1 and 2.3.4.2. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to response to 2.3.4.1 and 2.3.4.2.
2.3.4.4	Streetscapes - plant canopy trees for shade, particularly in high density areas (13)	This Strategy refers to the recently prepared the Urban Forest Strategy 2017, and supports its implementation with promotes planting additional street trees. This is referred to in Section 2.1.2d with a summary of the Urban Forest Strategy 2017, Section 6.2 Climate change and urban greening, Section 6.11 Open space maintenance, Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
2.3.4.5	Open space - additional trees and greening will make open space more usable and attractive (12)	This comment supports the recommendations in the Strategy, particularly the need for Council to focus on maximising urban greening and space for additional trees in future public open space design. Refer to Response to 2.3.4.4. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

2.3.4c List of all comments regarding mitigating urban heat island effect

The following list of comments are assembled into topics and summarised from the full long hand comments provided in the survey. Detail has been retained in the comments to provide more insight into the comments made.

No.	Comments – open space designed to assist mitigating urban heat island effect
66	Support greening of open space to assist to mitigate urban heat island effect
37	Important to make the city more liveable in the context of climate change
22	Support green spaces and large trees to mitigate forecast temperature rise
3	Important given the weather is getting hotter
2	Require new developments to include urban greening requirements including green walls, roof gardens and greening between the street and the building
1	Stop approving small apartments
1	An increase in natural features will improve carbon sequestration in context of climate change
39	Trees
33	Trees - plant more canopy shade trees important to retain liveability with climate change
1	Trees - important and need to be selected well and maintained by qualified Arborist

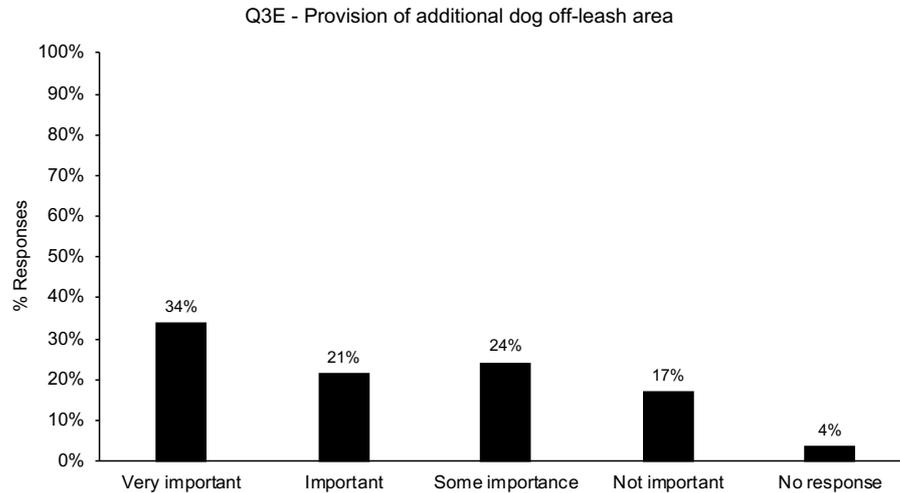
No.	Comments – open space designed to assist mitigating urban heat island effect
1	Trees - introduce mandatory protection on private land
1	Trees - need careful selection to avoid damage to infrastructure
1	Trees - plant more large canopy shade trees important to retain liveability with climate change especially in Collingwood
1	Trees - require minimum of 1 large canopy tree in front gardens
1	Trees - shade is important in high density areas.
19	Open space
12	Open space - additional trees and greening will make open space more usable and attractive
3	Include additional planting along the waterways as well
1	Ensure adequate sunlight to open space is retained
1	Open space - ensure it remains practical to use with urban greening
1	Open space - need additional large green space in Richmond
1	Open space - plant native trees and plants
5	Water use
2	Native fauna - important to provide water in open space on hot days for fauna including birds
1	Open space - grass is supported but concern to maintain with drier climate
1	Open space - recommend use of low water use native plants
1	Open space - support improved level of irrigation in open space to support grass cover year round
18	Streetscapes
13	Streetscapes - plant canopy trees for shade, particularly in high density areas
2	Streetscapes - replace footpaths with permeable surfaces
1	Streetscapes - close Gertrude Street and plant with trees for shade
1	Streetscapes - don't support converting them to open space
1	Streetscapes - existing garden beds poorly maintained
9	Health and wellbeing
8	Health and wellbeing - natural features aesthetically pleasing and beneficial for mental health
1	Health and wellbeing - green spaces are essential for health and wellbeing
4	Biodiversity
2	Biodiversity - additional natural features improve biodiversity
2	Biodiversity - additional natural features will benefit wildlife including bees
3	Health
3	Health - additional shade will provide protect the community from the sun in summer
3	Urban agriculture
3	Urban agriculture - including edible fruit trees, vegetables and herbs
1	Dogs
1	Dogs - owners to clean up after dogs so natural spaces are useable by all
1	Sport
1	Sport - maximise opportunities for natural features as long as there is room for sporting activities

2.3.5 Q3E Provision of additional dog off-leash areas

2.3.5a Summary

The full recommendation that survey respondents were asked to indicate the level of importance to was:

- *Investigate the provision of additional dog off-leash areas as part of the future review of the Domestic Animal Management Plan*



This recommendation had the lowest level of importance compared with the others and was ranked last out of the nine key recommendations.

The comments identify that there is a clear divide between people who agree with providing additional dog off-leash areas and those that do not want this due to the impacts dogs off-leash have on other recreational use and values of open space. There are also numerous comments in relation to the conflicts and issues associated with dogs off-leash on sports grounds, particularly at Citizens Park.

2.3.5b Top five comments

The survey asked people to explain the reason for their answer, and 2.3.5c has a full list of the comments. The top five have been included below in a table with a response to the comments made.

No.	Comment	Response
2.3.5.1	Dogs - no additional off-leash areas required (24)	The response reflects the negative experience people have of dog owners not effectively controlling their dogs in public open space. Many of the comments associated with this statement refer to issues of dogs off-leash impacting on the ability to use the public open space for other purposes. Sharing is a core principle underpinning the Strategy and will continue to be an important guide as urban densities increase and open space is used by more people. By recommending that Council investigate options for additional dog off-leash areas in the Domestic Animal Management Strategy means that there will be a thorough consultation process focused on resolving the dog management issues in the City, including in public

No.	Comment	Response
		<p>open space. This recommendation is located in Section 6.6 of the Strategy.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None</i>
2.3.5.2	Citizens Park is overrun with dogs (19)	<p>The survey responses raised many concerns regarding the dog off-leash arrangements at Citizens Park. Being one of the most popular parks in the City of Yarra, and located within an area with substantial forecast growth, it is important to resolve the appropriate shared use of this space. The need for and provision of both additional open space and repurposing of existing reserves will assist to reduce the future pressure on Citizens Park. The need to resolve the dog management issues at Citizens Park are urgent and should be undertaken in the context of all the issues as part of the Domestic Animal Management Plan. This recommendation is located in Section 6.6 of the Strategy.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None</i>
2.3.5.3	Dogs - owners to be responsible for dog waste (15)	<p>The survey respondents are concerned about the health hazards from dog waste in open space and also that it limits effective use of open space for other purposes. This issue appropriate to review as part of the revisions to the next Domestic Animal Management Plan.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None</i>
2.3.5.4	Dogs - additional off-leash areas required (13)	<p>The comment reflects the need that dog owners have to exercise their dogs off-leash. As the population increases so will the number of people who own dogs and need to exercise them. As per the response in 2.3.5.2, the Strategy recommends the identification of appropriate locations for off-leash areas is to be addressed as part of the Domestic Animal Management Plan.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None</i>
2.3.5.5	Dogs - off-leash personal safety concerns, particularly children (12)	<p>Dogs off-leash and not under effective control of their owners can be intimidating for other park users. This issue needs to be addressed more effectively by the Domestic Animal Management Plan. The Strategy recommends a major update of the Domestic Animal Management Plan, refer to Recommendation 6.6-1.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None.</i>

2.3.5c List of all comments regarding provision of additional dog off-leash areas

The following list of comments are assembled into topics and summarised from the full long hand comments provided in the survey. Detail has been retained in the comments to provide more insight into the comments made.

No	Comments regarding provision of additional dog off-leash areas
80	Concerns regarding dog off-leash areas
24	Dogs - no additional off-leash areas required
12	Dogs - off-leash personal safety concerns, particularly children
11	Dogs - owners to be responsible for controlling their dogs
5	Dogs - discourage dog ownership in Yarra given lack of space
4	Dogs - off-leash areas exclude other users
4	Access - unfair to create more off-leash areas as it excludes other users
3	Dogs - not important given we need access to green space
3	Dogs - need a balance of dog off-leash and dog free areas
2	Dogs - easily exercised on-leash walking in the streets
2	Dogs - increase dog on-lead or dog-free areas
2	Dog - no additional off-leash areas as they impact on wildlife
1	Dogs - off-leash areas impact on informal use of open space
1	Dogs - additional off-leash areas are not a priority
1	Dogs - adequate off-leash areas in Cremorne
1	Dogs - Edinburgh Gardens - access by dogs limits human use of park
1	Dog - owners to ensure their dog is under effective control in open space
1	Dogs - more spaces for children required
1	Dogs - not a priority
1	Dogs - support dogs exercised on-lead
73	Support the provision of additional dog off-leash areas
13	Dogs - additional off-leash areas required
5	Dogs - additional off-leash areas required in Fitzroy
5	Dogs - dog off-leash areas are important for socialisation of people and dogs
8	Dogs - additional off-leash areas required as urban densities increase
7	Dogs - additional fenced off-leash areas required
6	Dogs - off-leash areas valued
2	Dogs - additional dog drinking facilities required
2	Dogs - enlarge off-leash areas so they are effective
5	Dogs - important for socialisation of people and dogs
2	Dogs - off-leash areas means there should be no-dog areas as well
1	Dogs - additional off-lead facilities required in North Fitzroy
1	Dogs - additional off-leash area required as urban densities increase in Collingwood
1	Dogs - additional off-leash area required to support responsible pet ownership
1	Dogs - additional off-leash areas could be investigated
1	Dogs - additional off-leash areas required in large parks only
1	Dogs - adopt the UK approach of universal dog friendliness
1	Dogs - all parks and gardens to be off-leash
1	Dogs - encourage people outdoors to exercise and socialise
1	Dogs - exercising my dog is important for me
1	Dogs - important to exercise them close to home
1	Dogs - improve amenity for dogs and their owners to improve existing off-leash areas
1	Dogs - improve condition of fenced dog off-leash areas, regarding Curtain Square
1	Dogs - off-leash and on-leash areas valued

No	Comments regarding provision of additional dog off-leash areas
1	Dogs - off-leash areas additional required to reduce pressure existing small open spaces
1	Dogs - Ottery Park closed to dogs has reduced off-leash areas
1	Pets - pet owners important to have an area where they can socialise (including cats)
1	Dogs - support dog parks so that other parks don't become unusable due dog excrement - for example Peel Street Park
1	Dogs - to share spaces with community sporting activity
40	Citizens Park dog off-leash issues
19	Citizens Park is overrun with dogs
10	Citizens Park - dog waste and holes in the oval is a health hazard for sporting use of oval
3	Citizens Park - owners to take responsibility for their dogs
2	Citizens Park - ban dogs from the oval
2	Citizens Park - remove fence to oval so that owners effectively control dogs
2	Citizens Park - needs to have more time allocated to sporting use without dogs
1	Citizens Park - I don't take my dog there as it is overcrowded
1	Citizens Park - oval to be on-leash
1	Citizens Park - additional off-leash area required in Richmond to replace Citizens Park
1	Citizens Park - Dogs off-leash to be removed from this park given impact on sporting oval
25	Dog waste
15	Dogs - owners to be responsible for dog waste
4	Dogs - waste makes some areas of open space unusable by others
1	Dogs - waste not picked up hazard for children
1	Dogs - waste not picked up is a health hazard
2	Dogs - owners to be responsible for collecting dog waste
1	Dogs - additional waste bags/bins required
1	Dogs - waste makes it hard to enjoy outdoor open space
14	Sporting grounds and dogs
3	Dogs - prohibit on sporting fields
3	Dogs - remove off-leash areas from sports ovals to improve safety of sport
2	Dogs - Atherton Gardens is not appropriate as an off-leash area given sporting use
2	Dogs - ban dogs on sporting fields
2	Dogs - additional off-leash areas required to reduce conflict with sporting use
2	Dogs - health and safety issue of dog excrement and holes on sporting fields
8	Enforce dog regulations
4	Dogs - enforce off-leash regulations
2	Dogs - enforce regulations
1	Dogs - Council to enforce off-leash regulations
1	Dogs - owners to be more responsible in selection of their dog in a high density environment
6	Open space
1	Open space - dog waste limits the use of parks near home
1	Open space - more required as density increases
1	Open space - no dog-free parks close to my home
1	Dogs - Cremorne no open space is large enough to provide off-leash areas
1	Dogs - lack of open space limits potential for additional off-leash areas
1	Dogs - need access to quiet, safe open spaces

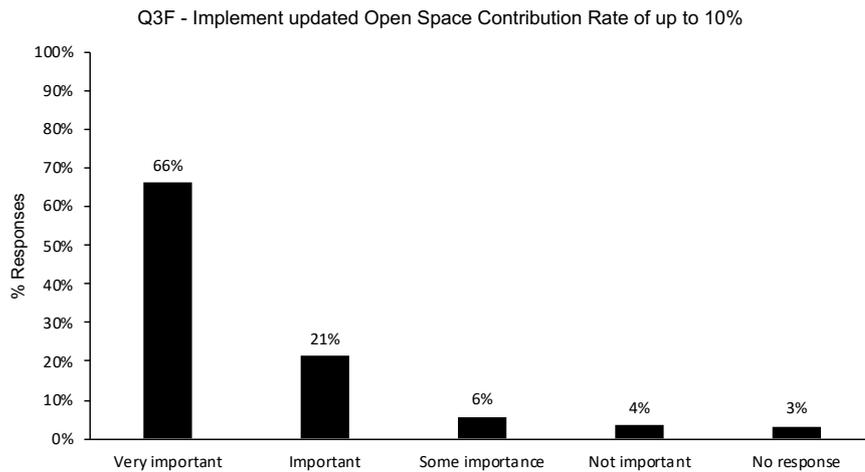
No	Comments regarding provision of additional dog off-leash areas
4	Fenced dog areas
1	Dogs - additional fenced dog parks required for training dogs
1	Dogs - additional fenced off-leash areas established by removing on-street parking adjacent to open space
1	Dogs - fenced off-leash areas away from waterways due to risk of snakes
1	Dogs -fenced off-leash areas required
3	Benefits of dog ownership
2	Dogs - ownership provides range of benefits to owners
1	Dogs - increased ownership provides range of benefits to owners
1	Playgrounds
1	Playgrounds - fenced to prevent dog access

2.3.6 Q3F Implement an open space contribution rate of up to 10 per cent

2.3.6a Summary

The full recommendation that survey respondents were asked to indicate the level of importance to was:

- *Implement an open space contribution rate of up to 10 per cent in the Yarra Planning Scheme that applies to new development. This is so the new population contributes fairly to new open space and improvements to existing open space.*



This recommendation is ranked sixth out of nine of the key recommendations in relation to its level of importance, with a combined total of 87 per cent.

The comments were mainly in relation to concern regarding the impact of high density development on the levels of use and quality of existing open space. The comments also reinforced the need for the provision of new open space, and specifically green open space. There were also a number of comments about the need to improve the interface between the high density development and the streetscape, requesting setbacks with planting and trees.

The comments also indicated that some people misunderstood the intent of the contribution rate. The full comments are listed in the 2.3.6c.

2.3.6b Top five comments

The survey asked people to explain the reason for their answer, and 2.3.6c has a full list of the comments. The top five have been included below in a table with a response to the comments made.

No.	Comment	Response
2.3.6.1	Contribution rate - agree with statement (50)	Noted. Proposed change to the Strategy: • <i>None</i>

No.	Comment	Response
2.3.6.2	Contribution rate - 10 per cent too low given high density development (12)	The statement reflects the sentiment of many of the 109 comments about the rate. This includes the concern regarding the intensity of recent and forecast development and the impact this will have on the existing open space. The Strategy specifically addresses the forecast increased urban densities and population growth in Section 4.3 of the Strategy Technical Report. The forecast growth is a key consideration in the precinct based open space needs assessments and recommendations. Refer to Section 7 of the Strategy Technical Report. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.
2.3.6.3	Open space - additional green open space required as density increases (11)	There is strong support in this and other related comments for the inclusion of more green public open space and also additional trees and greening on development sites. The Strategy addresses the need for greening of new open space in the Design and Management Guidelines in Section 6. Section 5.4.1 of the Strategy Technical Report includes guidelines for development adjoining or nearby public open space. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.
2.3.6.4	Development - must include green open space on the development sites (9)	Refer to response to 2.3.6.3
2.3.6.5	Contribution rate - agree with statement given high density development (7)	Refer to response to 2.3.6.1.

2.3.6c List of all comments regarding the open space contribution rate

The following list of comments are assembled into topics and summarised from the full long hand comments provided in the survey. Detail has been retained in the comments to provide more insight into the comments made.

No.	Comments regarding the open space contribution rate
109	Support the proposed contribution rate
50	Contribution rate - agree with statement
12	Contribution rate - 10 per cent too low given high density development
7	Contribution rate - agree with statement given high density development
6	Contribution rate - contributions should be spent on new green open space close to the development
3	Contribution rate - fair and reasonable that developers contribute to new open space
3	Contribution rate - open space needs to be mandated, not just preferred
2	Contribution rate - agree due to the need for new open space to meet the needs of the new population
2	Contribution rate - agree with statement given high density development in Cremorne
2	Contribution rate - agree with statement given high density development in Collingwood and need for new green public open space
2	Contribution rate - agree with statement and include business as well as residential use
2	Contribution rate - agree with the rate for large developers, but not small developers

No.	Comments regarding the open space contribution rate
2	Contribution rate - shouldn't impact residents financially
2	Contribution rate - to be reserved for acquisition of new open space
1	Contribution rate - 10 per cent too low given high density development in Collingwood
1	Contribution rate - 10 per cent too low given high density development in Fitzroy
1	Contribution rate - agree but will only provide small areas of open space not large sporting reserves
1	Contribution rate - agree if it is a land contribution so some greening occurs for each development
1	Contribution rate - agree that the community benefit will be seen if implemented well
1	Contribution rate - agree with statement, need to do this as a priority
1	Contribution rate - all residents need to contribute
1	Contribution rate - either contribute land or cash towards purchase of open space
1	Contribution rate - everyone to contribute fully
1	Contribution rate - needs to increase relative to the density proposed on the site
1	Contribution rate - to be reserved for extraordinary capital improvement project
1	Contribution rate - too late, most of the area has been redeveloped
1	Contribution rate - use funds generated quickly
1	Development - must include open space to protect liveability of the neighbourhood
29	Open space
11	Open space - additional green open space required as density increases
3	Open space - existing open space already overcrowded
2	Open space - important it is public open space, not private open space
2	Open space - important to protect existing open space
2	Open space - provision of should be mandated as part of planning approvals
1	Open space - contributes to liveability
1	Open space - disappointed to see lack of a new larger open space in North Fitzroy
1	Open space - environmental benefits
1	Open space - important for outdoor exercise
1	Open space - important for socialisation
1	Open space - increase programming in existing open space instead of new open space
1	Open space - provide shade/habitat for wildlife
1	Open space - retain and improve existing open space to reduce costs
1	Open space - valuable but not instead of roads
27	Development
9	Development - must include green open space on the development sites
3	Development - to contribute to mitigating urban heat island effect
3	Development - development should also provide rooftop gardens and courtyards the public can use
2	Development - interface to streetscape needs improvement with increased greening
2	Development - needs space for trees to contribute to mitigating urban heat on the development sites
1	Development - avoid multi level towers
1	Development - concerned about the scale of high density development on the Gasworks Site in North Fitzroy
1	Development - concerned about the scale of recent development and no open space provided
1	Development - contribute to community facilities
1	Development - high density development in Collingwood is diminishing appeal of area
1	Development - need better planning to ensure balance of high density and open space
1	Development - prefer larger dwellings and less of them
1	Development - significant increase in urban densities without significant increase in green open space

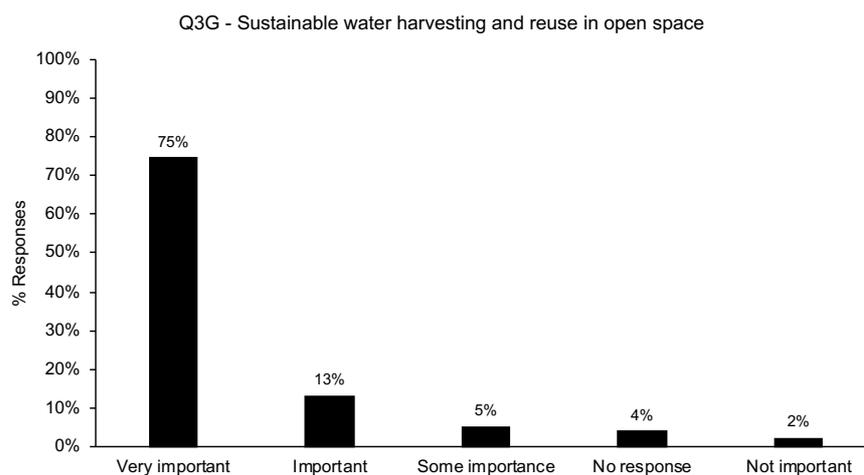
No.	Comments regarding the open space contribution rate
11	Lack of understanding about the contribution rate
7	Contribution rate - don't understand
2	Contribution rate - how is the figure calculated
1	Contribution rate - as a ratepayer cannot afford to pay more
1	Contribution rate - existing residents should not have to pay this
3	Contributions and allocation to projects
2	Contribution rate - concern about where the funds have been spent
1	Contribution rate - concern about where the funds been spent in Collingwood
3	Do not agree with the contribution rate
1	Contribution rate - don't agree as the cost will be passed onto owners and make it less affordable
1	Development - unfair to blame new residents for lack of open space - historical lack of provision
1	Contribution rate - strategy needs to further justify increase
1	Parking
1	Parking - key issue

2.3.7 Q3G Continue to deliver sustainable harvesting and reuse to increase urban greening

2.3.7a Summary

The full recommendation that survey respondents were asked to indicate the level of importance to was:

- *Continue to deliver sustainable water harvesting and reuse, contributing to increased urban greening in open space, particularly in higher density areas.*



75 per cent of respondents rated this recommendation as very important and when combined with important, a total of 88 per cent place importance on it. It is ranked fifth out of the nine key recommendations.

The comments made relating to this recommendation were mainly in relation to recognising the importance to making best use of water and to ensure sustainability into the future. Other comments support irrigating open space, including small local open spaces so they are green in summer as well. There were a few comments noting the need to ensure it is implemented well and that the infrastructure associated with it does not impact on the useability of the open space.

2.3.7b Top five comments

The survey asked people to explain the reason for their answer, and 2.3.7c has a full list of the comments. The top five have been included below in a table with a response to the comments made.

No.	Comment	Response
2.3.7.1	Sustainable water use - important (17)	The Draft Strategy already notes the importance of sustainable water use. This referred to in relation to the importance of urban greening to community health and wellbeing and mitigating urban heat island effect. This is noted in Section 1.4 about the importance of open space, Section 4.4 regarding issues associated with the impacts of climate change on open space and Section 6.4

No.	Comment	Response
		regarding sustainable water use in the design guidelines for open space. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
2.3.7.2	Sustainable water use - important for green spaces and urban cooling in the longer term (16)	The importance of green open space and its role in mitigating urban heat island effect has been incorporated into the Strategy in the Sections noted in 2.3.7.1. Additionally, Section 6.2 includes design guidelines responding to climate change and promoting urban greening. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
2.3.7.3	Sustainable water use - important for sustainability (14)	The Strategy identifies the importance of the sustainability, with Sustainable being one of the key Strategy Principles referred to in Section 1.3.2 of the Strategy Technical Report. Sustainable water use is also specifically addressed in Section 6.4 of the design and management guidelines in the Strategy. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
2.3.7.4	Sustainable water use - important as a precious resource (10)	Refer to Response in 2.3.7.3
2.3.7.5	Sustainable water use - important given drought and dry climate (10)	Refer to Response in 2.3.7.3

2.3.7c List of all comments regarding sustainable water harvesting and reuse

The following list of comments are assembled into topics and summarised from the full long hand comments provided in the survey. Detail has been retained in the comments to provide more insight into the comments made.

No.	Comments regarding sustainable water harvesting and reuse
119	Support sustainable water harvesting and reuse
17	Sustainable water use - important
16	Sustainable water use - important for green spaces and urban cooling in the longer term
14	Sustainable water use - important for sustainability
10	Sustainable water use - important as a precious resource
10	Sustainable water use - important given drought and dry climate
6	Sustainable water use - important contribution to environmental goals for Yarra
9	Sustainable water use - important in the context of climate change
2	Sustainable water use - important everywhere not just high density areas
2	Sustainable water use - concern about the costs
2	Sustainable water use - important in the context of increased urban densities
2	Sustainable water use - include in every green open space, not only high density areas
2	Sustainable water use - priority to establish green open space and trees
2	Sustainable water use - green open space irrigated with sustainable water supply supported

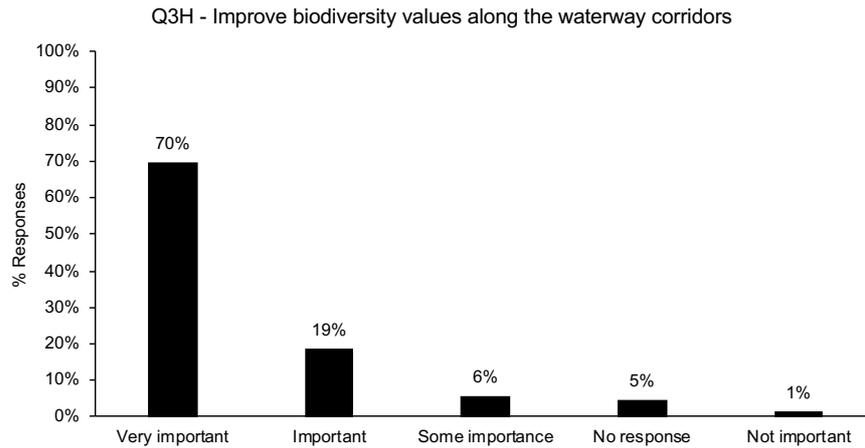
No.	Comments regarding sustainable water harvesting and reuse
2	Sustainable water use - concern at loss of open space to infrastructure associated with water harvesting
1	Sustainable water use - could be implemented on a larger scale
1	Sustainable water use - community education required
1	Sustainable water use - concern about leaking water pipes in Abbotsford area
1	Sustainable water use - concern it will cause flooding
1	Sustainable water use - consider improving water quality
1	Sustainable water use - Council can show leadership on this
1	Sustainable water use - developments to incorporate sustainable water reuse
1	Sustainable water use - happy with existing program - no need to expand
1	Sustainable water use - important for broader environmental benefits including for wildlife during hot dry weather
1	Sustainable water use - important for sustainability including supporting wildlife
1	Sustainable water use - important for urban agriculture
1	Sustainable water use - important to keep grass cover in summer in small local parks
1	Sustainable water use - important to reduce impact on waterways
1	Sustainable water use - important to research and implement successfully
1	Sustainable water use - important to store water during flood events and reuse
1	Sustainable water use - important to use the precious resources we have
1	Sustainable water use - investigate synthetic turf for sports fields
1	Sustainable water use - is it feasible in high density areas such as Cremorne
1	Sustainable water use - should be developers responsibility not Council
1	Sustainable water use - support in principle
1	Sustainable water use - support more permeable paved surfaces used in streets
1	Sustainable water use - support rainwater harvesting
1	Sustainable water use - we are all responsible
4	Not supportive of increasing sustainable water reuse
2	Poor implementation - WSUD works Clifton Ave/Roseneath St ineffective
1	Poor implementation - WSUD works in Stanley Street have been ineffective
1	Sustainable water use - reduce the population and decrease water use
1	High density
1	High density - stop over populating City of Yarra
1	Open space
1	Open space - need green open space
1	Trees
1	Trees - benefit from additional watering
1	Vegetation
1	Vegetation - use species designed to meet the natural rainfall

2.3.8 Q3H Improve biodiversity values along the waterway corridors

2.3.8a Summary

The full recommendation that survey respondents were asked to indicate the level of importance to was:

- *Improve biodiversity values along waterway corridors, including the Yarra River, Merri Creek and Darebin Creek with appropriate revegetation*



Ranked fourth out of nine key recommendations, 70 per cent of respondents rated this recommendation as very important and when combined with important, a total of 89 per cent place importance on it.

The comments support the importance to protect the existing values and expand them with revegetation and improving water quality. They also highlight the importance of the natural values of the waterway corridors in contrast to an urban setting and are highly valued for this.

2.3.8b Top five comments

The survey asked people to explain the reason for their answer, and 2.3.8c has a full list of the comments. The top five have been included below in a table with a response to the comments made.

No.	Comment	Response
2.3.8.1	Waterways - support indigenous revegetation to improve riparian zone and habitat values (11)	The Draft Strategy highlights the importance of protecting and strengthening the biodiversity values along the waterway corridors. It also acknowledges the importance of protecting and improving the biodiversity values in other open space reserves within the context of character types. This is described in Section 6.3, of the Strategy Technical Report.

No.	Comment	Response
		<p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None</i>
2.3.8.2	Natural environment - important to protect (11)	<p>As noted in the response to 2.3.8.1, protecting the natural environment is strongly supported. The existing values are described in Sections 3.1.3 and 3.1.4 of the Strategy Technical Report. Recommendations regarding their protection and improvement are contained in Section 5.4.3, Section 6.3 and 6.10.4.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None</i>
2.3.8.3	Biodiversity - protect and improve is an important goal (8)	<p>The Draft Strategy Technical Report has Ecological as one of the key Open Space Principles in Section 1.3.2 of the Strategy.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None</i>
2.3.8.4	Waterways - support improvement to water quality and riparian zone to protect native fauna (6)	<p>The Draft Strategy Technical Report refers to the waterways, including the importance of the water quality and riparian zone in Section 3.1.4. Liaison with other agencies in relation to the waterway itself is included in Section 6.12.2 of the Strategy including liaison Melbourne Water and other agencies including adjoining municipalities and Parks Victoria.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None</i>
2.3.8.5	Waterways - lungs of the city and require ongoing protection (5)	<p>This comment refers to the importance of the waterways to the quality and character of the City. Section 3.1 in the Strategy Technical Report describes the existing open space network and highlights the importance of the Yarra River and the waterways to the character and open space system.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None</i>

2.3.8c List of all comments regarding improving biodiversity values along the waterway corridors

The following list of comments are assembled into topics and summarised from the full long hand comments provided in the survey. Detail has been retained in the comments to provide more insight into the comments made.

No.	Comments regarding improving biodiversity values along waterway corridors
57	Waterways
11	Waterways - support indigenous revegetation to improve riparian zone and habitat values
6	Waterways - support improvement to water quality and riparian zone to protect native fauna
5	Waterways - lungs of the city and require ongoing protection
5	Waterways - lungs of the city and require on+A3:B15going protection
4	Waterways - highly valued for their natural environmental qualities require protection
3	Waterways - support community participation in revegetation and clean up
2	Waterways - continue the successful revegetation works already underway
2	Waterways - improvements will encourage more people to use the trails and advocate for their protection
2	Waterways - protect including to prevent erosion
2	Waterways - recognise, respect and consult with traditional owners
2	Waterways - stop approving developments so close to the Yarra River which impact on natural values
1	Waterways - concern about the noise generated by rowing clubs and commuter cyclists
1	Waterways - concern that increase in snakes is a threat to children and pets
1	Waterways - continue to maintain
1	Waterways - Council advocate to remove concrete lined channels and naturalise them
1	Waterways - ensure no loss of native trees
1	Waterways - habitat values including for insects very important
1	Waterways - implement existing plans for them
1	Waterways - introduce electric boats and phase out motor boats to improve water quality
1	Waterways - litter removal a priority
1	Waterways - Melbourne Water to improve
1	Waterways - need to address poor stormwater quality entering the waterways at the source
1	Waterways - priority to improve natural values
1	Waterways - State Government responsibility
30	Biodiversity
8	Biodiversity - protect and improve is an important goal
4	Biodiversity - important in the context of climate change
4	Biodiversity - important to protect and support the ecosystem including native fauna
2	Biodiversity - important to protect and improve for both the environment and enjoyment of open space
1	Biodiversity - important to protect bee population
1	Biodiversity - important to protect for future generations
1	Biodiversity - important to reduce introduced species and protect native fauna
1	Biodiversity - improve connectivity between Princes Park and Edinburgh Gardens
1	Biodiversity - improving and protecting will make it more sustainable in the longer term
1	Biodiversity - increase garden beds with native shrubs in larger parks and gardens to encourage smaller birds
1	Biodiversity - increasingly important in inner city due to loss in the peri-urban and regional areas

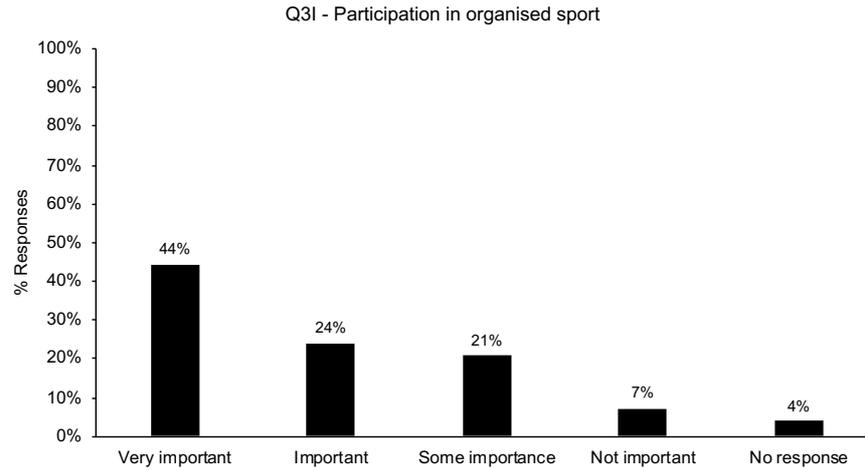
No.	Comments regarding improving biodiversity values along waterway corridors
1	Biodiversity - not important in Collingwood - increasing open space is a higher priority
1	Biodiversity - protect and promote native flora and fauna
1	Biodiversity - recognise we live in an urban environment so opportunities to improve are limited
1	Biodiversity - support expansion of native flora
1	Biodiversity - under threat, important to protect and improve
13	Natural environment
11	Natural environment - important to protect
1	Natural environment - contributes to health and wellbeing
1	Natural environment - important to connect people and pets with nature
3	Connectivity
2	Connectivity - need to improve connectivity for native fauna
1	Connectivity - along waterways important to strengthen habitat
3	Vegetation
2	Vegetation - indigenous revegetation important
1	Vegetation - weed control important
1	Urban agriculture
1	Urban agriculture - expand opportunity at Abbotsford Convent

2.3.9 Q3I Encourage participation in organised sport

2.3.9a Summary

The full recommendation that survey respondents were asked to indicate the level of importance to was:

- *Encourage participation in organised sport by providing adequate open space and upgrading facilities to be more inclusive for everyone*



Ranked second last of the nine key recommendations in relation to its level of importance, only 44 per cent of respondents identified it is very important. When combined with important, a total of 68 per cent place importance on it. This is not unusual given the lower proportion of the community who participate in structured sport and recreation compared to those who visit open space for other reasons.

The comments made relating to this recommendation noted the benefits of participation in organised sport, particularly being part of a team, health and wellbeing and encouraging young people outdoors. There were also concerns that structured sport facilities should not dominate the open space and the need to be inclusive.

2.3.9b Top five comments

The survey asked people to explain the reason for their answer, and 2.3.9c has a full list of the comments. The top five have been included below in a table with a response to the comments made.

No.	Comment	Response
2.3.9.1	Organised sport - local clubs encourage participation including junior teams (24)	Structured sport and recreation is important for community health and wellbeing including encouraging children to be active. The Strategy Technical Report refers broadly to the health and wellbeing benefits, it does not highlight junior participation in sport.

No.	Comment	Response
		<p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the text in Section 3.1.5c of the Strategy Technical Report to refer to the importance of the social connectedness and participation in sport by juniors.
2.3.9.2	Organised sport - participation in team sports strengthens and builds sense of community (24)	Refer to response to 2.3.9.1.
2.3.9.3	Organised sport - adequately provided for (16)	<p>The Strategy does not assess the structured sporting needs, however it does identify the need for new land area for structured sporting use if it is required. During the project, the sport and recreation team at Council advised that additional land area for structured sporting use will be required to meet the needs of the forecast population growth. The Strategy Technical Report includes recommendations to investigate repurposing existing restricted open space and potentially Yarra Bend Park, as described in Section 5.3.5 of the Technical Report.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.
2.3.9.4	Health and wellbeing - participation in organised sport along with other types of informal recreation all contribute to a healthy community (8)	<p>Refer to 2.3.9.1 regarding health and wellbeing benefits of structured sport. Informal or unstructured recreation is referred to in the Strategy including in Section 3.1.5, Community use of open space, Section 6.6 Design guidelines for unstructured recreation and throughout Section 7 regarding the use of open space at a precinct level.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add a new Section in 4.5 regarding the need to provide additional facilities and space for both structured and unstructured recreational use by the forecast population.
2.3.9.5	Organised sport - needs to be inclusive of all (7)	<p>The Strategy Technical Report promotes inclusion in organised sport. This is covered mainly in Section 6.7 in the design and management guidelines for structure sport and recreation use and infrastructure.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.

2.3.9c List of all comments regarding the open space contribution rate

The following list of comments are assembled into topics and summarised from the full long hand comments provided in the survey. Detail has been retained in the comments to provide more insight into the comments made.

No.	Comments on encouraging participation in organised sport
101	Support increased participation in organised sport
24	Organised sport - local clubs encourage participation including junior teams
24	Organised sport - participation in team sports strengthens and builds sense of community
7	Organised sport - needs to be inclusive of all
6	Organised sport - agree with statement
5	Organised sport - facility improvement required for female sports
4	Organised sport - facilities require improvement
3	Organised sport - good for some, but not all
3	Organised sport - more facilities required as population increases
3	Organised sport - participation contributes to mental and physical health and wellbeing
2	Organised sport - additional basketball courts required
2	Organised sport - need to improve the quality of facilities in Richmond
2	Organised sport - support organised sport and informal use of the sports grounds when not being used by clubs
1	Organised sport - additional basketball courts required
1	Organised sport - clubroom design and location requires improvement
1	Organised sport - concerned regarding cost of participation
1	Organised sport - is already inclusive, no change required
1	Organised sport - need to become more adaptable to make better use of existing facilities by programming training etc differently
1	Organised sport - no room for facilities in Collingwood
1	Organised sport - Not council's responsibility
1	Organised sport - opportunities to participate extremely important in high density areas
1	Organised sport - require additional open space to provide additional facilities
1	Organised sport - strongly support community sport
1	Organised sport - support improvement of existing facilities only
1	Organised sport - support increased provision of facilities
1	Organised sport - support statement balanced with provision of adequate space and facilities for informal recreation
1	Organised sport - support the sporting clubs
1	Organised sport - upgrades to address safety
1	Organised sport facilities - increase shared use
18	Adequate facilities for structured sport already
16	Organised sport - adequately provided for
1	Organised sport - can be quite intrusive limiting the enjoyment of the space used by others
1	Organised sport - provision of facilities not appropriate in open space focused on informal use, eg Darling Gardens
17	Health and wellbeing
8	Health and wellbeing - participation in organised sport along with other types of informal recreation all contribute to a healthy community
6	Health and wellbeing - improvements to green open space will have broader health and wellbeing benefits compared to organised sport

No.	Comments on encouraging participation in organised sport
2	Health and wellbeing - all types of recreation are important including organised sport
1	Health and wellbeing - outdoor gyms are important particularly for older age groups
9	Sporting grounds
3	Sporting grounds - Citizens Park need to better manage dogs to make it safe for children to play sport
3	Sporting grounds - cost of establishing and maintaining them is disproportionate to the number of users
1	School grounds - sport facilities in schools to be available for clubs to use
1	Sporting grounds - chemical free maintenance to minimise environment impact
1	Sporting grounds - support non-potable irrigation
3	Informal recreation
1	Informal recreation - additional basketball courts required
1	Informal recreation - additional skate facilities required
1	Informal recreation - retain fence at Frank King Park so informal ball games can safely continue
3	Open space
1	Open space - informal open space is the priority
1	Open space - natural spaces attract more consistent use from diverse sections of the community than sport participants
1	Open space - required for uses other than organised sport
2	Dogs
2	Dogs - prohibit off-leash on sporting fields
2	Inclusive for everyone
1	Inclusive for everyone - does not necessarily mean competitive sports
1	Inclusive for everyone - includes older women
1	Access
1	Access - concerned about impact of vehicles when organised sport facilities are used by people outside the local area
1	Art and culture
1	Art and culture - additional facilities and access required
1	Indoor recreation facilities
1	Indoor recreation facilities - water play park and an indoor water facility are much needed
1	Strategy
1	Strategy - unclear how this will be delivered

3. Written submissions

3.1 Overview

A total of 10 written submissions were received during the community engagement process from a combination of community organisations and individuals. Some of the key issues raised include:

- Include streets in the definition of public open space.
- Identify specific locations for future street closures to provide new open space in the Strategy.
- Include recommendations to plant more street trees.
- Increase the priority and provision of new open space in Collingwood given the recent and forecast increase in urban densities.
- Support the increase in the public open space contribution rate to 10 per cent.

3.2 Summary of individual submissions

3.2.1 Submission 1

No.	Comment	Response
3.2.1.1	The submitter proposes that streets should be included in the definition of open space.	<p>Streets are set aside primarily for transport purposes while public open space is set aside primarily for the sport, recreation and nature conservation purposes. The Strategy acknowledges that streets provide excellent connectivity between open spaces and in some locations are closed to transport and converted to public open space.</p> <p>Where streets remain open to traffic, they are referred to as ancillary open space in the Strategy. Council has previously closed parts of some streets to create small parcels of open space. Where this occurs and the land can be rezoned for public open space, then these parcels are included in the open space network.</p> <p>Refer to the Technical Report Sections 1.21 and 1.2.3 for further information regarding this.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No change</i>
3.2.1.2	The Strategy needs to include the role streetscapes have in providing linear connections between open space reserves.	<p>The Strategy makes reference to the role streetscapes have in providing connectivity and access to the open space network in Section 1.2.3 regarding the definition of Ancillary open space and Section 3.5.1 regarding the gaps in the open space network and Section 6.4.3 regarding improving access to open space.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>An additional section will be added to the Strategy in Section 3.1.7 in relation to urban context. This will provide an overview of the influence of urban layout</i>

No.	Comment	Response
		<p><i>including streetscapes and densities accessibility to open space.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Additional information added to the definition of Ancillary open space, refer to Section 1.2.3.</i>
3.2.1.3	Proposes that the Gap Analysis in the Strategy should be prepared based on the LAPM (Local Area Place Making). The submitter proposes that the precincts in the Strategy are too large and require a finer grain of the LAPM.	<p>The open space needs analysis is at a sub precinct level, some of which aligns with LAPM's but many are at a finer grain. They are based on walkability to open space and are also consistent with the Yarra Community Profile Precincts as shown on the .id Forecast site. The open space precincts are tailored to be the best fit for assessing walkability to open space.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No change</i>
3.2.1.4	Inequitable to propose new open space in North Carlton and North Fitzroy compared to Cremorne, Collingwood and Richmond.	<p>The basis of the recommendation for new open space is not only based on the total percentage of land area as open space, but also whether people live and work within a safe and easy walk of open space. Gaps in the provision of open space are identified in North Carlton and North Fitzroy along with Fitzroy, Richmond and Collingwood. While many of the road reserves are wider in Carlton North and North Fitzroy which improves their pedestrian and cycle amenity value, they do not replace the need for public open space.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No change</i>
3.2.1.5	The proposed open space contribution rate should be applied to large commercial redevelopment sites that do not subdivide.	<p>The public open space contribution rate that is proposed as part of the Strategy does not apply to properties that do not subdivide. This is a feature of the legislation and Council is not able to change this.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No change</i>
3.2.1.6	The Yarra Open Space Strategy Gap Analysis and recommendations for new open space need to be reflected in the VPA Precinct Plan for Cremorne.	<p>Noted. Council officers advise that the Gap Analysis and the Draft Strategy were considered in the preparation of the Cremorne Place Implementation Plan which recognises the need for additional open space and improved connections to existing adjacent open spaces.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No change</i>
3.2.1.7	Concern that open space contributions payable in Cremorne will be minimal due to large scale commercial developments that do not subdivide.	<p>Refer to response to 3.2.1.5.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No change</i>

3.2.2 Submission 2

No.	Comment	Response
3.2.2.1	Yarra Open Space Strategy should be renamed to Yarra Public Open Space Strategy	The definition on Page 3 of the Technical Report describes that the term 'open space' is used in place of 'public open space', for ease of reference throughout. This is accepted industry practice. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change
3.2.2.2	Ancillary open space should be addressed as part of the public open space.	Ancillary open space is different from public open space. This is defined in Section 1.2 of the Strategy. Refer also to the response in 3.2.1.1 of this report. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change
3.2.2.3	The submitter would like to see new road closures identified on the plan, rather than areas in which new open space is required. Concern that without showing the detail, the new open space will not be provided.	The Strategy proposes the type and area in which new public open space is required. It has not identified specific sites as this needs to be determined during implementation of the Strategy. Some of the new open spaces may not include road closures and may require land contributions or land purchase. This is described in the Strategy Technical Report in Section 5.3 - Provision of new open space. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change
3.2.2.4	Include laneways as public open space.	Laneways are public spaces and provide good connectivity between streets, public spaces and public open space. They also provide access to properties. As noted in Section 1.2 of the Strategy Technical Report, laneways are different from public open space given they primarily provide access rather than primarily being for recreation and nature conservation. Refer to response to 3.2.1.2 in this consultation report. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to response to 3.2.1.2 in this consultation report.

3.2.3 Submission 3

No.	Comment	Response
3.2.3.1	Collingwood B Precinct spaces requires major change to vehicle traffic management in order to expand the size of the existing open spaces and create new open space.	The Strategy Technical Report has identified the need for additional open space and expansion to the size of existing open spaces in Collingwood. The level of detailed analysis to determine how to achieve this will be undertaken during the implementation of the Strategy. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional open space is proposed in Collingwood. Refer to response to 2.3.1.3 in this consultation report for further information.

3.2.4 Submission 4

No.	Comment	Response
3.2.4.1	Collingwood B Precinct spaces requires major change to vehicle traffic management in order to expand the size of the existing open spaces and create new open space.	Refer to response 3.2.3.1 Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to response 3.2.3.1.

3.2.5 Submission 5

No.	Comment	Response
3.2.5.1	Collingwood has the lowest percentage of open space in the City of Yarra. It has also been established through research that open space makes a significant contribution to health and well-being of communities. The submitter proposes that it is irresponsible to allow increased urban densities without addressing significant shortfall in open space. The submitter proposes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collingwood be given highest priority for new open space. The Victorian Government owned Police Workshops be a priority for new open space. 	Noted, the Strategy Technical Report at Table 3-3 identifies that Collingwood has the lowest percentage of open space as a proportion of land area in Yarra. Section 7.5 of the Strategy Technical Report identifies a range of Actions for Collingwood - including the provision of new open space and expanding the size of existing open space. The priorities vary according to the growth forecast to occur in the different parts of Collingwood. Based on the combination of all the feedback received during the community engagement process, an additional Small Local open space has been added to Collingwood B precinct, and the Police Workshops are specifically named in the actions to provide a new Local open space in Collingwood B. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to response to 2.3.1.3 in this report regarding provision of an additional Small Local open space in Collingwood B. Action 7.5A in the Technical Report has been updated to reference the Police Workshops and Stanley Street specifically.
3.2.5.3	A higher priority for new open space actions be given in precincts where the provision of open space falls below 10.1 sqm per person.	The Strategy Technical Report describes there are different measures used to assess and determine the need for new open space in established urban areas. This includes the quality and type of open space, its distribution, provision of open space in adjoining precincts, existing and proposed urban densities, community feedback on the existing open space network and the level of forecast change. To provide one measure of the quantity of open space relative to population density as the only tool to determine priorities does not acknowledge the other influences. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change
3.2.5.3	Concern that the amount of open space relative to the residential population density has not been included in the precinct chapters.	Noted. The quantity of open space relative to residential density will be added to each precinct rather than only referenced in Section 3. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Section 7 to include reference to the quantity of open space relative to residential population

No.	Comment	Response
		<i>density in each precinct from Table 3-3 in the Strategy.</i>
3.2.5.4	Strongly support winter sunlight access to open space.	Noted. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change
3.2.5.5	There needs to be improved heritage protection measures for heritage values in open space and streetscapes.	The Strategy Technical Report identifies the need for protecting heritage and nature conservation values in open space in Sections 6.8 and 6.10.4. There is a list of the existing open spaces that are identified to have heritage significance with some heritage controls in Table 6-2 in the Report. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change
3.2.5.6	Increase urban greening in Collingwood with additional street trees, promotion of planter boxes and managing surface water runoff.	The comments relate to the implementation of other Council Strategies including the Urban Forest Strategy. Reference to improved urban greening and urban agriculture are included throughout Section 6, Design and Management Guidelines in the Strategy Technical Report. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change
3.2.5.7	Support an increase in the public open space contribution rate to 10 per cent, and the expansion of the contribution rate being applicable to non-residential development as well.	Noted. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change

3.2.6 Submission 6

No.	Comment	Response
3.2.6.1	Fence to Frank King Park makes it a secure park for young children and is also used by the John Street Community Early Childhood Co-op. Therefore the submitter does not support removing the fence.	While the fence is valued by younger children, it is uncommon for public open spaces to be fenced. Given the community concern regarding the fence, this will be removed. The recommendation has also been updated to include investigating the expansion of the size of Frank King Park to increase its capacity to cater to the increased levels of use as a result of the forecast additional residents and workers in Fitzroy. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove reference to fence removal and investigate options to expand the size of the reserve into the adjoining road reserve to increase its capacity to cater to the forecast additional population.

3.2.7 Submission 7

No.	Comment	Response
3.2.7.1	Proposes that streets and lanes should be included as public open space.	Refer to Response to 3.2.1.1 Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to Response to 3.2.1.1.
3.2.7.2	Heritage values and issues have not been included in the Strategy, including the connection to Carlton Gardens and the Exhibition Buildings as key adjoining open space.	Carlton Gardens are shown on the diagrams and plans included in the Strategy Technical Report. Specific reference to them will be added to Section 7.8 in the Strategy Technical Report. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .Update Section 7.8 Fitzroy to reference the adjoining Carlton Gardens and Exhibition Buildings.

3.2.8 Submission 8

No.	Comment	Response
3.2.8.1	The trees and vegetation in Burnley Park are in poor condition and their heritage values are not recognised or interpreted.	The strategy recommends preparation of a Masterplan incorporating recommendations from the Heritage Conservation Management Plan. The Masterplan will address plantings and vegetation management and health. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change

3.2.9 Submission 9

No.	Comment	Response
3.2.9.1	Recognise the need to convert sections of streets to create new open space	Refer to response 3.2.1.1 Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change.
3.2.9.2	Additional streetscape planting should be included in the Strategy.	The City of Yarra has an Urban Forest Strategy which guides the street tree planting and urban greening program and the Strategy Technical Report refers to and supports the implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy. It is referred to in the Strategy Technical Report in Section 2.1.2d, Section 3.1.5a, Section 6.2, Section 6.2.3 and Section 6.11.1. Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change
3.2.9.3	Encourage planter boxes in the streets.	Refer to 3.2.9.2 Proposed change to the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change
3.2.9.4	Roof top gardens in major developments should not be considered as a replacement for open space at ground level.	Noted. Roof top gardens are not a replacement for public open space at ground level and the Strategy does not recommend they are accepted as that. The reasons for not accepting roof top gardens as a replacement for public open space at ground level includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are not as visible and accessible to the general public as public open space at ground level

No.	Comment	Response
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public open space contributes to the neighbourhood character and urban greening, whereas roof gardens are not as visible and the greening benefits are limited. Roof gardens do not have the longevity and certainty associated with the provision of public open space at ground level for future generations, as they are linked to the longevity of the building Open space at ground level is capable of supporting large, long-lived canopy trees that are beneficial to air quality, mitigating urban heat and carbon sequestration. <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change
3.2.9.5	Streets to be included as public open space.	<p>Refer to response 3.2.1.1.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change
3.2.9.6	Winter sunlight access to open space.	<p>Section 4.4.3 of the Strategy Technical Report includes the benefits of winter sunlight access to public open space. It also includes recommendations for winter sunlight protection to open space in Table 5-2 Criteria to assess suitability of land as open space and Section 5.4.2 and Action 5.4-2.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change

3.2.10 Submission 10

No.	Comment	Response
3.2.10.1	Concern about the build-up of traffic in Collingwood given the increased urban densities without any change to traffic management to decrease the impact of increased traffic on the local area.	<p>The issue raised by the submitter highlights the reason why streets are not included as open space in the Strategy. While they are publicly owned, their primary role and purpose is to provide access through and within the urban areas including access to people's properties.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change
3.2.10.2	Concern that prioritising cycle access is not necessarily inclusive for everyone as people with limited mobility cannot cycle, and for some, vehicles are the only safe and accessible form of transport.	<p>Refer to response to 3.2.10.1.</p> <p>Proposed change to the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change

Attachment A

Extract of key changes made to the Yarra Open Space Strategy 2020 Technical Report

The following extracts show the amended text with **yellow** highlight. We have included the whole section in which the change is made for context and ease of reference back to the main document.

1. Introduction

Extract of key changes

1.2.3 Ancillary open space

The term ancillary open space is used to differentiate parts of the public realm that are not included in the definition of public open space. This includes streetscapes, urban spaces between buildings, school and educational facility grounds, **along with** community facility grounds, for example, neighbourhood houses.

Streetscapes

Streets are used by people to socialise and exercise including walking and cycling, and while these are common to activities that are also undertaken in open space, the streets are primarily set-aside for their transport **and travel** function and purpose. **Streets complement the open space network by providing transport and tree canopy links between them. The community use the streets to walk or cycle along to reach open space and other destinations in the neighbourhood. Many of the streets include street trees that make a contribution to the landscape character and urban greening in Yarra. While streets complement the open space network, they do not replace the need for open space. The local street network is owned by Council and parts of them can be converted to open space where they are no longer required for transport and travel purposes and meet the criteria for open space. In this situation the street would change its designation and become public open space.**

Overall the streets and roads in Yarra are managed by an overarching *Road Management Plan 2017-2021*, along with a series of more detailed *Local Area Place Making Plans*. The street tree planting is managed through the implementation of the *Urban Forest Strategy 2017* and other more detailed plans and policies.

School grounds

This Strategy recognises the contribution that ancillary open space provides including opportunities such as schools that can partner with Council, however school land is not reserved for open space and can be sold for other purposes or converted through building construction. The lack of certainty over this land being available to supplement

the open space system is the reason the use of school grounds is not referred to in the Strategy as it does not replace the need for public open space.

Other public land

Other public land that falls into the ancillary open space category is railway corridors where they have not already been developed and secured as public open space. A simple test for distinguishing public open space from other public land is whether the land is suitable for inclusion in the Public Parks and Recreation Zone or the Public Conservation and Resource Zone.

This Strategy focuses on planning for the adequate provision, design and management of a public open space network that is secured for future generations to enjoy. This means that the open space is publicly owned, without the ability for that land to be sold or converted to another use without clear demonstration that it is no longer required by the community as open space.

The future provision, design and funding for ancillary open space is guided by a range of other plans and strategies prepared by Council and other State Government agencies and will not form part of the open space capital works program in this Strategy.

1.2.4 Publicly accessible private open space

Some publicly accessible private open space complements the public open space system including church grounds and private forecourts to buildings. These are referred to as publicly accessible private open space. They can complement the public open space network, but they cannot be relied on as a replacement for public open space as Council does not have direct control over them and they can potentially be converted to another use, or sold.

Other private land that contributes to the open space system is private golf courses, which are available to members on a fee paying basis. La Trobe Golf Club in Alphington is located within the City of Yarra, and there are additional privately owned golf courses adjoining municipality. Golf courses contribute to the natural and unbuilt quality of the landscape, have some benefits in mitigating urban heat island effect associated with climate change, and contribute to the environmental values and landscape character of an area. They are not a replacement for public open space as they can potentially be converted to different uses in the future, given they are privately owned.

2. Policy context

Extract of key changes

2.1.1f **Yarra River Protection (Willip-gin Birrarung Murrong) Act 2017**

The Act enshrines the protection of the Yarra River, recognising its great importance to Melbourne and Victoria and the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung language is used in the title of the Act in recognition of Traditional Owners' custodianship of the river and connection to the lands through which the river flows.

The Act underlines the importance of the public parklands and open spaces along the Yarra River within metropolitan Melbourne and allows these to be collectively declared as the Greater Yarra Urban Parklands.

A number of guiding principles are set out in the Act which must be used by agencies with responsibilities for managing the river and parklands. Two important purposes of the Act are:

- requiring the development and implementation of a *Yarra Strategic Plan* as an overarching policy and planning framework; and
- establishing the Birrarung Council to provide advice to government and to report annually on the implementation of the proposed *Yarra Strategic Plan*.

The Act will affect how Council protects and manages the Yarra River and the associated parklands. The importance of the river and parklands is elevated and the Act places additional obligations and accountabilities on Council, as a land owner and manager, in the way it plans and manages the river and parklands in accordance with the principles under the Act.

2.1.1g **Draft Yarra Strategic Plan (2020)**

Melbourne Water is leading the development of the *Yarra Strategic Plan* which will give effect to the community's 50 year long-term vision for the Yarra River and provide the basis for future planning of the river corridor and each of its reaches.

The *Draft Yarra Strategic Plan* is the first integrated corridor plan developed collaboratively by the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and all 15 state and local government agencies involved in managing the river. Central to elevating the significance of the Yarra River and parklands, and managing it as "one living and integrated natural entity" is the development of the Plan. The Plan responds to the key challenges of climate change and population growth and provides a 10 year regional strategy that supports the 50 year community vision for the river and provides overarching guidance for responsible agencies to achieve the community vision and the aspirations of traditional owners.

The plan works towards meeting the 50 year Community Vision and the Birrarung Water Policy *Nhanbu narrun ba ngargunin twarn Birrarung (Ancient spirit and lore of the Yarra)*.

It identifies immediate actions for the river, enables long-term collaborative management between agencies and Traditional Owners and guides local planning.

There are four 10 year performance objectives to deliver the 50 year Community Vision that is outlined Yarra River Strategic Plan:

- A healthy river and lands
Improving the water quality of the Yarra River and protecting its land, floodplains and billabongs to achieve greater biodiversity.
- A culturally diverse river corridor
Acknowledging, protecting and commemorating the rich heritage of the Birrarung and its stories.
- Quality parklands for a growing population
Improving the river's parklands to support community wellbeing and strengthen the relationship between the Yarra River, its community and visitors.
- Protecting the natural beauty of the Yarra River corridor
Respecting the significance of the Yarra River's landscapes. Where we build, we protect and celebrate the river's natural beauty, landscapes and views.

The plan includes a Yarra River 50 Year Community Vision along with a vision for all the four main reaches. The City of Yarra is located predominantly in the Inner City Reach, and the vision for this reach is extracted below:

Yarra River Inner City Reach 50 Year Community Vision

Our Yarra River, Birrarung is a thriving river for our thriving city.

It provides a unique place of transition, both spiritually and physically. Here the river and its treasured banks and backdrops are Melbourne's meeting place; an inclusive and iconic place for connection, celebration, recreation and learning.

Our love for its vast and expanding green spaces and clean waters provide a healthy habitat for all.

While still being finalised, the Plan is expected to change the way in which Council and other agencies conceive and manage the Yarra River and its parklands. There will be an increasing focus on how council manages the river and parklands as a single living entity and how it achieves the new statutory obligations. Greater coordination with other agencies and improved management will be expected as will be the participation and involvement of tradition owners.

The *Yarra Strategic Plan* will bring opportunities for stronger collaboration, more holistic and integrated management of the river corridor, improved health of the river and greater recognition of the cultural values of the river and parklands.

2.1.2f Yana Ngargna Plan 2020-2023

The *Yana Ngargna Plan 2020-2023* is the fourth partnerships policy and this plan continues to build upon the successes and challenges of previous plans. Formerly known as the Aboriginal Partnerships Plans, Yarra's official policy will from here-on-in be known as the *Yana Ngargna Plan*. *Yana Ngargna* is a Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung phrase meaning 'continuing connection'. This refers to the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung's continuing

connection to culture, country and identity – as well as Council's commitment to developing continuing connections with Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, communities and organisations. The plan was renamed in 2019, the International Year of Indigenous Languages.

The plan has important notes and clarifications on terminology, Welcome to Country and Official Acknowledgement of Country. The Plan clearly sets of the role of the *Yana Ngargna* Advisory Group and the *Yana Ngargna* Working Group who guide and action, including coordinating projects that build cultural awareness and confidence across the Council. It also sets out the broader Social and Political context, along with National and State Policies, Acts and Commitments.

The Plan includes four priority areas, commitments, context and actions:

- **Priority 1 – Relationships** – supporting community connections, promoting culture and protecting important places.
 - **Priority 2 – A Visible Culture** – increasing the visibility of Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people, culture, issues and achievements in Yarra.
 - **Priority 3 – Community Health and Wellbeing** – working towards improved health and wellbeing outcomes for the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Yarra.
 - **Priority 4 – Organisational Development** – increasing Council's capacity, confidence and connection through improved Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment pathways, cultural awareness and internal coordination.
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3. Existing open space network

Extract of key changes

3.1.5a Community open space survey outcomes

The community consultation outcomes about open space have identified that trees are at the top of list of what the community value about open space. This is followed by open space being a place to relax and unwind and the feeling of space. When comparing this to the outcomes of what people most valued in 2006, trees were fifth, so their level of importance is now higher than it was then. The *Yarra Urban Forest Strategy* provides a clear direction for the future care and management of trees in the City. Since the 2006 Strategy, the relationship between the importance of trees in mitigating the effects of climate change has become more prominent and may explain the increased awareness and value of trees by the community. The open space network provides opportunities to plant and retain large canopy trees that are more difficult to manage in the local street network due to space constraints. The *Yarra Urban Forest Strategy* also confirms that the canopy cover of trees in open space is an important component of the total canopy cover in the city.

Small local parks are the most visited type of open space in the current survey, which has increased since 2006, where small local parks were ranked as being the fourth most visited. Since the preparation of the Strategy, an additional six Small Local open spaces have been added to the network, which may also have influenced the levels of use of these small spaces. In Collingwood, the most visited open space is now Peel Street Park compared with Fitzroy Gardens when the survey was completed in 2006. This supports valuable contribution that Small Local open spaces make to the open space network, and people will use these small spaces regularly if they are provided.

As part of the research for the Strategy, the worker community was surveyed regarding their use patterns of open space. The surveys have confirmed that more than 80 per cent of workers use open space during the time they spend at work, and that it is important to them. This is different from the 2006 Strategy, where less than 50 per cent of workers surveyed visited open space during their time at work. In Collingwood, additional Small Local open space has been added to the network that is noted as being well used by the worker community, however they are requesting additional open space.

In relation to the reasons residents visit open space, there is a greater diversity of reasons they visit, with socialising, relaxing and dog walking more frequently mentioned than the previous survey in 2006.

The resident survey results have been summarised at a detailed precinct level, which has informed the precinct recommendations and 15-year Action Plan in Section 7 of the Strategy. The worker survey results have been summarised at a more detailed level by each of the four employment precincts and these have informed the Precinct Recommendations in Section 7 of the Strategy.

Council sought community feedback on the Draft Strategy. This feedback confirmed there was a strong level of support for increasing natural features including trees, garden beds

and grassed areas to increase urban greening and assist to mitigate urban heat. There was also a strong level of support for providing additional open space in the locations where medium and high density development is forecast to continue. The feedback highlighted the importance of open space as a place to relax and unwind, and so while many people support the increased provision of facilities to encourage people to keep fit, socialise and use open space, they noted that it is also equally important to retain the natural qualities and character in open space. Refer to the Design and Management Guidelines in Section 6 of this Strategy which promotes the inclusion of natural features and urban greening in existing and new open space. Also refer to the Precinct Recommendations in Section 7 which include actions to add new open space to the network.

3.1.5c Structured sport and recreation use

Structured sport and recreational use of open space is important to community health and wellbeing. It is provided for in the large Regional and City-wide open spaces across Yarra including Victoria Park, George Knott Reserve, Kevin Bartlett Reserve, Coulson Reserve, Quarries Park, Ramsden Street Reserve, Alphington Park, Fairfield Park, Yarra Bend Park, Edinburgh Gardens, Citizens Park, Burnley Park, Alan Bain Reserve, Ryans Reserve, Yarra Bend Golf Course and Burnley Golf Course. There are also some key sporting reserves that adjoin the City of Yarra including Princes Park, Northcote Park, Gosch's Paddock and Como Park. Structured sport and recreation not only encourages participation in physical activity, it also promotes social connectedness in the community associated with attending training and matches and club based activities.

3.1.6 Cultural heritage values

3.1.6a Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage values

The Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung's unique connection to the land and waterways in Yarra extends back tens of thousands of years to the time when their creator spirit, Bunjil, created the land, the people and all living things. Given this enduring and special connection, it is vital that Council continues to develop a stronger relationship with the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people and especially with the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council Aboriginal Corporation (the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Corporation).

Council also deeply values its relationships with the broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community connected to Yarra. The area remains an important place for members of this community, who live, work and spend time in the area. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history of Fitzroy maintains a deep resonance with the community. And it is perhaps because of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community's pride in and connection to Fitzroy that Yarra has developed such a strong relationship with and commitment to the community. (Yana Ngargna Plan 2020-2023).

The waterway corridors, wetlands and open plains and forests in Yarra were the natural features of the landscape, which have now largely been destroyed or modified by urbanisation. The Yarra River offered a permanent water source along with the streams of the Merri and Darebin Creeks and made the surrounding land desirable. Despite the enormous change and devastating effects of European occupation including diseases, forced removal from traditional lands, family and lifestyle, Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung traditions and culture continues in Yarra today. Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to live in the suburbs of Collingwood and Fitzroy. (Yarra Aboriginal Partnership Plan, 2004).

Remaining notable cultural features in the City identified to date include the Burnley Park Corroboree Tree, Scar trees (Coate Park/Rudder Grange and Studley Park), Dights Falls Mission School and Native Police Corps, the potential Merri Creek Treaty Site opposite Rushall Station (just outside the City boundaries), the confluence of the Yarra River and Merri Creek and the Fig Tree in Carlton Gardens where many legendary Aboriginal speakers addressed gatherings from the 1920s to the 1940s (*Aboriginal Partnerships Plan 2015-18*).

Some of these are described in more detail below.

- **Burnley Park Corroboree Tree** - In 1926 a young boy found a boomerang wedged in the branch of the giant Burnley Park Corroboree tree when he climbed it. In 1991 his brother returned the boomerang to a Wurundjeri elder, Marth Nicholson, in a ceremony at the tree site. The tree is now dead, but it is believed it was a meeting and corroboree place for many Aboriginal clans until well after European settlement. (Eidelson, 1997)
- **Dights Falls Mission School**, which wattle-and-daub school hut, opened on January 1, 1846 by the Collins Street Baptist Church. Nearby was the Dights Mill which provided flour for the colony. The location was already a popular meeting and trading place for Aboriginal clans in and around Melbourne. The school closed in 1851 after devastating floods in 1850 washed away the cultivated gardens and footbridge over the river. (Eidelson, 1997)
- **Dights Falls Native Police Corps** was set up in 1837 as a regional base from their main base in Dandenong Creek flats. Elders of the clans around Melbourne participated as it offered prestige. It was set up as a military encampment with rows of up to 50 tents/shelters and their role was to act as official escorts, tracking lost people and guard duty at the Pentridge Stockade. The camp was disbanded three times, the last in 1853. (Eidelson, 1997)

Fitzroy stands alongside Redfern in its stature as an urban area of special significance. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders gained influence and important organisations were born in and around the streets of Fitzroy. The area has seen Stolen Generations and estranged families reunited and it has given rise to renowned artists, activists and athletes. The positive impacts that ripple out from this community continue to be felt today. Many of the community members that advise and partner with Council today are the descendants of Elders and political activists who have led great social change. Many are strong social justice advocates in their own right. The Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community connection to the area is under pressure due to forecast increased growth that is causing property prices up and making it unaffordable for the community to continue to stay in the area. (*Yana Ngargna Plan 2020-2023*)

3.1.7 Urban context

The urban context and densities in the City of Yarra vary from predominantly medium to high density inner-city areas of Collingwood, Richmond and Fitzroy to the medium density areas of Princes Hill, Carlton North, North Fitzroy and Clifton Hill. Fairfield and Alphington have a predominance of detached dwellings with a more suburban character.

The historical land use and urban development patterns influence the provision, layout and access to public open space. Suburbs that were principally laid out as residential neighbourhoods from the start incorporate public gardens and parks as an integral part of the layout. In the areas of the City that were predominantly commercial and industrial land use, open space was not generally included. Broadly, the suburbs north of Alexandra Parade and the Eastern Freeway were established primarily for residential use. While they are more nuanced than this, overall these suburbs have a network of established parks and gardens that date back to the early subdivision of land. Many of the streets in Princes Hill, Carlton North and Fitzroy North have large road reserves with established avenues of street trees. This contributes to the ease of walking and cycle access through these neighbourhoods along with overall urban greening.

In the areas south of Alexandra Parade and the Eastern Freeway, the historical land use patterns included major areas of industrial and commercial use with pockets of residential, mainly to house the worker community for the industrial and commercial precincts. The subdivision of land for non-residential purposes generally did not include public open space as part of it. A limited number and size of parks and gardens were included in the layout of the former residential areas in amongst the industrial and manufacturing uses.

In more recent times the conversion of the commercial and industrial land use to high density mixed use settings has resulted in a much larger population working and living in areas with limited or no open space. As part of this more recent conversion of land use it has been difficult for Council to secure enough new open space to adequately cater to the significant population increase. As such, in the areas south of Alexandra Parade and the Eastern Freeway the built form has a greater predominance than in the north and overall there is less greening. This is also due to the predominance of smaller road reserves and lack of mature street trees - as street tree planting was not a priority in the former industrial areas of the City. While generally the streets are narrower they are in a grid layout which contributes to the ease of access and connectivity. There are some pockets, however, where larger land holdings have meant the street layout is disjointed and access is not as easy via the street network.

The Yarra River, Merri Creek and Darebin Creek provide excellent habitat, cultural and open space connectivity through the City. The presence of the waterways has influenced the historical land use and urban layout of the City. As land use continues to change and redevelop it creates opportunities to improve the interface between urban development and the waterways thereby strengthening their cultural significance, biodiversity and recreational values and contribution to the urban character and identity of the City. The *Yarra Strategic Plan* will assist to deliver an improved urban interface to the Yarra River corridor.

As the City continues to grow over the next 15 years there are opportunities to expand the open space network to improve the sustainability and liveability of Yarra in the future, particularly in the parts of the City where land use is changing. Key to this is to implement the actions for the provision of new open space shown in Section 7 of the Strategy consistent with the design guidelines in Section 6 that promote increased urban greening and diversity. It will also be important to continue to implement the other key strategies and plans that strengthen and improve the quality and greening of other parts of the public realm including the streetscapes.

3.6 Quality of open space

3.6.1 Overview

The quality of open space is important as it influences whether the open space makes a valuable contribution to the open space network.

The quality and character of each open space is influenced and formed by a range of factors including its inherent physical and natural qualities, the urban context, its size, form, use, position, design and history. These factors are measured against the outcomes of the community survey and other research including the biodiversity and nature conservation values.

3.6.2 Quality assessment and recommendations

The three main methods used to gather data on the quality of open space are the site assessments; the community and council stakeholder engagement outcomes; and the background document research.

During the site assessments each open space is evaluated against the same set of criteria in relation to the following:

- Location
- Existing landscape character and overall condition
- Topography and views
- Adjoining land use
- The urban context and influences including built form, public access points and interface treatments.
- Forecast change
- Existing infrastructure and facilities
- Vegetation character and values

Following the site assessment work, the background research and consultation outcomes then informs the quality and context of each individual open space.

The quality of each open space is assessed in the context of the network as a whole - both in relation to the existing context and also in the context of the forecast change that is planned over the next 15 years. If the quality of the open space is assessed as being

adequate, there will be no specific actions or upgrade works required. Where the quality of the open space is assessed as being inadequate, recommendations are developed to provide guidance on the extent of change proposed. This may include a minor upgrade to existing facilities or a major change to the facilities and/or the landscape character and function of the open space, and in some locations expansion to its size.

The recommendations for all the existing open spaces in the City are made in Section 7 of this Strategy. Refer also to Section 4.5 regarding the issues of for increased levels of use in open space.

4. Forecast change and implications on open space planning

Extract of key changes

4.2.6 Population growth not included in the forecasts

Additional population growth beyond the forecasts used in the Strategy can be expected beyond the planning period. This has been demonstrated with the high level of population growth that occurred following the adoption of the Open Space Strategy 2006. There will also be locations not currently anticipated for redevelopment or included in the forecasts at this time but that will come forward in their redevelopment timing due to land sales, market trends, availability of investment finance and other factors. Redevelopment in the City of Yarra is high density in nature and increases the need to provide an adequate amount of quality open space that is easily accessible for residents and workers.

Council expects that additional new open space is likely to be needed if higher density redevelopment occurs beyond what is anticipated in the forecast numbers. This will become particularly evident in locations that currently do not have safe and easy walking access to the existing open space network or where the existing network is reaching capacity. The recommendations for new open space in Section 7 of this Strategy will need to be supplemented if additional population growth occurs beyond the level forecast.

4.4.4 Vegetation management

The changing climate, including the forecast increase in severe weather events, impacts on plant health and survival. The inclusion of sustainable water harvesting and reuse will assist with managing vegetation. Other major impacts will be forecast increase in storm events with increased wind velocities and changing patterns of rainfall that will potentially damage existing mature trees.

Balancing the need to retain existing large canopy trees for habitat, shade and evapotranspiration will mean that a focus on the ongoing management of tree health, including adaptive management, will be required in the future. The changing climate will likely impact on the health of remnant indigenous vegetation as well as planted vegetation.

The future management of large canopy trees and vegetation will be implemented through the *Urban Forest Strategy* and the *Yarra Street Tree Policy*.

4.5 Increased levels of use of open space

4.5.1 Overview

With the forecast increase in urban densities and population growth the existing open space network will need to cater to increased numbers of people using it. While additional open space is also proposed, the intensity and levels of use in the existing and new open space is anticipated to continue to increase. At the same time, the important role open space plays in the health and wellbeing of the community, particularly in high density precincts is also now better understood. One of the key factors in open space continuing to make an important contribution to liveability is the inclusion of natural features including large mature canopy trees, garden beds and grassed areas. The natural features require more ongoing maintenance as they are not as robust as built features and paving. This has implications for the design, management and maintenance of open space.

The community feedback during the exhibition of the Draft Strategy reinforced the importance of public open space for both the mental and physical health and wellbeing of the community. There is also strong support for maximising urban greening in open space including trees, garden beds and grassed areas and supporting this with sustainable stormwater harvesting and reuse.

4.5.2 Diversity of facilities balanced with the natural character

Providing additional facilities in open space to cater to more people using it will be required. The facilities will encourage the community outdoors to exercise and socialise in open space and include paths, fitness stations, multi-use courts, playspaces, seats, picnic shelters and barbecues. Balanced with the facilities, is also the need to retain a sense of space and naturalness so that people can relax and unwind and have a break from built form. The need to achieve this balance is the reason why additional open space is required. This is based on the need to increase the total amount of open space that is available to accommodate the thousands of additional residents and workers benefiting from it and using it. This is why in some precincts additional new open space is recommended, even though it may not actually be a gap area. Refer to Section 3.5.1 for a description of the gap areas.

4.5.3 Increased costs associated with managing natural features in open space in the context of climate change and forecast growth

Managing and maintaining natural features in the context of high levels of use and in this changing climate is challenging. For example open grassed areas are increasingly being used for informal and casual ball sports as per the changing trends in the way people participate in exercise. This increases the wear and tear on them and creates the need to irrigate them during summer so they can cope with the additional levels of use. In the current context of the climate emergency and changing rainfall, water is an increasingly valuable resource. Therefore, the preference is for future irrigation to be sourced from

sustainable water harvesting and reuse. The infrastructure and investigation to do this increases the capital cost of providing open space that can more sustainably accommodate higher levels of use throughout the year.

As part of the future planning for open space, the capital works budgets will allow for the inclusion of the additional infrastructure for sustainable water harvesting and reuse.

Section 6 of this Strategy provides guidance regarding the design and management of existing and new open space. Section 7 of this Strategy includes the recommendations to upgrade existing open space and the provision of new open space to meet the open space needs of the existing and forecast population.

5. Open space framework recommendations

Extract of key changes

5.3 Provision of new open space

5.3.1 Overview

This Strategy has identified where additional open space is required to 2031 for both the existing and forecast community. Some of the additional open space is to be provided primarily for the forecast population, and others are proposed to meet both the needs of the existing and forecast population. The method to secure additional land area as open space can be a combination of different mechanisms including contribution of land area by larger redevelopment sites, the purchase of undeveloped land, the purchase of developed sites and conversion of public land to open space.

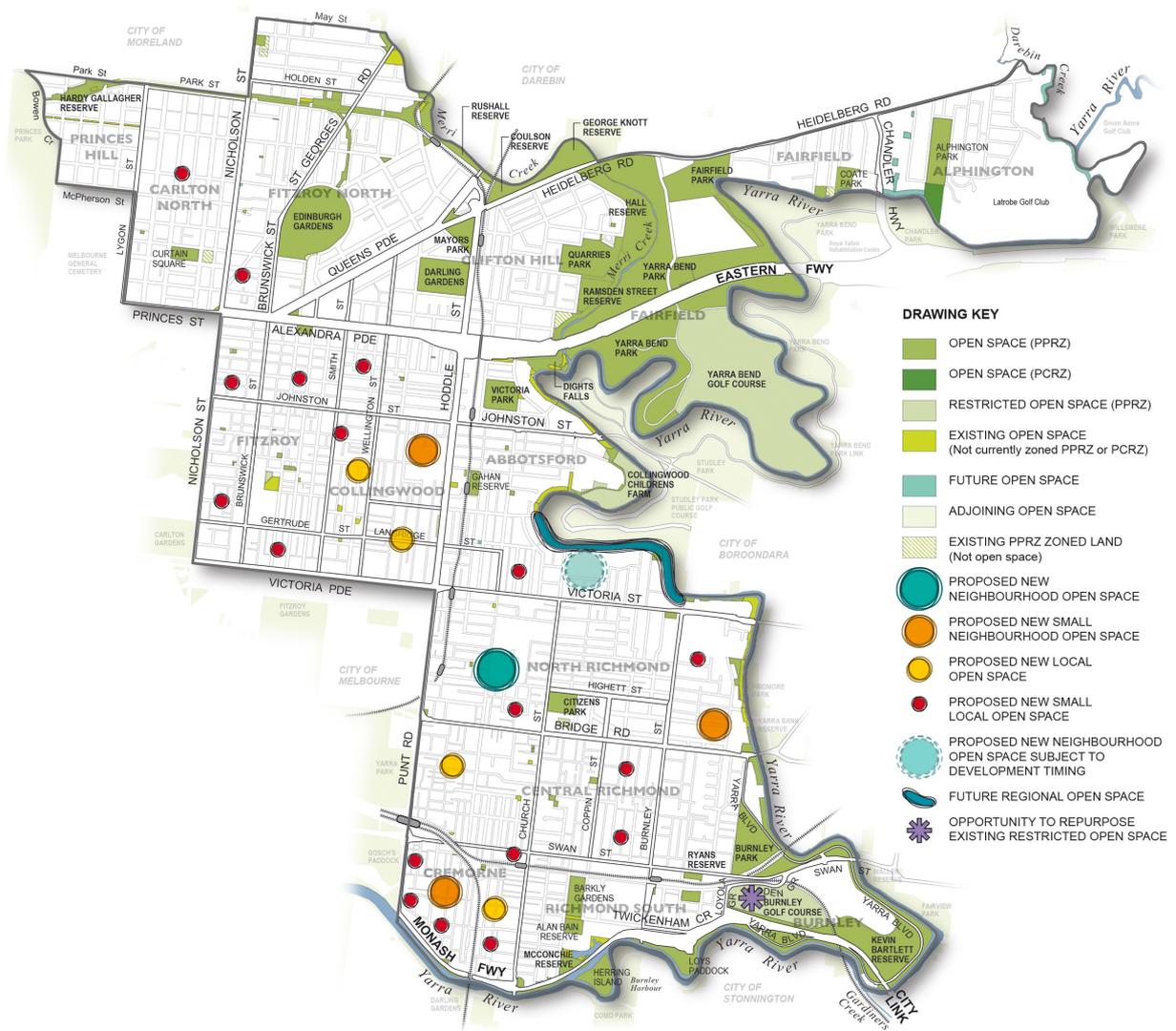


Figure 5A Schematic plan illustrating the type and location of proposed new open space

6. Open space design and management recommendations

Extract of key changes

6.2 The climate emergency and urban greening

As described in Section 4.4 of this Strategy, open space is influenced by the changing climate and also has an important role to play in mitigating and adapting to its effects. This includes supporting a significant tree canopy cover which provides multiple benefits to the character and liveability of Yarra. The *City of Yarra Urban Forest Strategy 2017* provides a clear charter for the future custodianship of Yarra's street and park tree population. The Urban Forest Strategy highlights the multiple benefits of trees including the health and wellbeing benefits, environmental benefits and the economic benefits.

Additional to the importance of canopy trees is the positive effects that open space can have on urban cooling in this time of climate change, particularly during periods of extended extreme heat. For open space to assist with mitigating urban heat, ideally it is well distributed across the urban areas, retains moisture through the inclusion of moisture absorbing surfaces such as grass and garden beds and includes large broad spreading canopy trees that will transpire overnight and effectively cool the higher density urban areas. This is one of the key reasons that the Strategy recommends additional small, distributed areas of open space across the higher density precincts, particularly in the areas where growth is forecast. The other key reason is that they will provide open space that is within easy and safe walking distance of residents and workers.

In order for these open spaces to be effective in mitigating urban heat they need to have retained moisture, preferably in garden beds and grassed areas, large mature canopy trees combined with some open areas within them so there is room for air circulation and effective evapotranspiration.

6.4.1 Sustainable water use in open space

Key issues include:

- The City of Yarra supports a water sensitive city approach to water use and this needs to be reflected in future open space design and upgrades.
- In order to assist with urban greening and cooling there is a need to investigate options to increase sustainable water use in open space. The scope and need for these projects will deliver multiple benefits and requires a partnership across the different disciplines and teams at Council. Refer also to Section 6.2, Climate change and urban greening.
- High levels of informal use of open grassed areas in the municipality which is forecast to continue to increase over time. There is a need to consider irrigating in high use areas so they remain viable and useable in the summer.

- Conversion of sports fields to warm seasons grasses, which has been difficult to manage during the winter sports season.
- The high cost of stormwater re-use projects limits their implementation to all sites, however appropriate external funding will be sourced to assist and maximise implementation where feasible. As an alternative, in situations where stormwater re-use is not viable or where funding is not available in the short term, investigate passive irrigation a short-term method of improving urban greening in open space without always necessarily meeting water quality improvement objectives.
- Council has a *Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Policy for Council Infrastructure Assets* that may be of assistance in open new open space projects.

Guidelines regarding sustainable water use in open space:

- a) Incorporate best practice principles for stormwater reuse in open space using passive irrigation principles. This includes redirecting stormwater and rainwater runoff from buildings and paved surfaces within the open space and the surrounding local catchment to the open space.
- b) For new open space and upgrades to existing open space in medium and high density areas, consider the multiple benefits of mitigating urban heat as part of the evaluation of appropriate stormwater reuse and treatment systems proposed for open space.
- c) Maximise the use of porous paving and permeable surface treatments to reduce concentrations of stormwater runoff and improve the moisture retaining (and passive cooling) qualities of open space.
- d) Where car parking is provided the stormwater runoff is to be reused within the open space.
- e) Water features in open space will need to demonstrate they meet the principles of sustainable water use/re-use and that they contributes to the landscape character, amenity and urban cooling qualities of the open space.
- f) Water tanks/storage devices, where required, are to be preferably located underground. If this is not feasible, the second preference is to co-locate them with other built form and infrastructure in the open space. If they are the only built feature in the reserve, then their siting, size, material selection, colour and design is to complement the character of the open space. Tanks are to minimise impact on major view sheds of the open space from the surrounding area and viewlines into the open space from entries and paths/trails.
- g) Consider synthetic surfaces at selected locations to reduce pressure and irrigation requirements for natural turf sports fields. This will require the development of an agreed assessment method for determining suitable locations for synthetic surfaces. Refer to Guidelines for Synthetic Sports Surfaces in Section 6.7.6 of this Strategy.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Priority
6.4-1	<p>Irrigation guidelines</p> <p>Develop guidelines to determine where and what scale of irrigation is appropriate in the different types of open space. This is to specifically address the need for increased urban greening in all types of open space including Small Local open space in high density neighbourhoods and other principles outlined and described in Section 6 of this Strategy.</p>	YCC	Very High

6.6.3 Provision of unstructured recreation facilities

The open space survey undertaken for this project identified that people visit open space for a diversity of reasons with the most popular reasons including walking, dog walking, relaxing, playgrounds and social reasons. In answer to the question about why people don't visit open space a number of reasons were given including that the open space was unappealing. Therefore, the guidelines in this Strategy encourage the inclusion of a range of different facilities that encourage people to use them and improve their physical fitness and health. This is balanced with the need to retain the natural qualities and character of the open space as described in Section 6.2

Guidelines to promote and increase unstructured recreational use of open space:

- a) Refer to guidelines in 6.5.3 regarding encourage a diversity of facilities in open space.
- b) Location and type of active unstructured recreation facilities to complement other identified structured, unstructured and informal uses in the open space and the overall character.
- c) Include associated facilities that support and encourage participation in exercise including seats of different types, drinking fountains and shade. This is so that people of all levels of ability and fitness are encouraged to exercise and improve their fitness by providing opportunities for people to rest while exercising.
- d) Placement and design of these facilities is to demonstrate they minimise visual and noise impacts on adjoining land, particularly in relation to noise and activity in proximity to adjoining residents and nature conservation areas.
- e) Placement and design of these facilities is to demonstrate they are balanced with retaining the natural and unbuilt qualities of the open space.

7. Precinct analysis and recommendations

Extract of key changes

7.5.5b Precinct Actions for Collingwood

A Additional open space

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
7.5A-1	Provide a new Small Local open space between Smith and Wellington Streets in open space precinct Collingwood A to cater to the existing and forecast population.	YCC Developer	Very High
7.5A-2	Investigate options to expand the size of McNamara Reserve to increase it to a Local open space size to provide space to include diversity of facilities that appeal to both the existing and forecast community.	YCC Developer	Medium
7.5A-3	Investigate options to expand the size of Alexander Street Reserve in Collingwood A to make it more accessible and useable. Alternatively provide a new Small Local open space for both the existing and forecast population in a more accessible and visible location in Collingwood A sub-precinct. This can either be in addition to Alexandra Reserve, or to replace it.	YCC	Medium
7.5A-4	Provide a new Local open space in the northern part of open space precinct Collingwood B in the vicinity of the Former Victoria Police Workshop on Stanley Street. This is to cater primarily for the forecast new population.	YCC Developer	Very High
7.5A-5	Increase the size of Peel Street Park and Cambridge Street Reserve to accommodate additional facilities and people, given both these open spaces are experiencing signs of over-development.	YCC Developer	Very High
7.5A-6	Provide a new Small Neighbourhood open space in Collingwood C. The future open space will need to be accessible to the moderate change area associated with Johnson Street to the north and any future change to the social housing estate. This can be staged so that it firstly provides a Local open space and can be expanded later to a Small Neighbourhood to cater to the 2041 forecast population	YCC Developer	High
7.5A-7	Provide a new Small Local open space between Gipps and Langridge Streets for both the existing and forecast worker population in Collingwood D.	YCC Developer	High
7.5A-8	Provide a new Small Local open space in Collingwood B south of Langridge Street within the high change area identified in the Yarra Housing Strategy 2018. This is primarily for the forecast population	YCC Developer	Very High

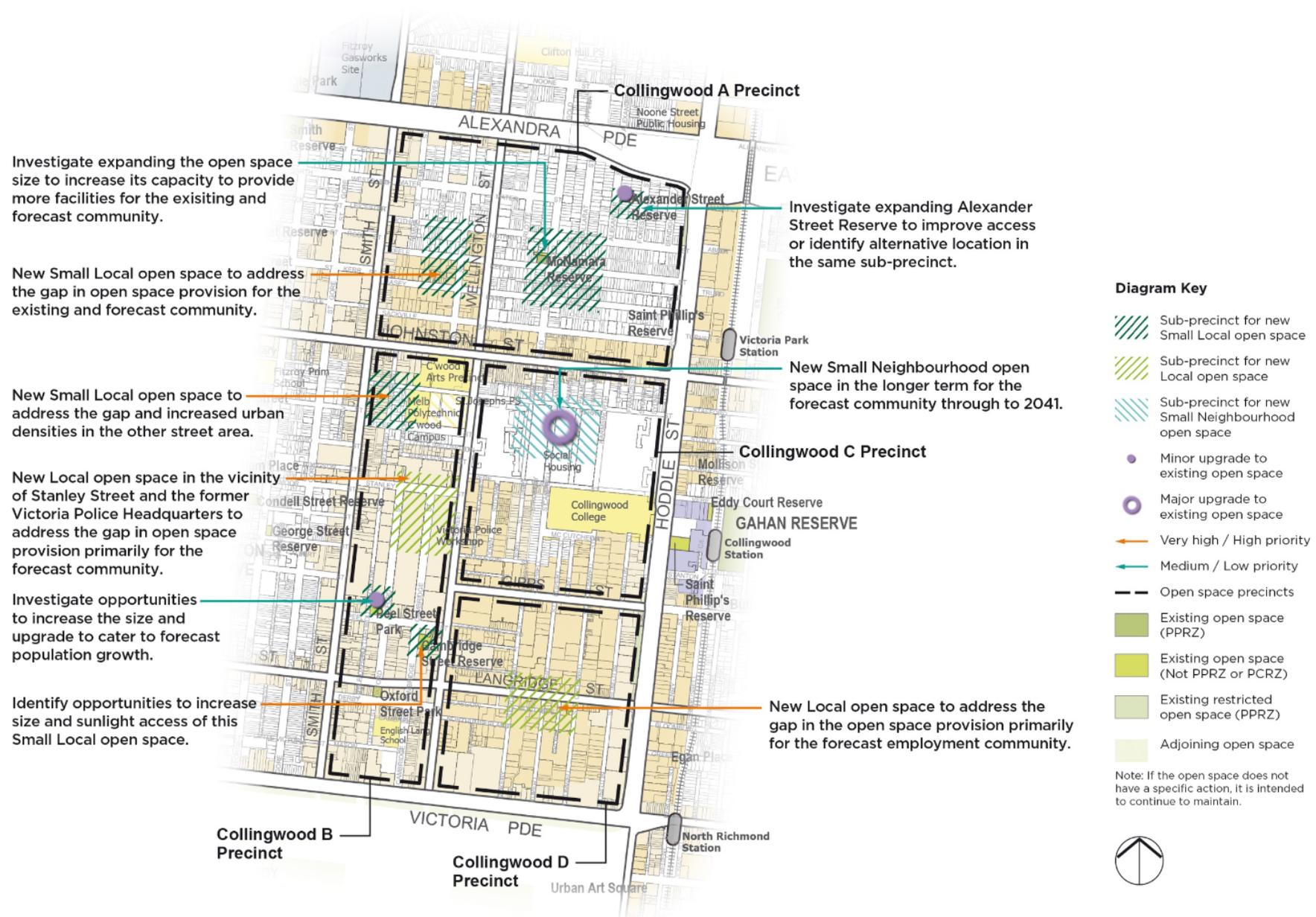


Figure 7.5F Recommendations for Collingwood

7.8 Fitzroy

7.8.1 Introduction

Fitzroy is bounded to the north by Alexandra Parade, to the South by Victoria Parade, the west by Nicholson Street and the east by Smith Street. The land is gently undulating with Brunswick Street on a ridgeline.

The land use of Fitzroy is mixed with core residential precincts combined with the commercial spines running north south and east west along the major roads. Fitzroy has intact original residential pockets of Victorian terraces amongst mixed land use including former small scale manufacturing and warehouses, many of which today are converted to residential use. Along Nicholson Street the substantial larger historical terraces opposite the Carlton Gardens and the World Heritage Listed Royal Exhibition Buildings contribute to the character and context of Fitzroy. There are large pockets of mixed use and an area of social housing known as the Atherton Gardens Estate. Other key land use includes St Vincents Hospital and the Australian Catholic University along Victoria Parade. Brunswick Street, Gertrude Street, Smith Street and Johnston Street are key commercial and retail precincts with cafes and restaurants along with a vibrant art scene including galleries and studios.

Fitzroy is identified as an urban area of special significance to the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders gained influence and important organisations were born in and around the streets of Fitzroy. The area has seen Stolen Generations and estranged families reunited and it has given rise to renowned artists, activists and athletes.

The *Smith Street Structure Plan*, adopted by Council in November 2008, provides the key direction for the future expansion and change within it. The *Yarra Housing Strategy* (2018) provides direction on the future level of change for residential use within the precinct.

With the mixed land use, there is a significant worker population in Fitzroy which is greater than the resident population as shown below:

- Existing residential population 2016: 11,485 (Source: .id Consulting population forecasts, 2018)
- Existing estimated worker population 2016: 17,314 (Source: SEES, SGS 2018)

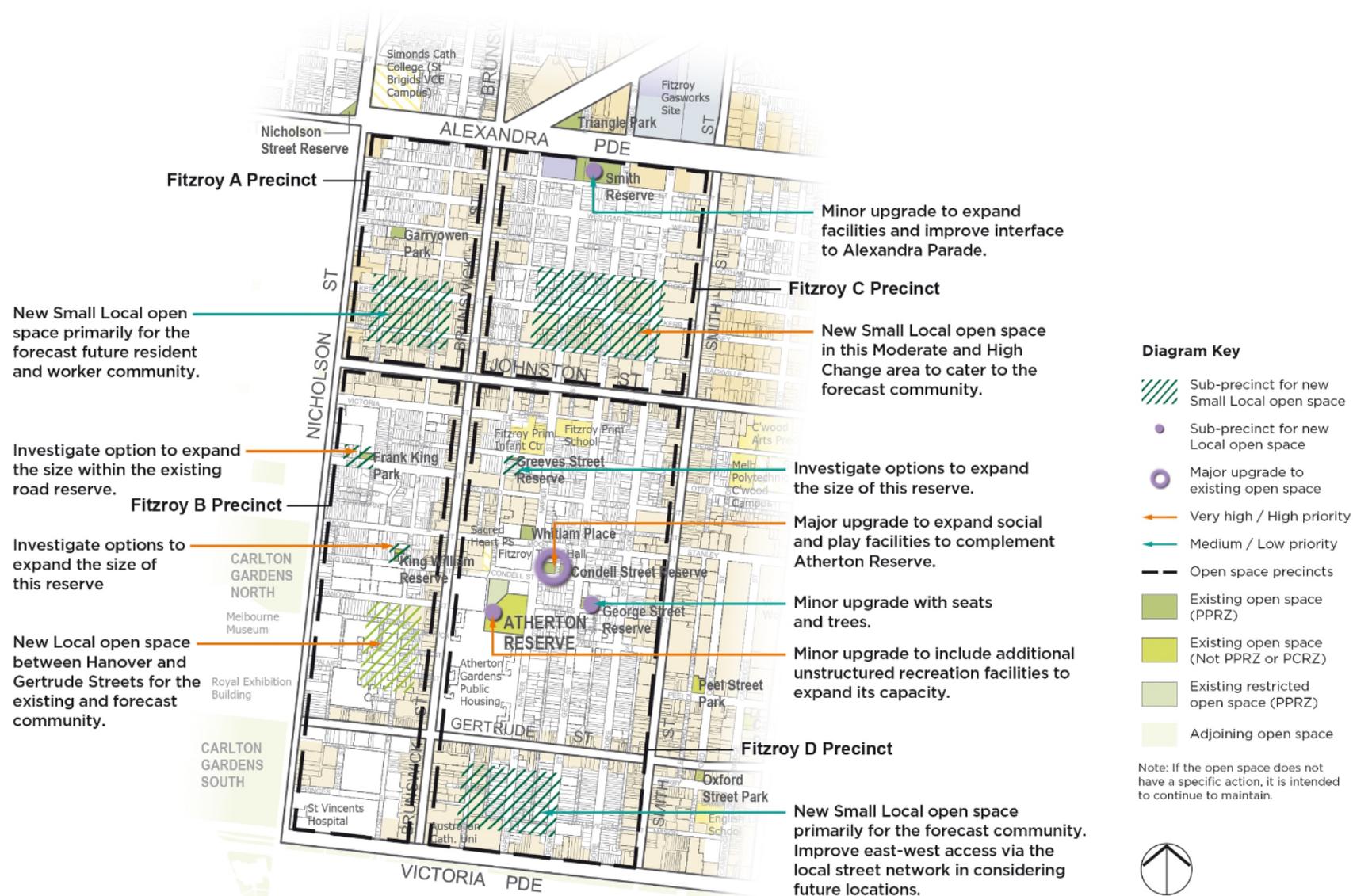


Figure 7.8F Recommendations for Fitzroy

7.10.6 North Richmond Recommendations

7.10.6a Summary of overall intent

Provision and distribution

Citizens Park and the system of open space along the Yarra River contribute significantly to the open space character of North Richmond. With the forecast substantial increase in the resident and worker population in North Richmond. Key recommendations include to provide a new Neighbourhood open space on the DHHS land between Punt Road and Church Street. This will primarily cater to the forecast population and better meet the open space needs of the existing community. With substantial change forecast east of Burnley Street, a new Small Neighbourhood open space is proposed towards the southern part of North Richmond C. This will cater to the forecast growth associated with the eastern end of the Bridge Road Activity Centre and for the forecast change within the sub-precinct as a whole. An additional Small Local open space is proposed in the vicinity of Doonside Street to address the recent and forecast change to high density development in this area.

Quality and design

There is potential to improve the recreational quality and diversity of facilities in the existing Local and Small Local open spaces in North Richmond. The additional open space can be designed to provide a diversity of facilities for the existing and future population and contribute positively to mitigating urban heat island effect.

Refer to Figure 7.10F for the spatial location of recommendations for North Richmond.

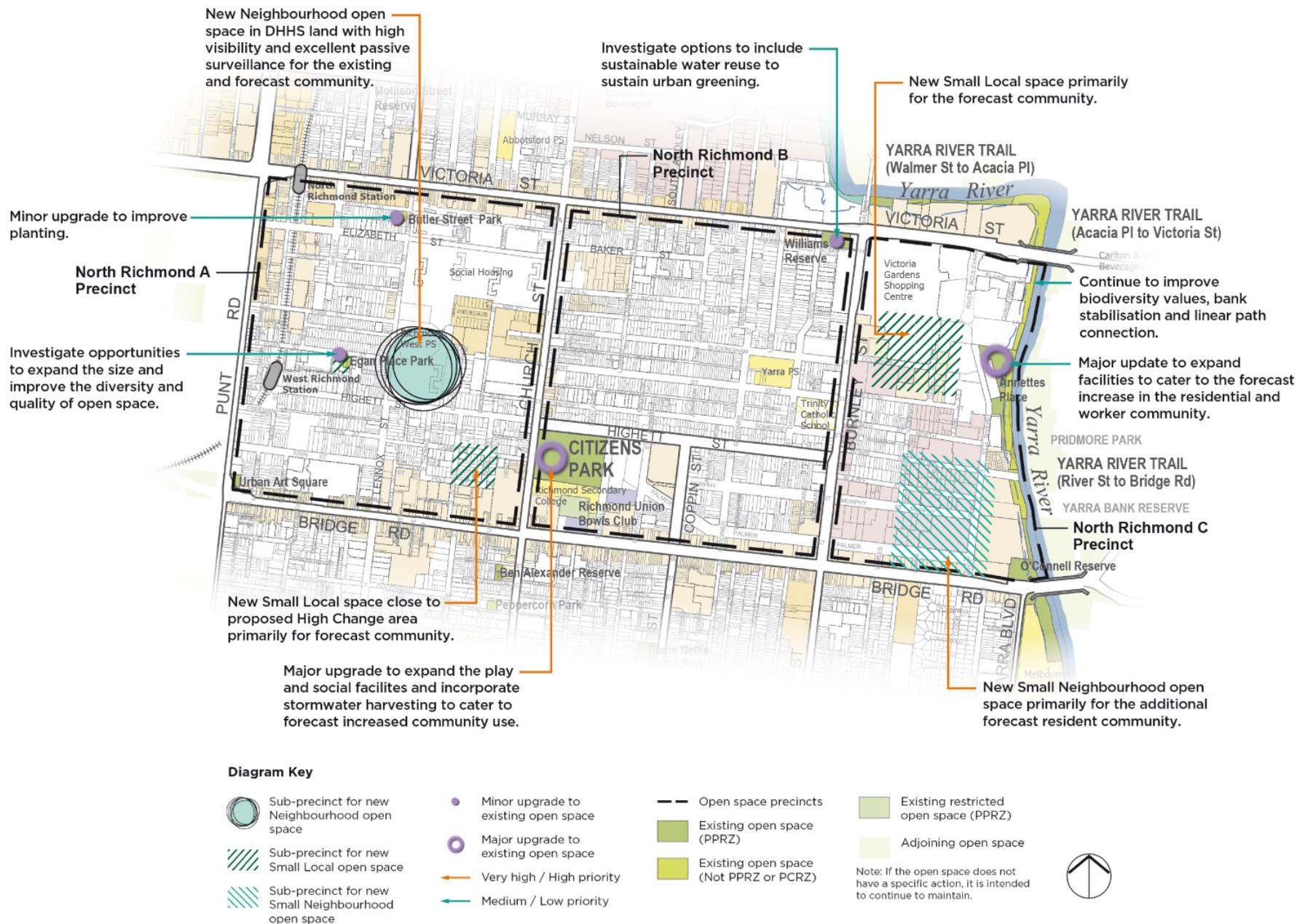


Figure 7.10F Recommendations for North Richmond

7.10.5b Precinct Actions for North Richmond

A Additional open space

No.	Action	Responsibility	Priority
7.10A-1	Provide a new Neighbourhood open space in sub-precinct North Richmond A. There is potential to provide this on the DHHS land, central to the sub-precinct and accessible to the existing and forecast new population.	YCC DHHS Developer	Very High
7.10A-2	Provide a new Small Local open space in sub-precinct North Richmond A, in the Bosisto/Cameron Street area north of Bridge Road as shown in Figure 7.10F. This is to cater primarily to the forecast new population in the high change area in the south east portion of the sub-precinct.	YCC Developer	Very High
7.10A-3	Provide a new Small Neighbourhood open space in sub-precinct North Richmond C primarily for the forecast population. This is to be located in the south east area of the sub-precinct in the vicinity of Murphy Street and improve the north south pedestrian connectivity between Bridge Road Murphy Street if feasible.	YCC Developer	Very High
7.10A-4	Provide a new Small Local open space in sub-precinct North Richmond C primarily for the forecast population. This is to be located in the northern part of the sub-precinct in the vicinity of Doonside Street/Victoria Gardens.	YCC Developer	Very High

8. Funding and open space contributions

Extract of key changes

8.3.1 Development of a new contribution rate

This Strategy updates the City of Yarra's open space program. It is timely to review the contribution rate to ensure it will support Council's implementation of the new Strategy.

New open space contribution rates will be used to update the Yarra Planning Scheme and reflect the changes in the open space program going forward. In calculating the rate options, several factors are being considered including:

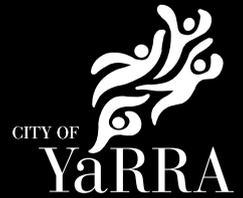
- The existing open space reserves, their function, location and qualities, and the improvements to open space that the City of Yarra has undertaken since the adoption of the 2006 Strategy.
- The significant population growth, demographic change and land use change that has occurred in Yarra since the adoption of the 2006 Strategy.
- The increased open space use by the employment population in Yarra.
- The substantial redevelopment that will occur in Yarra in the short and medium term, leading to the forecast increases in both residential and employment populations.
- The need for the City of Yarra to acquire land for new open space and fund capital improvements to open space based on the detailed analysis undertaken for this Strategy.
- The value of providing an updated set of open space upgrades and new open space to respond to the changes in Yarra for a 15 year period to 2031 and beyond.
- The expectation that contributions should fund a reasonable proportion of the future open space program having regard to population growth and demographic changes, so that the open space contributions levied provide for the open space needs of the population on whose behalf the contributions are collected.
- The value of land purchase for new open space is to be included in the calculation of the new contribution rate.
- The rate should apply to all eligible subdivisions in the City of Yarra irrespective of land use type.
- The benefits of implementing a higher single municipal rate to apply to all eligible subdivisions.
- Development outside the existing residential and employment population growth forecasts may trigger the need for expanded or additional open space beyond the specific recommendations in Section 7 of this Strategy.

It is anticipated that a higher municipal open space contribution rate would be in the order of 10 per cent. This is due to the high level of population growth that the Strategy plans for and the density of development in the City of Yarra, both of which are factors in the need for Council to provide new open space in the future. It is noted that the former

Amcor Alphington Paper Mill Site and the Former Fitzroy Gasworks Site would be exempt from any change in the current rate because the open space contribution requirements for these sites have been established separately.

Attachment B

Open space survey / feedback form



Draft Yarra Open Space Strategy

This draft open space strategy was informed by nearly 3000 participants in our consultation across 2018/2019. Now we'd like to hear what you think of the draft before the final strategy is formally endorsed by Council. Use this form to have your say by 15 March 2020 or visit yoursayyarra.com.au/openspace.

Q1 What is the postcode where you live?

Postcode

Q2 What is the postcode where you work?

Postcode

Q3 Below is a summary of the overall directions in the draft strategy. Tell us how important each of them are to you and why.

Overall directions	Very important	Important	Some importance	Not important	Comment
A Provide additional open space so that the majority of people who live and work in the City of Yarra are within easy walking distance of open space (Diagram C in the Strategy).					
B Encourage people to be outdoors and to exercise and keep fit by providing a diverse range of facilities in open space.					
C Increase opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds to access, participate and enjoy open space.					
D Maximise opportunities for open space to have large canopy shade trees and natural features including grass and garden beds to keep them cooler in the summer and mitigate urban heat.					
E Investigate the provision of additional dog off-leash areas as part of the future review of the Domestic Animal Management Plan.					
F Implement an open space contribution rate of up to 10 per cent in the Yarra Planning Scheme that applies to new development. This is so the new population contributes fairly to new open space and improvements to existing open space.					
G Continue to deliver sustainable water harvesting and reuse, contributing to increased urban greening in open space, particularly in higher density areas.					
H Improve biodiversity values along waterway corridors, including the Yarra River, Merri Creek and Darebin Creek with appropriate revegetation.					
I Encourage participation in organised sport by providing adequate open space and upgrading facilities to be more inclusive for everyone.					

