

# Hannah Watts Park Upgrade (Master Plan and Stage 1) Community Engagement Report

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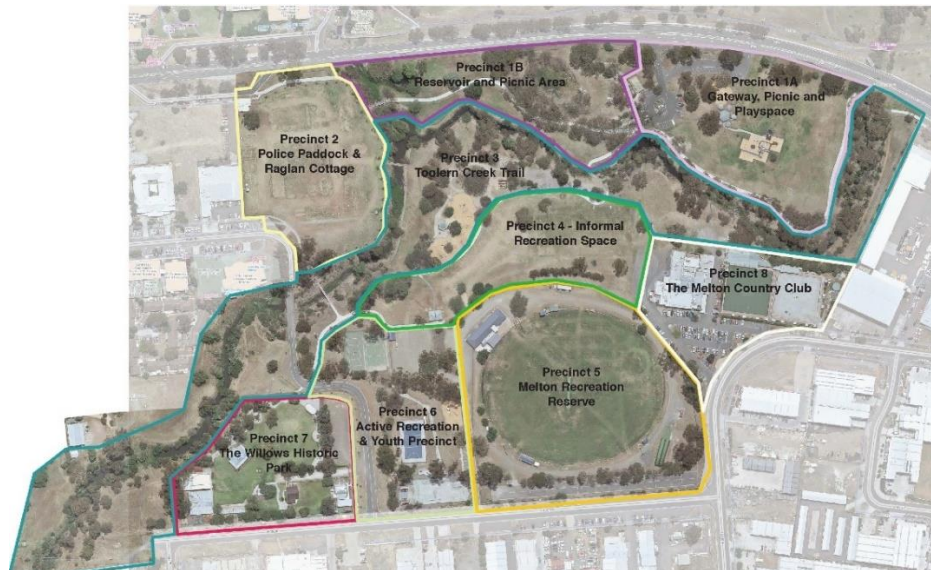
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# 1. Engagement Overview

ChatterBox Projects was engaged by Melton City Council via Urban Initiatives to lead the community engagement for the Hannah Watts Park Precinct Master Plan and Stage 1 Upgrade.



A range of methods and tools were used to engage with the community including three place-based onsite pop-up consultations, one onsite school workshop, one school-based workshop, key stakeholder and staff workshops and an online survey.

During the community engagement activities, a wide range of people were consulted including children, young people, adults, people who lived in Melton and surrounding areas, visitors to Melton and people from diverse backgrounds.

Over 950 written ideas and views were gathered throughout the community engagement process via the hardcopy and online surveys. A further 420 opinions, thoughts and ideas were gathered via other engagement tools including the dotmocracy activity, drawings, voting pods and giant chatboards.

- 289 people completed a survey, 153 online, 117 at the pop-up consultations, 16 at school workshops and 3 surveys were posted back to Council.
- 96 children and young people provided their feedback by drawing their ideas.
- 163 people engaged with the dotmocracy activity at the pop-up events and school workshops.
- 30 students participated in an ideas workshop.
- 131 people engaged with the voting pod activity.
- 30 comments and drawings were received via the giant chat boards at pop up consultations.

## 1.1 Pop-up ChatterBox trailer

Using the ChatterBox trailer for the pop-up consultation and workshops enabled engagement with people who otherwise may not have participated in traditional engagement methods.

A range of engagement tools were used at the pop-ups, enabling the community to provide their feedback in a variety of ways. These different tools also allowed many people to engage at the same time, which was highly beneficial during busy times.

The tools included a hard copy survey, giant chatboards, voting pods, Big ideas drawing sheet and a dotmocracy activity.

## 1.2 Pop-up Events



Three place-based pop-up consultation events were held onsite at Hannah Watts Park, on Thursday 12 April between 10am-1pm, Sunday 22 April between 11am-2pm and Thursday 26 April between 3:30-6:30pm. The pop-up events included a free coffee cart.

## 1.3 School Workshops



Four local schools were invited to attend an 'ideas workshop' onsite at Hannah Watts Park using the pop-up ChatterBox trailer. Both St Dominic's Primary School and Melton Specialist School were involved in the workshops. The workshops were held on Thursday 26 April.

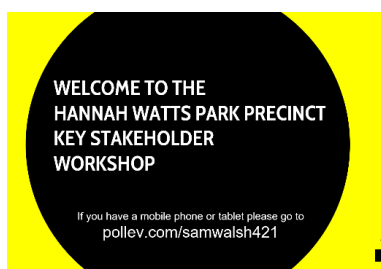
## 1.4 Survey

A screenshot of an online survey form. The title is 'Hannah Watts Park Precinct Master Plan & Stage 1 SHARE YOUR IDEAS'. The form is divided into two main sections. The first section is '2. What facilities and spaces do you use when you visit?' and contains a list of checkboxes for various facilities: Green open spaces, Lawn bowls, Indoor climbing club, Melton Recreation Reserve (clubhouse and oval), Tennis court, Paths and trails, and Picnic shelter/BBQs. The second section is '3. How often do you visit? (Please tick one only)' and contains a list of checkboxes for frequency: Playground (occasional visits), Playground (frequent visits), Playground (very frequent visits), Open park, Tennis court, and Melton Recreation Park. There is also a text box for 'Other (please specify)'. At the bottom, there is a note: 'If you have a mobile phone or tablet please go to pollev.com/samwalsh421'.

An online survey was developed to enable the community to provide their feedback and ideas if they were unable to attend the place-based pop-up consultation sessions. The online survey was hosted by ChatterBox Projects via the Melton City Council Have Your Say website. Online surveys closed 29 April 2018.

The online survey was promoted via on-site signage, a letterbox drop, emails to user groups and schools.

## 1.5 Stakeholder workshops and meetings



Four stakeholder workshops were scheduled, two for internal Council staff and two for external key stakeholders. Unfortunately, due to low numbers, the second key stakeholder workshop was cancelled. These workshops were held on Monday 16 April and Thursday 19 April.

There were also a range of individual meetings with groups, organisations and clubs that use facilities located within the Melton Recreation Reserve and surrounding precinct.

## 2. Consultation results summary



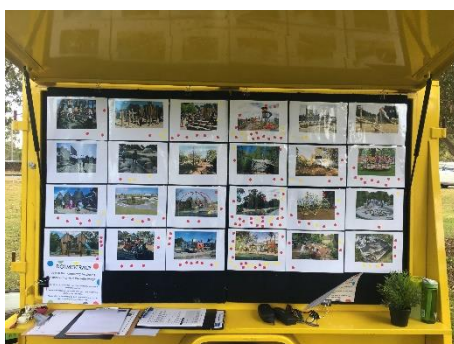
### 2.1 Survey summary

The Hannah Watts Park survey consisted of 19 questions including nine multiple choice, five open ended and five demographic questions. (Copy of survey can be found in the appendix)

Of the 289 people who completed a survey:

- The most widely represented age group was that of people aged 26-34 years and 36-45 years (27.19%) followed by people under 12 years (11.84%) and 13-17 years (7.89%).
- 72.46% of respondents were female, 25.85% male and .42% other
- Just over 25% of respondents lived in Melton
- 17.24% lived within walking distance to the Hannah Watts Park precinct
- 85% of respondents usually drive and 11.92% usually walk to Hannah Watts Park
- The two most important features within the precinct are the playspaces (58.1%) and places to gather with others (55.4%)
- The three most popular elements currently at Hannah Watts Park playground are swings (57.7%), slides (55.2%) and the donut spinner (38.9%)
- The two most requested changes respondents would like to see to the precinct are an upgrade to the playground (37.8%) and upgrades to existing picnic shelters and additional picnic shelters and BBQs (24.27%).
- The two most important playspace activities as voted by respondents are things to climb (45.7%) and adventure/challenging elements (38.3%)
- The three top things respondents would like to see in the new playspace are water play elements (24.5%) big and/or curly slides (20%) and climbing elements (17.9%)
- 45.1% of respondents would like to see more picnic areas/shelters and 32.7% would like to see more BBQs within the precinct

### 2.2 Dotmocracy summary



A dotmocracy activity (voting using dots) was used at both the pop-up consultation and the school workshops. The activity involved the community prioritising what types of park and playspace elements they liked by placing dots on a range of playspace and park images.

Different coloured dots were used for different age groups, under 18 and over 18 years and each person received three dots for three votes.

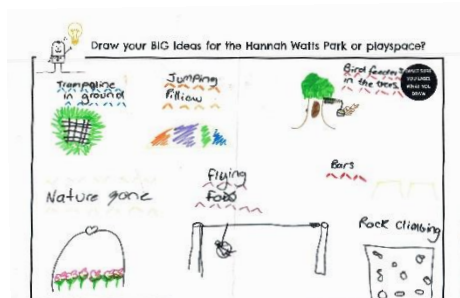


164 people participated in the dotmocracy activity with 492 votes being received, 381 from young people under 18 years and 111 votes from people over 18 years.

The six most popular images as chosen by young people were: the giant slide with 60 votes (47.2%), a flying fox with 45 votes (35.4%), inground trampolines with 33 votes (25.9%), a giant rock climbing wall (bouldering) with 29 votes (22.8%), a picture of a flat bike/scooter track with 20 votes (15.7%) and a basketball court with 19 votes (14.9%).

The five most popular images as chosen by adults were: inground trampolines with 20 votes (54%), a giant slide with 15 votes (40.5%), a flying fox with 10 votes (27%), a manmade creek with 8 votes (21.6%) and a wooden adventure playground and large sand pit with 6 votes (16.2%). (see appendix for full results)

## 2.3 Big ideas drawings summary



'Draw your BIG Ideas for the Hannah Watts Park or playspace' drawing sheet was available for children and young people to draw their big ideas at both the place-based pop-up events and school workshops. (see appendix for a copy of the Big Ideas drawing sheet)

Of the 96 detailed drawings received by children and young people, the five most frequently drawn elements were a big slide (tunnel or curly) (35.4%), a giant/basket swing (26%), a flying fox/zip line (19.7%), trampolines (18.7%) and monkey bars (18.7%)

## 2.4 Voting Pod summary



At the place-based pop-up consultations, a voting pod was used to ask the community what the most important thing was at Hannah Watts Park. There were six elements to choose from: playspaces, BBQ/Picnic areas, pathways and trails, formal sport, informal sport and natural spaces.

Different coloured voting balls were used for people who were under 18 and people who were over 18 to determine the priorities of different age groups. Each person was able to access one ball for one vote.

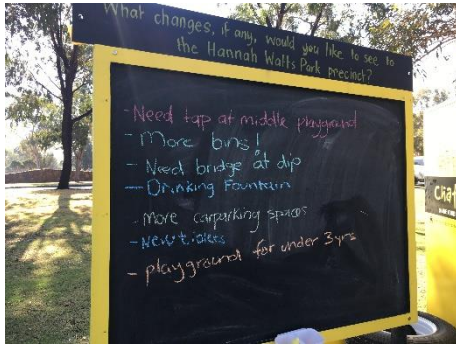
Of the 131 people who voted for their most important thing at Hannah Watts Park precinct, 22.1% voted for playspaces, followed by pathways and trails with 21.37% and formal sport with 20.6%.

Of the 84 young people who voted, 22.6% voted for informal sport followed by playspaces (21.4%) and pathways and trails (19%).

Of the 47 adults who voted, pathways and trails and formal sport received 25.5% of the votes, followed by playspaces (23.4%).



## 2.5 Giant Chatboard summary



Two giant chatboards were used to get the community to share their ideas publicly at the three place-based pop-up events. Each board posed a different question.

Chatboard 1 had the question, 'What would you like to see as part of the new playspace, picnic area and gathering space?'. Chatboard 2 had the question, 'What changes, if any would you like to see to the Hannah Watts park precinct?'.

30 comments were received with most comments reiterating what was received via the surveys.

Requests for specific equipment such as flying fox, rock climbing and more tables, chairs and BBQ's were received for the new playspace, picnic area and gathering space. Requests for improvements to or new toilets, more carparking and drink taps were received around the Hannah Watts park precinct.



### 3. Key findings and recommendations

The community engagement activities were very successful and generated over 1,600 comments and ideas from the community. These responses resulted from an online and hard-copy survey, place-based engagements and key stakeholder workshops. The engagement highlighted some key overall themes to be considered as part of the Hannah Watts Park precinct master plan and Hannah Watts Park upgrade.

#### 3.1 Favourite elements, spaces and places at the Hannah Watts Park precinct



Respondents indicated that the playspaces, places to gather with others (open spaces, picnic and BBQ facilities), natural areas and pathways and trails were very important elements at Hannah Watts Park precinct.

#### 3.2 Master Plan

Outlined below are the themes that emerged through the community engagement activities, including the survey and place-based pop-ups, in response to questions around the precinct master plan.

##### Playspaces



The most popular topic to emerge from the consultation around the master plan was the need to upgrade the playground at Hannah Watts Park.

(Further information about the Hannah Watts Park playspace can be found under the Hannah Watts Park upgrade section below)

All playspaces within the precinct are well used and loved. The spectators that attend the football, cricket and netball are frequent users of both the central playspace and the southern playspace near the skate park.



Safety issues were raised regarding the location of the southern playspace. It's position immediately adjacent to the road (main driveway/entry point) into Melton Recreation Reserve means that children need to cross this road to access the playspace, often on their own.

The football/netball club would like to see the entry to the reserve relocated so the entry point comes in off Nixon Street. This would ensure safe access to the playspace and assist with being able to manage gates on game days. While the current location of the playspace is good in terms of its position between the football oval, skate park and netball court, the issue of its proximity to the major access point needs to be addressed.

The central playspace is also well used, mostly by older children who can be further away without such close adult supervision. The maze and basket swing are favourite elements at this playspace, however some comments alluded to the belief that the maze is used for unsavoury behaviour, such as drug deals.

## Picnic facilities



The second most popular topic to emerge was the picnic and BBQ facilities, resulting in many requests for them to be upgraded and many more installed.

Most comments were centred around the facilities at Hannah Watts Park, further comments about these facilities can be found below.

However, there were comments around the need for more picnic facilities in the southern area of the precinct near the skate park, netball court and playspace, as well as signage to provide direction to the central picnic area and playspace so it's better utilised.

## Pathways & trails



The topic of pathways and trails within the precinct was also popular in the feedback and comments, showing they are very well used and appreciated. There were many comments about the need to create a crossing on High Street, to connect the town centre to Hannah Watts Park. It was also seen as a way to create a walking loop from Hannah Watts Park, through the underpass to the golf course, along High Street to Yuille Street and back across to Hannah Watts Park.

Respondents would also like to see more walking/bike paths around the precinct and the connection of existing paths. The walking groups would like to see an additional path on the southern side of the creek linking the path at the north east corner to the path leading from Hannah Watts Park to the Melton Recreation Reserve (see map below). Some respondents would also like to see a new pathway from the pavilion to the central playspace/picnic area (also see map below).



*Map showing suggested additional pathways and connections*

The issue of the dip in the pathway to cross the creek was also raised on many occasions as a safety and accessibility issue, respondents would like to see a bridge installed here.

More seating around the precinct was also requested by many respondents, for the purposes of sitting and enjoying the surrounds and assisting people with mobility issues whilst out walking.



## Active sporting precinct

Improvements to the southern end of the precinct, including the Melton Recreation Reserve, skate park, netball court, tennis courts, Melton Bowling Club and Country Club were mostly raised by the clubs themselves, along with a few general users of these facilities.

The current reserve is not a full-sized ground and the football club would like to see the ground realigned to allow for an extension to full size. There was also a request to upgrade the pavilion to include female change facilities for both netball and football teams as well as storage. With 11 netball teams currently playing, one netball court is not sufficient. The club would like to see another court included in the master plan.

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*“New amenities to facilitate woman’s football team. Extended netball courts - currently not sufficient. Realign football oval to AFL standard, currently smallest in the league. New clubrooms.”*

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*“Female change areas for netballers and women’s football”*

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Users of the skate park would like to see some small upgrades including a bigger, more weather-proof shelter, a drink tap closer to the shelter, bike racks, more seating and the removal of the half-pipe to make room for an extension of the skate park in the future. A long-time user of the half-pipe would like to see the half-pipe relocated to another location rather than be destroyed.

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*“At the skatepark they should swap the half pipe with double sided quarter pipes and a mini spine.”*

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*“I would like to see and extension on to the existing skatepark so there some more things to ride”*

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Netball spectators currently have no seating to watch the game and instead sit on the skate street course equipment. The installation of seating for netball spectators is required.

There was not enough feedback regarding the two tennis/netball courts so no comments or recommendations about these facilities have been provided.

## Public toilets

Both the public toilets at Hannah Watts Park and the Melton Recreation Reserve were mentioned on numerous occasions by respondents as well as by the Melton Police. The toilets at Hannah Watts Park are well known to be used for unsociable behaviour and many respondents indicated that they would not use these toilets at all, especially after 3pm, and would not allow children to access these alone.



We also heard that the public toilets at the Melton Recreation Reserve are also used for unsociable behaviour such as drug taking. It was suggested by the police that the toilets at the Melton Recreation Reserve be relocated closer to the skate park and netball courts, to allow for more passive surveillance.

## Safety



Safety concerns were raised about a range of spaces and elements of Hannah Watts Park, including the safety concerns over the main entry point to Melton Recreation Reserve (see Playspaces section above).

There were also concerns raised about the unsociable behaviour at the toilet block at Hannah Watts Park (see Public toilets section above).

Other safety concerns included the crossing between the Hannah Watts Park Precinct to The Willows. The position of the crossing on a bend in the road means that people often find it unsafe to cross. It is

recommended another crossing point to improve the connection between the Melton Recreation Reserve and The Willows be investigated.

Safety issues were raised around the width of some pathways and the issues that come with both cyclists and pedestrians sharing these. There was a suggestion that signage on pathways be installed to remind people that they are shared.

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*“It would be a good idea to avoid accidents between pedestrians and cyclists by slowing down faster traffic especially under bridges or over bridges. The bridge walk way under High street near the old road bridge is an accident waiting to happen.”*

*“A greater feeling of safety; the toilet block is known as a male hangout and there are often vehicles in the carpark with male owners there early in the morning.”*

*“I would like to see a separate track for cyclists only, some cyclists do not slow down, they do not warn people they are coming up behind them and some will ride straight through adults, kids and dogs and refuse to ride around people walking. I have come close to being bowled over twice in the last 4 months.”*

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## Open and natural spaces

Respondents really appreciate the open and natural spaces of the Hannah Watts Park precinct and most people visit this park for these reasons.

There were many comments from respondents in relation to cleaning up the creek and waterways, the need to protect the banks of the creek and maintain the green open space.

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*“total clean-up of the water system running around the park, so it becomes more inviting for people to site and enjoy the wild life”*

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## Signage

The need for signage was brought up by both clubs and many park users. There were requests for signage throughout the park to both promote other spaces and facilities within the precinct, as well as provide direction and distance markers.

There were also requests for signage to explain what you can and cannot feed the ducks and birds, to explain the aboriginal history of the area and to honour Hannah Watts and her connection to Melton.

### 3.3 Stage 1-Hannah Watts Park upgrade

Most comments received via the engagement were in reference to the playspace and facilities at Hannah Watts Park. This is due to two out of three place-based pop-up events being held at this location.

Respondents were very excited about the prospect of having the playspace redeveloped and having more picnic shelters and facilities.

During each pop-up consultation, all picnic tables and facilities were in use and many families needed to locate themselves on the grass area. The playspace was very well used as were the green open space, pathways and the stage area.

It is an extremely well-used park with a range of small to very large groups using the facilities. Disability groups, holiday programs and large family groups visited whilst ChatterBox Projects were there and do so regularly.

#### Playspace



The playspace at Hannah Watts Park is very well used, mostly by groups of children rather than individuals.

Respondents loved the swings, slides and donut spinner; however, the donut spinner will not spin if there are more than three people on it. A few younger children also loved the bars in the junior play area, and the young people loved the high spinner.

Respondents would like to see water play elements, a giant slide, things to climb (bouldering/web/tower), adventure/challenging elements such as an obstacle course or fort, flying fox and nature play areas. Children's drawings indicated that they would also like to see some inground trampolines and monkey bars.

Due to this playground being used more by groups of children than by individuals all throughout the year, it is recommended that the playspace be developed to ensure it can be used by numerous people at any given time all year round.

From these consultation sessions, elements that encourage group play such as big basket swings, spinners that can accommodate more than two people and large structures, adventure type elements that can be climbed and run on would be recommended.

Request for water play elements or a water park, were mostly from parents and carers rather than children.

#### Picnic & BBQ facilities



The picnic and BBQ facilities at Hannah Watts Park are very well used and all facilities were observed to be in use at the same time.

Respondents would not only like to see new picnic and BBQ facilities, but more of them and bigger ones to accommodate bigger gatherings. Many asked for some of the picnic shelters to be spread out across Hannah Watts Park instead of grouped in one area, and there were also suggestions to include a sink and power point as part of the new picnic facilities.

## Car parking

There were many requests for additional car parks as the car park fills up on weekends, public and school holidays. Many buses stop at Hannah Watts Park as it is the midway point between Melbourne and Ballarat utilising the existing bus parking.

## Supporting infrastructure



The need for fencing was raised on many occasions, especially from those with young children and children with special needs.

Fencing was requested between the proposed location of the junior playspace and creek and between the playspace and car park. Some parents and carers requested that the playspace be fully fenced.

As indicated previously, many comments were received regarding the toilets. These included references to them being old and dirty, and references to the unsociable behaviour that occurs within them.

During the pop-up consultations, there were many discussions with parents and carers around the issues with the toilets including their location. Many parents and carers requested that the toilets be relocated to closer to the playspace and picnic and BBQ facilities.

## Other facilities



A group of older adults (pictured at left) visit Hannah Watts Park on a weekly basis to play bocce. They would like to see a bocce court included in the master plan near the BBQ area behind the existing toilets.

Other facilities requested by respondents, as the current number of these facilities are insufficient to cater for the number of visitors include more bins, drink taps, and lighting.

## 3.4 Conclusion

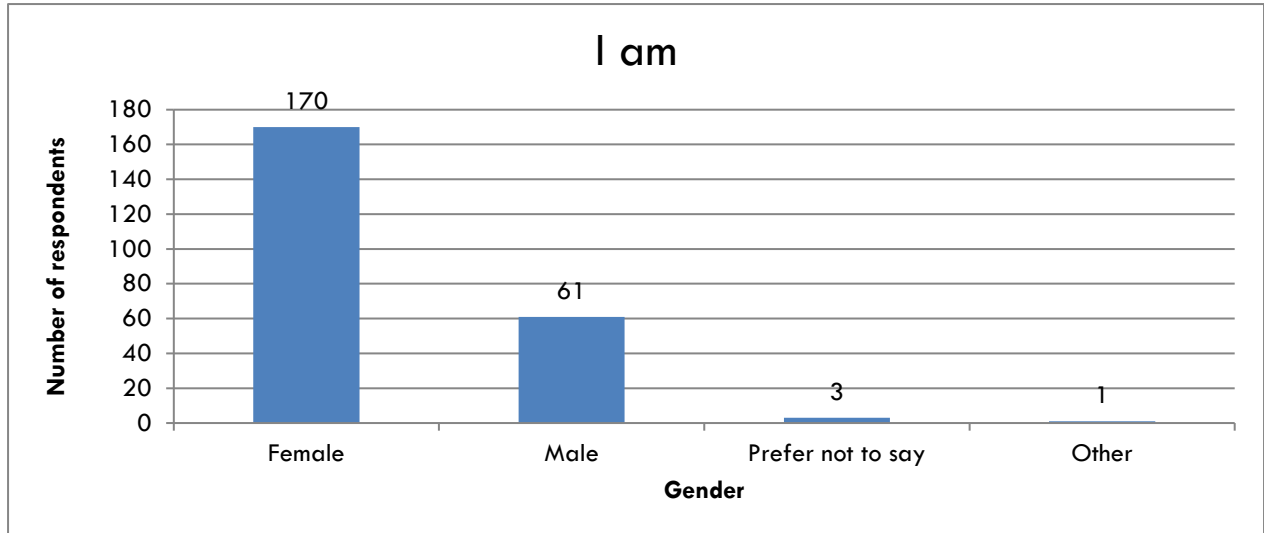
Overall the community members were highly engaged about the Hannah Watts Park upgrade. Many people appreciated the fact that council proactively popped-up across the precinct to seek their views. They are very satisfied with most of the current facilities however were excited about the prospect of improvements to the park. There were only a few people who indicated that they would not like to see any changes to the park, however most respondents feel there should be improvements to the playspace, picnic area and toilets at Hannah Watts Park.

89 respondents opted to 'be kept up to date' about the project.

## 4. Participation profile

### 4.1 Gender

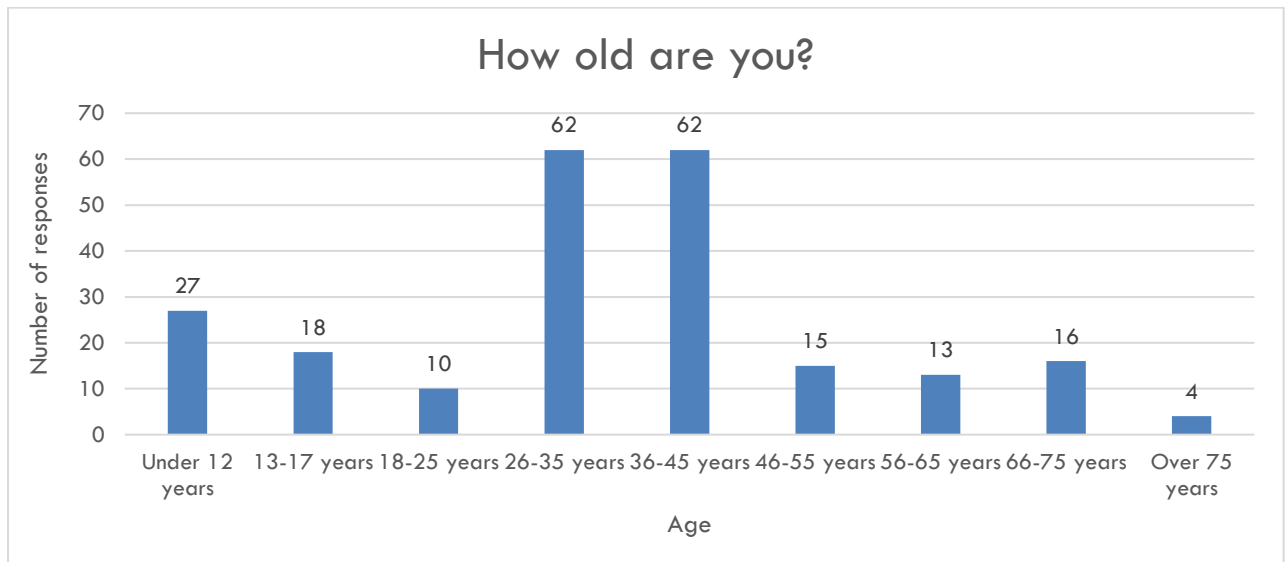
Of the 235 respondents who indicated their gender, 72.3% (170) were female, 25.9% (61) were male, .42% (1) other and 1.2% (3) preferred not to say.



### 4.2 Age

Of the 227 respondents who indicated their age, there was good representation of people aged between 26-45 years (54.6%) under 18 years (24.2%) and over 65 years (8.8%).

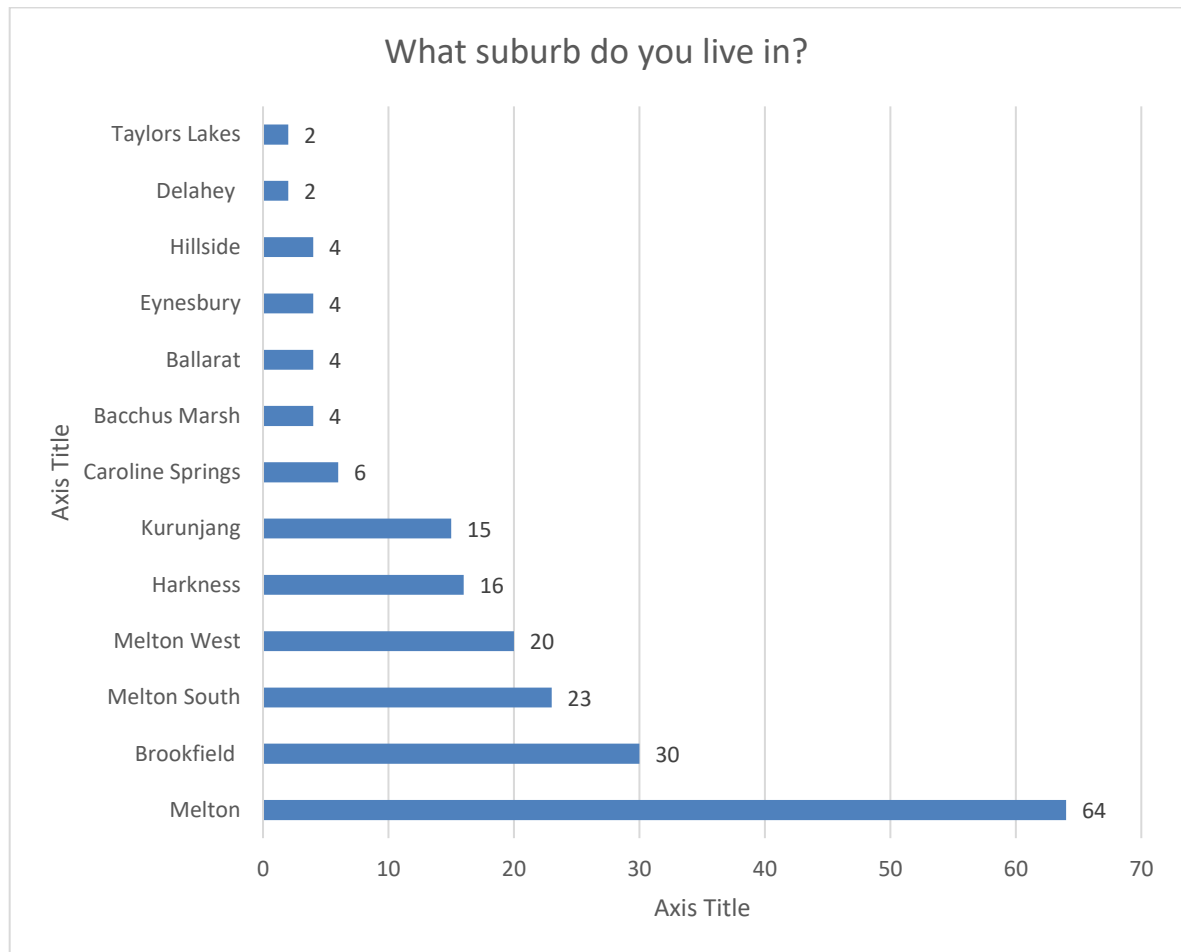
The highest participation was from people aged 26-35 and 35-44 years with equal highest of 27.6%.





### 4.3 Suburb

Of the 253 people who indicated where they lived, 25.3% lived in Melton, 11.8% lived in Brookfield, 9% in Melton South, 7.9% in Melton West, 6.3% in Harkness and 5.9% in Kurunjang.



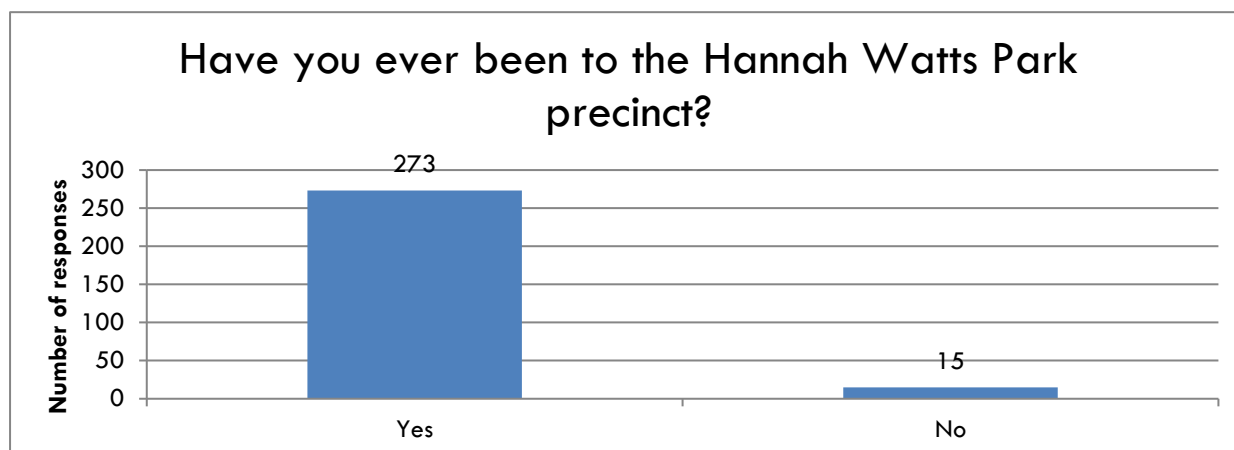
**Other:** Cobblebank (1), Creswick (1), Footscray (1), Grangefields (1), Hoppers Crossing (1), Keilor East (1), Lalor (1), Melbourne (1), Mt Cottrell (1), Pascoe Vale South (1), Plumpton (1), Point Cook (1), Rockbank (1), St Albans (1), Strathtulloh (1), Taylors Hill (1), Weir Views (1).

## 5. Overall Survey Results

This section provides all results from the hardcopy and online surveys that were completed by the community. A total of 289 surveys were completed. 134 were at pop-up events, 153 were online and 2 were posted into Council.

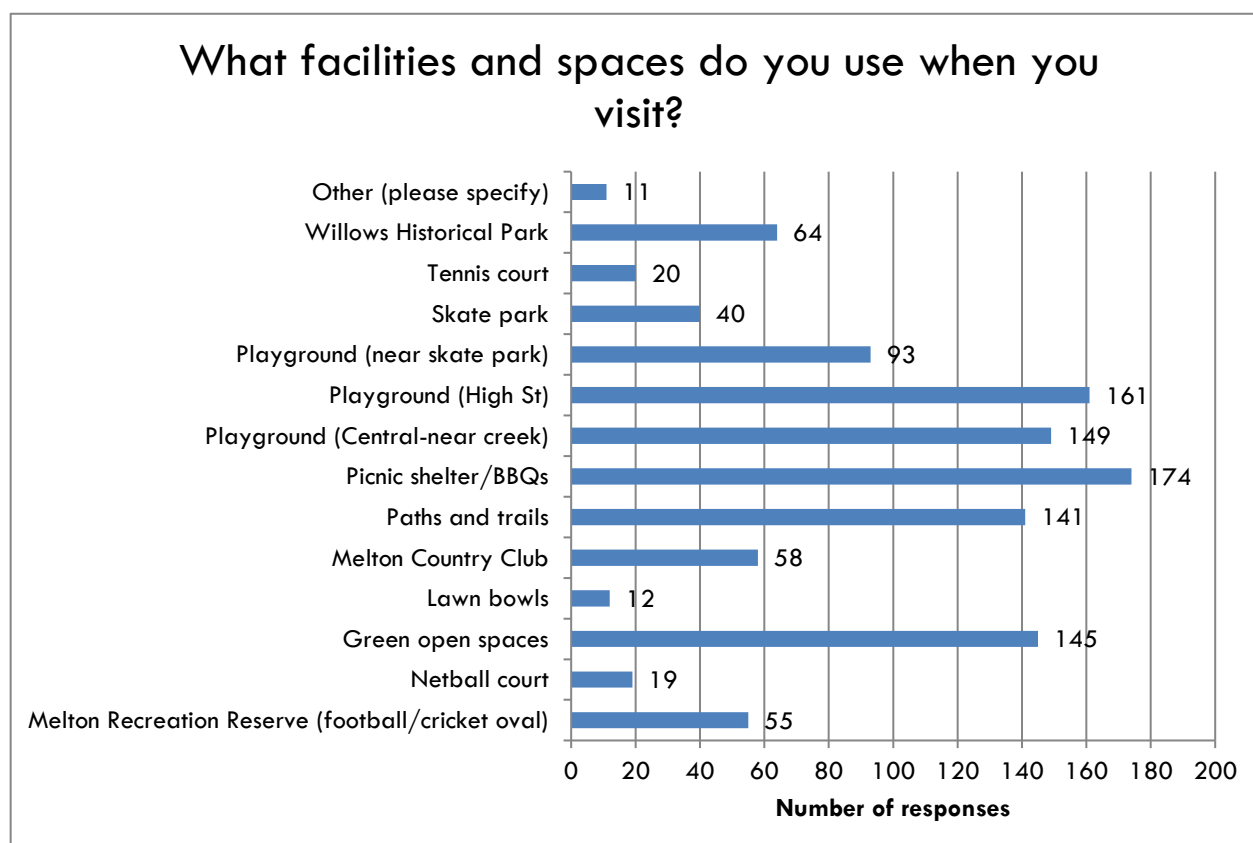
### 5.1 Have you been to the Hannah Watts Park Precinct?

Of the 288 respondents who answered this question, 94.8% had been to the Hannah Watts Park precinct and 5.2% had never visited.



### 5.2 What facilities and spaces do you use when you visit?

The five most used facilities at the Hannah Watts Park precinct as indicated by the 257 respondents were: the picnic shelters and BBQs (67.7%), followed by the playground at Hannah Watts Park (62.6%), the central playground (57.9%), the green open spaces (56.4%) and the paths and trails (54.8%).



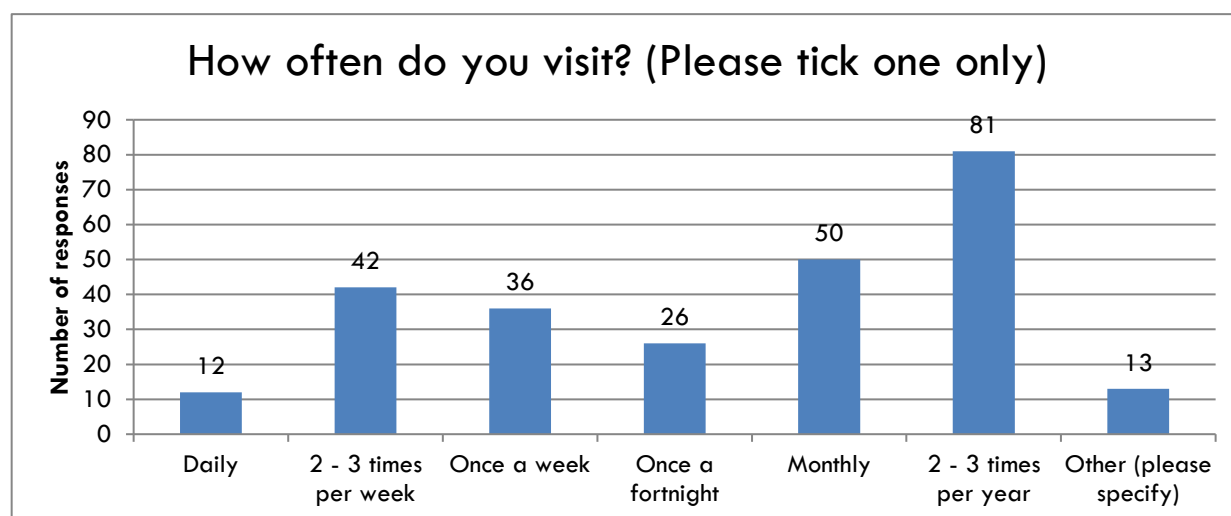
## Other:

Please note: The following comments are unedited verbatim responses as submitted

Recreation reserve pavilion
Basketball court
Green open spaces, paths and trails, playground central and near skate park
Walking Trail
Raglan's Cottage
We love going for a walk through there and are very disappointed there still are no exercise facilities like at Navan Park and Caroline springs. the foot path has been upgraded but the funds spent there could have been spent on the facilities to at best bring Hannah Watts park up to par with the other parks mentioned. A crossing from the horse paddock to Yuille street would be a welcome addition to allow pedestrians safer crossing across High Street. This would have been preferable to the pedestrian bridge crossing the creek.
Was not aware all these were connected
Maze
Children's Play equipment
Explore the bits of bush and the creek that are there too
Walking track

## 5.3 How often do you visit?

Of the 260 respondents who answered this question, 31.2% visit 2-3 times per year, 4.6% visit daily, 16.1% visit 2 or 3 times per week, 13.8% visit once a week and 19.2% visit monthly.



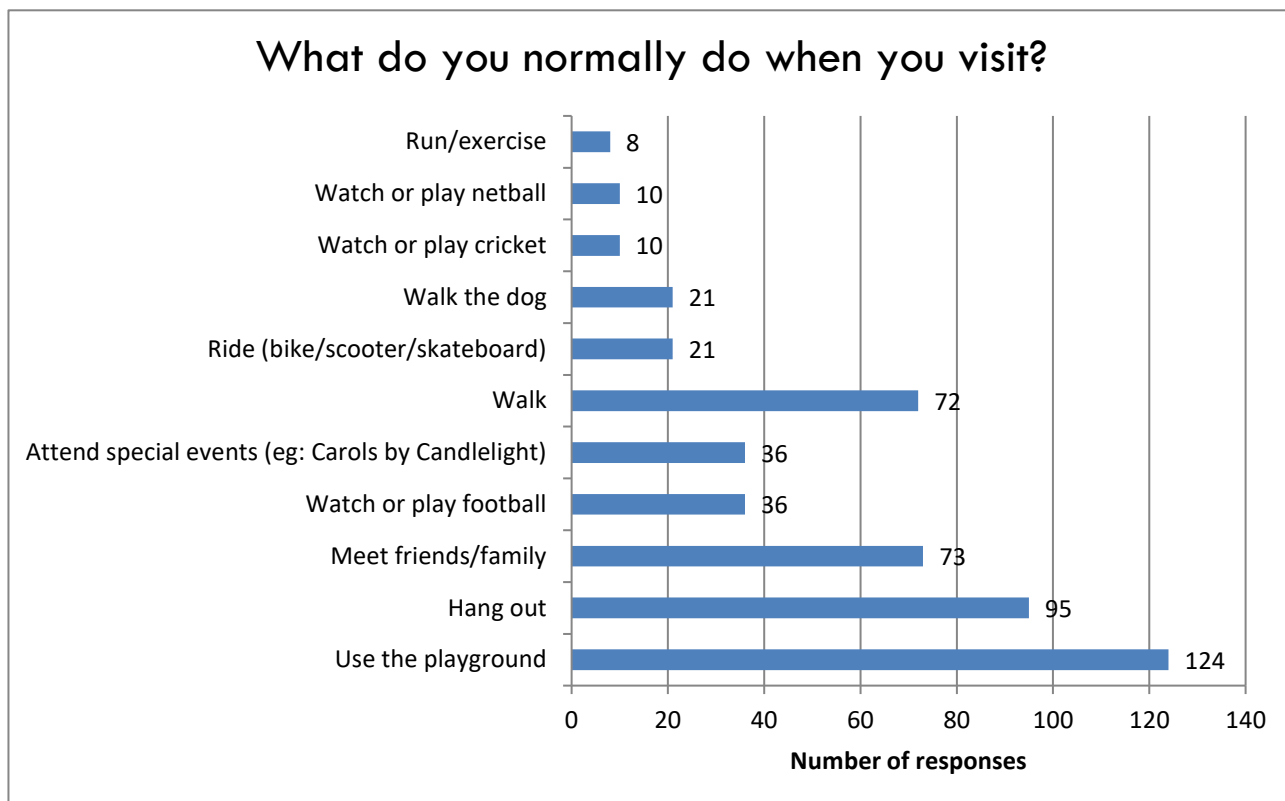
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Haven't been since I was in year 2
Hardly
1 per year
The park only once in 13 years for informal wedding photos
Once every 2 months
Once a year
Every 6-8 weeks
Periodically from time to time
2 - 3 times a year

## 5.4 What do you normally do when you visit?

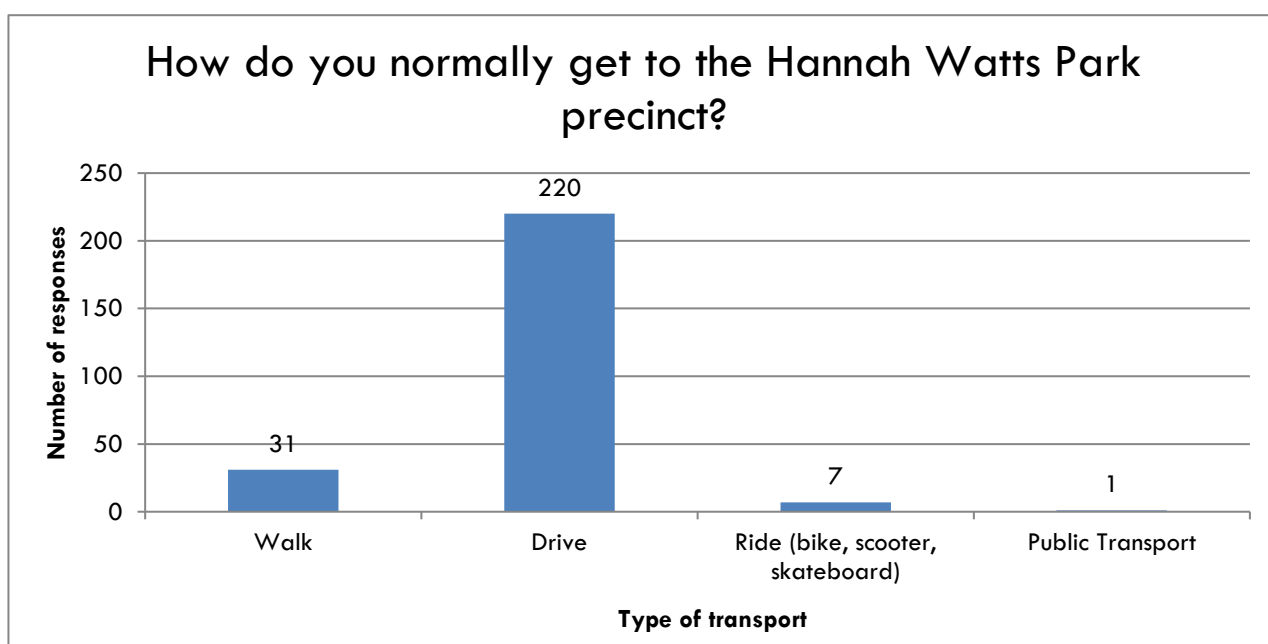
Of the 260 respondents, many chose more than one answer. All these answers have been included in the results.

Of the 260 respondents, most came to use the playgrounds (47.6%), followed by hanging out (36.5%), meeting family or friends (28%) and walking (27.6%)



## 5.5 How do you normally get there?

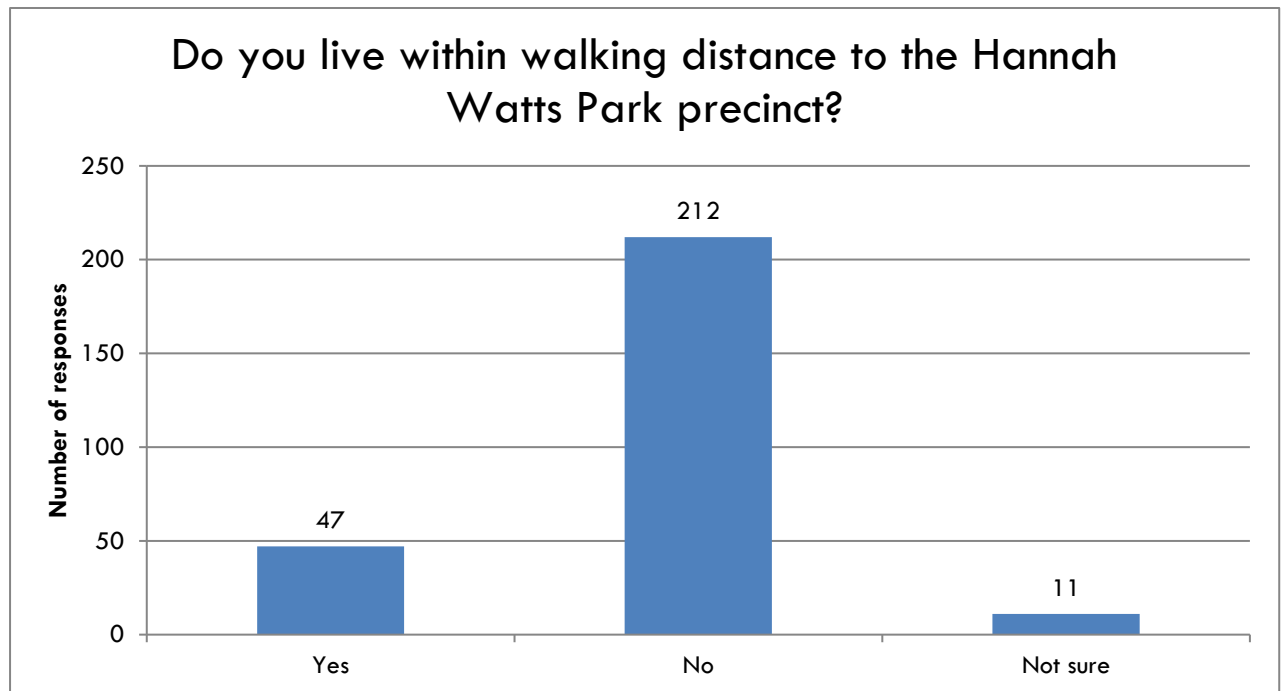
Of the 259 respondents, 84.9% drive to the Hannah Watts Park precinct, 11.9% walk, 2.7% ride and .38% catch public transport.





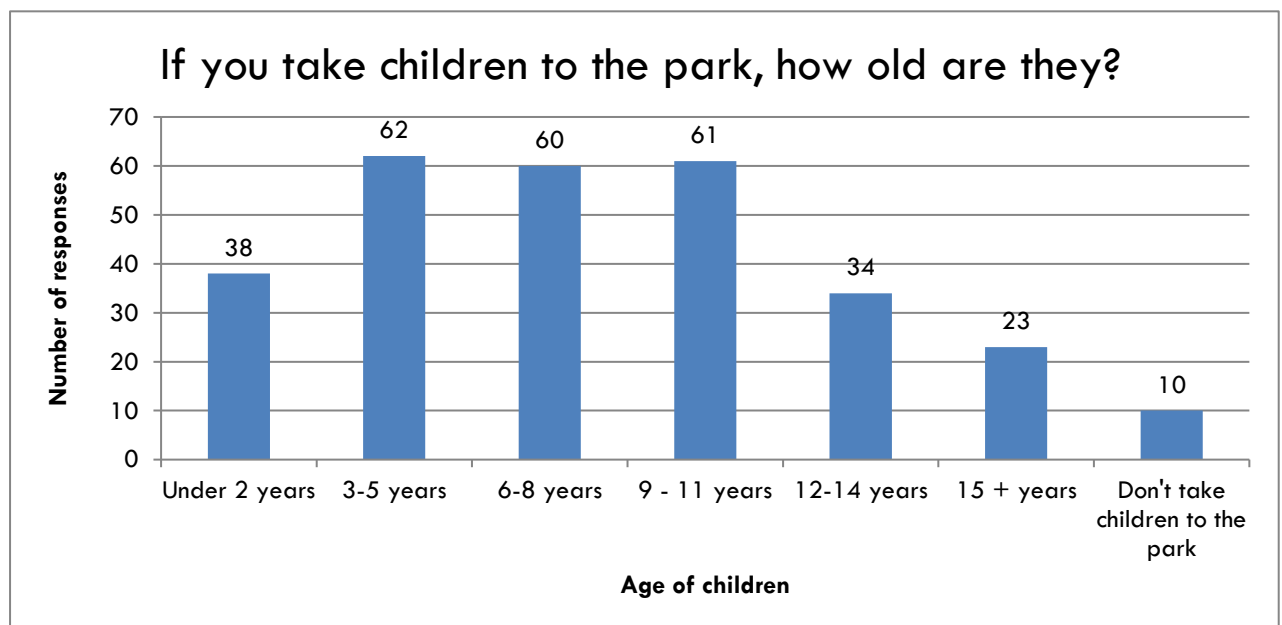
## 5.6 Do you live within walking distance to Hannah Watts Park?

Of the 270 respondents, 17.4% live within walking distance to the Hannah Watts Park precinct, 78.5% do not and 4% were not sure.



## 5.7 If you take children to the park, how old are they?

Of the 152 people who responded to this question, 40.7% take children who are between 3-5 years, 40.1% take children between 9-11 years and 39.5% take children between 6-8 years.



## 5.8 Are you filling in this survey on behalf of a special interest group? If yes, which special interest group?

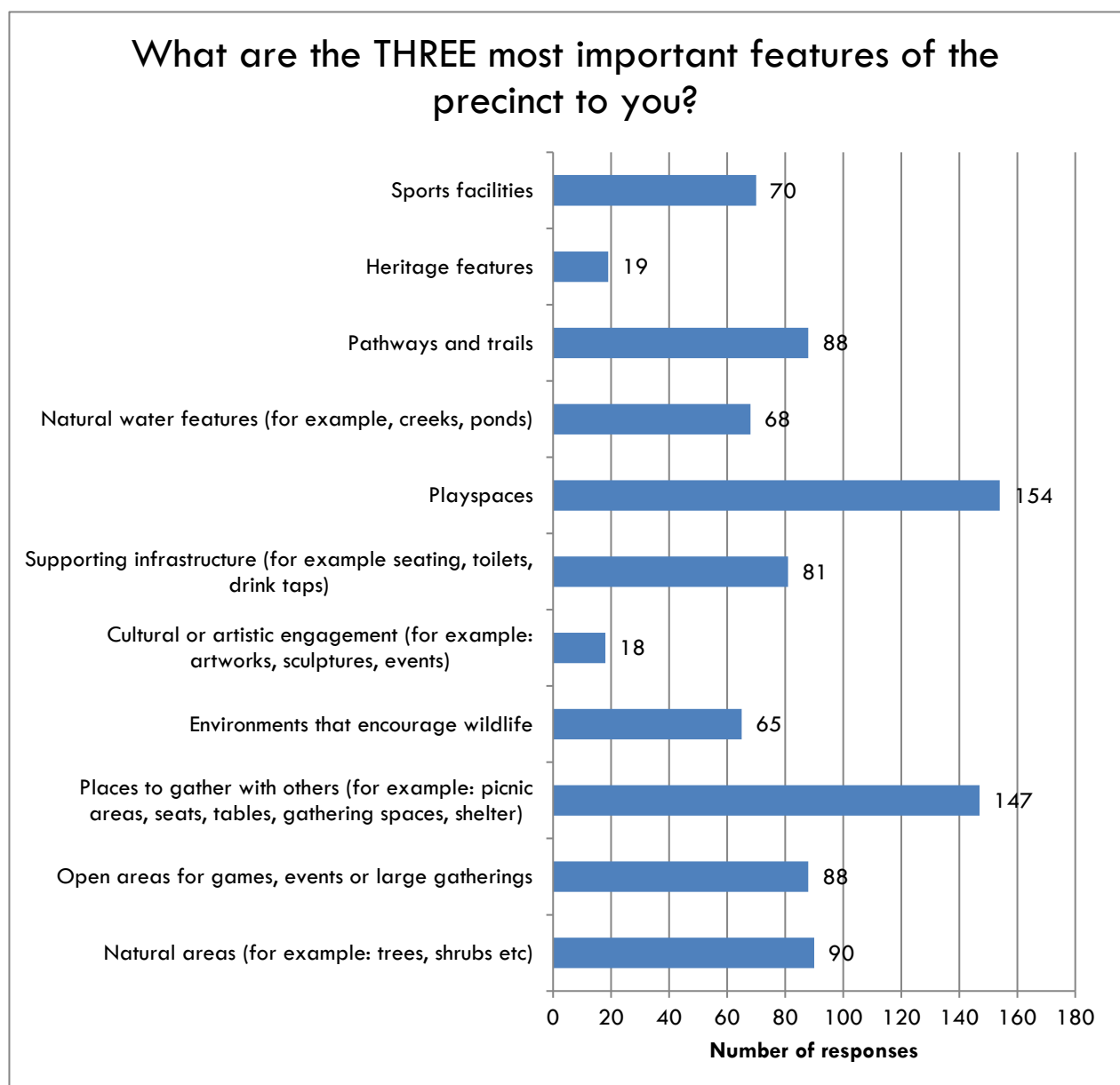
While 30 people answered this question, many did not understand its context. Eight people listed the Melton South Football Netball Club, five listed St Dominic's (as in Primary School), one listed Jehovah's Witnesses, three listed Bocce, nine listed ChatterBox, one was a long-term skater and one was a landscape architect.

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### 5.9 What are the three most important features in the precinct to you?

Respondents were asked to choose up to three features out of a predetermined list.

The three most important features as indicated by 265 respondents were: playspaces (58.1%), places to gather with others (55.4%) and natural areas (33.9%). This was closely followed by open areas for games, events and large gatherings and pathways and trails both with 33.2%.



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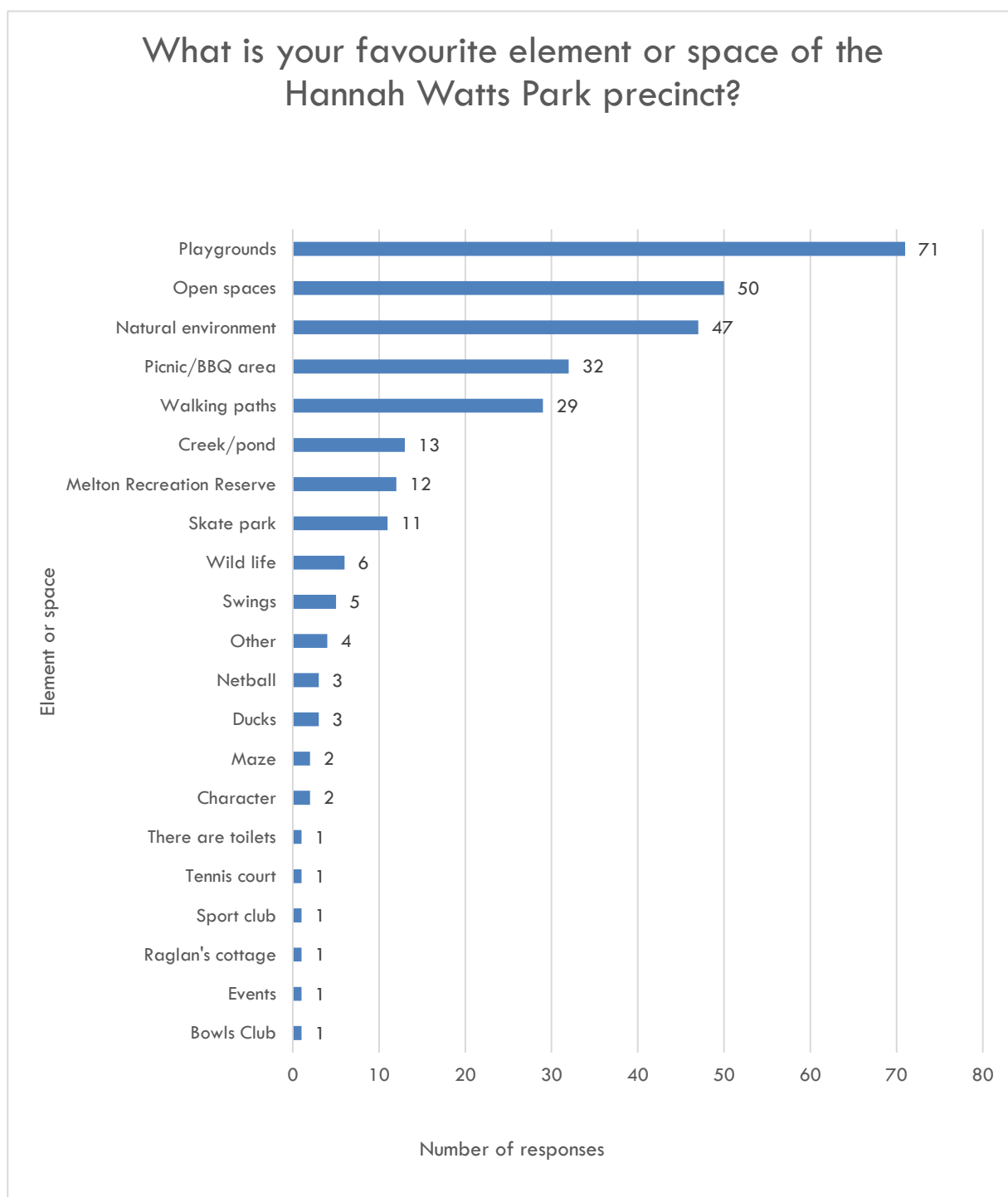
Other
Little area for dogs
Donut exercise things
Bocce Facilities
Bocce
Bocce Facilities
Fence to separate kids going to the car park
BBQ facility
Hand
Playground
Toiletry changing areas
Play grounds, BBQ, Pond, Drink Taps, Toilets
An off-leash area for dogs would be great. Too many dogs off leash in the suburbs leaves us open to confrontation/attack. A safe place to let dogs run free close to home would be great.
Access for disability
Water park
Natural areas and environments that encourage wildlife are sort of the same and I like both
Fencing, enclosed area
Water play/ slash park (like Riverwalk, Werribee)
All of the above



## 5.10 What is your favourite element or space of the Hannah Watts Park precinct?

227 respondents listed their favourite element or space at Hannah Watts Park, many of whom listed more than one.

296 elements and spaces were themed into categories. The five favourite elements or spaces were the playgrounds within the Hannah Watts Park precinct (31.2%) followed by open spaces (22%), the natural environment (20.7%), the picnic and BBQ areas (14.1%) and the walking paths (12.77%).



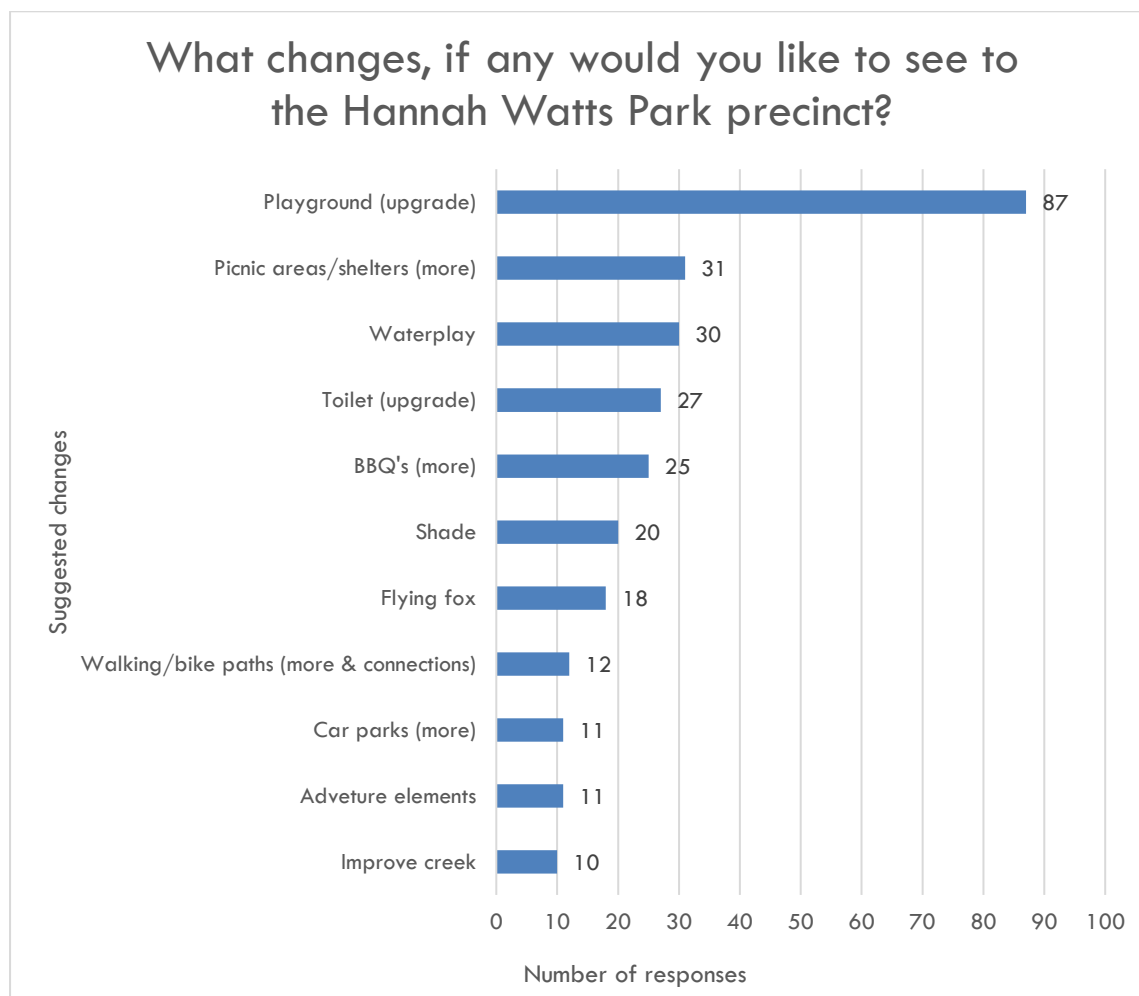


## 5.11 What changes, if any would you like to see to the Hannah Watts Park precinct?

230 respondents answered this question resulting in over 400 comments received. The five most popular suggested changes were a playground upgrade (37.8%), improved and more picnic shelters (13.47%), waterplay elements (13%), new or upgraded toilets (11.7%) and more BBQs (10.8%).

Other suggested changes include shade for the playground, a flying fox, more walking paths and better connections, more car parks, an adventure playground, improvements to the creek (cleaning), more seating around the precinct, play elements for older kids, a basketball court, female change rooms at the pavilion and netball courts and drink taps.

Below is a list of suggested changes that were mentioned on more than ten occasions.  
(For the full list of comments please see appendix)



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*"A bigger playground (that big kids fit on!)"*

*"Updated playground with water play and updated BBQ area"*

*"More seating spread out, larger gazebo BBQ areas. Further play equipment"*

*"It would be cool for a basketball court because it's fun and I don't have much courts in Melton"*

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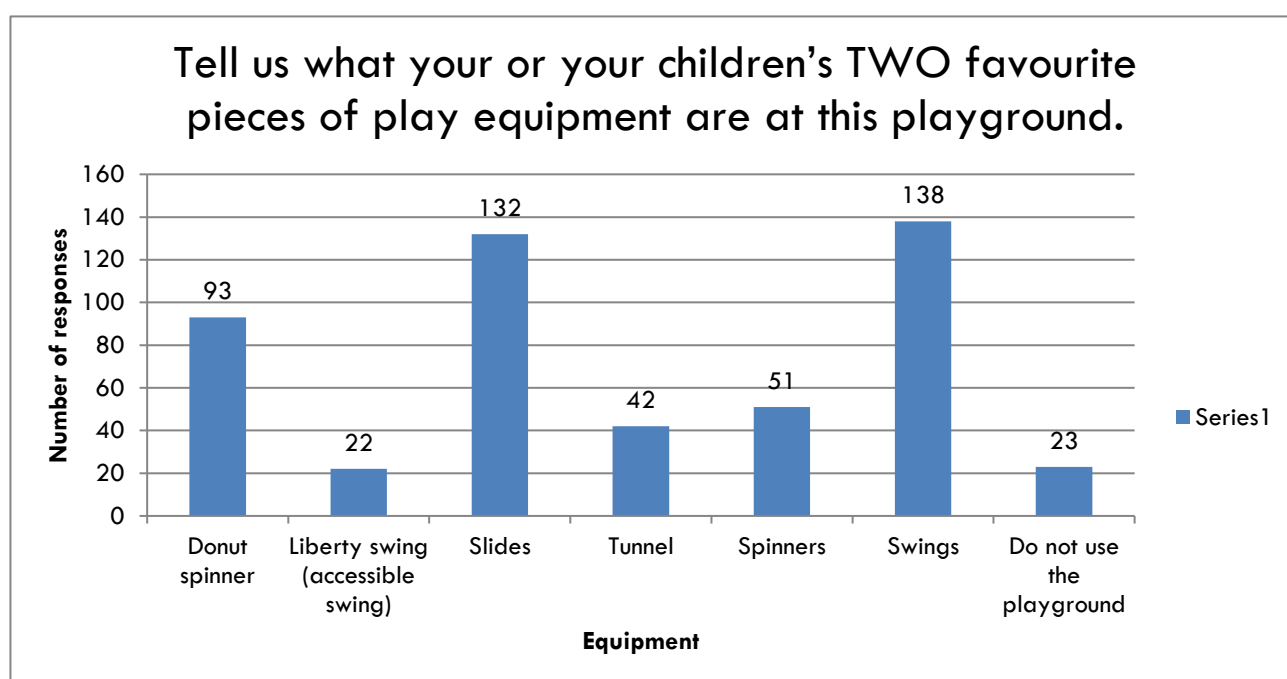
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### 5.12 Tell us what your or your children's two favourite pieces of play equipment are at this playground?

Respondents were asked to choose their two favourite pieces of play equipment from a list of six elements that are currently part of the playground at Hannah Watts Park.

Of the 239 respondents, 57.7% indicated that the swings were their favourite piece of play equipment, followed by slides (55.2%) and the donut spinner.38.9%.

Respondents were able to list other elements that were not listed. (see below)



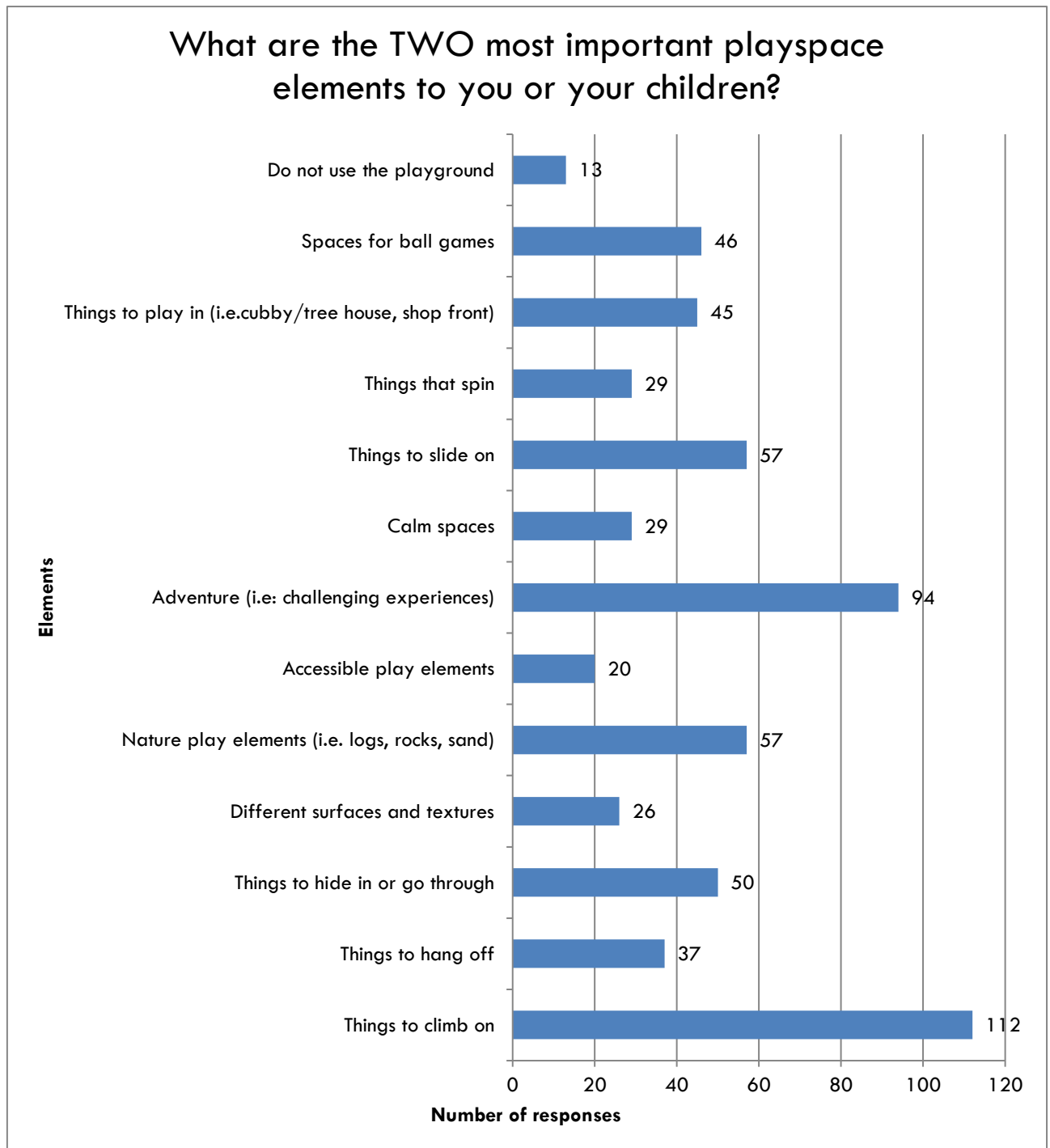
Other:

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All thank you
Discovering all the activities in the 'castle'.
Bridges
Flying fox
Calling a Quitman
Bars
Bars
Climbing fort
Only use spinner. But it gets too hot in the Sun.
Don't have kids.
Maze
Web swing over the back of the park.
Maze
Climbing
They like to run around on the playground and climb
Nothing there is better playgrounds to go to.
Something high for climbing

### 5.13 What are the most important playspace elements to you or your children?

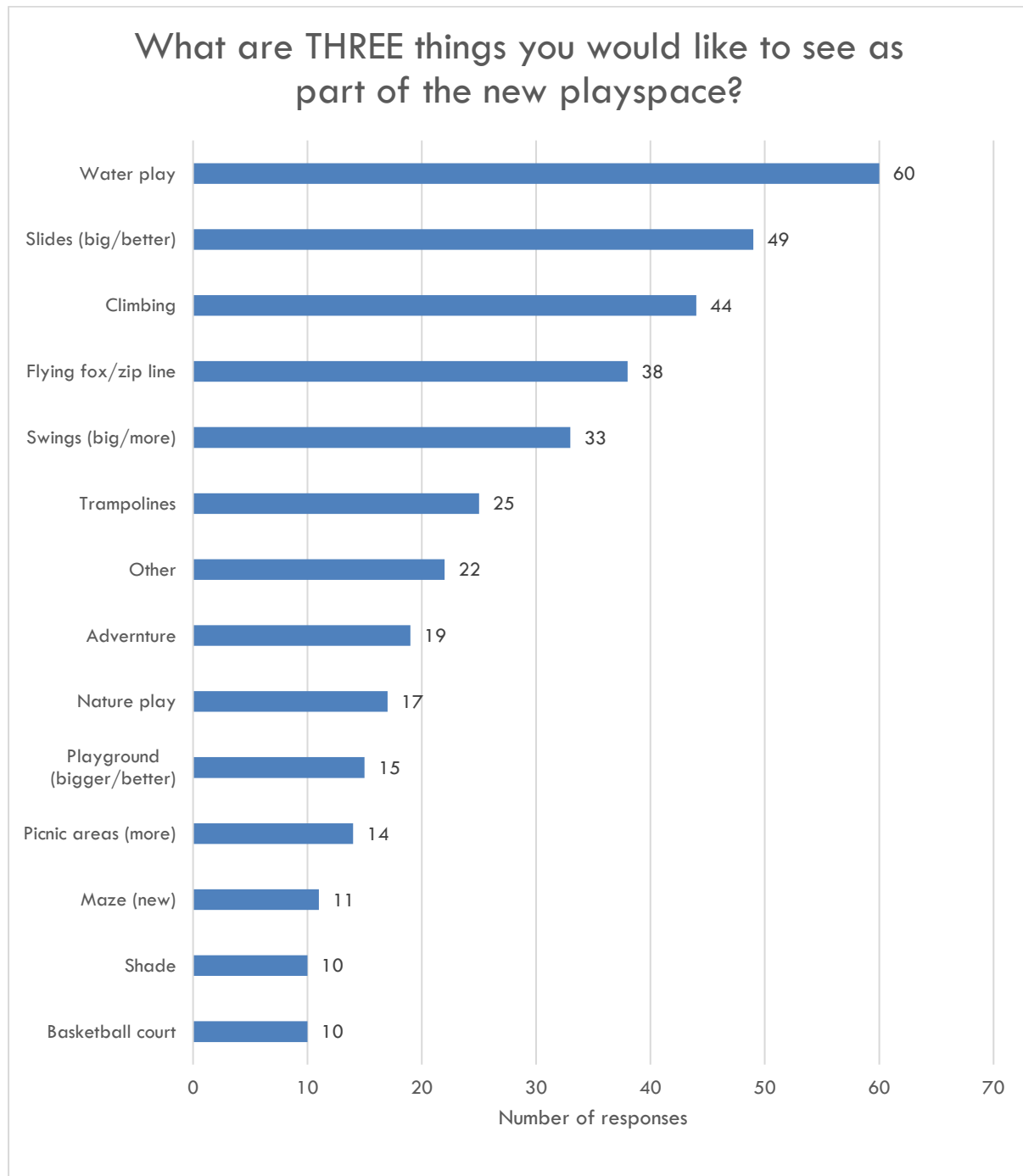
245 respondents indicated that things to climb on were the most important element with 45.7%, followed by adventure elements which are challenging (38.3%), things to slide on and nature play elements (23.2%) and things to hide in and go through (20.4%)



### 5.14 What are the three things you would like to see as part of the new playspace?

245 respondents answered this question. 24.5% of these want to see water play elements, 20% would like to see slides (big and better), 17.9% would like to see climbing elements, 15.5% would like to see a flying fox or zip line and 10.2% would like to see trampolines.

Other things that were listed on ten or more occasions were: adventure elements, nature play, a bigger and better playground, more picnic areas and shelters, a new maze, shade and a basketball court.

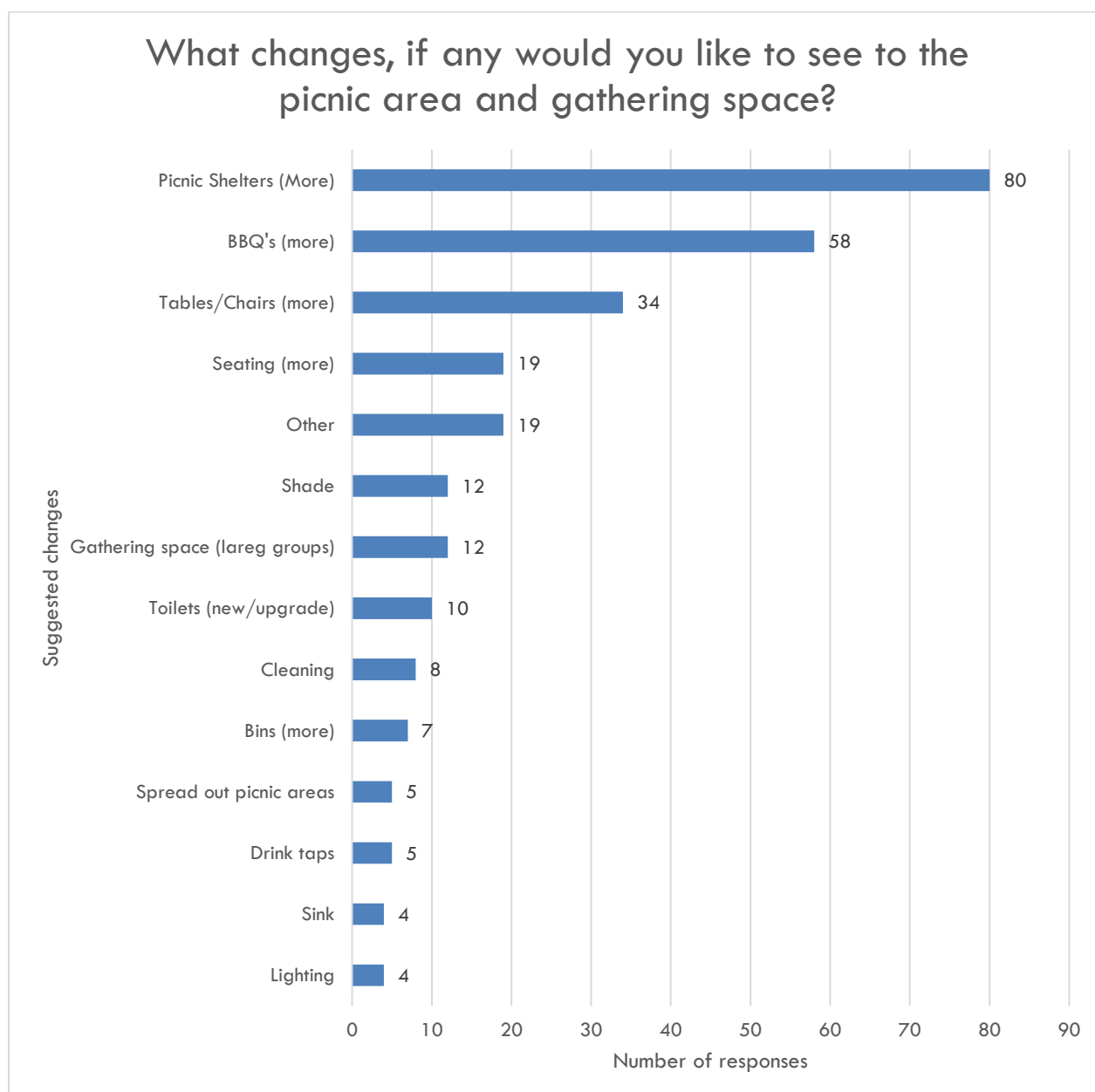




### 5.15 What changes, if any would you like to see to the picnic area and gathering space?

177 respondents provided ideas for changes to the picnic area and gathering space. 80 respondents (45.1%) would like to see more picnic shelters, many of whom wanted to see them spread out and not in the one area. More BBQs were also suggested by 58 respondents (32.7%), followed by more tables and chairs (19.2%) and more seating (10.7%).

Other suggestions to note included a large undercover gathering space for larger groups, an upgrade to the toilets, more bins and drink taps, a sink and lighting.



## 6. Place-based Pop-Up Engagement

### 6.1 Overview

The approach used for the place-based engagement activities was the ChatterBox pop-up trailer platform. This platform is a bright yellow, custom built mobile trailer that has been specifically designed to take creative and fun engagement tools to locations where people already are present.

The pop-up trailer went out to two different locations within the Hannah Watts Park precinct on three occasions.

The location and timing of the pop-ups were carefully selected to ensure the engagement activities intersected with busy periods or specific events, providing the best chance to connect with a broad range of community members who are typically hard to reach.

#### Hannah Watts Park precinct master plan place-based engagement pop-up schedule

POP UP	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Pop Up 1	Thursday 12 April	10am-1pm	Main Street near picnic area and playground
Pop Up 2	Sunday 22 April	11am-2pm	Main Street near picnic area and playground
Pop Up 3	Thursday 26 April	3:30pm-6:30pm	Melton Recreation Reserve, near oval, skate ramp and netball court

### 6.2 Pop-up trailer engagement tools

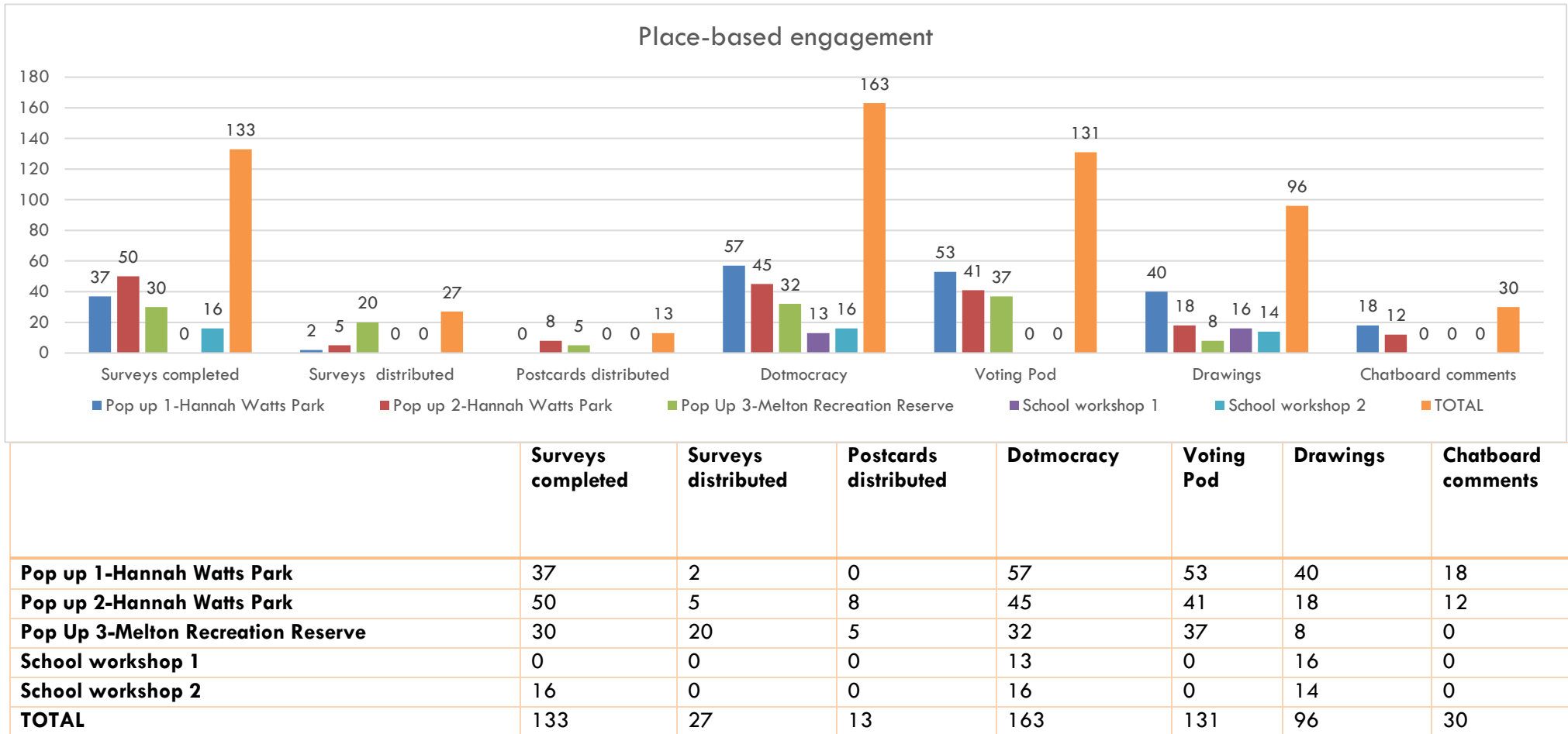
The tools used as part of the pop-up platform were specifically designed to:

- gather data that aligned with the Hannah Watts Park survey
- enable people to get involved in a range of ways, especially if they felt uncomfortable filling in a survey or were time-poor
- encourage responses from a diverse range of people including children.

The table on the next page outlines the pop-up platform engagement tools that were used. In total, over 420 ideas and views were gathered through the place-based consultation activities (chatboards, dotmocracy, big ideas drawings sheets etc) as well as 133 surveys being completed on-site. An additional 27 surveys were distributed to the community to complete at home. Furthermore, the place-based activities enabled engagement with people that otherwise may not have participated in traditional council engagement methods, including children, busy parents/carers, older people, people with a disability, people from diverse backgrounds and people from low socio-economic backgrounds.

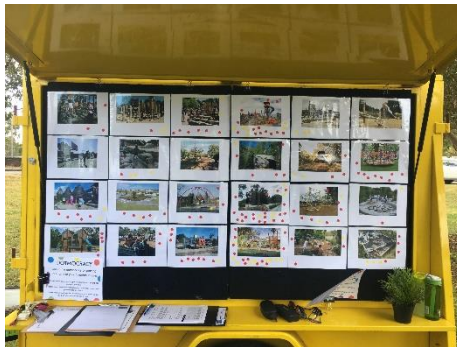
### 6.3 Engagement breakdown

The breakdown of the type of participation by pop-up is shown in the chart and graph below.



## 6.4 Overall Findings

### 6.4.1 Dotmocracy Results



24 images were displayed as part of the dotmocracy activity and people were given three dots to vote for their three favourite images. (Please see appendix for list of images and full results.)

A total of 164 people engaged with this activity, 127 participants were under 18 years and 37 were over 18 years. 492 dots were used.

Overall, the three most popular images were an image of a giant slide which received 75 votes, (45.7%) an image showing a flying fox which received 55 votes (33.5%) and an image showing an inground trampoline, which received 53 votes (32.3%).



#### Children & young people

The six most popular images chosen by young people were: the giant slide with 60 votes (47.2%), a flying fox with 45 votes (35.4%), inground trampolines with 33 votes (25.9%), a giant rock climbing wall (bouldering) with 29 votes (22.8%), a picture of a flat bike/scooter track with 20 votes (15.7%) and a basketball court with 19 votes (14.9%).





## Adults

The five most popular images chosen by adults were: inground trampolines with 20 votes (54%), a giant slide with 15 votes (40.5%), a flying fox with 10 votes (27%), a manmade creek with 8 votes (21.6%) and a wooden adventure playground and large sand pit with 6 votes (16.2%).



### 6.4.2 Chatboard responses

A total of 30 comments were made on the chatboards, 18 at the pop-up on the 12 April (Pop-up 1) and 12 on the 22 April (Pop-up 2).



Please note: The following comments are unedited verbatim responses as submitted

CHATBOARD 1 What would you like to see as part of the new playspace, picnic area and gathering space?	CHATBOARD 2 What changes, if any would you like to see to the Hannah Watts park precinct?
More-BBQ area	More pathways (agree)
More tables and chairs	Creek crossing if often slippery and unsafe particularly for older people
Fence to block off water area	Shaded seating areas
Dog off lead area	Creek needs cleaning
Flying fox	Need clean toilets and baby change rooms
Flying fox	Need a tap at the middle playground
Rock climbing	More bins

CHATBOARD 1 What would you like to see as part of the new playspace, picnic area and gathering space?	CHATBOARD 2 What changes, if any would you like to see to the Hannah Watts park precinct?
maze	Need bridge at dip
Volleyball net	Drinking fountain
Zipline	More car parking spaces
Jumping pillow	New toilets
Rock climbing	Playground for under 3's
Bike racks	
Trampoline	
Rock climbing	
Trees that you can climb without almost falling in the river	

### 6.4.3 Voting pod responses



The voting pod had six elements to choose from: playspaces, BBQ/Picnic areas, pathways and trails, formal sport, informal sport and natural spaces.

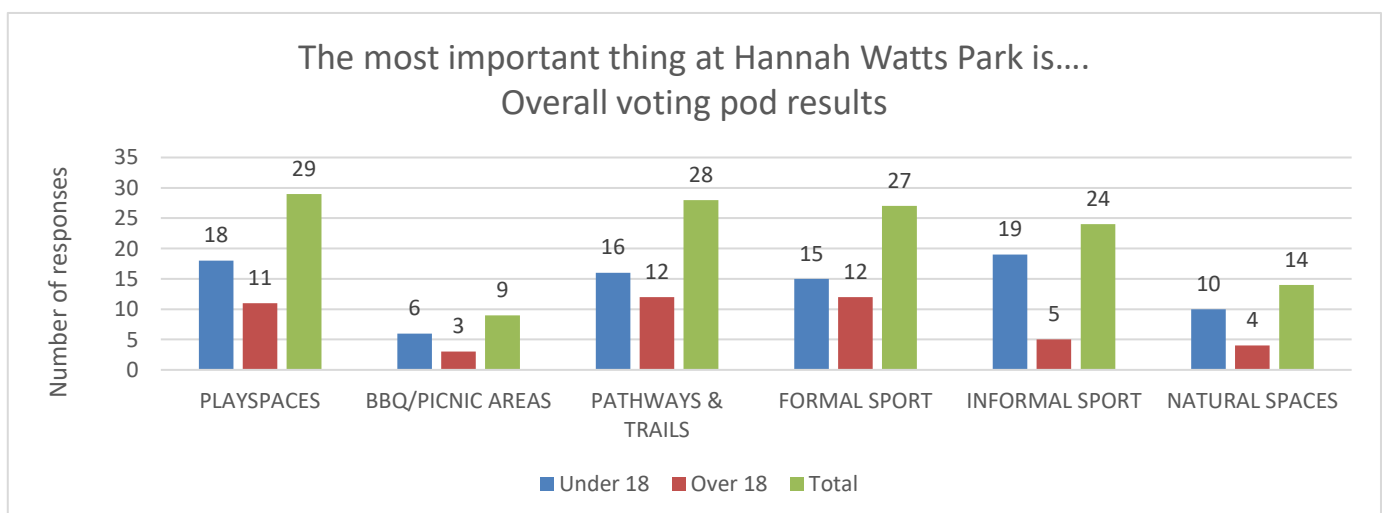
A total of 131 people participated, 84 of these were young people under 18 years and 47 were people over 18 years.

The results of the votes were very close between the six elements.

Overall, 22.1% of people voted for playspaces, followed by 21.37% voting for pathways and trails and 20.6% voting for formal sport.

Of the 84 young people who voted, 22.6% voted for informal sport followed by playspaces (21.4%) and pathways and trails (19%).

Of the 47 adults who voted, pathways and trails and formal sport received 25.5% of the votes followed by playspaces (23.4%).



#### 6.4.4 Big ideas drawings results

A total of 96 children and young people provided their ideas for the Hannah Watts Park or playspace through drawings. 66 of these were produced at the place-based pop-ups and 30 were produced at school workshops.

All drawings were analysed. The results of this are below.

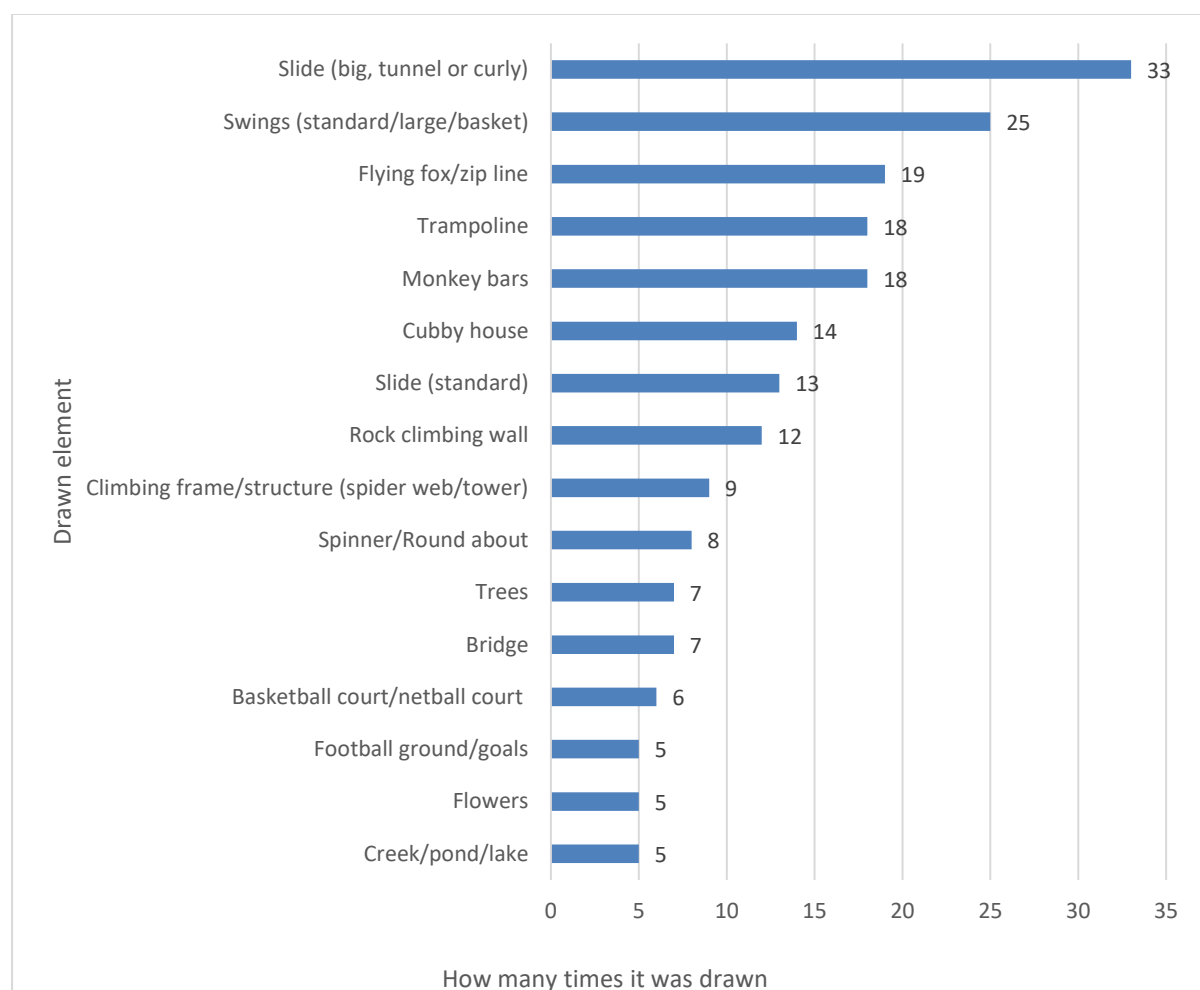
*Please note all attempts were made to count each element on each drawing, however many designs were very elaborate, some elements were not labelled, and some were from very young children.*

The five most commonly drawn items were a slide (big, curly or tunnel slide) with 35.4%, swings such as basket/giant or standard swings with 26%, flying fox or zip line (19.7%), trampolines and monkey bars with (18.7%).

Other popular elements included a cubby house, slides, rock climbing wall and climbing elements.

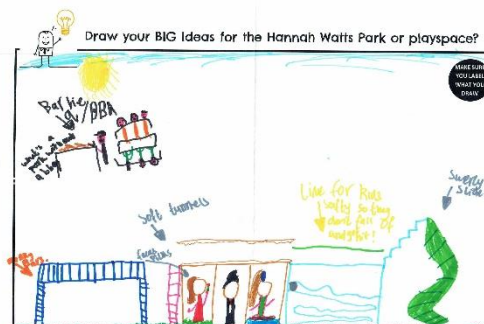
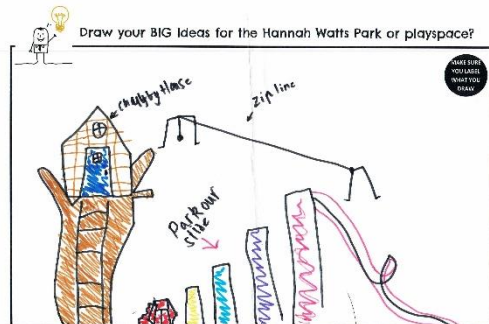
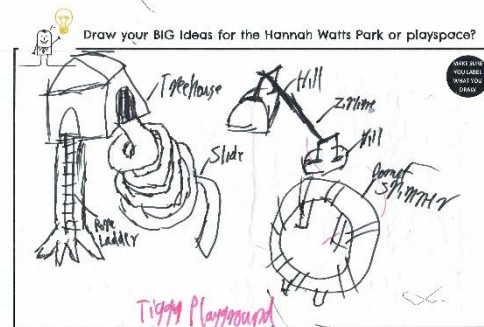
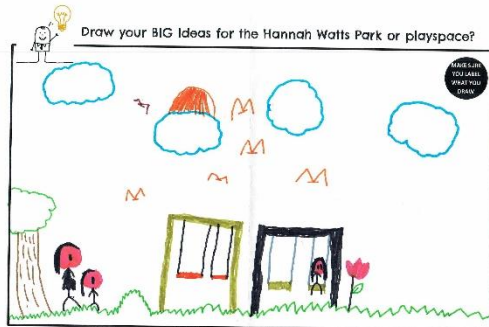
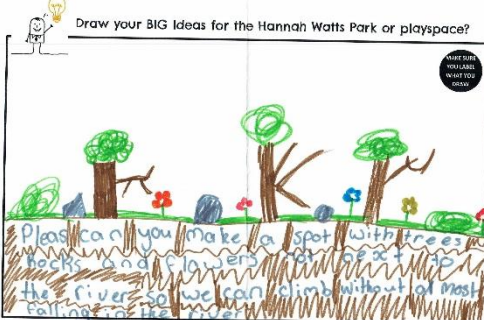
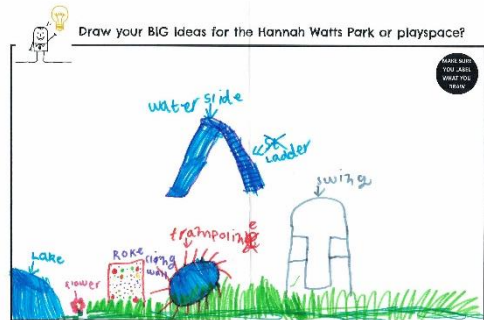
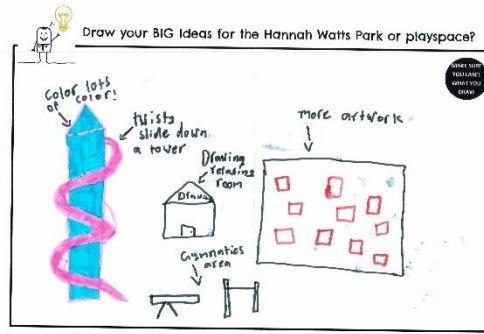
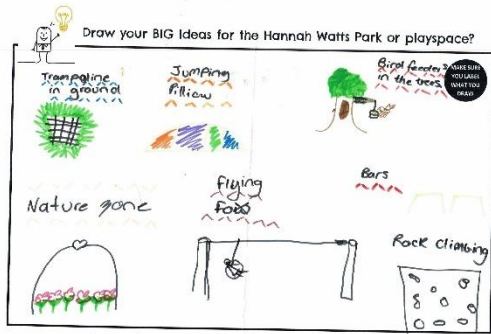
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**A list of elements that were drawn five or more times are below.**





## Sample drawings





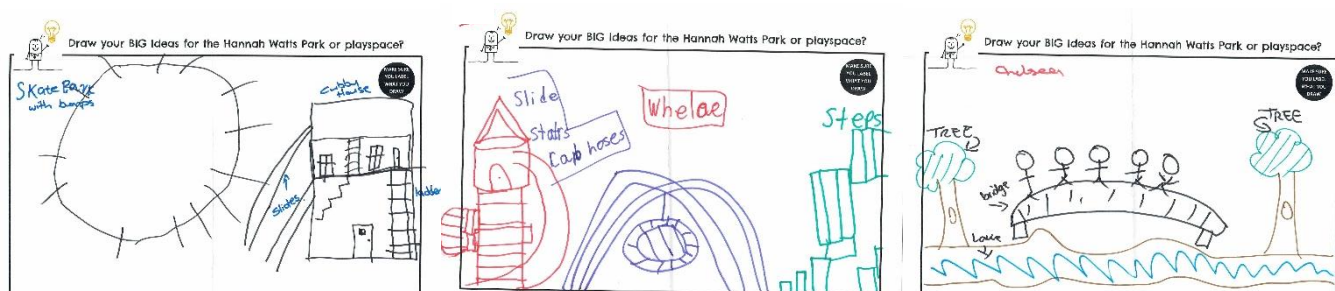
## 7. School workshops

Four schools were invited to attend a school workshop; however, two schools were unable to attend. Two school workshops were held, one on-site at Hannah Watts Park and one on-site at the local specialist school. Students from St Dominic's Primary School and Melton Specialist School were involved.

- 30 students attended a workshop
- 16 students completed a survey
- 30 students drew what they would like to see in the new playspace

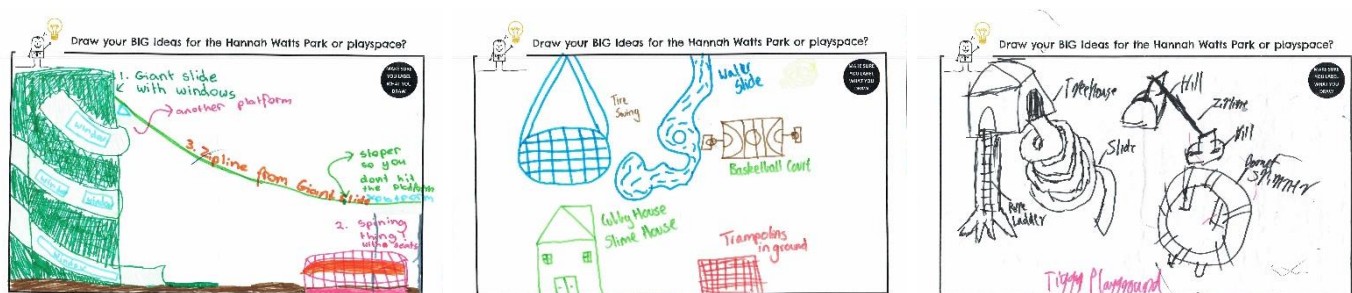
Most students were engaged in three specific activities to gather their ideas and feedback about the Hannah Watts Park precinct. These activities included a survey, a dotmocracy activity, and a 'draw your big ideas' design sheet.

### 7.1 Melton Specialist School workshop



14 students were involved in this workshop. During the workshop some activities were modified, and other activities were undertaken to gather the students' feedback and ideas.

## 7.2 St Dominic's Primary School workshop



16 students from St Dominic's Primary School attended an ideas workshop on-site at Hannah Watts Park. The results of the surveys undertaken by students, the dotmocracy activity and their drawings have all been included in the overall place-based pop-up results.

## 8. Stakeholder workshops and meetings

Four stakeholder workshops were scheduled, two for internal Council staff and two for external stakeholders including current users of the facilities at Hannah Watts Park precinct.

A range of individual meetings were also held with sporting clubs and other organisations to talk about specific needs and ideas.

The workshops involved the use of traditional tools such as sticky notes and butchers paper as well as some online tools where participants could respond directly to a screen.

### 8.1 Internal Staff workshops

18 staff attended the two internal staff workshops. There was representation from Economic Development and Tourism, Recreation and Youth, Events and Culture, Environmental Services, Engineering Services, Social Planning, Community Capacity, Parks and Family Services, Open Space Planning, Waste Management, Community Participation & Engagement, Environmental Health, Library Activation and Engagement and Infrastructure Planning.

The notes from both workshops have been combined for this report.

*Please note: the following comments are unedited verbatim responses as submitted*

<b>Best thing about Hanna Watts Precinct</b>
▪ Dog friendly Park
▪ Free parking
▪ Wayfinding signage
▪ Condoms in toilets trial a success here
▪ Controversial however - (it's a local beat)
▪ Great place for memorial tree and path - reflection space
▪ Great Pokémon go location!
▪ Great location for harmony day celebrations
▪ Old ford
▪ Great place to engage community
▪ Water ways
▪ Caters to all ages and interests
▪ It's big and connected
▪ Quite accessible
▪ Walk parks
▪ Great community event location
▪ Youth activity zone
▪ I really like the shared paths around the precinct. They allow us to walk around and enjoy all the natural elements of the path.
▪ All ages friendly
▪ Great central natural open space celebrated widely by community
▪ Shared path through big trees and next to the creek. Removed from the noise of traffic
▪ It is accessible at any time for anyone
▪ Natural open space in the middle of urbania
▪ Mix of types of activities

<b>Best thing about Hanna Watts Precinct</b>
▪ Accessible open space
▪ Beautiful trees
▪ Walking tracks, trees, green space, playspace, bird life, sports provision, community opportunities to gather and come together
▪ The creek within the park
▪ Location
▪ Location as a welcome to town
▪ Accessibility
▪ Greenery at main gateway
▪ Proximity to town centre
▪ The walking track that is part of a broader circuit.
▪ Birds
▪ Grass
▪ Connectivity to other precincts (Willows) (Toolern Creek)
▪ Grass
▪ In touch with nature
▪ Shared paths
▪ Birds
▪ Environment
▪ Trees
▪ Trees
▪ Wildlife
▪ Scale
▪ Walking tracks
▪ The flexibility of the open space
▪ Multi-functional
▪ Size
▪ Creek / nature
▪ Freedom of open space
▪ Range of activities
▪ Trees
▪ Walking tracks
▪ Open space
▪ Playground

<b>The biggest challenge for the precinct is...</b>
▪ Change Liberty Swing to a better piece of 'accessible' equipment
▪ Park is a busy place, challenge is to enhance the activities that already work well...as opposed to introducing new infrastructure
▪ Environmental changes - dry pond and jetty
▪ Link to golf course
▪ Upgrade toilets
▪ catering for all ages
▪ CFA run
▪ CFA tin?
▪ The artists hut is quite isolated
▪ Narrow bridge near tennis

<b>The biggest challenge for the precinct is...</b>
▪ Access from the north on foot
▪ Power access
▪ Had slip incident at recent event
▪ Some paths are really slippery when gum nuts fall
▪ Halal BBQ's
▪ Bike park link
▪ No indication of how long paths take to walk
▪ Enabling regeneration of remnant native vegetation
▪ Footpath safety
▪ Lightning?
▪ Unless you have a chance to explore, you don't know all the things that are on offer.
▪ Universal change table and unisex toilet
▪ lighting
▪ Toilets
▪ Lack of accessible (esp. wheelchair) play equipment
▪ Cyclists and walkers on shared path
▪ Lack of clear connection with the Melton Town Centre business precinct.
▪ vandalism
▪ Litter (particularly in and around the creek)
▪ Legibility
▪ Crossing high street is a challenge
▪ Activation of honey shack
▪ enhancing it for future users
▪ To maintain the natural elements that people currently enjoy, while
▪ Keeping it green.
▪ The name and how people identify it
▪ Indigenous cultural significance
▪ Interpretive signage, maps etc
▪ No lights on shared path
▪ Walking tracks don't connect with a coffee shop
▪ No natural/passive surveillance
▪ Needs sensory areas for kids
▪ Playground equipment is fixed and doesn't allow creativity
▪ Cloaks (sic) dry in summer.
▪ Multi Purpose (activity vs social)
▪ Parking during events
▪ Snakes in hot weather
▪ The scale of it
▪ Snakes in waterway
▪ No fence for children
▪ Parking
▪ Community awareness
▪ Access for people with mobility challenges, monitoring of children near water, more seating along waling tracks
▪ Dogs of leads
▪ Isolated from residential areas.
▪ Footpath into Main Street

<b>The biggest challenge for the precinct is...</b>
▪ Reputation of safety e.g. toilets
▪ No fence around playground
▪ Car parking
▪ Safety of Kids they can reach roads and creek
▪ Sun safe
▪ Meeting the community expectations
▪ Shelter
▪ Bringing it all together
▪ Multi use (events and public)

## Master plan

<b>What challenges are being faced for the precinct or for the facilities you manage?</b>
▪ Drinking in public spaces
▪ Graffiti
▪ Overuse of footy ground
▪ Parking during sport
▪ Oval too small
▪ Raglans Cottage-vandalism and not fit for purpose
▪ Passive surveillance
▪ Age of buildings
▪ Management of The Willows
▪ Proximity from carpark to picnic areas

<b>What barriers are stopping the community from using the facilities or park?</b>
▪ Footpath connections (across High Street)
▪ Lack of playground enclosure
▪ High volume of vehicle traffic during club match days
▪ Fence surrounding The Willows
▪ Half pipe under utilised
▪ Lack of connectivity
▪ Signage
▪ Seating
▪ Access across High street
▪ Underpass is too dark

<b>What changes need to occur to the precinct or the facilities you manage to address these barriers and challenges?</b>
▪ Wayfinding signage
▪ Lighting in park (need to consider impact on animals)
▪ Signage (directional, how far, seating)
▪ Connect to Botanic Gardens

<b>What big ideas do you have for improving or developing facilities or the precinct overall?</b>
▪ Increase accessibility other than by car
▪ Legibility through signage



<b>What big ideas do you have for improving or developing facilities or the precinct overall?</b>
▪ Connect to adjacent areas (footpaths)
▪ Heritage information throughout precinct
▪ Hospitality options (food/coffee)
▪ Dog park
▪ Walking track (like the tan)
▪ Exercise stations
▪ Raglan Cottage-intervention, integration-Arts/coffee shop
▪ Police paddock
▪ Food truck park
▪ Community gardens
▪ Creative spaces

## Stage 1- Hannah Watts Park upgrade

<b>What challenges are being faced for the stage 1 area? (playspace picnic/BBQ area, event space, toilets, carpark, entry)</b>
▪ Lack of fencing
▪ Accessibility (prams/wheelchairs)
▪ Competition with playgrounds (New estates)
▪ Maintain natural feel/play
▪ Cater for all age groups
▪ Toilets (unsocial activity)
▪ Location of exercise equipment near playground
▪ Winter use
▪ Access to toilets across the car park
▪ Location of stage
▪ Age of infrastructure
▪ Toilets
▪ Current play equipment

<b>What barriers are stopping the community from using any of the facilities in the stage 1 area?</b>
▪ Toilets

<b>What changes need to occur to the stage 1 area to address these barriers and challenges?</b>
▪ Fencing (check out Bridge Road playspace)
▪ Interpretive signage

<b>What big ideas do you have for the playspace picnic/BBQ area, event space, toilets, carpark and entry?</b>
▪ Exercise equipment or things for teenagers to do
▪ IBEACON technology
▪ Wi-Fi
▪ Collecting data/stats electronically
▪ Outdoor meeting space
▪ Frisbee golf
▪ Rec vehicles
▪ Walk-a-bility improvements
▪ Indigenous playground (Lake Wonderee)

<b>What big ideas do you have for the playspace picnic/BBQ area, event space, toilets, carpark and entry?</b>
▪ Challenging/adventure playspace
▪ Nature play
▪ Sensory play
▪ Flying fox
▪ Inclusive for grandparents to participate
▪ Liberty swing to go or be truly integrated
▪ Basket swing
▪ Integrate old logs/equipment
▪ Coffee cart/café
▪ Free Wi-Fi
▪ Wheelchair accessible

<b>Any other comments, thoughts and ideas?</b>
▪ It is outside the scope of this project, but we have the Melton Botanical Gardens within a stone's throw which is a great asset that can add to the Hannah Watts precinct.
▪ Activate west of the willies, minimum hike bike links
▪ Age targeted interactive arts
▪ If it's not broken...enhance it...!
▪ Incorporation of arts features
▪ the master plan needs to keep the aesthetic of the area and not lose its natural feature
▪ First Australian features
▪ Bring public art into the precinct
▪ Shade incorporated into play space and equipment
▪ Practical access to waste collection points, ideally away from public and foot traffic
▪ Interpretive signage
▪ Indigenous significance
▪ It would be great if the precinct had a focus on play, social connection and creativity

## 8.2 Key Stakeholder workshops and meetings

Ten key stakeholders attended the first workshop. Unfortunately, due to low numbers, the second workshop was cancelled.

There were representatives from the Melton South Football Netball Club, Bridgette's Dog School, Willows Historical Society, Nordic Walking Group, Vietnam Veterans and Melbourne Water.

There were also individual meetings with a range of groups and clubs including the Melton South Junior and Senior Football Club and Netball Club, The Melton Bowls Club, The CFA, Friends of Toolern Creek, Melton Rotary Club, the Melton CFA and Melton Country Club.

## Key stakeholder workshop notes

Please note: the following comments are unedited verbatim responses as submitted

<b>What is the best thing about the Hannah Watts Precinct?</b>
▪ Playgrounds and walking tracks
▪ Natural environment
▪ Football oval & playgrounds
▪ Locations
▪ Open spaces
▪ Location
▪ The creek
▪ Pretty peaceful creek
▪ Sports arena and location

<b>The biggest challenge for the precinct overall is....</b>
▪ Signage and more parking
▪ No real training ground for dog training
▪ Precinct - a dedicated dog training ground and club room fully fenced.

## Master Plan

<b>What challenges are being faced for the precinct or for the facilities you use?</b>
<b>Facilities at sports oval</b>
▪ Driveway location
▪ No female facilities
▪ Expansion of sports oval
▪ Not enough netball courts
▪ No girls change rooms
▪ Toilets around ground
▪ Fencing
▪ Driveway locations
▪ Expansion limitations
▪ Creek-there is too much public access, we need buffer areas of wider vegetation to protect fauna
▪ Dogs and bikes using the oaths as well as walkers
▪ Crossing roads to the Willows
▪ Rubbish ending up in the creek
▪ Limited natural habitat along the creek
▪ Signage at Willows
▪ Bird feeding
▪ Signage and gateways at The Willows

<b>What changes need to occur to the precinct or the facilities you use to address these barriers and challenges?</b>
▪ Sports activities
▪ Children playgrounds
▪ More seating
▪ Signage
▪ Parking

▪ Bridges over creek at High Street and south side of Hannah Watts Park
▪ Treatment of stormwater about outfall near bird feeding spot
▪ More seating and BBQ areas

**What big ideas do you have for improving or developing facilities or the precinct overall?**

▪ The cottage on High Street used as club rooms for dog training using behind and to the side fully fenced and trees on boundaries
▪ Landscaping-native planting to control erosion, manage access to creek
▪ Manage access points to creek

## Stage 1-Hannah Watts Park Upgrade

**What challenges are being faced for the stage 1 area? (playspace picnic/BBQ area, event space, toilets, carpark, entry)**

▪ Chairs and tables south eastern corner is in a bit hidden, too close to creek with rubbish and bad behaviour
▪ Remnant redgums at south eastern corner needs buffer protection

**What changes need to occur to the stage 1 area to address these barriers and challenges?**

▪ Move chairs and tables away from creek
▪ More disabled parking
▪ Toilet upgrade
▪ More bus parking
▪ More seating
▪ Playground is too small
▪ Toilets
▪ Car parks-not enough for traffic
▪ Not enough BBQ's and table areas
▪ Safety fence between playground and creek
▪ More tables
▪ Wider walking paths for walkers and cyclists

**Any other comments, suggestions, thoughts?**

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▪ Shade incorporated into play space and equipment
▪ Practical access to waste collection points, ideally away from public and foot traffic
▪ Interpretive signage
▪ Indigenous significance
▪ It would be great if the precinct had a focus on play, social connection and creativity

## 8.3 Individual meetings

**MELTON SOUTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB**

Profile: Approx. 300 players
Football: 1 x U9, 1 x U11, 1 x U13, 1 x U15, 1 x U17.5 – all boy's teams, no girl's teams
Netball: 1 x U11, 1 x U13, 1 x U15, 1 x U17
Auskick: 40 boys, 14 girls
▪ Club is affiliated with the Riddell District Junior Football League

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of players has plateaued in the past 5 years, and before that period the Club previously had two football and netball teams in most age groups. Main reason for decline is the population in central Melton area has aged, and there are now three junior football-netball clubs</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usage: Training – Tuesday, Wednesdays (Superules), Thursdays</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matches on Saturdays</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Auskick early Friday evening</li> </ul>

<b>MELTON SOUTH FOOTBALL &amp; NETBALL CLUB (CLUB FORMED IN 1973)</b>
Profile: Approx. 150 players
Football: Seniors, Reserves & U18s, and 2 Superules teams (35 yrs & 45 yrs)
Netball: 6 teams – A, B, C, D & E Grade, and 1 x U19 (Saturday teams) and 4 other teams that play in
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club is affiliated with the Ballarat Football League and the Victorian Country Masters Australian Football League</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of players has increased in the past 5 years, mainly in the Superules teams</li> </ul>
Usage: Training – Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
Matches on Saturdays and Sundays (Superules)
<b>Issues and Opportunities</b>
The following issues and opportunities generally impact and are shared by both clubs:
<b>Pavilion</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poor quality home and away change rooms (size, condition, amenities are non-compliant)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No female change rooms for netballers or female footballers (netball change rooms are being installed this season adjacent to the new court)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Umpires change rooms are small, the amenities are non-compliant, and they do not accommodate males and females concurrently</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of storage</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social room is in good condition; however, the canteen/ kitchen is too small, and the bar and food serving share the same servery</li> </ul>
<b>Netball Courts</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One netball court is inadequate to accommodate demand (the other two existing courts are in poor condition)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Netball floodlighting needs upgrading</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing conflict with the skate park users (vandalism, rubbish/ litter on the courts)</li> </ul>
<b>Football Oval</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oval is orientated east-west for football (brings the hard wicket into play as a ‘25m barrier’ across the middle of the ground)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goal to goal is 150m in length, which is on the small side for senior footballers</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Condition of the oval surface is poor</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club’s preferred position is for the ground to be reconstructed as a north-south oval of dimensions 165m x 130m, with a new pavilion on one of the wings (preferred east side)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current goal and behind posts are too short</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional spectator shelter is required</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public toilet is a portable building</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior Club has an opportunity to relocate to another reserve south of the highway, which both clubs support – takes the junior club to a growth area of the township</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Car parking is generally adequate for the 500-1,000 people crowds (most park around the oval), however, the road network is poor. Currently, the netballers and playground users need to cross the reserve access road (safety issues)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is ongoing conflict with the skate park users – prefer that the skate park not be floodlit</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Club has an aspiration to play night games</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reserve perimeter fence is required to be retained</li> </ul>

<b>MELTON SOUTH CRICKET CLUB</b>
Profile: Approx. 85 players
5 x senior teams (2 turf, 3 synthetic), 1 x U12
In2Cricket introductory program: 10 children
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club is affiliated with the Victorian Turf Cricket Association (turf teams), the Western Suburbs Churches &amp; Community Cricket Association (synthetic teams), and the Melton Junior Cricket Association (junior team)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of players has declined in the past 5 years, from 6 senior teams and 3 junior teams. Main reason for decline is the relocation of the Club to Melton Recreation Reserve 3 years ago out of the growth area. The Club is likely to have access to an oval south of the highway in the next 1 – 2 years from which its junior program will be operated (within the growth area)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usage: Training: Seniors Tuesday and Thursdays</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training: Juniors: Wednesdays</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matches: Friday evening (juniors) and Saturdays (3<sup>rd</sup> XI, 4<sup>th</sup> XI and 5<sup>th</sup> XI)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In2Cricket: Wednesdays</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club only uses the Melton Recreation Reserve, and no other areas of Hannah Watts Park</li> </ul>
<b>Issues and Opportunities</b>
The following issues and opportunities were raised:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club is planning for the installation of a turf centre wicket table at Melton Recreation Reserve. As well as the pitch, this will require a maintenance shed to house the roller, covers, and other maintenance equipment</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preferred location for a new maintenance shed is close to the practice nets to enable increased storage and a closer access to a power source for the bowling machine.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club would prefer a third cricket training net (currently there are two nets)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club indicated that enclosed cricket practice nets would work well for them</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club would like the car park upgraded – sealed</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing pavilion adequately meets the needs of the Club, and the Club has a co-operative relationship with all other tenants</li> </ul>

<b>FRIENDS OF TOOLERN CREEK</b>
<b>Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Friends do their work (planting and cleaning) on the Toolern Creek just south of our master plan boundary</li> </ul>
<b>Requests and Ideas</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exercise equipment across precinct</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solar lighting along pathways</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 1 – more play equipment, shading, seating</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 1 – boardwalk parallel to creek to provide platform to see and feed ducks</li> </ul>

▪ Build pedestrian bridge at the pathway-creek intersection near stage 1, where it's steep
▪ Find a way to fill dry reservoir with water again
▪ Decorate 'Coronation Tree' with Christmas lights during Christmas

<b>MELTON ROTARY CLUB</b>
<b>Comments</b>
▪ Hannah Watts Park was originally named 'Rotary Park'
▪ The Melton Rotary Club planted many of the now mature trees along the Toolern Creek in past decades
▪ The Rotary Club helped build and fund the shelters
▪ Build order of items within Hannah Watts Park was: shelters -> toilets -> play equipment. Items were
▪ Melton Rotary currently assist with Djerriwarrh festival
<b>Requests and Ideas</b>
▪ Wayfinding signage across park to highlight footy club, willows, botanica trail, etc
▪ Fence around playground for parent peace of mind
▪ Reinstall existing 'Rotary Club' signage for usage in the new park, in order to recognise past contributions from the Rotary Club
▪ Large 'welcome to Melton' type sign on High Street to promote active clubs in area

<b>YOUTH PROGRAMS AND EVENTS - RECREATION AND YOUTH</b>
<b>Comments</b>
▪ Skate park is well utilised
▪ Skate park is occasionally used for small educational events, particularly the stand alone brick graffiti wall
<b>Requests and Ideas</b>
▪ Exercise equipment across precinct
▪ More lighting, shading, across precinct
▪ Would like to see a general upgrade to the skate park
▪ In skate park - Installation of BBQ, more seating, shelter, closer bins

<b>ENGINEERING SERVICES</b>
<b>Comments</b>
▪ Poor drainage around skate area, tennis court, netball courts
<b>Requests and Ideas</b>
▪ Drainage be installed in adjacent road reserve that can be tapped into

<b>COMMUNITY PLANNING-METRO ACCESS</b>
<b>Requests and Ideas</b>
▪ Maintaining the visual appearance and focal point (lot of people love this location)
▪ Upgrade Access path system, particularly for Djerriwarrh festival linking the sights
▪ Move playground close to shelters an BBQs, but away from creek area
▪ Accessible play equipment

▪ Consider 3phase power to the site - Djerriwarrh festival, Carols by Candlelight etc
▪ Consider all uses
▪ Make this a multipurpose park

<b>EARLY YEARS PARTNERSHIP</b>
<b>Comments</b>
▪ Maze is popular with the kids
<b>Requests and Ideas</b>
▪ Build a new maze, preferably a new one in the Stage 1 area as it's a more family friendly area

<b>CIVIL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT</b>
<b>Comments</b>
▪ CFA's fire track was resurfaced approx. 5 years ago
▪ Carpark adjacent netball court can be resurfaced with recycled asphalt. Carpark surrounding the footy oval shouldn't get recycled asphalt due to the amount of vehicle through traffic being too high for what the recycled asphalt can withstand.
▪ Precinct 2 has a number of pits
▪ Footpath running north of the Melton recreation reserve toilet blocks the swale that cuts across it
▪ Bollards were installed north of the cricket nets in the last few years to block as a way to block cars from driving into this area / nets
<b>Requests and Ideas</b>
▪ Where new concrete footpath is likely to be driven on by maintenance vehicles, raise specification to be similar to Council's industrial crossovers
▪ Where bollards required, use black recycled variety. These can also be engraved and therefore can be used for

<b>VICTORIA POLICE (MELTON)</b>
<b>Comments</b>
▪ Hannah Watts Park (stage 1) existing carpark design is effective for preventing hooning
▪ Hooning in Melton Recreation Reserve carpark not considered high priority
▪ Stage 1 toilet block is known by police force for the unsociable behaviour. Not currently included on their 'tasking sheet' which stipulates scheduled patrols, however police have patrolled it in the recent past
▪ Behaviour in toilet block is most frequent issue they hear about
▪ Review of crime in the Hannah Watts precinct is relatively normal. No particular surprises or concerns outside of the toilet blocks
▪ Melton Rec Reserve toilet used for drug taking at night. Adjacent gravel carpark is also used for drug deals. Unlike Stage 1 toilets, issue not large/common enough to be on all the police's radar
<b>Requests and Ideas</b>
▪ Avoid creation of secluded areas which will encourage undesirable behaviour
▪ Include CPTED principles in designs, in particular ensuring that trees planting are either shorter than 1m or pruned up to 3m, to allow for passive surveillance

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consider 'do not leave valuables in car' sign near Stage 1 carpark to mitigate risk of break-ins. Not currently big concern but may become one due to increase in expected usage</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 'No entry' access in Stage 1 carpark is used as entry. Consider bollards between this access and playground to protect from vehicles which lose control</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preference for new Stage 1 toilets to be located near the road exit / 'no entry' area, so that it could be patrolled easily and would have more passive surveillance. Concern that the location proposed on the concept plans is not visible enough</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preference for Melton Recreation Reserve toilets to be moved to near the skate park, where it would have more passive surveillance given the high activation of the skate park across all hours</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lighting for the Stage 1 shelters should be timed to switch off when it's outside of reasonable hours of usage for their intended purpose. Having the lights on all night further encourages antisocial gatherings/behaviours</li> </ul>

<b>MELTON BOWLING CLUB</b>
<b>Club Profile and Reserve Usage</b>
Profile: Approx. 155 members, includes 45 social/ non-playing members
5 pennant teams (Divisions 1, 2, 3, 6 & 7)
Club is affiliated with Bowls Victoria, and competes in the Metro West District
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Number of members has increased in the past 5 years. Main reason for the increase has been the capital upgrade of facilities recently completed, and the high grade that the Club's teams play in</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The group was established in 1982 and leases the facility from Council. The Club has never been a part of the adjoining Melton Country Club.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It is the only bowling club in Melton township</li> </ul>
Usage: Tuesday: pennant
Wednesday: Over 60s competition
Thursday: social bowling (a.m.), training/ coaching (p.m.)
Friday: Members night (mainly social)
Saturday: pennant – usually 2-3 teams playing at home each week
Sunday: Interclub competition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Club hosts some barefoot bowls and corporate bowling events, however, its disconnect from the Melton CAD and location within the industrial precinct reduces the appeal of the club for these casual uses</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Club only uses the Melton Bowling Club facilities, and no other areas of Hannah Watts Park</li> </ul>
<b>Issues and Opportunities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The following issues and opportunities were raised:</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Formalise/ upgrade (seal) the car park at the rear of the club facilities</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Install self-controlled lighting in the car park to enhance security when members and visitors are leaving the club facilities</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Upgrade the floodlighting over the greens (they are reaching the end of their functional life)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Existing clubroom has been recently upgraded and adequately meets the needs of the Club</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The number and condition of the two synthetic greens adequately meets the needs of the Club (synthetic greens were recently replaced)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Club has a co-operative relationship with all other tenants</li> </ul>

<b>MELTON FIRE BRIGADE-CFA</b>
<b>Group Profile and Reserve Usage</b>
Profile: Approx. 25 paid staff at the station (5 EFT), 40 volunteers, 12 auxiliary members (fundraising committee), and 30 juniors (11 – 17 years)
Number of volunteers has increased in the past 5 years. Main reason for increase is the reputation of the brigade and the growth in juniors. The junior program is the largest in Victoria
Usage: The fire training track at Melton Recreation Reserve was installed in 1995. The sub-surface pumping system and water storage was installed in 2007
<b>Training</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday and Thursday: junior training (5.00-7.00pm)</li> <li>Tuesday and Thursday: senior training (7.00-10.30pm)</li> <li>Training is generally restricted to the period September - April</li> </ul>
<b>Competition</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attracts more than 15 junior teams and 13 senior teams for competitions</li> <li>Currently, the timing of the Djerriwarrh Festival clashes with the only available date for competition (an issue for the brigade)</li> <li>The track has regional significance as a training venue, as it is also used by other brigades from within the Melton LGA, and beyond, for specialist training drills</li> <li>Brigade uses the oval for competitions and some training drills, and members use the tracks and trails in Hannah Watts Park for warm-ups</li> </ul>
<b>Issues and Opportunities</b>
The following issues and opportunities were raised by the brigade:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brigade believes the Council does not fully understand and value the role of the fire training track and its potential for tourism benefits via competitions</li> <li>Lack of storage</li> <li>Install a fence on the north side of the fire training track to assist with competitions</li> <li>Install floodlights to assist with training outside of daylight savings times</li> <li>Install 3-phase power</li> <li>Install a second line into the water storage tank, or install a wider line (80mm – 100mm)</li> <li>New control box (could be shared with football club)</li> <li>Improve traffic management around the fire training track</li> <li>Install a separate 'marshall track' (is approx. the size of a tennis court)</li> <li>The Club generally has a co-operative relationship with all other tenants</li> </ul>

<b>MELTON COUNTRY CLUB</b>
<b>User Group Profile and Reserve Usage</b>
Occupancy: Building is owned by Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Melton Country Club is a business of the Essendon Football Club and they have leased the facility for 20 years</li> <li>All improvements to the building (extensions and upgrades) have been fully funded by the Essendon Football Club</li> <li>The Club sponsors the bowling club and the football netball club</li> </ul>
<b>Issues and Opportunities</b>
The following issues and opportunities were raised:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase activity and people movements throughout the open space at the rear of the building to enhance security and respond to undesirable behaviours, e.g. install a bridge over the creek from the northern playground in Hannah Watts Park</li> <li>Car parking a premium on Thursday evenings, but Club believes the area available is adequate</li> </ul>



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| ▪ Incorporate a bus service to the Melton Country Club, which would also service the football, cricket and bowling clubs |
| ▪ The Club has a co-operative relationship with all other tenants  |

## 9. Social media comments




125 comments were received via Council's Facebook page about the Hannah Watts Park precinct master plan and stage 1 development. Some posts included images of playgrounds or elements.



This was in response to a post by the city asking the community 'What do your kids love when it comes to playgrounds? We're updating the Hannah Watts Park precinct and want to know your thoughts, so we can develop a master plan.'

24 comments requested a water park or water features with many references to the park at Woodlea. There were also nine requests for an adventure park, six for shade, six for more BBQs, five for a flying fox and four for a basketball court.

*Please note: the following comments are unedited verbatim responses as submitted*

Posted by	Comment	Image
Elise Berez	I saw a swing recently in Keith SA where a child can sit in a front seat and another child in a seat behind.	
Bec Anne	Some shade sails would be amazing	
Brad Bonnici	A playground like the timber one at Maddingley park would be fantastic.	
Kim Richards	(response to above comments) It'd be lit on fire for sure. I'd stick with plastic like woodlea	
Harry Harris	Response to above comments: Yeah Brad plastic doesn't burn.....	

Posted by	Comment	Image
Elise Berez	Also a big slide like this, which is in Nhill.	
Loretta Bowden	About time. Maybe a jumping pillow	
Chantel Grech	Maybe a water park like Woodlea	
Susan Kovacic	More BBQ areas	
Brayden Morton	Make it an adventure playground with big slides and challenging for all ages Also water areas for when it's hot	
Michael Were	Like Wet and Wild but free. And maybe a cricket field.	
Brayden Morton	Response to above comment: Great idea Michael 😊😄	
Amanda Olsen	Make it like the water play area in River Walk	
Justin Chrystie	Extend skate park more covering shades etc	
Lucy Marsh	Melissa hopefully they don't turn our park into one like they built in Benalla 🙄😞	
Michelle Caruana	Some shade sails would definitely be nice, and maybe another set of baby swings perhaps	
Gloria N Issah Zakari	More BBQ areas	
Paul Bentivoglio	Play equipment for different ages (toddlers included) and a water area for when its hot (recycled water of coarse)	
Christy Lee	A waterpark and more shade would be awesome. Frontier park is something that could be looked at for inspiration.	
Christy Lee	Done. But the kids ages aren't able to all be chosen like asked so I could only choose the one age group	


Posted by	Comment	Image
Brandon Rogers	Basketball court!!!!	
Lisa Nicholson	Response to above comment: Already plans for 5 court at Atherstone	
	Response to above comment: Brandon Rogers Atherstone isnt within walking distance for me	
Catherine Lennon	An over 30's play area! Always tripping over the kiddies and toddlers who don't like sharing the slide and swings 😊😁	
Habiba Rind	Make it like a adventure playground with big slides and challenging for all ages also water area when it's hot and some shade sails would be nice	
Rebecca Briggs	Water area like Woodlea	
Candice Di Mieri	More shade areas for picnic's. More BBQ's. My kids would love a splash park	
Sophie Krokos	More play equipment and undercover BBQ areas, a big adventure playground would be awesome	
Belinda Flanagan	Definitely a Water Play area, I drive to rockbank allot to their water Park, for such a big place Melton Parks surly need to improve... Considering how small Rockbank is !!! BBQ areas are always full, a few more would be great too 😊 😊 Skate Park could be bigger, to hold comps there 😊 😊 This is a great water Park layout !!	
Lara Konias-Skerman	Water park	
Rally Lee	We need a water playground for all ages and with plenty of shade, more seating areas and BBQ'S	

Posted by	Comment	Image
Candice Di Mieri	And that's just for us, Never mind the kids 😂😂	
Rally Lee	True Candice 😂😂😂😂	
Mang Noel Guanlao	pls. build a park inside the peppermint grove, harkness..children are just playing on the road	
Rochelle Richardson	A fence that goes around with gates, so u can sit and watch the kids and they cant get out onto the rd or creek and nick off!	
Traci Walters	Flying fox like up at Bridge rd playground	
Nikki InOz	The playgrounds at Woodlea are excellent. They have huge slides and a waterpar. That would be great at Hannah Watts. Also a cafe for the adults to have a coffee	
Elise Berez	Please consider something 'all abilities'. I saw a few around on our trip to South Australia recently. I dont think theres anyting 'all abilities' playground wise in the Melton area apart from disability swings.	
Sarah Lock	PT Obstacle course/adventure area. My kids love things like that	
Rachall Abdallah	Safety gates !!	
Misty Carter	Look at ballarat water park. Water park september - april basketball courts over winter. Its a great space	
Heather Dellelijn Blair	, check this out 😊:)	
Blair Dellelijn	Federal funding is paying for it. Our local park, that needs the upgrade, is local funding.	
Tamsin King	Water play is a must!	
Wendy Ruane	Water play and safety gates	
Nathan Smith	Please add an adventure park type structure with plenty of places to climb, hide, run around on. Something different, something the older kids and teens can enjoy too. Too many playgrounds are aimed only at	

Posted by	Comment	Image
	little kids! Give the older ones something exciting to enjoy, as well as the young ones.	
Nathan Smith	And having water back in the little lake/pond there and planted up nicely would look great.	
Chris Watt	Absolutely agree i miss the lake and the wildlife it was a lovely spot to just enjoy a bit of quiet and relax.	
Kel Dee	Please upgrade the toilets!!	
Samantha Simmonds	A BMX Pump track. It's great for kids of all ages to try their skills out on little jumps. Have a look at the pump track in Darley.	
Cat Tsikkinis	What was there originally was 100% better then what is there now I don't understand why they replaced it in the first place	
Nicole Saunders	An adventure park, Something like St Kilda Adventure Park in SA, the budget would need to be huge ! But a water park to would be great	
Christina Magri	Something like the woodlea parks...	
Megan Beasley	Water Play similar to Woodlea Parks kids absolutely love it	
Nat Wright	Werribee have a way better splash park than Rockbank 😊 😞	
F Tracy Reupena Tafili	It awesome that Hannah Watts is getting an upgrade. Are there any plans for better parks in the Kurunjang/Toolern Vale or Thoroughbred Estate area?	
Nat Wright	It won't let you tick more than 1 box for some of the questions that ask you to tick all that apply 🙄😞	
Lesley Brincat	Michelle Burke Sandra Offer fill out the survey	
Rhiannon Jordan	A water play area like they have in a few of the parks in werribee. My kid loves em.	
Linda Tsikkinis	Because councils love wasting money.	



Posted by	Comment	Image
Malo Mamea	A water play area like they have in a few of the parks in Werribee and Woodlea Park	
Janine Mercieca	Water park and a jumping pillow.	
Shane Morton	An outdoor jumbo screen Can be used for advertising, and events, as well as entertainment	
Bess Beavis	Try Melton West Preschool hold a welcome bbq there at the start of each year to great success. One thing people always want more of is shade covering. We are also having to get there early for bbq space so maybe more areas for that. Water play is a big thing for our children so something like what you have at Bridge Rd would be wonderful. Hannah Watts is such a beautiful place. I took my own children there today and last week. They said they wish the new play space was in the bigger area.	
Dom Thompson	BIG like Woodleigh or maybe even a big wooden thing like Maddingly.	
Catherine Coquilla	Water play, bball court!	
Aleisha Lala	A maze.... Always fun to run around in	
Lyndy Jay	Definitely A Water Park ..	
Brooke Docherty	The first thing you need to do is clean up the toilets and stop the unwanted guest that use them.	
Mary Sant	Tennis court. We have one in our park and the families love it.	
Narelle Hunter	More tables around the perimeters of the park...	
Liz Gleeson	How about spending some money on a Park at Eynesbury! 😊😄	
Kylie Collison	A low ropes course, obstacle course but definitely a water park, well spread out to accomodate the growing population. One near the oval, one near the pavilions.	

Posted by	Comment	Image
Joanne Gianino	and this too.	
Metua Oti-Lablanche	Water park for kids 😊😊😊 😊😊😊😊	
James Sinclair	Outdoor rock climbing wall, for all fitness levels. That would be awesome.	
Elise Soderblom	I can't believe the council is actually spending money on things like this...been in Melton almost 31 years and have seen very little spent on parks, infrastructure, things for the kids at all, except for the library. Here's hoping there's much more of this to come, so very overdue!!	
Angelika Leni	Anything but a water park. We only get a few days of summer. How about something more useful for families and even buses of tourists. Nice flowers/ roses, bbq, shelter, both children and toddler play areas. Family friendly and not high maintenance.	
Kellie Passande	A water park like the one in Werribee. The bigger the better!	
Erin Moir	More benches so parents can visibly watch kids. Shade sails. Zoned age appropriate play areas	
Michelle Buttigieg	Everything you can think of to put in a park. Lots of obstacles to keep the children going nonstop. Connecting with or close to each other. Make the perimeter of the park like an obstacle course.	
Chantel Grech	Nice lovely trees 🌳🌳 like Bright	

Posted by	Comment	Image
Susan Robertson	Undercover charging dock for mobile phones. I would think that would be a first.	
Samantha Franklin	Flying fox Water area some thing for the kids to climb	
Emma Schembri	Accessibility for kids of all abilities including wheelchair accessible!	
Heather Dellelijn	So this is coming about because of federal funding. It just annoys me that there are other parks in Melton that desperately need updating for local children. Hannah Watts park is more for out of towners who come to visit our city for the day. Last year the council decided that a park in Kurunjang was to be updated, locals had their input as to what they would like. There were letterbox drops, coffee and a chat to planners in the park, the locals were promised everything and got nothing because of lack of funds. Pity the money can't be spread around.	
Tess Baldacchino	Muscat That's all good and it's nice to see things are happening But what about some park area for kids in the Arnold's Creek estate. There is no parks	
Liz Gleeson	It's the same at Eynesbury! Look at the money they've spent at Atherstone!	
Jessica Smith	Wow how exciting	
Bek Demicoli	Water park	
Robert Aduer Ring	The more outdoor activities and amenities, the better for young people's recreational activities, community health and well-being! Well done Melton Council	
Cindy Dodemaide	Flying fox	
Marayne C J Muller	Flying fox and rock climbing	
Marayne C J Muller	Basketball and tennis court	
Belinda Gray	About time	

<b>Posted by</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Image</b>
Lesa Fishlock	Keene More play equipment would be nice for the growing population of Melton	
Pamela Walsh	Flying fox and some type of water play area to cool off in summer..	

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- Melton Country Club
- Melton Fire Brigade (CFA)
- Melton South Cricket Club
- Melton South Junior Football and Netball Club
- Melton South Senior Football and Netball Club
- Nordic Walking Group
- Victorian Police (Melton)
- Vietnam Veterans
- Willows Historical Society
- The community who filled in an online survey or participated at one of the pop-up consultations.

## 11. Appendix



## Full results for question 9:

### What is your favourite element of space of the Hannah Watts Park precinct?

*Please note: the following comments are unedited verbatim responses as submitted*

Question 9: full comments
The best part about coming here is when we sit on the grass with hot chips and have the dog with us
I like the donut spinner near the swings
The natural open places
Picnic area
The playground
Natural areas
Donut spinner
Donut spinner
Swings
Sport area
the donut
Playground
Donut spinner
Donut
Sports club
Use footy oval and skate park the most
Green spaces with trails
BBQ area, playground
Its open and free to be
Footy ground
Open spaces
BBQ
Free space to gather with friends and family
Football oval and rec reserve pavilion
Park/playground
Paths, trees
Skate park and play facilities/BBQ
Walking tracks
Skate park, tennis courts, playground
Open spaces for kids to play
Skate park
the skatepark
Skate park
Skate park
My kids love the big swing, when its not damaged? I love all the facilities
Melton Recreation reserve
Melton Recreation reserve
Football and netball areas
Football netball areas
Football, netball, playground

Question 9: full comments
Melton Recreation reserve
Trees and shrubs
The Harmony and culfer
playground and bbq shelter for eating after playing
The park is open, lawns maintained with tree shade & the park play equipment
Play Equipment
Open space
Playgrounds
Creek frontage/walking path's
Grass area
Open spaces
Open area and wildlife
BBQ area
Love following pass and trials to each playe area
Natural environment
Ducks, rivers and shady trees
BBQ area & lawns
Open grass area
Open grass area BHBeky
Probably just running around the grass
Picnic areas
Playground (spinny Blue)
Trees
Swings doughnut spinner
Skate park
BBQ area
Not sure
Open areas
Picnic areas
Playground
Grassed area + lovely gumtree surround
The open greenery. It's hard to find such large space of grass with barbecue areas seating nearby
Barbecue, playground the space
Grass area
Barbecue
Natural area and play area
Natural Environment
Green play
Lots of greenery
Play space
The BBQ areas
BBQ area, Green area, playground
Bbq
Playground
Playground
Playground

Question 9: full comments
Nature area
Playground
Playground and nature please don't get rid of nature it was the animals ground first
Playground
Playground
Little bit green space, BBQ
Space
BBQs area, playground
Trails
Playground
Sports
Walkways, ducks, natural areas
Play area, BBQ area
BBQ
Playarea
Trees and wildlife
Walking paths
walking paths
open space
large open space/ High st park. skate park
Nature areas
peace & tranquility + family space
walking spaces & picnic
play area
Walking and playground, picnic area
trees
Footy oval
Combined paths and bridges
The open space
bowls club
Trees
The ducks although i hate ppl that always feed them!! Its not good for their health and their chicks. however bushy scenery around path is great for a walk
Skatepark
Having a BBQ kids playing on the equipment
It's character (eg.rock wall entrance and post-and-rail fencing, bluestone guttering, native backdrop) which makes a great entrance to Melton
Lawn areas
Raglan's Cottage
Creek and trees
The playground. The one near crikey growing has cool climbing and swings.
Feeding ducks
The park needs updating.
Green grass and mature Australian and European trees
Playspaces
the river red gums one of which is like a "walking tree". It is a community green area.
Park within the city. We should have more green space.

Question 9: full comments
The walking path is nice and wide
Green area and playground
The surrounding
The creek and trees.
The mature trees and the wildlife they attract.
Nice walking paths, beautiful scenery
Open space Around the shelter
Open space
Walking trails & gardens.
Trees
Walking trails
The maze
Playground from baby to late teens
None
Used to be the ponds
Seating and shade for the kids while eating their lunch
The duck pond but that unfortunately dried up years ago
The separated open areas,
Walking tracks
Playground
Play grounds
The grass
The wooden maze
All the scenery
The amount of space
My kids love the playground
Playgrounds
The quiet back area near the footy club rooms
Combination of playground for kids, who can have a bbq, play a bit of ball, then feed the ducks the left over bread
Creek
The native ducks in the lake/dam (when there is water in it)
The kids playground and open space
Open space
The children's playground
Play space
Clean waterways and toilets close by
Open area
Playground
The openness and nature
The main park walking trails and the duck pond area.
Big swing and skate park, and walking trails
Picnic and shelter near play areas
Open space
The creek area of the high street park.
open space for kids to play.
Walking tracks with bridges and play grounds

Question 9: full comments
Good variety of play equipment
Playground
Open spaces
playground
The creek and walking tracks
Sheltered areas
Play equipment for the kids
Playground equipment
Big space of natural environment to take kids
The natural environment and the playgrounds
walking trails trees bbq areas
Nice & green, lots of trees & grass
playground
Playground near a large open space to kick the footy and run.
The different playgrounds
Paths
The range of equipment
Playpark
The slide for my son.. really not much else that sparks his interest. He doesn't like playing there much
The big trees
The play area for the children & the wild life
Nothing at moment. Carols by candle light
Big slide
Ponds
Visiting the playground and walking around
The setting (open space with play equipment)
The large grassland
BBQ area great for family gatherings
Playground
Natural environment
Bbq's
The BBQ area
Trees
The nature
The abundance of birdlife
Open spaces, nature with the combination of play spaces
The big long paths to go on walks/rides with my kids
Open area & places to gather
Playground
The space to play family games like cricket and soccer
Playgrounds
The pond - love seeing the ducks arrive every year
Wide footpaths
The weaving walking paths throughout the precinct
The areas along the creek
path ways

<b>Question 9: full comments</b>
Hannah Watts Park itself.
The large space
pathways and trails

## Full results for question 10:

### What changes, if any would you like to see to the Hannah Watts Park precinct?

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<b>Question 10: full comments</b>
To have a bigger playground and maybe a big swing and maybe have food vans
the wheelchair swing needs fixing because its stuck and we need a new playground more suited for older kids (larger slide) and I'd like a sandpit.
More water taps and mabey some dog drink taps and poop bag dispenser
More picnic areas
Play area for dogs and pets more play stuff floor acwitment
More equipment, zip line, playground for tiggy
More play grounds, tiggy playground
Big grass hills/on two grasshills be a zip line, tag playground, big grass hills some have tunnels
A long flying fox, swings, tall slide
A bigger playground (that big kids fit on!)
Less pace and more acment
Flying fox, big swing that can fit more than one person
Further inform on other page
Female change areas for netballers and womens football
Undercover areas
More walking trails and greenery
Better toilets, kids play fortress like Bacchus Marsh
Bigger play area, move game types
More things to play on
Lighting on playground
More BBQ's!
Updated playground with water play and updated BBQ area
To link up with the Botanic gardens
Realign oval, new clubrooms for sporting bodies, more seating around ground
More upgraded playground, more BBQ areas
Hard to say except trying to have the place clean and free from vandalism
Updated modern park
Bigger and better skate/scooter park, better toilet facilities, slides, flying foxes, better tennis courts, basketball courts
New clubrooms for MSJFNC
Flying foxes, big wooden park, footy goals, seats on netball
Better grids/park, Flying Fox



Question 10: full comments
At the skatepark they should swap the half pipe with double sided quarter pipes and a mini spine.
Natural water park for kids (and adults) to enjoy on the warmer days.
New social/changerooms between coaches boxes that also cater for womens changerrooms. Also new netball courts behind new changerrooms. or realign oval north-south with new changerrooms between oval and netball courts.
New changerrooms (including female), realign oval north -south
New change rooms, new club rooms
New amenities to facilitate womans football team. Extended netball courts - currently not sufficient. Realign football oval to ALF standard, currently smallest in the league. New clubrooms.
New change rooms to support womans football and netball. Realign football ground
New clubrooms to accommodate women sport etc., Re-align sporting oval, Permanent fencing around precinct
Better toilet
More equipment and programs
none at all. Everything we need is already there, that's why so many people use the area. You don't have to make it all modern.
Better toilet facilities high st side, more things in toddler area play space.
More seating spread out, larger gazebo bbq areas. Further play equipment
More things for the kids to play
More shade and more play equipment
More walking areas
More car park's and upgrades to play area for kids
Upgrade toilets
More play equipment for kids
More parking area (High street)
More bin
Cleaner toilets
Improved playground
Upgrade to exist in parks, trees and pathways
More nature play
More parking
I would like a Bocce facility as we play here every week
The construction of a facility for lawn bocce
The contraction of a facility lawn bocc
It would be cool for a basketball court because it's fun and I don't have much courts in Melton
More playground
Flying fox
Toilets
It get bigger
Better play ground at High st
New toilets
New play stuff
More playspace - better toilets
Dog walkers to pick up their poo. I like it the way it is I think this park is amazing
Put kids playground closer to tables
Basketball court

Question 10: full comments
Not a lot the park is really great as it is
More supporting infrastructure
More playground for the kids
More seating in shade, better playground equipment
More trees
Cover for playground
More shaded area, but a toilet facilities, more playing area
More seating and tables in shade close to playground
More BBQ area
More barbecue area and covered shade to use during winter season
Bigger playground
More BBQ
Flying fox and new play equipment, more events for community
Volleyball net
Volleyball net
I would put a volleyball net cause why not?
Nothing!
Volleyball net
Flying fox, maze, jumping pillow, rock climbing
Jumping pillow, rock climbing, Zip line, fly fox, maze, trampoline
Better playground. One that is more suitable for disabled kids
Obstacle
Cafe
Better playground
More parking
More shade, Spread out BBQs + shelters Bigger more adventurous playground
Obstacle course, cafe, BBQ area spread out, food vans
Nicer park/play areas - more exciting more shade & BBQ areas
Volleyball net
More car space
New and clean space for BBQ area, also would love to have a sales for shade over Park for children
Need clean toilets and changing facilities for babies. A fence for the River keep children away but still able to feed the ducks. More barbecue area and colours and play equipment for the kids of all ages
More baby keys are in the grass around paths, clean creek, bridge over creek ( can't cross when it rains ) boating lake
More colours
Covered play area to accommodate children and played to Melbourne weather
Footpath along northern area of Highway & footpath along western area of Police paddock more vegetation. Cleaning up the waterways Random seating for walkers
The ford creek crossing needs improvement it is often not safe. Exercise equipment near playground
Linking paths
better play grounds

Question 10: full comments
water playground/ nicer toilets very dirty and scary
more of the same
carparking along high st (spillover for large events)
More of the same & expansion of playground
bigger
pond to connect to creek & get it to flow.
pond cleaned up & rocks & direct water
Bike path all the way around park. More play equipment
Something for age group 10 and over, running track, obstical course
Café, shade, food truck festivals, a park with separate locations for kids who have autism. craft days in the park. An education part on environment and conserving nature
Footy oval
More seating. Upgraded playground.
Water play
More playground for older kids
another oval and more space for lawn bowls
Cafe
Would love more playground that also includes older kids and disabled(ramps etc) the large slides like at woodlea and water play features r awesome for low income families in summer
New and improved maze for the kids.
I would like to see and extension on to the existing skatepark so there some more things to ride
Solar Lighting along walking trail, More Trees for shade,keep pond filled with water, exercise equipment along walking trail, extend children's play area equipment and cover with shade cloth more seating around the play area for parents, Large tree near High Street decorated at Xmas High Street has no decorations at night
Upgrade of toilet block and the rotundas which look very 1980s, better connections to surrounding precinct, improve pedestrian wayfinding.
Walking path that loops around the entire park precinct
A dedicated building for all Melton artists and crafters. Vibrant markets and food events promoting local produce.
More trees and plants
Shaded area above playgrounds. Sun gets hot for kids. A bottle refill station. Water area for kids.
Some bridges from one tower to another. An area for younger kids like 6mths to 2yrs. They are always putting things in there mouths and wood chips don't help. Maybe some soft spongy ground well shaded. And have a sensory area.
Fencing around playground, more natural inspired playspaces, clean updated toilets,
More play equipment.
New play equipment. The toilets are dodgy as. Fitness equipment required. Full the lake that was melton original water supply.
Greg undy.
More play equipment suitable for younger children.
I have already suggested changes over the years and earlier in this survey. It would be a good idea to avoid accidents between pedestrians and cyclists by slowing down faster traffic especially under bridges or over bridges. The bridge walk way under High street near the old road bridge is an accident waiting to happen. Motor cyclists also illegally ride through so do motor vehicles and damage Park surrounds and ignorant users leave their rubbish too.

Question 10: full comments
Consider installing LED light poles to encourage Active Transport and greater utilization after dark.
More activities eg water play, sand, bigger slides. A park with a "theme"
Updated seating, shelter and equipment. Drinking fountains. More trees and vegetation to shield from High Street. Fill up the pond near the toilets with water again.
It would be great to see a fenced offlead dog park modelled on the Sunbury one, within the precinct (probably in the rec reserve). It is frustrating to walk your own dog on lead on weekends when other people have theirs offlead. Also, the offlead enclosure at Navan Park is often either a dust bowl or a mud bath (depending on season) and is too far to walk to from the central Melton district.
Better playground, there's so much more equipment and newer items that could be added. Areas aimed at certain age levels
More lights, new play equipment ( water spray like in Frontier Park ) flying fox, castle
Maybe add a nice water park for family's to use not only the facility's provides but a new addition of the water park
An off leash dog park. One for big dogs and one for little ones would be even better.
Better playground wheelchair accessible
Its fine the way it is
More undercover picnic areas
More children friendly play spaces. Including spaces for early teens such as ropes and climbing challenges. Keep the skate park, more Seating and bbq areas. More shaded areas. Better and safer toilets, more drinking taps, free water splash playground, more variety of playgrounds. Make it a good meeting place. See the waterpark in Werribee.
History behind the name of Hannah Watts park Signs and directions Toilet and drinking water facilities Trees covered walk and cycling tracks Water park with sprinklers for children to run across with an antislip floor. Adventurous playground - rock climbing, flying fox, massive skate park with seating The playground should be colorful not dull. Aboriginal art sculptures or heritage features. Babies and toddler area
Water in the ponds with bridge.
More seating and shaded areas. A water feature park like Werribee or Woodley would be fantastic. I would rather stay local for a water park than have to drive further out.
Make a big dog park with bbq in it and play equipment for children so you can take your family inside make it really big so you can walk around it
Water back in the duck pond. More play equipment for older kids
Spread out the BBQ facilities, have several pavilions spread around the whole area, not right beside each other. Too often you go to the park and a large group is using 2-3 BBQs and all the pavilion space, if these were more spread out (each corner for example) more groups/families would be able to enjoy the facilities.
Large adventure playground and waterpark
More shelter
Updated more interactive play grounds
Water slide with a sesaw
Add waterplay, shelter & more bbqs
Nicer ponds for ducks and bigger and better playground for the children
More of a range for young children

Question 10: full comments
More shade and more playground areas.
A bigger playground, maybe a couple more fences, more undercover areas
Definitely need extension of the playground and family spaces - to encourage families to play together, get outdoors, explore. A scooter / bike trail would be great, like a "bike centre" with mini streets and road features for the kids.
Needs a water play area for summer and something like a low ropes course or obstacle course for pre-teens & teens. Play spaces need to be spaced out more to allow for greater number of groups. Shaded play areas or shaded seats for parents with prams/supervising of lil ones.
Fence completely around the hill so kids can't fall into the water, small gaps where ducks can get through and kids can not
Shade sails above play ground better walking trails ect
Better play equipment for all ages and capabilities, where the parents can join in with their children too. More shaded areas for everyone to use, not just the bbq area that so many other families need to squeeze into for shade.
Upgrading of the available amenities like the BBQ sheltered area and there needs to be more of it
* Upgrading the existing maze * Upgrading the toilets to cleanliness * Upgrading n Extending the sheltered BBQ Area and have more BBQs * Create a waterway park for kids to play in when its summer time.
Better supporting infrastructure
A playground that is suitable for under 5 years old. Shade over playground. Different types of play equipment such as trampolines, seesaw and ride on spring animals.
More car parks & shade
More gazebos or covered areas, water park for kids
Both young and older kids areas
Removal of the scum that defile the area behind the toilets. You know what I'm talking about. This park is supposed to be for family.
Long flying fox or three, shade sails over the playground equipment, modern playground equipment and beautification if the gardens.
Different age appropriate to play grounds, undercover bbq areas, bigger car park, well lit walking track, toilets
Built in tramp
More picnic ,bbq under shelter
More exercise equipment and playground
My kids are older now so we don't go as a family to play on the playgrounds, so more features to attract families with older children or just adults. Tranquil areas for relaxing or lunch breaks in a calming environment.
More play equipment
Walking tracks updated, more play equipment. Natural play equipment.
Add a big water park and some more challenging equipment for older kids. Sensory play equipment would also be great
It would be nice to have water features and water sprinklers for the kids to play in.
Park area for older children/teenagers. Flying fox, basketball courts, massive slide, water park, swings and large round swings, ground level trampolines.
bigger playgrounds/safer, more kid friendly things to do. more wildlife and nature.
More shelter and better play equipment

Question 10: full comments
Better facilities - new toilets, more and better sheltered areas and BBQs, better sport fields. A water park or play area. More car parking
More playground equipment like flying fox or the slide like the one at Navan Park. More seating
New and modern play equipment based around a theme. Some basketball courts. More car parking.
More picnic tables near playground More shade and undercover areas A water play park A flying fox Trampolines Upgraded clean toilets Fenced in park
Much better adventure playgrounds that older kids and teens can enjoy to. Ones with plenty to climb, hide and run around on. Also improve the natural features by planting and landscaping.
recycled water park for kids in heat
Updated playground Better seating Shade Better toilets
bigger playground, map, more signage
Water play space for summer. More variety in a natural setting playground.
Upgrade all of the bike paths in Melton, especially the pitchmen paths not visible by road, are all cracked and broken.
Upgrade to the playgrounds as some parts are quite dated and my daughter prefers to go to play spaces with water play at the newer playgrounds
Soccer goals
Id like to see some sail shades for the kids. And perhaps some extra stuff like flying foxes, climbing structures, and trampolines.
A better play area with water park and larger slides
More shelters with BBQs in them.. maybe around the boundaries
Make it a water park! They are the latest craze and more importantly gets kids/teens of all ages outside
A sensory type playspace for special needs children, something like eastern gardens playspace in Geelong, areas for creative play, like a cottage. Water play for summer time! And sufficient parking for the area and size of park
Needs to be more seating and shade near the play area and more trees for shade. Also there should be more Australian native bushes for the wild life, eg. the birds and lizards.
New playgrounds. Rockbank has two fabulous parks complete with water areas, toilets, bbq and fantastic playgrounds. We prefer to drive out there then go to Hannah Watts
Water park, I drive to Rockbank Parks all over summer, for such a small place their Parks are amazing... Melton really need to upgrade their Parks...
The ponds and waterways always to have water in them.
Shade over play equipment. Water play.
More bbq pavilions around not just at park on high street perhaps add some too other parks around... Hanna Watts needs to be redone badly the park is old n dated... maybe use Woodlea park as a reference... water park etc
Make the picnic/BBQ area a little bit bigger
A bigger playground like the ones at Woodlea also more undercover areas



Question 10: full comments
Waterplay for the kids in summer. Need better fencing where the lake is as its a big fall into the water in certain areas
With all the amazing play spaces in the new estates it would be great to see an updated play space and even a water play space.
More bbq's
I would love to see a basketball court, or maybe even a half court with one ring
Make it a water park with splash areas, more under cover
Basketball courts
Artificial turf for sports use
A water park and extra shade for picnics
More beautification of the area. Parts feel a bit barren.
Shade covers over play areas, upgraded play equipment, upgraded trails
More interesting/interactive play spaces
Would love to have a water park area also basketball court and more shelter
More seating and a water park
Updated toilets & sporting facilities.
Age appropriate play equipment
Updates play area
Continue to enhance the natural environment and the addition of more water features
Some of the walking paths need to be raised and a drain build underneath. If it has been very wet, you can find water flowing across the low areas of the walking path. It can be very difficult for older people to continue along the path as they cannot easily get across the water. One time a friend had to turn around and walk back the way she had already come. It is also a problem if you are not wearing enclosed shoes.
total clean up of the water system running around the park ,so it becomes more inviting for people to site and enjoy the wild life
There needs to be connecting footpaths along the northern side of Hannah Watts Park and also on the western side (CFA HQ) of Police Paddock. We walk there all year round and it is quite often quite wet and boggy either due to the sprinkler watering or rain.
All about SAFETY, I would like to see cameras installed around the park, I also think the park should be patrolled on a daily basis. An element does business in the park daily, an element that you don't want kids around. The fort maze on the Sports Oval side of the park needs to be replaced with something more open, it is a haven for dodgy deals and drunks, not safe for kids. Also the smashing of bottles in the park along the pathways is a danger to everybody. I would like to see a separate track for cyclists only, some cyclists do not slow down, they do not warn people they are coming up behind them and some will ride straight through adults, kids and dogs and refuse to ride around people walking. I have come close to being bowled over twice in the last 4 months. I would like to see Toolern creek cleaned up of human rubbish, rubble from fallen tree branches and dredged, the creek gets a real stench to it when the water is low. I would like to see a bridge built where the creek floods in the wet season. The toilets and BBQ areas need a good clean and some paintwork. I would like to see Gum Trees along the pathways inspected on a regular basis, in the last 4 months 5 large branches have fallen down. Would like to see the dried up pond near High street fixed and supplied with water, it has been dry for years. I visit the park every day and walk all around it, on any given day I can be there from 2 to 4 hours of a morning and will sometimes walk again later in the afternoon. It is the most important community gathering place in my life and many others feel the same, especially the older folk with health issues that have small dogs to walk Hannah Watts Park is their life blood and for some the only place they get to socialise with other people.

## Full results for question 13:

### What are **THREE** things you would like to see as part of the new playspace?

*Please note: the following comments are unedited verbatim responses as submitted*

Question 13: full comments		
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More swings - tire swing	Basketball court	Brighter colours in playground
A larger slide	Zipline	Tiggy playground
A big swing that fits more than one person	Some covered areas	More donut spinners
dog drink taps and poop bag dispenser	Heritage and natural elements	clean toilets
More picnic spaces	tunnels to go through	A giant slide
Trampoline on the floor please	Rock climbing please	Really big slides
Ziplines	Playground for tiggy	Sport field
Zip line	Tiggy playground	Sports field
Zipline	Tag playground for tiggy	Sports field
Long flying fox	Big slide	More swings
Water space	sandpit	Bigger kid play ground
Swings	Monkey bars	Seesaw
Giant slide	Rock climbing wall	Chill zone with pillows and bean bags
Bigger swings that can fit more people		
Seesaw	Monkey bars	long long long long long long long slides
Parkour	Waterfalls	Park gym
BBQ's		
Kids fortress	Bigger slides	More swings
More game tubes	More spinning objects	
More swings	More disability swings	More disability things in general
Trampolines	Rock wall	Big slides
Bouncy house	Dog park	Alot of BBQ's
Water play	Basketball court	Things to climb
Upgrade the toilets and BBQ/rotundas	Upgrade the old playground	Link up with the Botanic gardens
BMX track	Concrete paths for bikes and skateboards	
A bowl built at the skatepark		
Trampolines	Water play park	Flying Fox
Bigger slides	Flying fox	Water park
Dirt jump	Football goals	Basketball courts
Treehouse	Multi basket ball hoops	Shelter
Basketball courts	Dirt jumps	Football goals

Question 13: full comments		
Basketball courts	Dirt jumps	
Natural updated playspaces, especially for autistic people. May daughter is ASD, 13 yrs and still enjoys playgrounds ie Bacchus Marsh/Maddingly Park precinct	Updated maze	Water feature for warmer months
Donut spinner	Large slide	swings
Donut spinner	swings	slides
More space for ball games	More toilets for bigger gatherings	More slides and swings to a corner and not in middle
Water play		
Much bigger area like Woodlea or Atherstone		
?	?	?
Higher climbing bridges	More separate or joined equipment	
Slides	Shade	Cubby
Water features	Biggest slides	Challenging experiences
Flying fox	Spinner	More swings
Calm spaces	Adventure	Nature play elements
Adventure	Slide	Swings
Maybe more covered Areas		
Calling things	BBQs	Bull spaces
Ice cream and coffee area	Shades	
More bigger and twistier slides	Bigger Climbing equipment	
Nature play	Things to plane (cubbies etc)	
Bocce area	Bigger BBOL	
Bocce area	Bigger BBQ & covered space	Keep it clean from dog dropping
Bocce area	Biggs babeky	Keep clean dog droplet
Grass		
Big slide/small slide	Rockclimbing	Trampolines
Big slide	Bike track	
Better family toilet facilities		
Big slide	Rock climbing	Trampoline
Toilets	Playground closer to picnic tables	Park benches on grass area
Swings	Tunnels	Slides
Perhaps more parking if possible		

Question 13: full comments		
More trails for walks/bike rides	More climbing structures	More balancing equipment
Flying fox		
Flying fox - young and old	Trampoline inground	Basketball court
A flying fox	Ground level trampoline	No doggy poo! Doggy poo bags (Sorry already have!)
Things for older children		
More rest area		
Rest/play area	More covered area to rest during rain	
Spinning swings	Slides	Swings
More bbq areas	More seating	More trees
Green grass	Save Environment	
Flying fox	New swings	Big round spoinner
Zip line	Volleyball net	Maze
Zip line	Volleyball net	Maze
Zip line	Trampoline	Maze
Rock climbing	Flying fox	Jumping pillow
Zip line	Trampoline	Rock climbing
Flying fox	Bars	Maze
Jumping pillow	Rock climbing	Maze
Bridges and pass a wheelchair assessable. Easily managed		
Cafe	Food truck	
New play equipment	Running track mini	Better toilets
Make it like Woodlea	Have a coffee or fish chip shop	Make it like kids town Shepparton
Obstacle course	Climbing frame	
Large playground for all ages	Seating for parents	Shade
Zip line	Trampoline	Maze
Play activities for over 12-15 yo kids		
More shade the kids to play under	Upgrade BBQ area and tables	Toilet upgrade
Play equipment for all ages	Space from netball, football, soccer.	Water play area for the kids
Miniature railway		
Flying fox	Jumping pillow	
Under cover play	Slide and swing	Tunnel slide
Imaginative play area	Climbing equipment	
flying fox		
under 2 area	inclusive for all abilites	
bigger climbing equipment	water play	swings
different texture	climbing wall	more things to climb on

Question 13: full comments		
something different		
something different	something challenging	
flying fox	bigger slide	adventure
more slides	bike path	
Running track	Adventure	Nature play
shade provided	nature play elements	adventure
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Cricket pitch	Footy goals	Better playground for older kids
Waterplay	Bigger slides	Built in volleyball nets, netball rings, basketball etc
new oval		
Large slides all of meltons other major parks	Waterplay features like at woodlea	Scout inspired obstacle courses
New maze	Trampolines (like at Fronteir/woodlea)	Flying fox (like at Woodlea)
Climbing things	Logs rocks sand	Spaces for ball games
Slides built into hills	Equipment/area for younger children (1-2y) ie. smaller, lower to the ground, no gaps	Natural products used
Art play space for adults	Art Sculpture Installation	Building for community art and play
Areas for younger children and older children	Areas for parents to sit and supervise children	
Well shaded area so even when it rains we can still come to the park. And make sure the play ground is fully covered and not have holes in fabric please.	Some climbing items like rock climbing or flying Fox.	Some people mention water park features. But if unable to a play area from under 3yrs. No wood chips, soft ground, so they can crawl around.
Slides	Natural inspired play spaces	Interactive sensory items/equipment
New bigger better slides. Kids love slides!	Climbing space as kids love to climb	A walking track for mums wanting to exercise
Football goal posts	Soccer net.	Some real huge play equipment.
Seesaw	Baby or toddler swings	Toddler equipment
area for chess	playspace for adults + children	
Climbing wall	Climb frames	Balancing equipment
Water play	More slides	More seating
No particular opinion as do not have children		
A fort/cubby	Double slides or wide slides	Sensory play equipment
Slides on mountains so kids can climb up and then go down slide	Climbing equipment - like madden my park Bacchus Marsh	Swings that not only for older children but seats for kids who need support. ie curved seats with chains

Question 13: full comments		
Better play equipment	Disability access to play equipment	
Better slides	Better swings	Bigger playgrounds
Water play	Sandpit	Fitness equipment for all ages
A variety of play equipment that ranges from babies to teens	Big slides	Transport designed equipment for climbing on.
Rock climbing	Flying fox	Shaded Water sprinkler play area
Climbing	Room to run	Merry go round things
Large cubby house/castle	A shop	More swings
Water play	Dog play	More seats
A play ground that parents can also enjoy with their children	Shade over the play ground	Wet weather play space
Originality	Several items of each element	Safety
Waterpark	Sensory garden	All ability accessibilty
Water park	Lots of shelter	Giant water slide
More interactive play with the environment	Better climbing and slides	Trampolines
A sesaw	Water park	Zip line
Waterplay	Maze	Slides
Big flying fox	Water play area	A giant swing
Bigger young kids playground	Updated toilets and drinking taps	Updated shelters/bbq area
Shade sails	More swings	Cubby house
Slides	Tunnels	Swings
Scooter / bike track for kids (seperate to skate park)	More challenging equipment for older kids (over 5)	More natural materials incorporated like huge rocks, logs, to climb on, etc
Water play	Low ropes course	Bmx track or remote control track
Another maze on high street area	More chairs for parents	More swings
Fun for all ages	Shade	Soft fall under equipment rather than bark
More shade	water play area for the warmer days, to cool down while playing	Bigger range of play equipment
Walkable waterpark for the hot summers	A flying fox	Local school kids art mural
Walkable water way park for hot summers	Flying fox	Children's Art Work Display in a form of a Mural done by the local school kids.
Monkeys bars , long long long one	Logs	
Trampoline	Under 5 area	Things to move and build
More shade	Slides	Sandpit
Waterpark	Flying fox	Mini trampolines
Water play	Slides	Obstacles

Question 13: full comments		
Flying foxes	Treehouse/cubby	Swings.
Flying fox	Water play	Jumping pillow
Jumping pillow/ trampolines	Water sports area	
Built in tramp	Things to climb	Wooden things
Water games	Shelter on play area	More swings
Better floor in playground	Toddlers playground	Exercise equipment
Water elements	Cause and effect activities	Play equipment for children older than 10.
bigger slides	more obstacle course things to climb	river developed a bit
Water play	Flying fox	Sensory equipment
Natural play elements	Swings	Things to climb on
Water park	Things that spin	Cubby house
Basketball courts	Trampolines	Massive swings
Waterpark	Things to play in or climb through	More modern playing
Bigger slides	Flying fox	Mini tramps
Rope climbing tree	Trampoline	Large slides more
maze		
Water park	Flying fox	Fenced playground
Wooden adventure playground similar to the one at Bacchus Marsh park	Challenging things for older kids and teens	Climbing nets
new slides	swings	adventure
Better play equipment	Better toilets	Better drink fountains
waterplay	trampoline	ping pong table
Water play	Shade	More natural
Better bike/walking paths		
Water play feature turned on in summer months	Upgraded slides	Cubby/shop fronts/ creative and imaginative spaces
Sail shades	Flying foxes, monkey bars	Trampolines
Waterpark	Adventure park	Larger slides
Water feature, like shooting out of the ground	More swings	More huts with BBQs in them around the boundary
Waterpark	Shadey areas	Lounging/relaxing areas
Quite area	Sensory aspects	Water feature
Large rocks to climb over	Rope spider web to climb	Dry river bed to explore along
Water areas	High fun climbing areas	Adventure area challenging things
Waterplay	Splash park	
Water Play area	More BBQ areas	Skate park
Better Slides	Safe areas	Large Chess or draught board
Water play area	Adventure/climbing area	Trampolines

Question 13: full comments		
Shade over equipment	Monkey bars	Variety of climbing options
Water park	More natural larger park	Open play spaces
Water park	New playground BIG	More BBQ pavilions
Waterplay	Trampoline	
Water park (splash park)	Adventure playground	Big slides
Small children skate park	Water play area	Climbing area
N/A	N/A	N/A
Shaded areas	Water play- splash areas	Sand play
Flying fox	bicycle track with road signs	Hills for kids to run up and roll down
Waterpark	Shade	Equipment for all ages
Water play	Covered playground	More aged appropriate play areas
Water park	More adventure stuff	Space for ball games
Water play	Slides	Tunnels
Climbing	Swings	Slides
disabled play equipment	play space for young mothers and there children	off the leach dog area
Activities for toddlers like trampolines	Shared play experiences like a double slide	Climbing wall that is not netting
don't use		

## Full results for question 14

### What changes, if any would you like to see to the picnic area and gathering space?

*Please note: the following comments are unedited verbatim responses as submitted*

Question 14: full comments
More grills, food vans
A new barbeque, some extra BBQ's
I think we should have more seats, mats that people could borrow and sit on and more drink taps (maybe some food stands)
Mabey one of those giant heater, cleaner toilets
I would like more barbeques
A sand and water place
Good shelter
Better shelter
Better shelter, more shelter
Add more sheltered areas with more Barbeques
Bigger more seats
More picnic spaces and grills and more drink taps
New shelters and BBQs
More seating areas
Nice filtered, water brand new verandah and clean grillers.



Question 14: full comments
Shaded sitting areas, metal tables so they are clean, large bins.
Seating
Bigger BBQ area
Picnic would be nice
More of and better lighting
Updated BBQ area
Repainted
More benches
Pool
Updated and cleaner toilets please, better lighting
Free BBQ
More space in the middle, different layout
More lighting to keep undesirables away
More BBQ areas with retunders
no changes needed. There are plenty of play spaces to keep the children happy, and they are close enough to where the mums are. There are enough BBQs. Maybe a few more tables and seats under shelter, and with a thought to protection from the bitter West winds and hot Summer sun from the North.
Larger area/covered & not covered more picnic/bbq facilities
More BBQs
Upgrade. More sheltered areas
More BBQ's
Disabilities special swing/chair
More seating tables
As above, as long as green spaces not impinged on
More BBQ and eatery areas
Larger space for more families
More undercover tables ( maybe under shade cloth?)
Same as above
Same
More shade
New tables, stoves etc
More seating places
As above
Very little
More seating in different areas + more shaded areas
Wash up area
More tables and chairs
More Verandah+ table
Covered playground, basketball court
More bigger hits to accommodate big group
More lawn area with and without shade
More tables/chairs
Covered area
Make the gathering space more cleaner
Keep rotund and places too sit under
Kitchen area, fridge

Question 14: full comments
Kitchen area
Put jumping castle
More BBQ area
Nothing in ok
Sheltered areas more table and chairs scattered. Bridge over the creek. Toilet remodel. Complete clean out. My daughter was disabled at the age of 5 and stopped coming to the parks etc in Melton as there was very little she could play with and it just made her sad to watch the other kids playing
More BBQ areas, spread out shelter area
More shelter- kid town Shepparton
Better- safer toilets
BBQ space more spread out
More tables & BBQs
Water pond area
As above
more BBQs, tables and chairs. Need a nice bright colour because it looks boring
More BBQ
More seating
Under cover play
Picnic area needs upgrade. more than 1 area
More BBQs
more cover
More shelter
More shade around picnic shade
More shade provided
More cover
More seats shaded areas bbqs etc
vbzcvb
Sheltered space but brighter and more of it. More or bigger DONT FEED DUCKS signs & why(so they are more aware) a walking path along the road side of park especially for winter so dont have to go the long way around or get soggy feet and prams stuck
More sheltered areas
Stage, change room, for entertainment with lights and cover, more trees with shade, tables and chairs spread out around the rotundas
Upgrade the rotundas in a way which works with the character of the park
More plants
Less of the open space and more vibrant, creative, beautiful nooks.
More open area. Seems a little carp with low roof. And most of the time it's got large family using whole area. If outsider comes they are felt under welcome. So more seating area and in shade please.
More tables, seating, shaded area to sit especially closer to playspaces. Interesting inviting areas of children of all ages to explore and be active in.
Up date the area
Water play features, in ground trampoline, more bbq's,
More undercover areas with more bbqs.
no changes required.
More seating (espically near playground) and more shade.
More seating, more bbqs, more SHADE

Question 14: full comments
A greater feeling of safety; the toilet block is known as a male hangout and there are often vehicles in the carpark with make owners there early in the morning.
More tables and seating, not just at tables but around playground and next to walking trails. More BBQs and covered spaces.
Maybe some more outdoor concrete table and chairs
Better facilities cleaner
More BBQ's and under cover areas
More covered areas
More BBQ areas and more shaded table and chairs spread throughout the area, not just in one section. Adults like Space from other groups. Don't want to hear other people happy birthday when we are having some quiet family time Or not everyone celebrates the same thing.
The zones should be marked on the map with different colours for easy identification. Water facilities at every bbq junction
Maybe some shelter from wind.
More table/chairs set up around the park near the playground and some shade sails
More car park if you are going to add to it
More seating.
As above, more spread out, not confined to one area of the park
Shade Cafe
More bbqs Cleaning toilet's to
More under cover
More bbqs, undercover area, comfy grass, more bins and entertainment
More shelter & tables
Nicer and cleaner
Update the shelter and new bbqs
More picnic tables & benches.
More seating
A few more added to encourage / allow extra families to gather and use. Better bins / rubbish facilities to minimise mess.
More BBQs, shade sales and more clusters of tables and seating away from the main huts. Give more options for places to sit/picnic/celebrate. Lots of people use it for birthday party locations and there's not enough tables now the population has ballooned
More tables for th bbqs
More seating and bbq areas
More seating areas and shade sails. Another BBQ or 2, with them more rubbish bins.
More and upgrade of the BBQ sheltered area and the park toilets aswell and for it to be more cleaner.
Upgrade for new n more shelters with more BBQs
More bins, drink bottles refill stations ( applies to all of Melton)
More seating, different areas for more then 1 family at a time
More shade & tables
More gazebos
More under cover ares

Question 14: full comments
More seating around the playground. Drinking fountains and lots more bins at the skate park to encourage youth to bin their rubbish, bins should be placed every 20 feet in this area, the amount of rubbish is appalling.
Modernised and different colour scheme and better barbecues.
More BBQ areas for large groups, picnic tables and chairs, more rubbish bins.
More facilities and shelter
More seating, bbqs and shaded areas
Fence the little kids playground (it's very close to cars) and expand it to suit younger kids (change the softfall to something they won't try to eat )
More undercover space and tables.
More BBQs and plenty of large picnic tables for family and friends.
New enclosed or better designed shelter, more BBQs,
More seating
More bbqs under 1 large canopy
More picnic tables More shade and under cover areas New clean updated toilets
More shelter, seating, BBQs, revamped toilets and a bit of landscaping
more bbqs more shade more tables chairs
More tables and chairs
More seating and extra bbqs
More gathering spaces at the other play areas
More picnic areas with bigger tables with toilets closer
Larger area. More bbqs
More shelters
More bbqs and seating areas
Plenty of picnic tables for families to enjoy a picnic together, drinking water
More Australian native bushes close by and gardens with Australian plants for the beautification of the area.
The min area is great but perhaps more shaded seating areas around playgrounds to sit and watch kids play with out taking up bbq area if not using bbqs.
More Seating & shaded areas
Upgrade of tables and seats more seating and power available in main rotunda.
More shaded areas and space for larger gatherings. More bbqs
Make sure there are plenty of seating options in shade with a view towards the play equipment
More larger undercovers areas more bbq's
More
More shade, tables and chairs
Updated style
N/A
More seats under cover
More spread out around the park.
Shade and more seating
Upgrading of facilities, drinking station, more space between areas
More tables/chairs
More bbq areas..more picnic tables
More seating spaces and bbqs

**Question 14: full comments**

Cleaner more spread out

Duck pond area back up and running

More spread out seating & shelter to create a comfortable, multi-use area.

More BBQ's. In very busy times it can be difficult to get some cooking space. Perhaps there could be a timed session for people using the BBQ so that they don't hog it all day.

more seating and tables

The concrete needs cleaning it smells bad.

## Full dotmocracy results





IMAGE	POP UP 1		POP UP 2		POP UP 3		SCHOOL WORKSHOP 1 Specialist School)	SCHOOL WORKSHOP 2 (St Dominics)	TOTAL UNDER 18	TOTAL OVER 18	GRAND TOTAL
	RED (Under 18)	YELLOW (over 18)	RED (Under 18)	YELLOW (over 18)	RED (Under 18)	YELLOW (over 18)	Orange	Blue	RED (Under 18)	YELLOW (over 18)	
	3	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	9	0	9
	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	3
	3	2	7	0	0	1	1	0	11	3	14
	5	1	6	1	6	4	5	7	29	6	35






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	RED (Under 18)	YELLOW (over 18)	RED (Under 18)	YELLOW (over 18)	RED (Under 18)	YELLOW (over 18)	Orange	Blue	RED (Under 18)	YELLOW (over 18)	
	1	3	4	2	2	3	1	0	8	8	16
	6	2	2	0	1	0	2	0	11	2	13
	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	3
	8	0	3	0	2	0	1	2	16	0	16
	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4





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	4	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	8	1	9
	5	1	9	0	4	2	2	0	20 4	3	23 4
	5	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	9	1	10
	4	2	6	1	1	0	2	0	13	3	16







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	15	6	16	3	12	6	3	14	60 ①	15 ②	75 ①
	0	0	6	0	6	3	5	2	19 ⑤	3	22 ⑤
	8	2	5	2	0	1	3	1	17 ⑥	5	22 ⑤
	20	5	7	2	3	3	2	13	45 ②	10 ③	55 ②








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	RED (Under 18)	YELLOW (over 18)	RED (Under 18)	YELLOW (over 18)	RED (Under 18)	YELLOW (over 18)	Orange	Blue	RED (Under 18)	YELLOW (over 18)	
	13	10	7	7	7	3	2	4	33 ③	20 ①	53 ③
	0	3	2	0	1	3	0	2	5	6 ⑤	11
	4	1	4	2	3	1	2	3	16	4	20
	1	3	1	1	3	4	0	0	5	8 ④	13
	9	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	16	1	17

IMAGE	POP UP 1		POP UP 2		POP UP 3		SCHOOL WORKSHOP 1 Specialist School)	SCHOOL WORKSHOP 2 (St Dominics)	TOTAL UNDER 18	TOTAL OVER 18	GRAND TOTAL
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	4	3	5	3	0	0	0	0	9	6 5	15
	4	1	7	2	2	1	1	0	14	4	18
TOTAL VOTES	126	48	108	27	60	36	39	48	381	111	492
NUMBER OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATING	42	16	36	9	20	12	13	16	127	37	164
	58		45		32		13	16	127	37	164

## Big Ideas drawing analysis - full list

ELEMENT	NUMBER OF TIMES DRAWN
Slide (big, tunnel or curly)	33
Swings (standard/large/basket)	25
Flying fox/zip line	19
Monkey bars	18
Trampoline	18
Cubby house	14
Slide (standard)	13
Rock climbing wall	12
Climbing frame/structure (spider web/tower)	9
Spinner/Round about	8
Bridge	7
Trees	7
Basketball court/netball court	6
Creek/pond/lake	5
Flowers	5
Football ground/goals	5
Skate bowl/ramp	4
Soccer /ground goals	4
Tree house	4
Tyre swing	4
Water slide	4
Rocket	4
Picnic shelter	3
BBQ/Picnic area	2
Jumping castle	2
Toilets	2
Water play	2
Parkour	2
Exercise equipment	2
Fence	2
Big grass hills	2
Adventure playground	1
BMX track	1
Dog park	1
Fireman pole	1
Obstacle course	1
Sea saw	1
Tunnels/Cave	1
Water fountain	1

<b>ELEMENT</b>	<b>NUMBER OF TIMES DRAWN</b>
Baseball diamond	1
Music elements	1
Swimming pool	1
Big logs to climb with slide	1
Art	1
Relaxing room	1
Rainbow	1
Bird feeders	1
Stepping stones/logs	1
Plane playground	1

## Survey

# Hannah Watts Park Master Plan and Stage 1

# SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Melton City Council is developing a master plan for the Hannah Watts Park precinct which includes Melton Recreation Reserve and The Willows Historical Park.

Hannah Watts Park is a treasured asset, that is well utilised because of its natural setting, rich historical content and the wide range of activities it provides. The master plan will create a future vision for the precinct, defining short and long-term improvements.



The play area and picnic facilities on High Street will form Stage 1 of the master plan, with construction to start September 2018.

To assist in the design and development of both the Master Plan and Stage 1, Council is seeking your feedback and ideas.

This survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete. You can also complete this survey online at [www.melton.vic.gov.au/Hannah-Watts-Upgrade](http://www.melton.vic.gov.au/Hannah-Watts-Upgrade)



## To get us started:

**1. Have you ever been to the Hannah Watts Park precinct?**

☐ Yes      ☐ No      If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_ (got to Q.6)

**2. What facilities and spaces do you use when you visit?**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Recreation Reserve<br>(football/cricket oval) | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground (Central-near creek) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Netball court  | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground (High St)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green open spaces                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground (near skate park)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn bowls   | <input type="checkbox"/> Skate park                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Country Club                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis court                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paths and trails                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Willows Historical Park         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic shelter/BBQs                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                    |

**3. How often do you visit?** (Please tick • one only)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a fortnight     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - 3 times per week   | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Once a week            | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - 3 times per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |   |

**4. What do you normally do when you visit?**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use the playground             | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch or play cricket                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ride (bike/scooter/skateboard) | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch or play netball                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet friends/family                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk the dog                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hang out  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Run/exercise                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend special events (eg: Carols by Candlelight) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watch or play football         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                       |

**5. How do you normally get there?** (Please tick • one only)

- |                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ride (bike, scooter, skateboard) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drive | <input type="checkbox"/> Public transport                 |

**6. Do you live within walking distance to the Hannah Watts Park precinct?**

☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ Not sure

**7. Are you filling in this survey on behalf of a special interest group or organisation? If yes, which special interest group or organisation?**



## Hannah Watts Park precinct master plan

The following questions relate to the overall precinct.

### 8. What are the three most important features of the precinct to you?

(Please tick • **three** only)

- ☐ Natural areas (trees, shrubs etc)
- ☐ Open areas for games, events or large gatherings
- ☐ Places to gather with others *(for example: picnic areas, seats, tables, gathering spaces, shelter)*
- ☐ Environments that encourage wildlife
- ☐ Cultural or artistic engagement *(for example: artworks, sculptures, events)*
- ☐ Supporting infrastructure *(for example seating, toilets, drink taps)*
- ☐ Playspaces
- ☐ Natural water features *(for example, creeks, ponds)*
- ☐ Pathways and trails
- ☐ Heritage features
- ☐ Sports facilities
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 9. What is your favourite element or space of the Hannah Watts Park precinct?

### 10. What changes, if any would you like to see to the Hannah Watts Park precinct?

## Ideas for the Stage 1 playspace and picnic facilities

The stage 1 development will include updating the playspace as well as the picnic and gathering spaces at Hannah Watts Park on High Street.

### 11. Tell us what your or your children's two favourite pieces of play equipment are at this playground. (Please tick • **two** only)

- |   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donut spinner                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Spinners    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liberty swing (accessible swing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Swings      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slides                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tunnel                           |                                      |

**12. What are the two most important playspace elements to you or your children?**

(Please tick • **two** only)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Things to climb on                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure (i.e: challenging experiences)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Things to hang off                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Calm spaces  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Things to hide in or go through               | <input type="checkbox"/> Things to slide on                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Different surfaces and textures               | <input type="checkbox"/> Things that spin                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature play elements (i.e. logs, rocks, sand) | <input type="checkbox"/> Things to play in (i.e.cubby/tree house, shop front) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible play elements                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Spaces for ball games                                |

**13. What are three things you would like to see as part of the new playspace?**

(Please list **three** only)

1.
2.
3.

**14. What changes, if any would you like to see to the picnic area and gathering space?**

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**A little about you:**

**15. How old are you?** \_\_\_\_\_

**16. If you take children to the park, how old are they?** (Please tick • all that apply)

- |                 |                |                 |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| • under 2 years | • 6 - 8 years  | • 12 - 14 years |
| • 3 - 5 years   | • 9 - 11 years | • 15 + years    |

**17. I am:** • Female • Male • Other \_\_\_\_\_ • Prefer not to say

**18. What suburb do you live in?** \_\_\_\_\_

**19. If you would like to be kept up to date about this project, please tick ☐ how you would like to be updated (email, mobile, mail) and provide your details below:**

Name: .....

☐ Email .....

☐ Mobile/ SMS.....

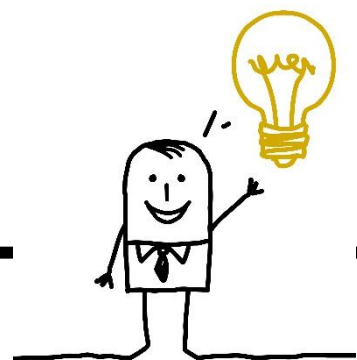
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## Big Ideas drawing sheet



# Draw your BIG Ideas for the Hannah Watts Park or playspace?

MAKE SURE  
YOU LABEL  
WHAT YOU  
DRAW

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

