

Toolern Creek Regional Park

Community Feedback

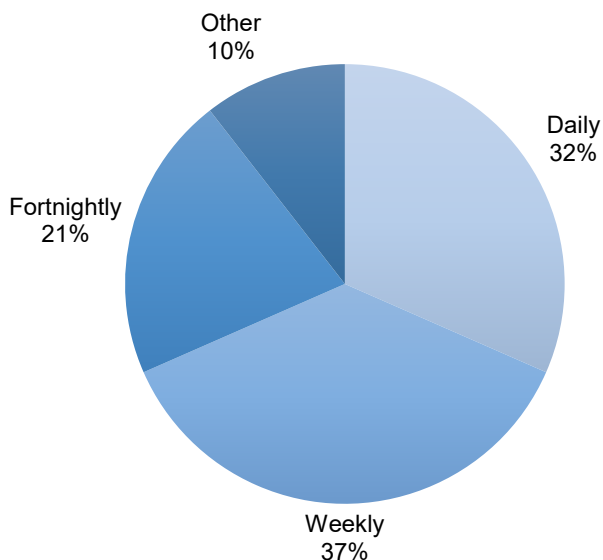
Between the 31 July and 26 August 2022 Melton City Council shared with the local community surrounding Toolern Creek Regional Park, Strathtulloh and a proposed landscape plan to upgrade the existing park.

Feedback was collected via an online survey, a hard copy flyer, email and at a weekend session held at Bridge Road Active Open Space. Below is a summary of the feedback that was collected.

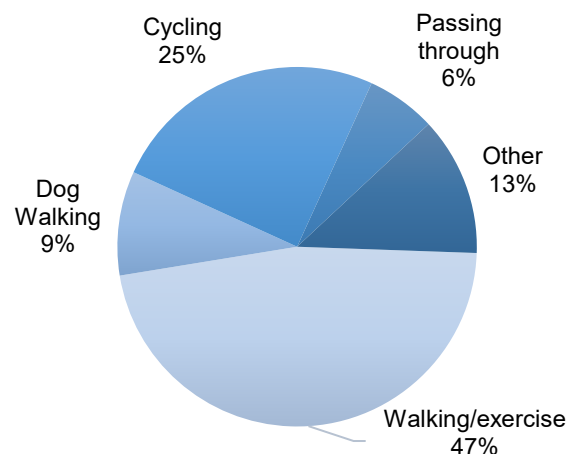
This feedback helps Council to understand what is important to the community and why, as well as identify any other opportunities for improvements. 14 responses were received and the feedback is being reviewed and will be used to update the overall design.

Project Proposal Feedback

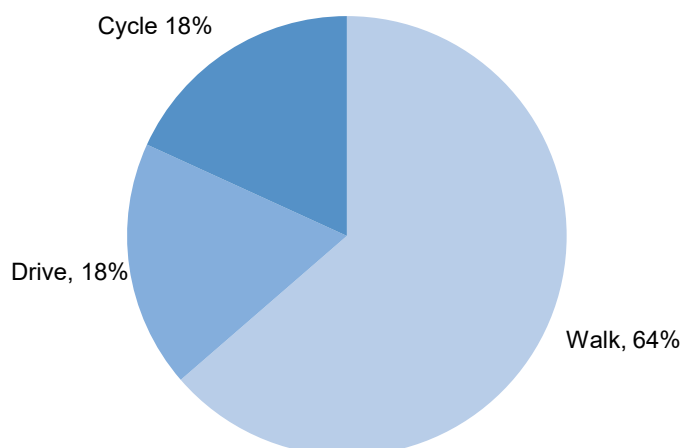
How often would you use the reserve?



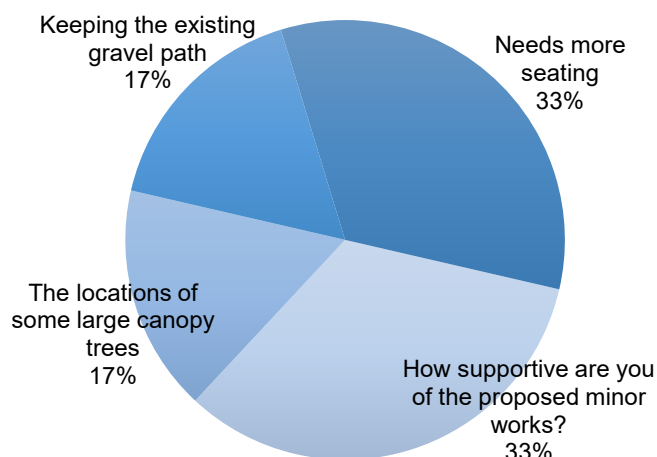
What would be the main reason you would visit the reserve?



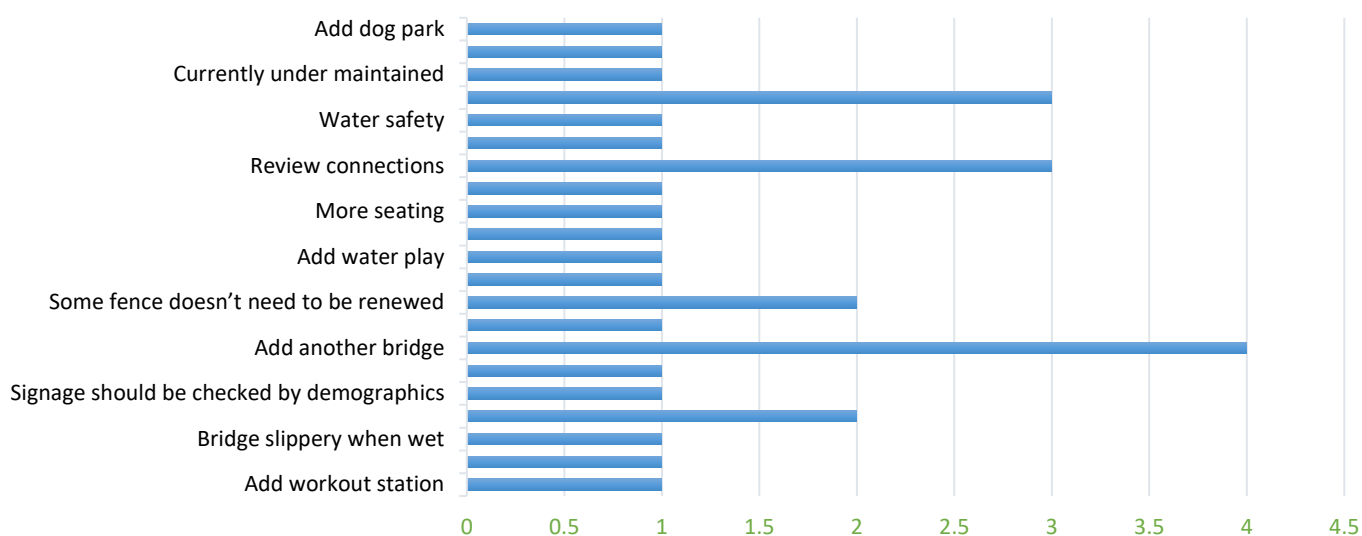
How the community travels to the park?



How supportive are you of the proposed minor works?



Is there anything else you would like to share with us about the proposed minor works?



Feedback Summary and Response

The below table is a summary of the communities' suggestions and other feedback received. Council have reviewed these responses and provided a response as it related to the projects purpose and budget.

Subject	Community Feedback	Melton City Council Review Response
Play Space	Can you move picnic area and build kids play area near wetland? Getting some space for kids water play would also be nice.	This will be considered in the development of the design.
Picnic Space	Include BBQ	BBQs are not typically installed in small parks. They also are expensive items which we can't accommodate in this projects budget.

Vegetation	Shade for paths	This will be considered in the development of the design.
Park Facilities	More places to put rubbish bins. People put rubbish in the creek or it flows into the creek. Places to sit such as gazebos or shelter areas for BBQ.	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Light the path	Lighting is not considered in the area due to cost and ecological factors.
	Make a fence dog area	Melton City Council is preparing a Dog Off Lead Strategy that looks at the appropriate locations and distribution of dog off lead spaces.
Other Comments	Would be keen to see foot bridge access across the creek near to Seventh Bend to access paths with bicycles without the need to drive (with children) as present access to paths is too far to ride for the kids and car too small for 3 bikes	A road bridge (BR03 in the Toolern Development Contributions Plan) will be built across the Toolern Creek just south of Growth Drive
	Review and confirm the proposed footpath connection point in Seventh Bend Weir views - Parrot Dr is our main street and possesses better sight lines at conservation avenue for pedestrians going from the park to the creek.	A pedestrian / cycle bridge (BR05 in the Toolern Development Contributions Plan) is proposed over the Toolern Creek near Hunting Drive.
	Review and confirm the proposed fence line in Seventh Bend Weir views - suspect its not required and some of the funds could be used for something else. There is currently 2 year old post and picket wire fence with garden bed in this location which is fit for purpose and would likely have a better design life than the proposed replacement post and rope fence.	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Review and confirm the proposed design is DDA compliant - it would be win for the project if a trip to the creek was something a person with any disability could look forward to, find easy to use and feel safe and welcome any day of the week. Suspect this will need to be addressed under proposed pram ramps, street signs and wayfinding, footpath widths, ramps to the creek, passing bays/landings, handrails and elements at the activity nodes. The proposal for gravel paths should be omitted from the proposed design to ensure the design does not exclude certain people or motor skills.	Accessibility is always considered in the development of designs.
	Review and confirm the proposal has addressed, so far as reasonably practical, risks to human safety - suspect proposed interaction of people with a body of water will need design measures to prevent drowning and slips trips and falls	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Review and confirm the proposal has addressed, so far as reasonably practical, risks to existing ecology - suspect the proposal may be the first time in a long time that the creek will experience human beings and domesticated pets - can our impact be minimised through carry in what you take out	This will be considered in the development of the design. The land is owned by Parks Victoria and there will be considerations in both design and construction.

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	Review and confirm the proposal has assessed water quality - suspect current stormwater systems and construction activity may compromise the creek and it would be good to know on any given day that our creek is being looked after and is safe to use.	Excellent comment and consideration of this can be included in future scoping and works. These issues are beyond the scope of this project.
	Review and consider inclusion of walk and learn trail for example in weir views, educational wayfinding could be installed at the park on Conservation avenue, at the WSUD basins, at the creek outfall and at the creek to explain the purpose, function and expected operation of stormwater assets in our community may inspire better water use and disposal or future engineers and trades people to solve our states skills shortage. Also, the wayfinding could increase awareness of local aboriginal stories about the creek, cultural heritage sites (if present on the alignment), meeting places (if they occurred in the area). Also wayfinding could increase awareness of local flora and fauna, invasive species and on-going management. Also a display stand may be a way to create a sense of place for children and parents for example a local school could generate artwork each year to put in the display after a trip to the creek to learn about it.	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Review and confirm the proposals proponent and final owner - suspect the proposal from the state/MCC is within Parks Vic land and will need their endorsement to proceed and on-going operation and maintenance.	This is Parks Vic land a Memorandum of Agreement is being developed to ensure its maintenance and management in the future.
	Review proposed timeline - suspect our community is only able to comment on the proposed design once and we have only been able to see a markup satellite image - how will we know if our feedback has been addressed prior to tender and construction? I might withdraw my support for the project depending on the proposed design detail and if it has incorporated our comments	Community consultation is a feedback loop and we endeavour to balance all comments and suggestions.
	Review and confirm 1000m2 erosion control matting north of the blue activity node is being maintained and discharges to the creek are being monitored and controlled furthermore,	This is Parks Vic and a Memorandum of Agreement is being developed to ensure its maintenance and management

	ensure there's a revegetation plan to coincide with the completion of proposed creek as it will be very unsightly.	
	Review and confirm the proposed works has future proofed and considered the SUP and bridge documented within Section 1.1 - Seventh Bend Estate Design Guidelines.	This beyond the scope of this work that is Funded by the State Government.
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	Review and confirm the RL for 1 in 100 year flood event in relation to elements at the activity node - suspect the community would be happy to compromise reliability in favour of functionality	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Review and confirm proposals inter-connectivity with transport - for example provide a link for users west of the creek to access existing infrastructure on the east side of the creek would increase usage of the bridge road recreation park and walking track, Also, a change to the 457 bus route would enable our park to be enjoyed by other communities in Melton and/or provide a return journey for the one-way track. Also, Exford Road bike lane disappears after Woolworths and impedes cyclists from enjoying the area.	Moving Melton Integrated Transport Strategy Moving Melton is a valuable source of information that is currently being updated. Melton Transport Community Reference Group is another opportunity to pursue in response.
	Review and confirm the proposal will use a workforce local to city of Melton and be created in partnership with local businesses and from locally supplied/sourced materials - for example local nurseries and concrete yards	This will be considered in the development of the design in line with current council practices.
	Review and confirm the proposed OPEX and operation and maintenance plan for the project - is this included in the funding for our new asset for its full design life and does it allow for its removal when it is at end-of-life or remediation after a risk event.	This is beyond the scope the proposed works.
	Review and confirm the proposed carbon footprint for the project - for example will proposed concrete consider PCC replacement and fibre reinforcement?	This will be considered in the development of the design in line with current council practices.
	Review and confirm the extent of native grass land revegetation - suspect all areas adjacent to the creek and associated ecology would benefit from revegetation and native reseeding at the right time of year	This will be considered in the development of the design in line with current council practices.
	Review and confirm adjacent land use and possible licencing - given development block sizes, it may be advantageous to lease adjacent land for use as private allotments with non-permanent structures or community gardens. This might ensure there is a level of passive surveillance, help nearby in an	This is beyond the scope of the current project

	emergency, council revenue source and minimised open costs.	
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