

# A Park Close to Home

## 14 Frith Street



## Engagement Summary Report

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## ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of feedback received from the community engagement processes conducted as part of this project. There were two separate stages of consultation. The first stage of consultation for the project involved hearing people's thoughts and ideas about the Draft Concept Plan and responses to different options presented. The second stage of the consultation involved presenting a revised/final concept plan back to the community, which included changes made in response to the initial feedback received on the draft plan. The first stage was conducted online, owing to restrictions associated with the Covid-19 pandemic which applied at the time, while the second stage included face to face public consultation, in addition to digital engagement, as restrictions had eased by this point. At both stages the concept plan was made available on Council's Conversation Moreland webpage and residents within 500m were notified directly via postcard and invited to provide feedback and ask questions of officers. It is noted that public engagement for this project was developed prior to Council's adoption of the new community engagement policy and that unlike other similar projects a first 'aspirational' stage of engagement was not conducted due to design constraints which exist for the site.

## **STAGE 1 – ASPIRATIONAL**

### **ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW**

The draft concept design for the new park at 14 Frith Street was developed prior to the commencement of the community engagement for this project, as certain elements of the structural / built form and factory floor have to be retained to meet planning and heritage requirements. These elements of the design are not open to significant change as they address the site's complex heritage and planning requirements and therefore an initial aspirational stage of engagement was not conducted, as it was felt that this would not constitute an open and honest process with the community. For this reason, a two-stage process was conducted for this project and additional elements of voting polls were included in the process for specific elements within the park.

## **STAGE 2 – DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN**

### **ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW**

The draft concept plan (see appendix A) was made available for comment through the Conversations Moreland web platform from 3 December 2020 until 10 February 2021. Postcards were sent out to properties within 500m of the project site directing people to the website to provide comments. 15 written responses were received while 335 votes were cast for the polling options. In addition to the draft concept plan, a set of storey boards and artist impressions were also provided to assist the community understanding the context of the site and the importance of the heritage elements (a copy of these story boards can be found at appendix D).

### **FEEDBACK OVERVIEW**

Feedback from the initial consultation has been categorised into four areas of interest:

- > Things people like about the draft concept plan
- > Things that can be improved
- > Things people want included in final concept plan
- > Polling results on preferred options

Although there were less than 20 written responses, the feedback received brought up a lot of similar issues. Many shared their appreciation for creating a new park for locals, with most preferring to see more planting and lawn with a preference for native trees and plants. A recurring theme in the ideas that people presented could be summarised as “less concrete, more green” – a need to soften the impact of hard, reflective surfaces with more

greenery throughout the park. A complete copy of the public comments received can be found at appendix E.

Polling on the various options for activities or other in designated areas, had a high level of participation with an average of 84 votes cast (335 in total) for preferences by those who registered.

**Things people like:**

- > Frith St park “a great initiative”
- > Appreciate new green space in built-up area
- > Like that park is close by to residents
- > Lots of good ideas, but “too busy”
- > Support “all ages” activities
- > Basketball court good for teenagers, also for older kids & adults
- > Support food trucks and coffee vans
- > Sun steps good in winter

**Things that can be improved:**

- > Reduce area for activities or facilities, “more greenery”
- > Increase shade and amount of “green” space
- > More lush lawn, less native vegetation
- > Plant deciduous trees in lawn, improves quality of turf
- > Reduce concrete, less “hardscape”
- > Reduce reflective surfaces, more dense planting
- > Fewer noise-generating activities, such as ping-pong, basketball
- > Keep food trucks on street, free up park space
- > Plant trees into ground, not in planters
- > Sun steps on north side could be reversed, have sun on your back
- > Protect hard edges from skaters

**Things that could be included:**

- > More “greenery”; create jungle feel; maximise shade
- > Use climbers on walls
- > Indigenous native planting
- > Varied height of trees, shrubs, grasses
- > Some roof cover desirable
- > Make flexible spaces for different activities
- > Have park dog-free

- > Include hit-up wall

**Polling results – as shown on website**

- > Area A – the voting on these options shows the most contested outcome, with no clear preference indicated since there is little to separate the voting for options 1, 3 & 4, while option 2, for enclosed dog off-leash space, scored the lowest.
- > Area B – while voting was strong for each option, there is a clear majority for ping-pong.
- > Area C – Basketball is the clear winner over Mini Futsal.
- > Area D – Voting for water play and nature play was almost equal.



## RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK

Polling (as shown on Conversations Moreland website)

Options have been nominated for these areas in the draft concept plan

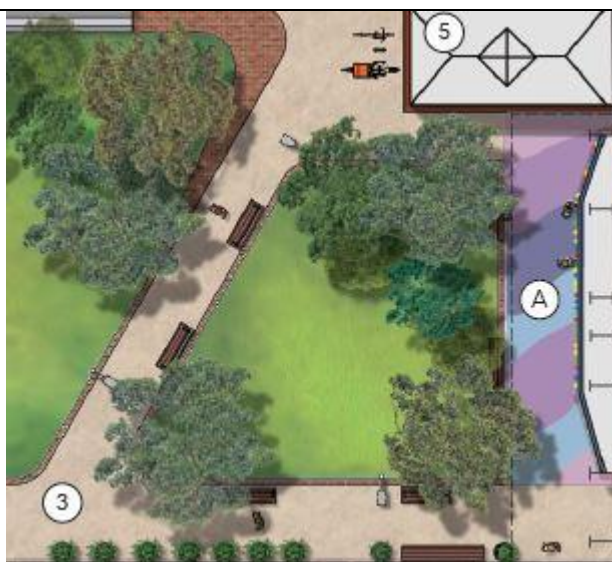
### Quick Poll - Area A

Which element would you like to see in Area A?

This poll has concluded.

- A.1 - Bouldering wall with rubber mats  
26% (17 votes)
- A.2 - Small enclosed dog off-leash area  
18% (12 votes)
- A.3 - Community garden  
25% (16 votes)
- A.4 - More green space  
31% (20 votes)

**Total Votes: 65**



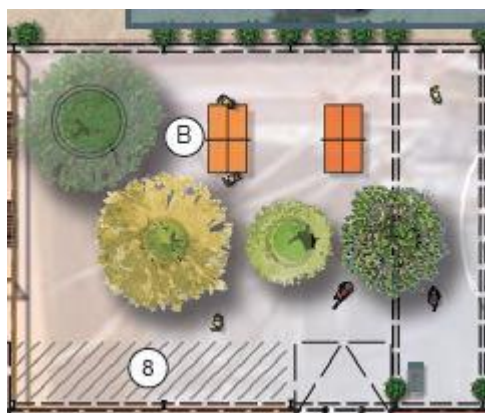
### Quick Poll - Area B

Which element would you like to see in Area B?

This poll has concluded.

- B.1 - Ping pong tables  
54% (46 votes)
- B.2 - Fitness equipment  
46% (39 votes)

**Total Votes: 85**



### Quick Poll - Area C

Which element would you like to see in Area C?

This poll has concluded.

- C.1 - Basketball half-court  
71% (58 votes)
- C.2 Mini Futsal half-court  
29% (24 votes)

**Total Votes: 82**



**Quick Poll - Area D**

Which play element would you like to see in Area D?

This poll has concluded.

D.1 - Water play	38% (39 votes)
D.2 - Nature Play	37% (38 votes)
D.3 - Playful climbing structures	16% (16 votes)
D.4 - Contemporary play equipment	10% (10 votes)

**Total Votes: 103**



Referring to the polling results, shown above, voting shows a clear preference for some of the options presented. In those instances where voting may not be as decisive, Council needs to make the final decision about what it considers the best outcome for the overall park plan. In doing so, we are also considering the wider context, as one park on its own can't provide facilities that cater for all possible types of activities.

**Area A** – Although votes are higher for “green space” than any of the other options, more green space can be provided readily in other areas of the park through revision of the plan. Community gardens have polled strongly but this only amounts to 16 people, and even this might not be a true indication of just how many people would become actively involved in the establishment and maintenance required for it to work. Council would prefer to explore other locations in Brunswick that might be more suitable in terms of space available for this activity as part of future projects. Options for consideration could include the Saxon Street community facility or investigating reuse of some car park land that might be re-allocated or trialled for community gardening.

On balance, it is decided to have this area allocated to a bouldering wall to provide a popular activity for older children and young people, as these sorts of facilities aren't present in many other parks in the area.

**Area B** – polling doesn't show a dramatic difference between the two choices, confirming the popularity of both these types of activity. The votes for ping-pong tables outweigh those for fitness equipment by about 18% and it is decided this space will be allocated for ping-pong on this basis.



**Area C** – the voting for Basketball is more than double that for Futsal, consistent with Council usually receiving many calls for basketball facilities whenever there is open space being redeveloped, confirming that this area will be allocated for a basketball half-court.

**Area D** – most voting was for either nature play or water play, with votes nearly equal. The proposed “Foundry-themed” water play will remain in place as an integral part of the scheme, which also responds to the heritage significance of the location. The adjacent native garden bed to the north of this play area can be revised to include nature play, so that both preferences are catered for within the design.

## RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK – CHANGES TO THE DRAFT PLAN

After hearing and considering all that’s been said and written about the plans for this new park, we asked our design consultants to revise the draft concept plan to incorporate the key messages expressed in the feedback and polling.

A crucial aspect of making any sort of change to the earlier plans, is the impact they will have on the Heritage significance of the existing built assets on the land. While there are considerable constraints on what can or cannot be done as part of the redevelopment of this site, Council embraces the opportunity to contribute to conservation of what is a significant part of Brunswick’s industrial past. The revised park design has been put forward for further public examination and it has received “in principle” support for the changes, provided suitable construction methods are employed to protect the Heritage assets.

The following key changes have been made to the plans in direct response to community feedback:

- > More “greenery” – increase in lawn & garden bed area from 730m<sup>2</sup> to 1,520m<sup>2</sup> (more than doubled)
- > More trees and shade – increase from 38 trees to 49 trees to be planted
- > Less hard surfaces - reduced extent of gravel path and concrete surfaces, replaced with lawn, garden beds and trees
- > Indigenous species of plants – northern portion of park (facing Howarth St) planted with primarily native evergreen and semi-deciduous tree species, along with native shrubs and sedges in a nature play space abutting timber deck
- > Fewer trees in planters – areas of concrete floor in southern “Foundry” portion (facing Lobb St) cut out for planting of trees in ground. This should result in greater

overall canopy growth and avoid some of the impacts included trees being root-bounded by smaller pots/planter beds.

- > Space for activities – retention of basketball, ping-pong & bouldering wall in response to voting on preferences
- > Space for play – both water and nature play (nested in native garden space) now included in response to voting on preferences
- > Inclusion of shelter – pergola with roof over BBQ & picnic tables
- > Public toilets – bespoke toilet building (not an Exaloo)

## STAGE 3 – FINAL CONCEPT PLAN

### ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

The purpose of stage 2 of the engagement process was to gauge the community's response to the changes made to the design and allow the community to ask questions about the design itself. The final concept plan (see appendix B) which included the changes listed above, was made available for comment through the Conversations Moreland web platform from 30 April 2021 until 5pm Monday 17 May 2021. Two face to face pop ups were held on 7 May 2021 at the Albert Street Woolworths and 15 May 2021 at Café Project281.

Postcards were sent out to properties within 500m of the project site directing people to the website and notifying them of the face to face pop ups (a copy of the post card can be found at appendix C). Signs were also put up on the site to capture passers-by who may not have received the postcard.

Four questions were asked through the website on various elements of the design (a complete record of these questions and responses can be found at appendix F). The face to face pop ups resulted in approximately 60 direct interactions with members of the public, that included both people responding to the postcard invitations and also passers-by.

A copy of the final concept plan was available for viewing and officers responded to questions and suggestions from the community.

### FEEDBACK OVERVIEW

Feedback from the pop ups was overwhelmingly supportive. The increase in the amount of garden and lawn areas was seen as the key change. The inclusion of water play was also widely commended. There was also strong support for the

The following comments were also raised during the pop ups, which will be passed onto the design team for consideration in the detailed design phase of the project:

- > Give careful consideration to the proposed lighting to the space to ensure that the park is safe to traverse at all hours but doesn't encourage anti-social behaviour.
- > Consider ways to ameliorate sound from the basketball courts to the surrounding residential area.
- > Consider the maintenance regime of the climbing wall to ensure it remains safe and attractive to use.
- > Consider including a multisport basketball/soccer goal to allow flexibility for sports which can use the designated space. However, it was also suggested leaving it as

basketball only was preferable, to avoid conflict between users seeking to utilise the space.

- > Consider desire lines for the entry and exit points to avoid “goat tracks” on the lawn areas.
- > Consider changing/removing the location of the sun seat along Howrath Street as this area will likely be in shade for most of the year due to the existing, and likely future developments directly north of the park.



Image - Council Officers at the Woolworths Pop Up.

### NEXT STEPS

This report will form an attachment to a Council Report seeking Council endorsement of the engagement process and final concept design.

Officers will continue with preparation of detailed plans for construction, tendering of the works programmed for the second half of this year. It is planned to have contractors appointed for construction before the end of this year with demolition and construction to be carried out during 2022.

Updates on progress with this project will be made via the news feed on the Conversations Moreland website with email notifications going out to those registered on the website.

## **APPENDICIES**

**APPENDIX A – Draft Concept Plan**

**APPENDIX B – Final Concept Plan**

**APPENDIX C – Post Card for Final Concept Plan**

**APPENDIX D – Consultation Material - Story Boards**

**APPENDIX E – Stage 1 Public Comments**

**APPENDIX F – Stage 2 Q&A**

## APPENDIX A – Draft Concept Plan



A historic local park

The northern side of the park features green grass and trees with generous seating and pathways. The southern side enhances the site's industrial heritage within the former steel foundry floor, walls, and roof frame.



- 1 Lawn
- 2 North-facing sun steps
- 3 Gravel paths and bench seating
- 4 Heritage facade & building
- 5 Electrical sub-station
- 6 Historical interpretation & signage
- 7 Morning sun deck
- 8 Food truck parking space
- 9 BBQs, picnic tables and shelter
- 10 Public toilet

In these areas, alternative uses have been nominated for community consultation and feedback:

- A A.1 Bouldering wall with rubber mats
- A.2 Small enclosed dog off-leash area
- A.3 Community garden
- A.4 More green space
- B B.1 Ping pong tables
- B.2 Fitness equipment
- C C.1 Basketball half-court
- C.2 Mini futsal half-court
- D D.1 Water play
- D.2 Nature play
- D.3 Playful climbing structures
- D.4 Contemporary play equipment

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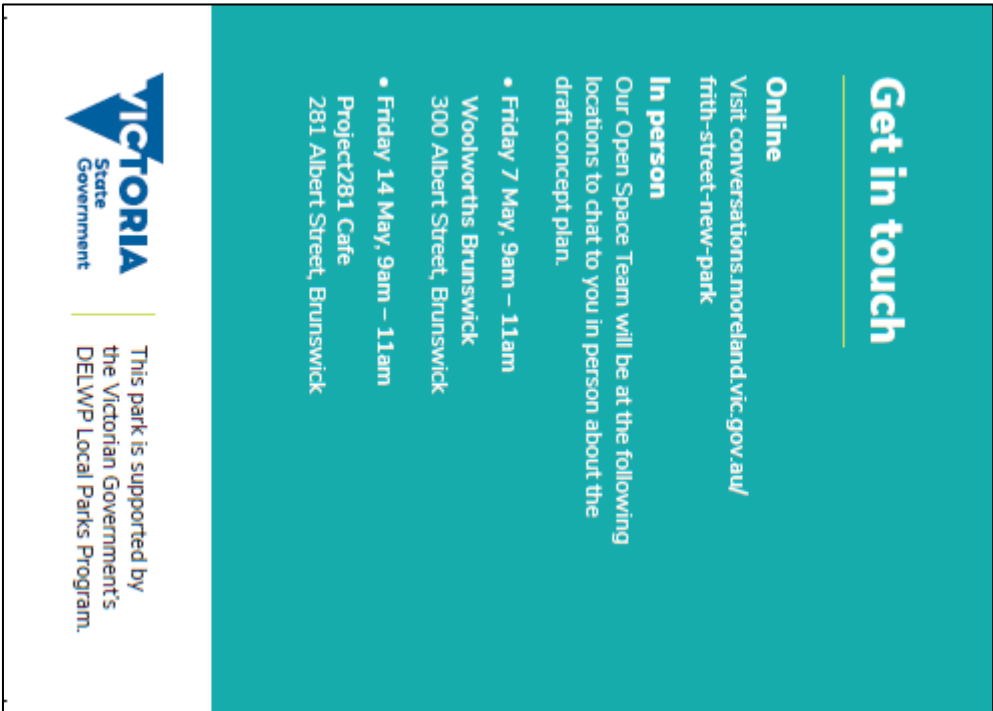


APPENDIX B – Final Concept Plan







APPENDIX C – Post Card for Final Concept Plan




## APPENDIX D – Consultation Material - Story Boards

**Introducing 14 Frith Street**  
 A new Park Close to Home in Brunswick





**14 Frith Street, aerial view from Sydney Road**



**Facade of former steel foundry, Frith Street frontage**

**Location plan**



**Interior view of former steel foundry**

**The story so far**


A Park Close to Home is a Moreland City Council initiative to create new parks in areas with limited access to public open space.

Located in central Brunswick, the site at number 14 Frith Street is a unique opportunity to provide open space in the inner-urban area abutting the Sydney Road shopping strip.

This area has a rich industrial history of factories and manufacturing. The buildings on the site were formerly a steel foundry and the Fletcher Jones clothing factory.

A draft concept plan has been prepared to share with the local community for input and feedback.

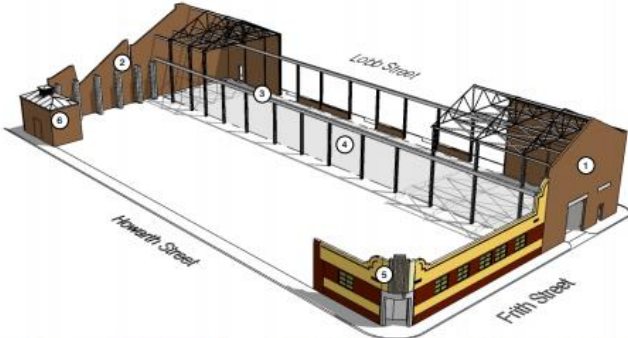
In this proposed design for the park, elements of the buildings have been retained to preserve and enhance the site's heritage value.




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**Preserving History**  
 Celebrating the heritage of Brunswick's once prolific steel industry






**Fletcher Jones sign on Frith St**



**Electricity Sub-station**



**The corner of Frith and Lobb Streets**



**Heritage values**

It is important that the former industrial uses of the site are identifiable in the design of the new park. These elements are numbered below:


- ① The west facade along Frith Street of the former foundry, and part of the facade along Lobb Street.
- ② The east facade of the foundry, and the sawtooth roof profile of the former factory.
- ③ The steel gantry and roof trusses of the former foundry indicate the headroom for overhead travelling cranes used in the handling of molten metal.
- ④ The concrete floor of the foundry indicates the size and scale of factory operations.

Also retained as important examples of heritage built form are:

- ⑤ The former Fletcher Jones offices on the corner of Howarth St.
- ⑥ City of Brunswick Electricity Supply Transformer Station.

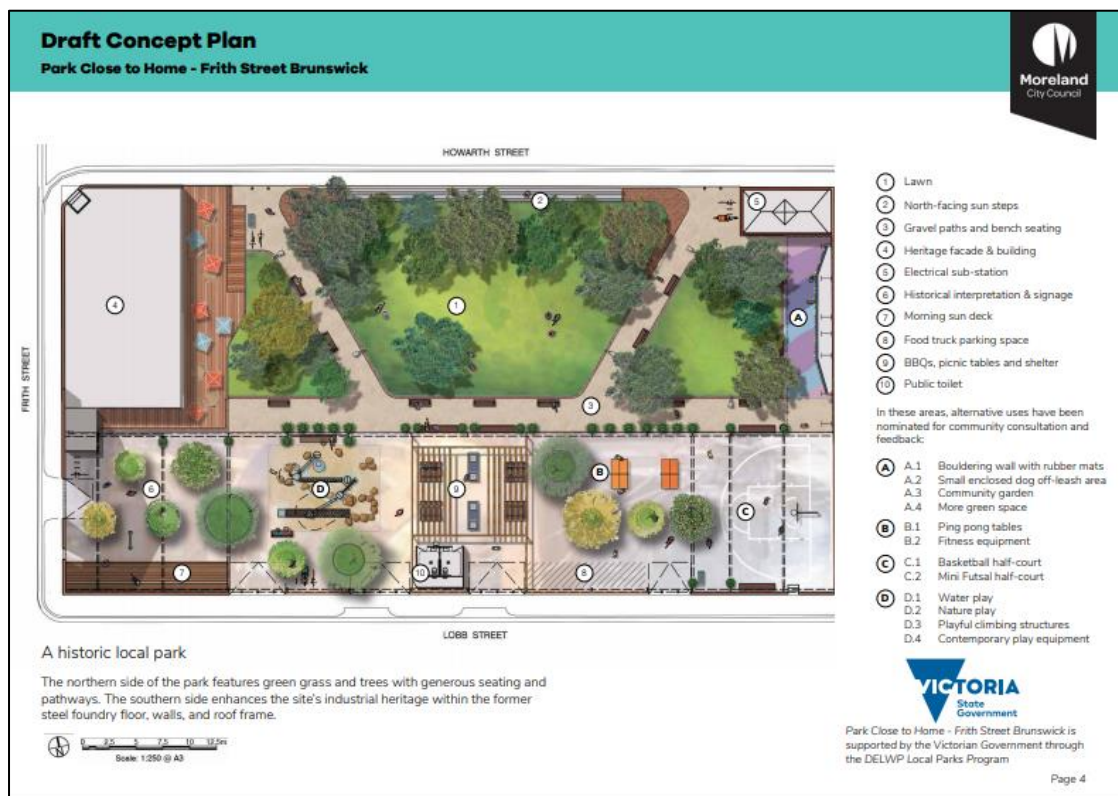
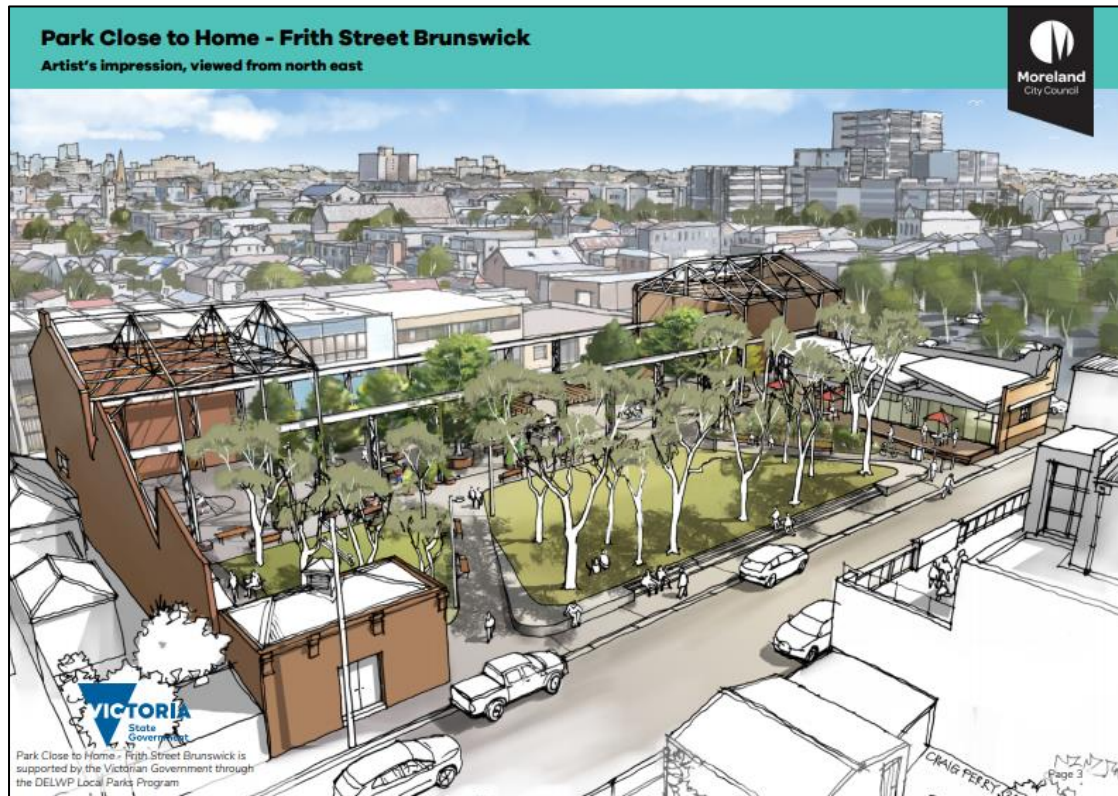
**Jardins les Fonderies in Nantes, a former steel foundry converted into a public park**



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## Ideas for the new park

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Trees on the former steel foundry site will be grown in large steel containers that reference the foundry crucibles used for pouring metals into casts.


The play area for younger children references the steel foundry process of pouring and casting, combined with natural materials such as stone and sand


Brunswick's industrial heritage is to be acknowledged in painted murals and a concrete floor supergraphic. The reference images: The Foundry, Pouring the Crucible painting by Diego Rivera indicate the industrial theme that could be applied, and the Marvel Stadium floor and wall mural show the impact that scale can have on a large space.

### Design references

The unique qualities of the former industrial site can be celebrated with the use of steel pots for growing trees or plants, with sculptural play elements that reference the steel foundry process and art murals that connect to the past.



Recycled brick from the demolished walls to be re-used in edging and steps.



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## Ideas for the new park

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BBQ areas, picnic tables and shelter




Picnics and gatherings on the grass




Lawn for pop-cinema or events



Morning sun deck

### More green space

A key aim of the park is to provide recreational green space in a built-up urban area.

Public amenities such as BBQs, picnic tables, shade shelters, and drinking fountains facilitate flexible use, and public toilets enable longer stays.

Other important factors need to be considered in the overall design, open and welcoming entries, equitable access for all, path lighting at night, bicycle parking, waste removal and shade.

The design has been developed to balance the needs of future park users with the significance of retained parts of the heritage buildings.



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## Ideas for the new park

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Play equipment and climbing structures



Nature-based play



Fitness equipment



Mini Futsal half-court



Basketball half-court



Small enclosed off-leash dog area



Bouldering wall



Community garden



More green space



Ping pong tables

#### Engaging alternatives

Council invites the community to help decide what goes in this new park.

Some options are shown here.





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## Park Close to Home - Frith Street Brunswick

### Artist's impression, viewed from north west





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## APPENDIX E – Stage 1 Public Comments

### FEEDBACK COMMENTARY (from Conversations Moreland website)

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Title	Description / Feedback
Feb 05, 2021, 05:29 PM	Park Life	More natural spaces	Love the thought of more open space in Brunswick. Totally needed as a reprieve from hard urban living. As a family we attend local parks all the time and felt the strain that was placed on local open spaces during lockdown. My kids (young teenagers) struggled to get a go at the basketball half courts then, so appreciating the proposed half court . Brunswick is gritty so it would be good to make the park as big and green, shady and as indigenous as possible. Food trucks should stay on the street, maximise potential space. Maybe incorporate extra street trees to reduce thermal massing in Summer complimenting the park.
Feb 05, 2021, 04:14 PM	Roberta	Less gravel and noisy activities, more green	Respite from noise is becoming every bit as important as green/open spaces to enjoy. Given the size of this pocket of space, I'm not sure that ping pong or fitness equipment should be high priorities. (How many gyms are there in Brunswick these days?) And please, no bouldering wall! More green spaces - some shaded, some not - overall please.
Jan 07, 2021, 02:13 PM	paul_son_ofanders	Indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses	Would be good to see native plants that are indigenous to Brunswick used. A mixture of tall native trees, head high shrubs and knee high grasses would encourage native fauna to the area.  I like that the red bricks are being re-used on the site.
Dec 26, 2020, 06:49 PM	Rufus	Fresh and green	Getting outdoors is about being amongst greenery - bring it on. Play space for stretching the legs and lungs and places to sit and watch the activity; it's good for the soul. Reduce the concrete, increase wooden seating. The 'sun steps' will be great in winter but having your back to the sun is brilliant. I agree with my neighbours - real trees and shrubs; less hardscaping. How about making it food truck-friendly for local events and gorgeous evenings?
Dec 24, 2020, 09:08 PM	Michael	Face in, not out	The "north facing sun steps" is just seating on the footpath, facing the street and parked cars. That's not appealing at all. People want to face into the park and look across the views, not put their backs to the park. Please also consider planting the trees in the earth and not in tubs - it is far nicer to sit under or against a tree trunk, not next to a dirty planter that dogs have urinated all over and has graffiti on it.

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Title	Description / Feedback
Dec 24, 2020, 08:57 PM	Michael	Go more lush	This design will lead to a park that is hot and dry, with too many hard, reflective surfaces that absorb and hold heat, and eucalyptus also dry out the soil. Please revise the designs with greener, denser plantings - there's an opportunity here to use the walls for climbing plants and create a lush jungle feel which is a perfect antidote to the hot impermeable surfaces of the surrounding area.
Dec 21, 2020, 07:19 PM	megjoshjack	More green	I agree with the previous commenters- less is more. We need space and green, and it has been so apparent during the lockdowns this year how little there is around.
Dec 21, 2020, 04:55 PM	Nancy	Less concrete, more green stuff	I agree with others who say there's too much concrete. This is a small area and we need green space. We can see how much people enjoy sitting under a tree on some grass or a bench, with a pleasant view. The trees should be planted, not small trees in pots as proposed for the south end. Plenty of bench space. Have space for games and activities, but for all ages, and flexible in its use. Spend a bit of money on nice plants, grass, watering systems as needed. Walls could have art displays, and the history of the site like at Tip Top. Don't give away public space for a coffee shop or other stuff that can go elsewhere. People can bring their coffee, it's close to shops, and it should all be public space, not just for those with money. Food vans can park on the road. Dogs can go to Fleming Park. Covid has also shown us the value of having some roofed space.
Dec 21, 2020, 01:08 PM	JaneD	More green space needed, less concrete.	Great to have more parks but looks like a lot of concrete still included. Less concrete please, more green space, we are already surrounded by concrete.
Dec 16, 2020, 11:39 AM	tim_p	Less is more	Lots of good ideas but overall too busy. The park is an otherwise welcome respite from cluttered surrounds. In my view the fitness equipment and ping pong should go altogether although I support a basketball court and lawns which give cooped up kids and grown-ups a proper chance to run and stretch. Big skies and expansive space are at a premium in this neck of the woods, please maximise them.

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Title	Description / Feedback
Dec 06, 2020, 12:13 PM	SkMcIver	Rope and water play	Delighted this is happening as live around the corner. It would be good to look at the rope park near Royal Children's hospital which has water play/nature play and rope climbing. I like that the design has 'all ages' features in climbing wall, basketball, and play/nature/water/climbing. Another idea could be a to paint a tennis net on a an existing wall so can have a hit on to the wall. Good to have space for coffee, food, ice cream truck too! I hope the toilet is not the hideous stainless steel one - can it be more like what Ceres has?
Dec 03, 2020, 12:39 PM	Tatiana	All of Moreland deserves parks	This is a great initiative. Now if someone could tell your CEO and Sports division that we all value open greenspaces. In Coburg North instead of prioritising parks, the council wants to tear up our existing park and replace it with a plastic pitch for the near-exclusive use of private sports clubs. Residents are having to band together to fight to save our park.
Dec 03, 2020, 12:28 PM	Festooned	No eucalypts over the lawn!	I know that there's a push to have native vegetation in parks, but please for the love of god don't wreck this opportunity to let people enjoy a new lawn.  You only need to look as far as the nearby Randazzo park to see that eucalypts are completely antithetical to picnicking and lying on grass. The areas under the tree are devoid of uniform grass cover, the ground is hard, and there is sharp woody debris.  Either use deciduous species as in Princes Park, or keep the lawns free of trees.
Dec 03, 2020, 12:25 PM	pjh	More green, less fittings and concrete	Hi what amazing news some green space amongst all the massive apartment buildings going up.  Probably a lot more concrete that I would have thought - perhaps less fixtures and concrete and more greenery and park would be nicer?  Couple of things, make sure the hard edges aren't breakable by skaters.  Having a basketball court amongst so many residential buildings is going to be very loud for them and noisy Putting more park instead?  For safety will need CCTV and be very well lit at night.

<b>Date Submitted</b>	<b>Screen Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Description / Feedback</b>
Dec 03, 2020, 11:57 AM	hamptonac	Historical Brunswick	<p>The new park will be close to the rear of the site of the (former?) business known as "Penny Black". I have a theory that the building was the original Post Office and Telephone/Telegraph office and exchange. The building has a foundation stone on Sydney Rd which supports my view.</p> <p>The "new" Telstra", et al, exchange from the days of the PMG fronts to Frith St to the North of the park. It would be great to have a display showing the rich history of postal and telecommunications in Brunswick.</p> <p>Maybe Telstra/NBN would contribute (MAYBE). Image included of frontage of existing telephone exchange building. That frontage may be especially "Brunswick"; I notice the exchanges, such as they are, and I have not seen the like, nor had my former PMG colleague.</p> <p>Whilst recreation, child play and greening ought to be the priorities for the park, it is a shame to see heritage fade away unlamented.</p>

## APPENDIX F – Stage 2 Q&A

### FEEDBACK COMMENTARY (from Conversations Moreland website)

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Title	Description / Feedback	Officer response
	Shannon	Is water play sustainable?	I assume water play features use potable water for safety reasons. How does MCC ensure this is done in a sustainable way, given Victoria's near-perpetual drought conditions (which will only worsen with climate change)?	<p>Thanks for the question Shannon,</p> <p>Sustainability is important to Moreland and our design team will be looking at ways to incorporate water sensitive urban design elements into the park, including opportunities for passive irrigation of lawn and gardens beds.</p> <p>Water and nature play offers a unique and stimulating play experience, particularly for younger children, and is strongly desired and supported by the community. We see the inclusion of this type of experience within the new park as a different play offering to some of our other parks and also an education opportunity, as the design of the water play will reference the historical elements of the former foundry. Our design team will also give consideration as to how the water play elements will function without water so that playability will still be possible in times of drought and limited access to water.</p>
	Helen	What is the lighting strategy for the park?	How well light will the park be at night? Will the facilities have lighting for use? Could the toilets be located in the SW corner to enable the middle section of the park to be open - better sightlines. Also prefer not to have toilets adjacent bbq / picnic tables..	<p>Hi Helen, thanks for the questions and suggestions.</p> <p>Council's design team will work through the lighting design for the project in accordance with Council's Public Lighting Policy. In our parks and open spaces we generally light paths and access ways, but not the parks themselves, particularly in urban locations where encouraging late night activity can be disruptive to the amenity of the surrounding residential area.</p> <p>You can find a copy of our policy here <a href="https://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/about-council/publ...">https://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/about-council/publ...</a> if you wish to find out more about it.</p>

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				The design for the park, including the position of the toilets, has been carefully laid out in regards to the engineering and functionality of the space, and in response to the heritage requirements for the site. We have considered alternate options for the toilet location, however this is the location which has ultimately been selected by the design team.
	Festooned	Which species of plants and where?	It's great to see that there will be more green space and grassy areas in this revised version. I would very much like to know which plant species are planned in different areas of the park.	<p>Thanks for the question Festooned.</p> <p>We won't know the final plant species selection until closer to the construction of the park, as factors like plant availability and time of year for planting influence the choice. I have however provided some further information below regarding the proposed approach to planting and selection of species for the project, which may be of interest.</p> <p><b>APPROACH TO TREE SPECIES &amp; PLANTING</b></p> <p>The proposed species at Frith Street Park is to be a range of predominantly native and some exotic species that will provide a balance of shade, colour, amenity and biodiversity. They have been selected based on their suitability to perform well in the below and above ground conditions that will vary across the site. Ensuring the significant heritage elements are not impacted by root or aerial incursion is important part of this selection. The predominantly native and mostly evergreen north side of the park will complement the deciduous exotic planting on the south side, highlighting the two approaches to the Park that is reflected in the design and materials selections throughout.</p> <p>In the main lawn area adjacent to Howarth Street, large, clean-trunked native eucalypts are proposed as they will be planted in natural ground, and have the aerial space to</p>



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				<p>facilitate the large spreading trees that will form the key shade trees for the site.</p> <p>Nearer to the commercial building, in the play area and towards the east wall, medium-sized, evergreen native trees are proposed, that will still provide shade, and will not have any detrimental impact on adjacent walls or footings.</p> <p>On the south side of the main lawn, medium-sized, deciduous or partly deciduous, flowering native species will be used to continue the biodiversity, and also allow for improved solar access and seasonal interest.</p> <p>The foundry area has primarily trees in containerised situations and as such a range of small-medium deciduous trees will be used as they are best suited to these conditions. This will be a range of flowering, ornamental species that will provide colour and interest all year round, and when without leaf, will highlight the dramatic walls of the foundry.</p> <p>Understorey planting will typically be kept low to ensure safe sightlines are maintained, and this will be typically be made up of hardy native and indigenous species, that may showcase the types of species that residents can use at home, or on balconies , that also contribute to biodiversity.</p>
	Nancy	More details please?	This certainly looks better but can you give new sketches of the south side please, and also list what is included and what is not included please compared to the list of options on the previous design. Is that a cafe on the	<p>Hi Nancy,</p> <p>Thanks for your contribution. We have uploaded a copy of the plan into the document library which has a legend that indicates the elements of the park.</p> <p>In regards to the heritage building, the details for this element of the project are</p>

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			corner, and if so will non-customers not be allowed to sit there? (BTW I have been asked who I want to respond, the only choice is Richard Tolliday, I don't know who that is . . .)	still being resolved. We will provide further information once a decision is made.  I hope that helps with your understanding!