An aerial photograph of a river system with several meanders and oxbow lakes. The water is a deep blue-green color, and the surrounding land is a mix of green and brown. A dark semi-transparent rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

Brunswick Central Parklands & Integrated Water Management Plan

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK REPORT – STAGE 2

23 November 2021



Alluvium recognises and acknowledges the unique relationship and deep connection to Country shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, as First Peoples and Traditional Owners of Australia. We pay our respects to their Cultures, Country and Elders past and present.

Artwork by Vicki Golding. This piece was commissioned by Alluvium and has told our story of water across Country, from catchment to coast, with people from all cultures learning, understanding, sharing stories, walking to and talking at the meeting places as one nation.

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1 Introduction

Alluvium and Realm Studios have been engaged by Moreland City Council to develop a “Development and Integrated Water Management (IWM) plan” (the Plan) for the Brunswick Central Parklands comprising of AG Gillon Oval, Brunswick Park, Reaburn Reserve, Gilpin Park and Clifton Park (Figure 1).

In the process of developing the Plan there were two rounds of community consultation and feedback.

1.1 Stage 1

During Stage 1, Council asked community for their vision for the parklands, to identify what was important to park users and to gather ideas on how to improve the area. The IWM plan looked at “opportunities to capture stormwater from our streets and drains. We explored how to use this in the park for irrigation and to improve amenity, biodiversity and water quality”. A report was prepared in October to summarise the outcomes of the first round of feedback. This report was posted on Council’s website.

Stage 1 summary

To recap, Stage 1 of the engagement process utilised the Conversation Moreland website, and the ‘Map your ideas’ and ‘Gathering ideas’ functions to understand community experiences and ideas about how to improve the parklands. The key themes from that round of feedback were used to develop the initial development plans for the parklands. The notable takeaways from that Stage of engagement include:

- **Improved connectivity** of the site and safety in traversing the parklands are key issues. This is reflected in alterations to cycleway alignments and proposed road modifications that prioritise pedestrian over car traffic.
- **Activation:** The provision of a variety of active and passive spaces that accommodate a broad range of community preferences.
- **Facilities:** An improvement in the condition and nature of facilities and enabling the parklands to house community events like music festivals.
- **Biodiversity:** Greater canopy cover to mitigate heat and support improved ecological values across the parkland.
- **Integrated water management:** A non-potable water supply for irrigation, greening open spaces and reducing dust and brown spaces over summer months.

Online discussion for Stage 1 closed 28 October 2021 and a summary report was posted on the Conversations Moreland website.

1.2 Stage 2

Stage 2 of the engagement process involves checking back in with the community to make sure that Stage 1 feedback was heard. It asks the community to review our summary of their feedback on the vision, ideas and opportunities to improve the parklands as we finalise the draft Plan.

This report is a summary of Stage 2 feedback.

Stage 2 - Aim and scope

The aim of this report is to summarise the outcomes of the most recent round of consultation where the community were asked to comment on the “Brunswick Central Parklands Plan: Stage 2 Community Ideas and Opportunities”. This report will reflect community feedback (thematically and specifically), to ensure that the final Parklands Plan includes suggested improvements and reflects the communities’ values and aspirations for the Parklands.

The scope of the report includes:

- Specifying how the feedback was sourced and who provided it
- The themes that have been derived from that feedback and specific feedback under those themes, and
- How feedback influenced the updated Brunswick Parklands Development and IWM Plan.



Figure 1. Aerial image of the Brunswick Parklands with a project boundary shown

2 Stage 2 - Community Engagement Summary

As noted above, as part of Stage 2, the community were asked to comment on Brunswick Central Parklands Plan: Stage 2 Community Ideas and Opportunities. This document included:

- Background and context for the Parklands
- A vision for the Masterplan and six objectives
- A summary of the key elements of the proposed integrated water management plan
- Opportunities and Ideas: Under each objective, Council and their design team provided a number of spatially located opportunities and ideas.

2.1 Where did we source our data?

There were a number of information sources that contributed to the Stage 2 review

Conversations Moreland

“Conversations Moreland” is an online community engagement platform maintained by the Moreland City Council (Council). As per Stage 1, Conversations Moreland was central to gathering community feedback through a variety of means.

Key Community Opportunities and Ideas: An interactive map of the parklands was posted that contained spatially distributed Opportunities and Ideas, thematically mapped by colour. Users could click on these icons and discover the Opportunity or Idea for that location.



Figure 2. Brunswick Parklands: Key Community Opportunities and Ideas

Having reviewed the proposed Opportunities and Ideas, community were invited to provide feedback in two ways:

1. Survey: an 11 question survey that requested Yes / No / Unsure responses, as well as room to add clarifying comments
2. "Share your thoughts": this allowed community to post more detailed comments on any aspect of the plan.

Emails

Under Contact Us on the website was a council email address that a number of people responded to, contributing detailed thoughts on a range of subjects.

Pop up sessions

Council staff attended a number of pop-up sessions where feedback and data were collated from people who attended on the day. These sessions were held on the 30th October and 6th of November at Gilpin Park, Clifton Park and Gillon Oval.

2.2 Summary of results

The feedback provided to Conversations Moreland is divided into two categories.

Survey

On average, there were 105 responses to each of the 11 survey questions. The results of the survey are summarised in Figure 3 below. Some of the most strongly supported questions include:

- *Are you supportive of the identified opportunities for raingardens, wetlands and stormwater harvesting systems that are shown on the map?* 91 of 101 respondents were supportive of this initiative
- *Should we upgrade the Gillon Oval playground or deliver multiple informal nature play elements throughout the Parklands?* With 84 respondents supporting Multiple nature play elements and / or both approaches
- There was also strong support for a community garden.

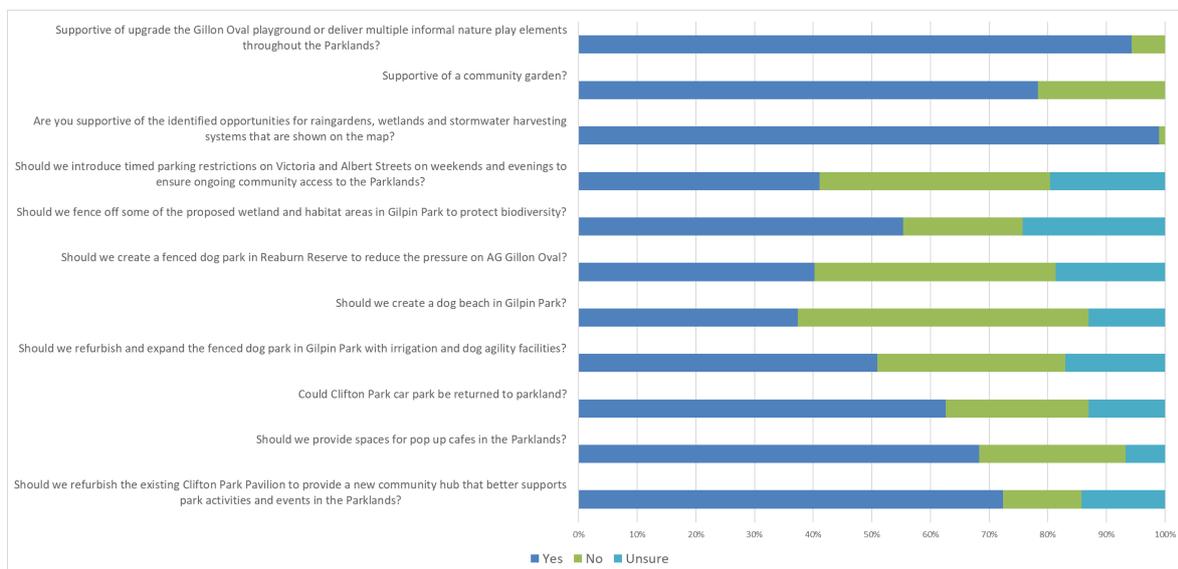


Figure 3. Key Community Opportunities and Ideas: Survey results

“Share your thoughts”

There were 62 contributions to the Share your thoughts page. While each contribution was noted, they were also categorised in terms of themes. A summary of the number of responses under each theme is provided in Figure 4. It shows that the themes of facilities, recreation and sustainability were well represented.

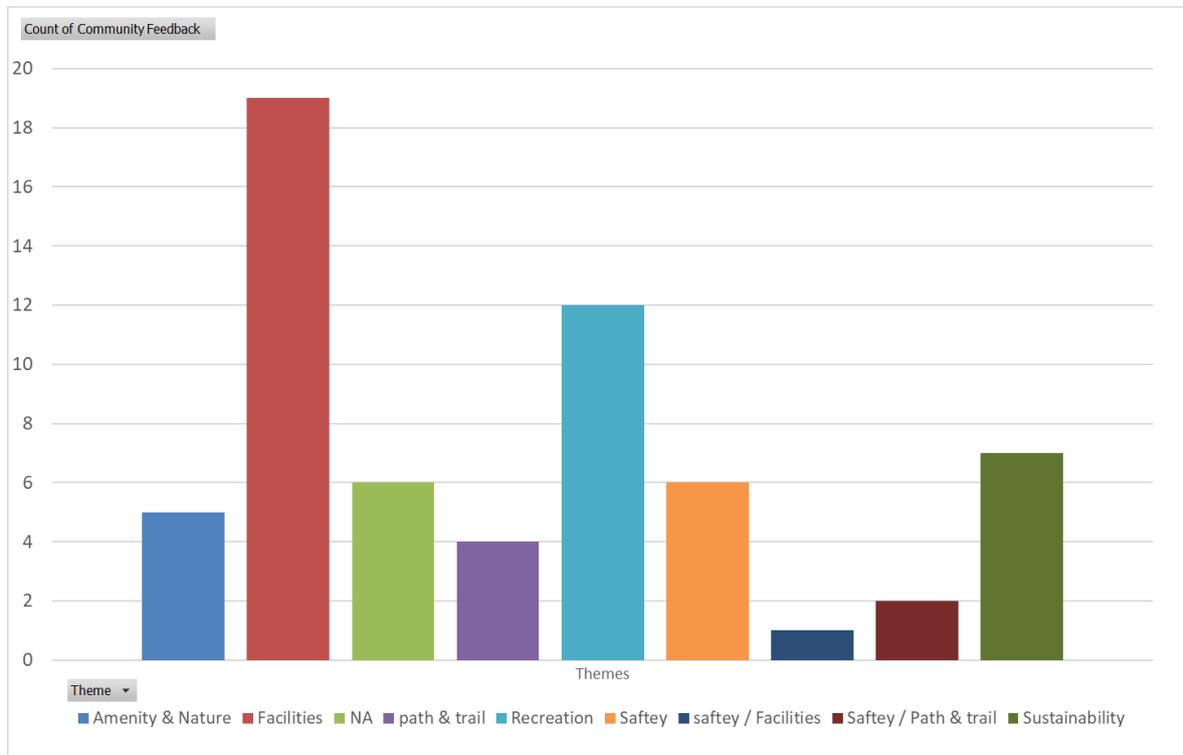


Figure 4. Key Community Opportunities and Ideas: Share your thoughts themes

Some specific and representative feedback under each theme are contained in Table 1 below. Some of key issues raised include:

- Safety along the major roads surrounding and crossing the parklands
- Greening and cooling across the parklands
- Improvement in a range of facilities with toilets and bins prominent
- Upgrading of play facilities including a BMX pump track as well as nature and unstructured play.
- Better definition of usage and utilisation of existing spaces.

Table 1 *Share your thoughts results by theme and comment*

Theme	Comment summary
Amenity and nature	<p>More plants & trees in the parklands</p> <p>I rarely see more than 1 or 2 people in Raeburn Reserve. It seems a waste</p> <p>More nature, more diversity, less infrastructure</p> <p>More unstructured space, with trees /bushes that people can sit in or walk through.</p> <p>More shade in Clifton park would be good</p> <p>Reimagine the amphitheatre area in Gilpin Park</p>
Facilities	<p>Adult gym equipment (including in Gilpin Park)</p> <p>More public bathrooms / toilets across the entire precinct. These need to be accessible to the whole community</p> <p>Undercover areas in fenced dog parks</p> <p>Pump track or BMX track for kids</p> <p>Multiple rubbish bins to take landfill and recyclable materials</p> <p>Opposition to the idea of expanding the Gilpin Park off leash area</p> <p>Gillon needs drainage and remove the dogs. It's a sports oval</p> <p>Keep Clifton oval and improve facilities for women's AFL football</p>
Path and trail	<p>Safer Pedestrian crossings on Albert street and Pearson street and Victoria street.</p> <p>Create a bike / BMX dirt track at Gilpin Park</p> <p>Improved cycling infrastructure on the east/west and north/south corridors</p>
Recreation	<p>Upgrade the Gilpin Park playground</p> <p>Pump track / BMX bike track for kids in Gilpin Park</p> <p>Apart from Brunswick Baths there is no where else in Brunswick to go to cool off when temperatures rise.</p> <p>Ensure kids have plenty of free/unstructured nature play e.g. climbing trees, digging holes, exploring forests etc</p>
Safety	<p>Upset that safety concerns about speeding traffic on Albert and Pearson street have not been addressed</p> <p>Traffic lights on Pearson / Albert and Albert St crossing between Gilpin and Clifton</p> <p>Please show us what crossings are going to be installed and what speed calming will be installed.</p> <p>Safety measures in place in Clifton Park to stop pets and children straying onto the road</p>
Safety / facilities	<p>Easier crossing (zebra crossing or lights) at Victoria St between Clifton and Brunswick Park</p>
Safety / path and trails	<p>Speed limit on Albert St dropped to 30/40, more speed bumps on Albert, Pearson and Victoria streets bordering the parks, Pedestrian traffic lights on Albert and Victoria St at the park crossings</p>
Sustainability	<p>More large tree species into the parklands to encourage a greater diversity of native birdlife</p> <p>There are several areas in Gilpin where more trees could be planted....this would help to create more habitat for the rich bird life so loved by many in the park as well as natural shade.</p> <p>Irrigation and vegetation. More deciduous canopy trees.</p> <p>Looking forward to wetlands in Gilpin Park</p>

Emails

Eight email responses were received. The key issues (with theme where appropriate) are included in Table 2 below. The feedback supports enhanced biodiversity and canopy cover through the park, provides thoughts on improvement or new facilities and the alignment and nature of paths and trails. The emails also provided constructive challenge to some of the features of the integrated water management plan.

Table 2 *Emailed results by theme and comment*

Theme	Comment summary
Amenity and nature	<p>Increase the biodiversity in the parks (bird nesting, bee hotels, bat nesting) / Pictures of bird that visit the park to educate kids / More native plantings of large trees to increase tree canopy</p> <p>Treat the parkland as one, connected precinct with specific focus and activity</p> <p>Improve the design and build quality for the surrounding new developments / concern about the proposed developments on Albert Street that are going to overshadow Gilpin and Clifton Parks.</p>
Facilities	<p>Expand the enclosed dog area at Gilpin - but keep the open woodland aesthetic</p> <p>Replace synthetic pitch with real turf in Clifton Park to reduce Urban Heat Island Effect</p> <p>Expand Brunswick skatepark to be more beginner friendly</p> <p>Relocate the cricket nets to the south of the club rooms, repurposing one of the woefully underutilized netball courts or using some of the remainder from the former oval that's no longer usable post tennis court / netball court expansion.</p> <p>Food trucks on Victoria St are pretty popular, yet limited bins & waste management</p>
Path and trail	<p>Cricket nets: the initial plan shows gates on the new nets that will block the path when practice is happening - that blockage might not be obvious to those coming clockwise around the oval. Redesign the new path to give walkers more space and curved transitions instead of right angles. It doesn't need to be parallel to the nets: to facilitate movement around the oval, it could run from the top corner of the nets in an east-south-east direction to join up with the main path further along the northern edge of the oval.</p> <p>Restoration or enhancement of the Albert St edge of Gilpin Park – lots of potential for better interface and landscaping.</p> <p>Was expecting to see more effort go into identifying a 'cool / green / shaded' pathway – which would be separate from the commuter paths</p>
Recreation	<p>Communal vegie patch</p> <p>More basketball courts</p> <p>The southern edge of Gilpin has an amazing BMX track that kids love.</p>
Safety	<p><i>No specific safety concerns raised within emails</i></p>
Sustainability (water)	<p>Increase irrigation using stormwater - love the idea of repurposing Raeburn Park for this</p> <p>Introduce a pond or wetland in Gilpin Park</p> <p>Council has looked to harvesting from Hope St but the drain is too deep</p> <p>The raingarden is too large / Unsure of where the outlet for the wetland is in Gilpin Park</p> <p>An eco-toilet in the park</p> <p>Acknowledgement of first nations people somewhere in the park</p>

Pop-up session

At the pop-up sessions held on the 30th of October and 6th of November at various locations across the parklands, submissions were accepted from community members on a range of issues and topics. Similar to the activities summarised above, these were grouped under a number of categories. The number of comments received at each session under each category is summarised in Figure 5.

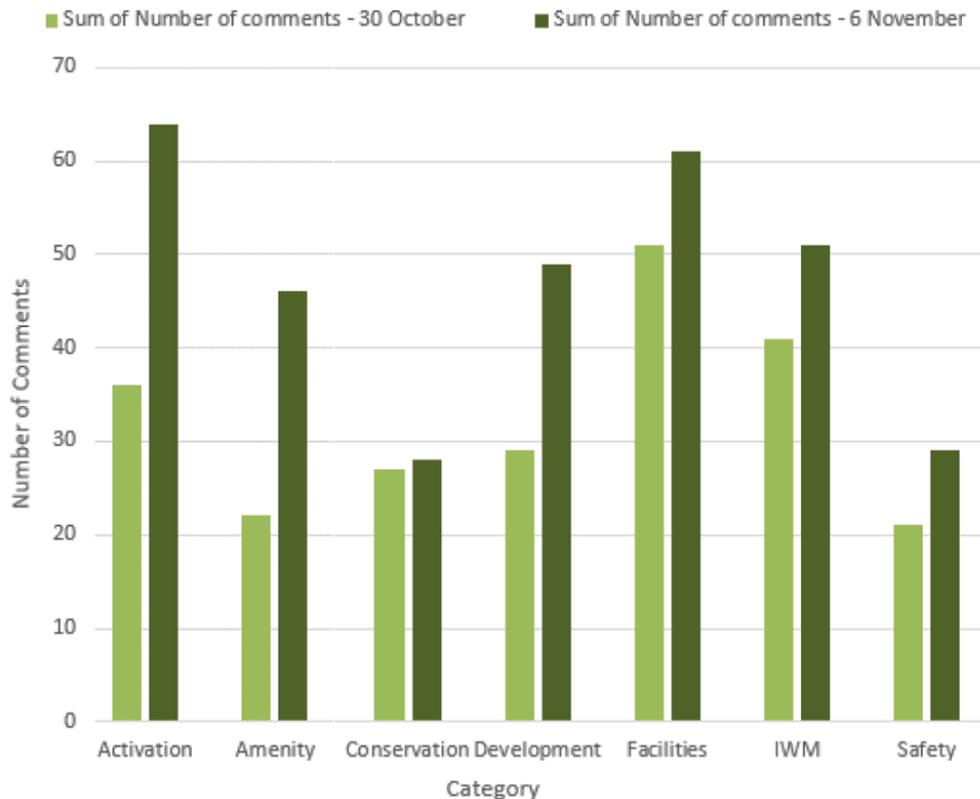


Figure 5. Pop up session results summary

The summary shows particular interest in activation of the site, amenity, facilities and IWM. Key takeaways include:

- **Activation:** there was significant interest in the renewal of the Gilpin play space and support for nature play and water play elements.
- **Amenity:** many expressed satisfaction with the parklands current conditions. There was however concern about poor drainage in Brunswick Park and Raeburn Reserve. People also requested more recycling bins.
- **Conservation:** there was strong support more canopy trees, more diversity and habitat planting (including protecting existing biodiversity especially Tawny Frogmouths). There was a preference to retain and enhance the natural feel of the parklands, rather than adding more infrastructure.
- **Development:** there was concern expressed regarding height and over shadowing from adjacent developments. There was also support for parking restrictions on local streets.
- **Facilities:** there was a lot of support in general for facilities propositions including new public toilets, or opening Clifton Pavilion toilets to the public.
- **Integrated water management:** the strongest support was for wetlands, swales and ponding in Gilpin and a shift toward sustainable irrigation. There was support for locating a stormwater treatment biofilter in Raeburn. There was some support for irrigation of the off lease area in Gilpin, as long as it doesn't get too wet.

5 Summary

Two stages of engagement have supported the development of the plan for the Brunswick Parklands. The process is illustrated in Figure 6 below, with future stages also shown.

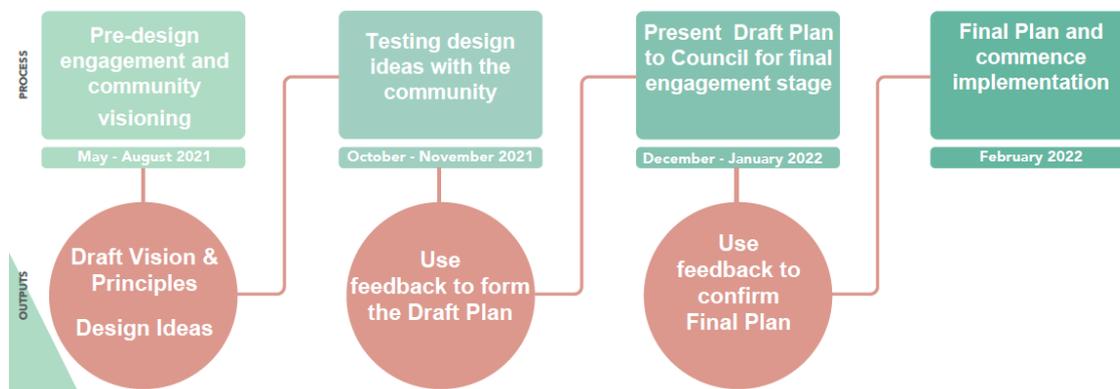


Figure 6. Engagement and plan development process (Courtesy of Realm Studios)

The outcomes from Stage 2 of Community Engagement confirmed, refined and introduced new ideas for incorporation into the overall plan for the parklands. It is worth noting that there was an enthusiastic response to the opportunity to comment on the future of the parklands. This is a significant community asset with a passionate and informed local community. Having said that, it is difficult to incorporate all suggestions and ideas, particularly where there are opposing views within the community.

There have been themes that have been reinforced over the two stages of engagement that have been represented within the plan. The parklands report highlights those ideas that were supported by the community that have subsequently been included within the plan including:

- IWM interventions that result in more sustainable irrigation across the parklands and the inclusion of surface water assets within Gilpin. Accessing large stormwater mains is considered worthy of further investigation given the value of the parklands and the importance of a reliable source of non-potable water to the long term health of the parklands.
- A community garden within Raeburn Reserve was well supported (that may be co-located with a stormwater treatment biofilter)
- Expansion of the dog park in Gilpin was not unanimous, however the greater responses were in support of that initiative and the plan reflects this.
- Enhancing biodiversity and ecological values within Gilpin was well supported including greater canopy cover (with vegetation supported by a stormwater resource) to support local bird populations in particular.
- Many supported changes to or refurbishing of the Clifton park pavilion. Similarly there was strong support for converting the existing Clifton car park to parklands.
- Pop up cafes were also supported with opposition often based on issues with the privatisation of public space.
- There was also strong support for increased youth activities such as basketball courts and skateparks.

The plan will be updated with this feedback and presented to Councillors for their feedback and comment.

An aerial photograph of a river system with a dark, semi-transparent rectangular overlay in the center. The river is a vibrant green color, winding through a landscape of various shades of green and brown, indicating different vegetation and terrain. The river flows from the top right towards the bottom left, with several meanders and loops. The surrounding land is a mix of light green, dark green, and brownish tones, suggesting a natural, possibly forested or agricultural, environment. The overall scene is captured from a high angle, providing a clear view of the river's path and the surrounding terrain.

Appendix 1. Individual Community Responses from Stage 2 Consultation

Summary of Community Survey Responses to the proposed Opportunities and Ideas

1. Should we refurbish the existing Clifton Park Pavilion to provide a new community hub that better supports park activities and events in the Parklands?		
Yes	No	Unsure
57	11	12
Any other comments?		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It's used for exercise and casual tennis, etc. already. Shade and shelter from rain is good. I would rather see some events planned than refurbishment. 2. The pavilion is certainly under utilised at the moment. 3. There are insufficient toilets open in these parks. 4. What on earth this this building even supposed to be? It's ugly and a waste of space. Better off to demolish it. 5. Yes, it would be great to refurbish it for other community use or it could be used to provide cafe type facilities. Yes, this is well used by people exercising in the morning, is architecturally unique and I can see in summer would be great for community events 		
2. Should we provide spaces for pop up cafes in the Parklands?		
Yes	No	Unsure
54	15	6
Any other comments?		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I don't think a permanent structure is necessary, but would welcome the coffee cart as we see sometimes in a Gilpin park. 2. I think there are a lot of other options around and currently the food trucks that come to Brunswick Park are so nice and great experience. It's a good idea but location would be important to control rubbish and foot traffic - a good example would be Collingwood children's farm and Ceres. 3. isn't there a push to make Brunswick a design district? well how about you employ done actual designers that will create the fundamentals rather than a bunch of cosmetic upgrades that will appease the most groups individuals votes thoughts (block viewers) etc. rather than the council creating little parks buy purchasing small parcels of land so that ppl have a park within 1km of every house. how about we maintain celebrate the group of parks as is? rather than paying for all these small initiatives why not just buy the warehouses on Albert street that cut the group of parks in half and limit all the developments to 4/5stories around the boundary so as to maintain views of the sky etc rather than waving at the naked person on the 12floor balcony? anyway once again this is what I one vote one person would do as a designer artist with over 30 years experience. all this crap design like the coloured circles public art, the murals, the posters that have ended up covering amazing graffiti and now are even advertising products all around Brunswick. it reminds me of the bloke that buy a cheap cars for them ho about adding on all the sport kits, racing stripes. 😂😂😂😂 4. No, there are plenty of cafes and food outlets within walking distance of the parklands. Don't hand the public realm over to commercial use. 5. Strong no; there are plenty of cafes already. 6. These are ok, provided they do not dominate. Also toilets are required. Please not the automated toilets 7. Too commercial, save the money! 8. Updating the historic shed in BRUNSWICK park as a cafe would be great. Gilpin park dog run has created high traffic and noise.would not be in favour of formalised commercial cafe spaces in this area. 9. Yes please do. The coffee cart at the Giplin dog park has been great 10. Yes, any income received from operators should go back into the parklands ongoing maintenance/management 11. Yes, that is a fabulous idea and will make the parklands even more of a meeting place 		
3. Could Clifton Park car park be returned to parkland?		
Yes	No	Unsure
49	19	12
Any other comments?		

1. Absolutely, and will need to involve significant engagement with organised sport groups who use facilities (to avoid unintended consequences and conflicts over park use)
2. accessibility considerations in mind, to support activities in the park
3. Not sure about park space as it's behind the pavilion. But currently not being utilised as best as possible. At least if carpark remains maybe allow for permeable pavement with storage tanks beneath to supply irrigation to adjacent parklands.
4. Parking often spills over from here onto nearby grass. Love the idea of returning this to parkland but some traffic management will be needed
5. skatepark looks exactly like a skatepark from the above. put the money back the half of the budget that was ripped out into the new additional Brunswick skatepark making it accessible to all types of modalities BMX scooters skateboarders roller skaters of all ability skill levels???? if ever there was a sport that should be played indoor it's ping pong. anyway I'm just putting out some other alternatives that the majority popularist vote won't capture.
6. This car park is good for disabled and children's access. Open the toilets
7. Yes, unsure who uses it.

4. Where would a community garden space be good to locate?

1. Gillon Oval	2. Raeburn Reserve	3. Clifton Park	Not needed
8	42	15	16

Any other comments?

1. All locations would be great sites for community gardens
2. Community gardens not appropriate with scarce parkland. They carve up spaces used by the community to benefit a small number of locals.
3. Gillon Oval is furthest from industrial areas and main roads
4. These parks have been built on old tips. Note some of the stunted and twisted trees in Gilpin Park. Community gardens may be better placed along Moonee Ponds creek, leaving the parklands as open
5. Wherever there is best sun, water and access for people and facilities
6. why don't we address the real issue that of the houses and warehouses on Albert street that divide the parkland? this is the only real issue to be having a survey about? but of course there will be the popular vote from a uninformed public. how about we just cut to the chase and agree on more seating some lighting and some more native planting? haha haha

5. Should we upgrade the Gillon Oval playground or deliver multiple informal nature play elements throughout the Parklands?

Gillon Oval playground	Multiple nature play elements	Both	No
14	31	34	3

Any other comments?

1. As long as the oval is maintained. Toilet facilities would be great
2. Both. Additionally nature play could also provide continuation with native plants and animal connections
3. Both. I listened to Mary Jeavons, a highly experienced play space designer, speak on the radio and she said whilst 'mega playgrounds' are great creating a variety of spaces is also really important. I think the play equipment is tiered so should be replaced but a mix and spread of equipment and activities would be great.
4. Existing playground seems pretty nice? More spaces to explore offers kids better overall experience

6. Should we refurbish and expand the fenced dog park in Gilpin Park with irrigation and dog agility facilities?

Yes	No	Unsure	
36	23	16	

Any other comments?

1. Absolutely! There are so many dogs in this area or who are brought to Gilpin Park by their owners. An agility facility would be great but so would an enclosed park for medium sized dogs. For some, it is too risky taking them into the large enclosure and there is not enough of interest for them in the small enclosure.

2. Gilpin park dog area generates noise that is highly intrusive to neighbouring properties. Strongly opposed to any further expansion or development unless the whole area is relocated to centre of park.
3. It is better to have more flexible spaces that can be used by a variety of people
4. No, money better spent elsewhere
5. Parks in general are becoming dog parks not open space for people.
6. Please do not increase the size of the area as it is already an eyesore. There are many people who don't have dogs that need space in the park too and it's a wonderful space for wildlife and being in nature. I would be happy for you to refurbish the dog enclosure for dog users as it's pretty ugly at the moment.
7. Strong no; I greatly dislike the existing fenced area and feel it should be removed, not expanded.
8. There is an issue with uncontrolled dogs outside of the fenced dog area. This is particularly obvious near the playground of Gilpin Park. Expanding the dog area could be ok if the dogs must be on lead elsewhere. The Dog park at Curtin Spare in Carlton is excellent in its placements as it doesn't dominate the park but provides for dogs
9. This is a tricky one. The whole park is leash free so the options for dogs are already broad. I think it's better to leave the size as it is but try and do something to grass it up more..it's a dust bowl through summer.
10. Yes provided it is maintained and grassed. Currently rather dusty and gravelly. Not ideal for dogs paws which when running and playing off lead can be harmful to the dogs
11. Yes, currently it gets quite muddy when it rains and dusty when dry

7. Should we create a dog beach in Gilpin Park?

Yes	No	Unsure
31	41	11

Any other comments?

1. Enough already for dog owners. And think hygiene and children.
2. Please do not take up any more space in the park to build structures for dog use only. People are important too and need space to relax and enjoy nature in the park. I would be happy for you to add one within the dog enclosure as I'm sure the dogs would love it.
3. Yes if it's in the enclosed area that already exists.
4. Yes, my dog will love it (and goes in the wetland area currently). But I understand that some people would not like a wet dog running at them

8. Should we create a fenced dog park in Reaburn Reserve to reduce the pressure on AG Gillon Oval?

Yes	No	Unsure
35	30	18

Any other comments?

1. I think it would be better suited as a community garden
2. Please no, this is such a beautiful area of grass for people who don't like dogs to rest and enjoy the community
3. There's a fenced dog park nearby already.
4. Yes, but consider banning dogs from ovals/playing surfaces if dedicated dog areas provided. Unfortunately not all dog owners pick up their dog's poo or understand the distant requirement rules during sport training/games.

9. Are you supportive of the identified opportunities for raingardens, wetlands and stormwater harvesting systems that are shown on the map?

Do not support	Supportive	Need more		
1	75	5		

Other

1. As long as budget is assigned to maintain these wetlands, yes.
2. Need a link to the map to answer
3. there are already dried up examples. just remember this year is an el Nina wetter than normal
4. X
5. Yes if it is well maintained. If the growing medium of the wetlands becomes overgrown it is simply just long grass with high risk of snakes. Have a look at Valley Lake in Niddrie as a poor example of a wetlands.

10. Should we fence off some of the proposed wetland and habitat areas in Gilpin Park to protect biodiversity?

Yes	No	Unsure
44	18	18

Any other comments?

1. if it can be kept to a minimum and in lower traffic areas
2. If you can make something amazing, yes, but I would like to see the plan first.
3. Im not sure about this. If you could create some natural looking fences it would be a good idea as any wetland will just become a dog swimming pool without a fence. If you want biodiversity I think it will need to be fenced.
4. People should be controlling their dogs and cats instead of having to pay money on unsightly fences
5. Unsure, fences might be unattractive and are not welcoming or very natural looking, but my dog does loves running in water so some sort of protection (for public and pets as well native animals and plants) is likely needed.
6. Yes yes yes - vital if you want it to flourish
7. Yes, I think dogs should be limited from entering. But as mentioned previously, the wetlands would need to maintained such that it does not become an eyesore

11. Should we introduce timed parking restrictions on Victoria and Albert Streets on weekends and evenings to ensure ongoing community access to the Parklands?

Yes	No	Unsure
30	34	15

Any other comments?

1. Focus should be on supporting active transport - e.g. introduce more raised pedestrian crossings and protected intersections near the parklands
2. I am unsure this is needed. Is the current unrestricted parking causing a decrease in community access? I am not aware. Having said that give the current apartment deveelopment proposals timed parking might be required due to increased population density
3. I think this will have to happen as the proposed apartments in the area(one 8 stories and the other 10 stories) will mean parking will become very scarce(especially all day parking)
4. Is it necessary? Parking situation seems to be pretty good I thought.
5. No. Consideration should be made for users of car parks if removed from parklands. Dedicated spots for food trucks during peak times could be useful. Angled parking bays on Victoria & Albert St may provide more parking.
6. This is a tricky issue that will require attention by Council if the very large developments proposed for Albert Street go ahead. I think that Albert street parking spaces will become a premium and the number of vehicles on the road will increase and pose safety issues for people and pets.
7. Unclear how this will help, especially if there are no enforcement resources on evenings and weekends

12. After reviewing the Report for stage 2 engagement, let us know if there is anything you feel we have missed.

1. A variety of rubbish bins to be implemented around the parks. Red bin for waste, green bin for dog poop / organics and other compostable materials, recycling bin.
2. Create a bike/bmx dirt track at Gilpin Park
3. Do not allow the giant development happen. It will cut out sunlight across Gilpin.
4. Easier crossing (zebra crossing or lights) at Victoria St between Clifton and Brunswick Part is needed. More public toilets also are needed (or needed to be opened) because there is currently only one single toilet servicing the 3 parks.
5. Exciting potential!
6. Exercise stations needed.
7. Cairns in Queensland have fantastic exercise stations where your own weight is used as weights.
8. For Gilpin Park more plantings of shrubs and trees to create bird habitat and more shade. Double the amount of tress in Gilpin park to have more of a nature reserve feel.
9. Hosting more community engagement events such as markets, festivals etc.
10. I think that it is important to have more unstructured space, with trees /bushes that people can sit in or walk through. The parks have a lot of infrastructure already, and designing areas that can be used for a variety of uses is important. And more shade, especially in Clifton Park, would be good.
11. I would to see some ideas to incorporate some more large tree species into the parklands to encourage a greater diversity of native birdlife including owls, tawny frogmouths and parrots. Also, with the plans to introduce wetlands into the parklands, this area would need to have a considered approach to restrict public/child access as that would hamper the efforts to promote biodiversity (also reptiles species).
12. In Gilpin park more trees are needed. Given the climate and Morelands commitment to planting more trees it would be wonderful to see this park become a forest park jewel. There are several areas in Gilpin where more trees could be

planted to create mini forests. This would also help to create more habitat for the rich bird life so loved by many in the park as well as natural shade. What makes Gilpin park unique is the gums and bird life, go all out and make it a park with some densely forest patches. At the moment we lose through storms and drought quite a few trees each year. We need to allow for a third of what's planted not surviving. I live in OBrien Sisters Lane directly onto the park. We have lost trees in the patch in front of our house and have repeatedly asked the council to replace them and offered to keep water up to them until they establish. None have been planted in that area to date although I have asked for over two years.

13. The area that is in Gilpin park , that looks a bit like ampitheatre isnt used for anything at the moment, except to host a pile of mulch. That area could be re-imagined. It could become a sensory garden for old and young. It could have some seating around the edge with some feature plantings in the middle. Or a water feature with seats around it. If the money isn't there to do much then you could just plant some native bushes/trees in there. A couple of seats ..done
14. Thank you for taking the time to invite consultation ...i hope all plans agreed upon go well. last year during Covid i watched lots of additional plantings happening in Gilpin park, many of which died...so I think its great that you are thinking this through.
15. In relation to the dog park at Gilpin Park question we strongly oppose expanding it. Less than half of the dogs who walk at Gilpin Park actually go into the fenced area. They prefer to run around freely. It is not possible to exercise an active dog adequately within the area. I have also noticed that most dog fights at the park occur within the enclosed area because the dogs are limited in movement. Owners often stand around socialising (perfectly understandable) whilst the dogs get frustrated.
16. Expanding the dog park also reduces the area available for picnics and other community events.
17. Irrigation and vegetation. More deciduous canopy trees.
18. Improved cycling infrastructure on the east-west and north/south corridors.
19. Looking forward to wetlands in gulping park and more biodiversity in this lovely stretch of green
20. Maximise all available opportunities for bio diverse green space.
21. Maximise environmentally friendly options in all decisions - we need to optimise green spaces with native flora/fauna.
Thanks
22. More bins and more toilets
23. Upgrade the playground that's near the dog park
24. Try to stop the proposed 14 storey developments
25. More nature. More diversity, less infrastructure. Less kids or dog playgrounds please
26. More public toilets at every major park area is needed. Alternatives to graffiti on factory buildings need removal and/or murals and tree coverage esp around Clifton park, it's such an eyesore!
27. Playgrounds are in greatly need of an upgrade at Gillon oval and to include some equipment for older kids
28. PLEASE please please, no more music festivals in the park. It is so disruptive to this beautiful, serene community. Return Gilpin Park to biodiversity with boardwalks and waterways and seating, like the Botanic Gardens, imagine how gorgeous this would be. A place to escape and reflect and recharge.
29. Pump track or bmx track for kids
30. The elephant in the room of the multi-storey developments along Albert St, whilst out of scope, needs to be acknowledged as part of the master plan. This includes actions Council will take on increased traffic in the area & safe pedestrian/cycling connections between the parks
31. there is no plan here for play options for kids in the preteen years.
32. There were a number of points in original feedback around the existing informal bmx / mountain bike track on south boundary of Gilpin park that was missed in report, about formalising to pump track or similar. There are a number of these informal demand driven / user made tracks in Moreland, would be great if council got behind this.
33. Toilets!!!! Each park should have a public toilet as these are severely lacking in Brunswick, also they need to open earlier, as a runner through these parks not being able to access the one toilet for mikes before 7am is extremely frustrating!!!!!!!
34. Totally inadequate toilet facilities across the entire precinct... it is inconceivable to want to increase activity in these areas without increasing the public facilities. These need to be accessible to the whole community, not via lock and key (sports clubs). They also need to be accessible in each precinct without children needing to cross roads.
35. We absolutely need safety measures in place in Clifton Park. I have witnessed dogs running from the park onto the road, being hit by cars, or near misses. I have seen kids' footy or other balls rolling onto the road and kids not paying attention running onto the road.
36. 50km road limit is way too fast to brake for a kid running after a ball or a dog running onto the road.
37. You either fence it or reduce limit to 40km like Sydney Road. I know it's a thoroughfare for trucks, but trucks and children don't go well together, don't you think?
38. We need to ensure the parks are not hemmed in and overshadowed by inappropriate, out-of-scale developments. such as those proposed currently in Albert St

39. Would like a water play area/beach area/sprinklers for children when weather is warm/hot. Apart from Brunswick Baths (which is always too busy) there is no where else in Brunswick to go to cool off when temperatures rise. Also would love to ensure kids have plenty of free/unstructured nature play eg climbing trees, digging holes, exploring forests etc...

Summary of key points made by attendees at Gillon, Clifton & Gilpin consultation pop ups held on 6 November and 13 November 2021

Submission	Location	Category	Total responses
Upset about Montford Park on Henkel St which is yet to be open to public so cynical about Council commitments	Other	Action	2
Support expanding the fenced dog park in Gilpin	Gilpin	Activation	15
Requesting opening Clifton Pavilion public toilets to the public	Clifton	Activation	25
Support new public toilets in Gilpin Park	Gilpin	Activation	24
Request Clifton Park pavilion is multi use and available for use	Clifton	Activation	18
Retain the existing dog on and off leash status for the parks	All	Activation	10
Add distance markers to circuit paths	All	Activation	9
Support food truck and kiosk opportunities	All	Activation	11
Provide more shelters, picnic tables, seating (including platform seats)	All	Activation	8
Support lighting to the skate park for twilight	Clifton Youth	Activation	7
Support additional scooter loop around skate park	Clifton Youth	Activation	11
Encourage more music events in the parklands including the ampitheatre	Gilpin	Activation	7
Support renewal of Gilpin playground	Gilpin	Activation	18
Support nature play elements through the parklands	All	Activation	15
Do something with the ampitheatre space	Gilpin	Activation	9
Locate exercise stations in Clifton park with an upgraded circuit path	Clifton	Activation	8
Include more social play areas with table tennis, beach volleyball, climbing walls	Clifton	Activation	7
Do not support expanding the fenced dog park in Gilpin	Gilpin	Activation	4
Recommend agility equipment in the dog park	Gilpin	Activation	3
Do not support new public toilets in Gilpin Park	Gilpin	Activation	1
Program music events and performances like the Footscray Community Arts Centre outdoor amphitheater which is really successful	Clifton	Activation	1
Add water play and nature play elements like Royal Childrens Hospital playground	Gilpin	Activation	1
Happy with the current conditions of the parklands	All	Amenity	13
Concern about poor drainage in Brunswick Park and Reaburn Reserve	Brunswick Park	Amenity	17
More recycling bins in the parks	All	Amenity	7
Concerns about overflowing litter bins in all the parks	All	Amenity	4
More artwork and creative elements through the parklands	All	Amenity	3
Improve West brunswick tennis Club interface	Brunswick Park	Amenity	5
Repair Brunswick Park asphalt paths	Brunswick Park	Amenity	1
Improve the amenity of the entry points to the parks	Gilpin	Amentiy	3
Support more canopy trees, more diversity and habitat planting (including protecting existing biodiversity especially Tawny Frogmouths)	Gilpin	Conservation	28
Do not add too much infrastructure, keep the park natural; it is not broken	Gilpin	Conservation	16
Host community planting days or assist with a friends group	Gilpin	Conservation	6
Provide some wayfinding and interpretative signage about the parklands and nature	All	Conservation	5

Concern around over shadowing from developments	Clifton	Development	27
Concern around height and massing arising from the developments	Clifton	Development	23
Support time restrictions for the streets	Albert St	Development	12
Support for high quality medium density housing	Clifton	Development	4
Do not support timed restrictions for street parking	Albert St	Development	4
Support for medium density housing with diverse residents and activities	Clifton	Development	3
Support for high quality medium density housing	Clifton	Development	3
Support for medium density housing with diverse residents and activities	Clifton	Development	2
Support wetlands, swales and ponding in Gilpin	Gilpin	IWM	29
Support shift to sustainable source of irrigation	All	IWM	24
Support irrigation of the dog park	Gilpin	IWM	10
Support biofiltration wetland in Reaburn	Reaburn	IWM	20
Support turning amphitheatre to water storage pond	Gilpin	IWM	9
Request for safer road crossings on Victoria and Albert Street	Clifton	Safety	22
Request to improve bike path alignment through Holloway Road	Brunswick Park	Safety	9
Improve lighting for winter walkers and joggers along the main routes and especially Brunswick park which has large shadows	Clifton	Safety	9
Consistent, slower speeds on adjoining roads (40km/h)	All	Safety	7
Request for perimeter fencing around Clifton, Gillon and Gilpin to protect dogs from running on the road	All	Safety	2
Improve safety of the surface of the Gilpin circuit track especially on the southern side	Gilpin	Safety	1
Open up playgroups Victoria, close to Gilpin and add it to the play ground	Gilpin	Amenity	1
Provide playground for all ages	All	Amenity	1
Don't replicate same style playgrounds, add creative elements, texture, logs, coby house	All	Amenity	1
People supportive of expansion of basketbal court	Clifton	Amenity	4
Drainage system at Ag Gillion	Gilion	Amenity	1
Utilise Ag Gilion as a moon light Cinema at night	Gilion	Amenity	1
Adding more drinking taps	All	Amenity	2
Reaburn reserve gets really muddy and no shade and not mowed most of times	Reaburn	Amenity	1
Compost bin near dog park	Gilpin	Amenity	1
Provide round benches for youth gathering and some privacy by planting for mums breastfeeding	All	Amenity	1
Provide sitting close to Mallet club	Gilion	Amenity	2
Adequate shades across the park and playground	All	Amenity	2
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