

Brunswick Central Parklands & IWM Plan

Community Engagement Summary Report

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The Parklands covers 19 Ha in Brunswick, on the boundary with West Brunswick. It is the most significant open space across Brunswick and Brunswick West with opportunities and facilities for numerous sporting activities, exercise, connecting with nature and relaxation.

1. Background

Council's Open Space Design and Development unit have conducted three engagement phases with the local community for the Brunswick Central Parklands, these being:

- Initial Consultation (stage 1)

Council asked the community what they would like to protect and enhance in their parklands and asked them to vote for their preferred style for the new park.

- Draft Parklands Plan Engagement (stage 2)

Using results from the initial consultation, Council developed a draft concept plan based on the community's initial input.

- Revised Draft Parklands Plan Engagement (stage 3)

The revised concept plan reflected changes to the draft concept plan, incorporating further feedback where possible. After receiving feedback, a final Parkland Plan has been produced, closing the consultation and informing the community, prior to seeking Council endorsement on the Plan at the March Council meeting.

Consultation stage timings:

Stage 1 Initial consultation: April – September 2021

Stage 2 Draft concept plan consultation: 19 October - 10 November 2021

Stage 3 Revised concept plan consultation: 14 July - 22 August 2022

Stage 4 Final Plan issued: June 2023.

For Stages 2 and 3 Draft Plan engagement, postcards were distributed to 2,600 households within 600m of the parklands, advising residents, businesses and sporting clubs that they can provide feedback on Council's website, <https://conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/what-your-vision-brunswick-central-parklands>. Over a dozen on site pop-up engagement sessions were held together with 2 online forums. 16 posters were also displayed across the parkland for each of the consultation phases.

The draft Plan also included a draft cost plan and implementation time frame. The Final Plan includes a refined version of the draft Plan. The Final Plan will be displayed on Conversations Merri-bek for a further two weeks for information only ahead of the Council Meeting where endorsement for the project will be sought. This will conclude the consultation stages for this project.

2. Community Engagement General Summary

- Strong opposition was voiced about the scale and height of the Albert St developments with significant concern the Parkland Plan did not address this issue.
- Transport safety improvements were a consistent priority with many calls for slower speeds, traffic calming and improved pedestrian and cycling crossings on Victoria and Albert Streets.
- The community were very divided in regard to the fenced dog park in Gilpin Park, but all were concerned with the current state of the Gilpin dog park, calling for better design, material choice, and maintenance. Rezoning areas of the parklands to try and reduce existing conflict especially on Gillon Oval were equally contested. Many commented about off leash dogs in Gilpin Park creating issues.
- Most requested the status quo on dog off leash parks with many calling for some dog on leash restrictions while others noted that fenced dog parks weaken the open character of the parkland and community interactions.
- Interventions to enhance and protect biodiversity and habitat in Gilpin Park and surrounding streets with increased vegetation diversity was supported by most respondents.
- Very strong support for the integrated water management interventions with questions about their maintenance, proposed fencing and any nuisance factors.
- Most respondents were supportive of more music events in the parklands with several concerns about noise and loss of access to the parklands during events.
- Half of people support the idea of a community garden within Raeburn Reserve, so long as its not fenced or closed off to the general public.
- Timed parking on Albert and Victoria Streets was supported so long as it balances the needs of local business, workers with park visitors.
- Most people supported refurbishing the Clifton Park Pavilion to create a community meeting room and facility.
- Returning some of the Clifton Park car park to parklands was supported so long as sportsfield and pavilion users had convenient access to parking.
- Pop up cafes were generally not supported due to concerns about the privatization of public space and loss of amenity.
- The idea of nature play elements throughout the Parklands was supported as well as expanding the play opportunities in the Gillon Oval playground. Some were disappointed that natural tree shade, rather than shade sails, are provided to playgrounds.
- There was strong support for a fitness trail and an expansion of the skate park with additional youth focused facilities.
- A stronger acknowledgement of the heritage of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Traditional Owners was called for including more story telling of the local heritage, history, geology and ecology.
- Community planting days were generally supported.
- Improving drainage and park amenity in Brunswick and Reaburn Parks was a priority.

Refer to the detailed engagement summaries for each stage.

5. Final Plan

Due to the timing of the consultation stages through Stage 2 and 3 of engagement, several projects have already proceeded, including the two new tennis courts, tree planting, the public toilet, playground and social picnic area in Gilpin Park. The Albert Street developments have also commenced with public realm works including undergrounding of high voltage powerlines and tree renewal in Clifton Park.

The final Plan has exhibited on Conversations on Merri-bek to close the loop with the community ahead of the Council Meeting. All registered participants were notified. The final Plan includes a five year implementation plan and proposed cost plan.

6. Next Steps

Following the two week circulation of the final Parklands Plan, the Plan, Implementation Plan and Community Engagement Summary will go to the next Council meeting seeking endorsement.

7. Further information

Any questions can be directed to Council's Open Space Design & Development Unit via email openspace@merri-bek.vic.gov.au or by phoning 9240 111.

8. Appendix

Below are all feedback received from the community for each stage of consultation for Brunswick Central Parklands.

7a Consultation material



What is your vision for the Brunswick Central Parklands?

We are seeking your input to protect and improve these important parklands and ensure there is strong community connection and utilisation of the area.

Council is commencing work on a development plan to improve the Brunswick Central Parklands. This 19 hectare parkland includes Gillon Oval, Brunswick Park, Clifton Park, Reaburn Reserve and Gilpin Park (see interactive Map below).

This Plan will set the strategic future direction for the open space and adjoining developments and provide a framework for new works and future upgrades with a 10-year horizon. Integrated water management (IWM) will be an important part of this plan to ensure we can sustainably respond to future demands from the community and climate change.

We would like to hear about your experiences in these parklands and get your feedback on what's important to you and how to improve them. We will also be organising some engagement events and activities in the next few months. Based on the feedback from the community, we will develop a draft Brunswick Central Parklands and IWM Plan that will then go out to the community for consultation.

Join the conversation!

<https://conversations.moreland.vic.gov.au/what-your-vision-brunswick-central-parklands>

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Timeline

- ★ Gathering ideas & stories
April - May 2021
- ★ Initial consultation stage
May - June 2021
- ★ Draft Development Plan
July - August 2021
- ★ Seek Council endorsement for engagement on draft Plan
October 2021
- ★ Community engagement on draft Plan
October - November 2021
- ★ Final Development Plan
January 2022

Figure 1: Stage 1 poster displayed throughout the Parklands.



BRUNSWICK CENTRAL PARKLANDS PLAN

We are seeking your input to protect and improve these important parklands and ensure there is strong community connection and utilisation of the area.

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Join us **online** or in the **Park** to hear more about the Plan, community feedback and the proposed ideas and opportunities

- 12 - 1pm Thursday 28 October online
- 7 - 8pm Thursday 28 October online
- 12 - 1.30pm, Saturday 30 October in Gilpin Park
- 2 - 3.30pm, Saturday 30 October in Clifton Park
- 4 - 5.30pm, Saturday 30 October in Gillon Oval
- 12 - 1pm Saturday 6 November in Gillon Oval
- 2 - 3.30pm Saturday 6 November in Clifton Park
- 4 - 5.30pm Saturday 6 November in Gilpin Park

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Timeline

- ★ Gathering ideas & stories
April - May 2021
- ★ Initial consultation stage
May - September 2021
- ★ Plan vision, ideas and opportunities
19 October - 10 November 2021
Stage 2 of engagement asks the community to review our summary of their feedback on the vision, ideas and opportunities to improve the parklands.
- ★ Draft Parkland Plan
November - December 2021
- ★ Seek Council endorsement for engagement on draft Plan
December 2021
- ★ Community engagement on draft Final Plan
December 2021 - January 2022
- ★ Final Development Plan
March 2022

Figure 2: Stage 2 poster displayed throughout the Parklands

7b Draft Plan Consultation Material

HAVE YOUR SAY

Brunswick Central Parklands Plan

Moreland City Council is developing a parklands and integrated water management plan for the Brunswick Central Parklands. This 19 hectares of open space includes Gillon Oval, Brunswick Park, Reaburn Reserve, Clifton Park and Gilpin Park.

The parkland vision aims to protect and enhance existing recreational, environmental and heritage values while planning future park, amenity and water upgrades to improve public access and enjoyment of the open space.

Based on community feedback, we have summarised a range of community identified opportunities and ideas during Stage 1 of engagement including park and play upgrades, new wetlands, and other improvements.

Residents and the wider community are invited to review and comment online:
conversations.moreland.vic.gov.au/what-your-vision-brunswick-central-parklands

More information

For feedback or to join one of our online or in person information sessions:

- 12-1pm Thursday 28 October online
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Have your say: conversations.moreland.vic.gov.au/what-your-vision-brunswick-central-parklands

Feedback closes 5pm Wednesday 10 November 2021

Council officers are available to discuss the Plan with residents who cannot attend the information sessions.
 Email: aenglish@moreland.vic.gov.au or call 9240 1111

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Figure 3: Stage 2 community engagement postcards distributed to 2,600 households within 500m of the Parklands.

Share your thoughts on our Brunswick Central Parklands Plan

We are developing a parklands and integrated water management plan for the Brunswick Central Parklands. The 19 hectares of open space includes Gillon Oval, Brunswick Park, Reaburn Reserve, Clifton Park and Gilpin Park.

The vision aims to protect and enhance existing recreational, environmental and heritage values while planning future park, amenity and water upgrades to improve public access and enjoyment of the open space.

Based on community feedback on the draft Plan during Stages 1 and 2 of engagement we have updated the Plan and prepared a draft implementation plan and budget.

conversations.moreland.vic.gov.au/what-your-vision-brunswick-central-parklands

Have your say

More information

For feedback or to join one of our in person information sessions:

- 930am - 3pm Saturday 30 July
Gilpin Park, Clifton Park and Gillon Oval
- 930am - 3pm Saturday 6 August
Gilpin Park, Clifton Park and Gillon Oval

Feedback closes 5pm Monday 22 August 2022.

We are available to discuss the Plan with residents who cannot attend the info sessions.
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Figure 4: Stage 3 community engagement postcards distributed to 2,600 households within 500m of the Parklands.

7c Draft Plan Concepts

Brunswick Central Parklands and Integrated Water Management Plan

Council are working on a plan to protect and improve these important parklands and ensure there is strong community connection and utilisation of the area.

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Home > Brunswick Central Parklands and Integrated Water Management Plan

The Brunswick Central Parklands Plan aims to provide strategic future direction for the open space and a framework for new works and future upgrades. The 19 hectare parklands includes Gilpin Oval, Brunswick Park, Clifton Park, Redburn Reserve and Gilpin Park (see Map below).

Integrated water management (IWM) is to be an important part of this plan to ensure we can sustainably respond to future demands from the community and climate change.

Stage 3 community feedback is now complete

Thank you for all your great feedback to improve the Brunswick Central Parklands on our pop up sessions in the parks, by email and online. Council will now prepare a summary of the 3rd stage of community consultation and finalise the plan based on your comments. We will be in touch when this is finalised and share the summary report together with the final Plan to make sure we heard you.

Improvement works at Gilpin Park are wrapping up with the removal of the play ground and additional social picnic facilities and public toilet. The site should be open in September with a community event in October - see the Gilpin Park Improvements page for more information.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

WHAT ISN'T INCLUDED IN THE PLAN?

The icons on the map provide more information about what has been proposed across the parklands.

Navigation

Project Home

Stage 1 - Gathering community experience

Stage 2 - Plan Vision

Timeline

Final Concept Plan

Following community feedback during Stage 3, the Plan will be finalised and returned to the community for a final two weeks of review before returning to Council for endorsement.

[SEE MORE](#)

Document Library

Draft Brunswick Central Parklands Plan July 2022

PDF (3.8 MB)

Read the draft Brunswick Central Parklands and Integrated Water Management Plan (July 2022)

Draft Budget and Implementation Plan for the Brunswick Central Parklands Plan

PDF (481.51 KB)

Read the Draft Budget and Implementation Plan for the Brunswick Central Parklands and Integrated Water Management Plan

FAQ

What area is covered by the Plan?

What is the timeframe for delivery of the Plan?

What was the feedback from stages one and two?

[SEE MORE](#)

Contact Us

If you have questions or want to learn more about the project, contact our Open Space Planner:

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What are your thoughts on the draft plan?

Share your thoughts on the draft Brunswick Central Parklands and IWM Plan. Comments close Monday 22 August. You can also email your submission to Alex English: aenglish@moreland.vic.gov.au

42 contributions

Figure 5: Conversation Merri-bek Website with plans and engagement

Objective 3 Improve the Parklands amenity for the community

Actions and ideas

- ACTION 1:** Deliver a series of safe community spaces for diverse user groups across the Parklands.
- ACTION 2:** Deliver public amenities including accessible toilets, first aid, water fountains, BBQs, picnic tables in locations that meet the needs of our diverse users across the Parklands.
- ACTION 3:** Deliver a consistent Parklands character through high-quality, interpretative signage and material choices that tell the story of the local cultural heritage including the colonial and colonial past in the city.
- ACTION 4:** Deliver the Parklands in line with consistent design and industry principles.
- ACTION 5:** Deliver a lighting strategy that enables greater use in the evenings.
- ACTION 6:** Investigate appropriate areas and facilities for public art and provide points for public art, including the Brunswick Mount Reserve.
- IDEA 1:** Should we consider or enhance the existing Clifton Park Pavilion to provide a new cultural hub that better supports park activities and events in the Parklands?
- IDEA 2:** Should we provide a new cafe space in the northern section of the Parklands? How does this fit with the new layout?



Objective 2 Provide safe and legible connections to and through the Parklands

Actions and ideas

- ACTION 1:** Deliver safe and accessible connections through the Parklands for cyclists and pedestrians.
- ACTION 2:** Deliver a series of park trails for walking and running.
- ACTION 3:** Deliver a clear and consistent path material treatment and signage system.
- ACTION 4:** Deliver safer crossing points on Hope, Victoria, Albert, Pearson and Dawson Street.
- ACTION 5:** Deliver safe and accessible pedestrian and cycling connections to Moonee Ponds Creek, Sydney Road and Royal Park.
- ACTION 6:** Investigate ways to prioritise pedestrian and cycling over vehicle movements within and around the Parklands.
- ACTION 7:** Investigate opportunities to reduce speed limits in Hope, Victoria and Albert Street.
- ACTION 8:** Investigate opportunities to better connect Clifton and Gilpin Parks through tactical street interventions.
- ACTION 9:** Work with the Market Club, Tennis Club and Foxy Club to revitalise the car parking area and provide better connections through the site.
- IDEA 1:** There is a need for improved bicycle connections in the north of the Parklands. How would this be best achieved? Should we upgrade Hawthorn Road to provide a safe and direct bicycle link or enhance the existing shared path to better accommodate cyclists?



Objective 4 Continue to support the diverse uses of the Parklands

Actions and ideas

- ACTION 1:** Investigate opportunities for more flexible multi-use areas for "free play" that work better for the community.
- ACTION 2:** Refurbish and expand the 1st world war park in Gilpin Park to include original war dog beach and dog facilities.
- ACTION 3:** Deliver a fenced dog park in Redburn Reserve to reduce the pressure on AG Gilpin Oval.
- ACTION 4:** Deliver an expanded adventure playground in Gilpin Park.
- ACTION 5:** Deliver expanded cricket facilities with new multi-use space in AG Gilpin Reserve.
- ACTION 6:** Partner with the Tennis Club to deliver two new tennis courts.
- ACTION 7:** Deliver new or refurbished tennis in each section of the Parklands.
- ACTION 8:** Deliver an expanded youth precinct in Clifton Park, including new multi-use basketball courts. Further use to be defined in consultation with youth user groups.
- IDEA 1:** There is a need to provide additional play opportunities across the Parklands. Should we prioritise the upgrade of the playgrounds in AG Gilpin Oval, deliver a new play facility in Clifton Park or develop multiple informal passive play elements throughout the Parklands?

Figure 6: Concept Plans shared with the community for feedback.

7c Final Plan



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Merri-bek City Council acknowledges the Wurundji Wurrung people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waterways in the area now known as Merri-bek. It was taken from them without a treaty process, consent, or compensation, and sovereignty was never ceded. Council pay respect to their Elders past, present, and emerging, as well as to all First Nations communities who significantly contribute to the life of the area.

3.6 Objectives Improve the Parklands amenity for the community

- ACTION 1.1:** Investigate the creation of a series of safe, accessible community spaces for diverse user groups across the Parklands.
- ACTION 1.2:** Improve public amenities in locations that meet the needs of user groups across the Parklands.
- ACTION 1.3:** Deliver a consistent Parklands character through wayfinding, interpretative signage and material choices that respects the sites Wurundji and Colonial cultural heritage.
- ACTION 1.4:** Deliver a lighting strategy that enables greater use of the parklands in the evenings.
- ACTION 1.5:** Investigate a refurbishment plan for the existing Clifton Park Pavilion to provide a new community hub that better supports park activities and events in the Parklands.
- ACTION 1.6:** Improve soil compaction and upgrade the park drainage system in Brunswick Park.
- ACTION 1.7:** Undertake minor park improvements to continue to supporting community and public events like the Brunswick Music Festival.
- ACTION 1.8:** Include, and advocate for, opportunities for the public to encounter and discover public art and heritage throughout the parklands.
- ACTION 1.9:** Support initiatives to create inclusive and accessible community garden spaces in Padbury Reserve and Clifton Park.



The elements on this concept plan are indicative only and are subject to detailed design, further community engagement and budget.

4.1 Costings & Timeframe

Brunswick Central Parklands and Integrated Water Management Plan Actions and Budget

| Objective | Item | Action | Funding Year/2023-25 Window | What | Funding Source (External Grants, Internal Grants, Council Grants, etc.) | CAPEX (\$000) | Operating CAPEX (\$000) | External Funding and Grants (\$000) | Open Space Fund (\$000) | Resilience Cost (\$000) |
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| Improve Parklands amenity | 1.1 | Investigate the creation of a series of safe community spaces for diverse user groups across the Parklands. | 2024 | Open Space | Open Space Fund, External Grants | \$120,000 | | \$60,000 | \$60,000 | |
| Improve Parklands amenity | 1.2 | Improve public amenities in locations that meet the needs of user groups across the Parklands. | 2026 | Open Space | Existing Capital, External Grants | \$120,000 | | \$160,000 | \$160,000 | |
| Improve Parklands amenity | 1.3 | Deliver a consistent Parklands character through wayfinding, interpretative signage and material choices that respects the sites Wurundji and Colonial cultural heritage. | 2025 | Open Space | Open Space Fund | \$75,000 | | | \$75,000 | |
| Improve Parklands amenity | 1.4 | Undertake lighting and CPTED assessment to inform a parklands lighting plan which enables greater use of the parklands and safer connections during evenings. | 2024 | Open Space, Transport | External Grant | \$25,000 | | | \$25,000 | |
| Improve Parklands amenity | 1.5 | Investigate a refurbishment plan for the existing Clifton Park Pavilion to provide a new community hub that better supports park activities and community events in the Parklands. | 2026 | Council | External Grant, Business Case | TBC | | | | |
| Improve Parklands amenity | 1.6 | Investigate soil compaction and upgrading drainage and irrigation in Brunswick Park. | 2024 | Open Space, Engineering | Open Space | \$120,000 | \$15,000 | | \$95,000 | |
| Improve Parklands amenity | 1.7 | Undertake minor park improvements to continue to supporting community and public events in open space. | 2025 | Cultural Development, Open Space | External Grants | \$35,000 | | \$15,000 | | |
| Improve Parklands amenity | 1.8 | Include, and advocate for, opportunities for the public to encounter and discover public art throughout the parklands. | Ongoing | Cultural Development, Open Space | External Grants, Council Grants, Open Space Fund | TBC | | \$65,000 | | |
| Improve Parklands amenity | 1.9 | Support community garden spaces initiatives in Padbury Reserve and Clifton Park. | 2027 | Community Development, Open Space | Existing Resources, External Grants | TBC | | | | |

Figure 8: Final Plan with Actions and Implementation Plan

Figure 7: Final Brunswick Central Parkland & Integrated Water Management Plan on CM Website

7c Stage 3 Community Engagement Issues and Responses

Brunswick Central Parklands and Integrated Water Management Plan

Stage 3 Community Feedback Issues Summary and Response

| | Issue | Response | Plan updates |
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| 1 | Require more detail about proposed works. | The Plan is a high-level planning document. Specific projects would go through its own community engagement to determine the final design, including the proposed construction of wetlands in Gilpin Park and Reaburn Reserve. | No changes |
| 2 | Do not remove skate park. | Not proposed. | No changes |
| 3 | Do not expand the fenced dog park. | Due to community concerns about changing the open nature of Gilpin Park, the fenced dog park is not to be expanded. Dog agility equipment is proposed together with additional wildlife sensitive lighting. | Expansion of fenced dog park expansion removed from Actions. |
| 4 | Do not want mosquitos from wetlands. | The design of the wetlands and integrated water management plan will be subject to further community engagement. The design of the wetlands and swales is to ensure there is no stagnant water which is currently an issue in Gilpin Park. | No changes |
| 5 | Gilpin Park playground needs shade sails. | Council prefers the use of natural shade over expensive shade sails which normally have a useful life of ten years. The playground was built in among existing tree canopy shade with additional trees planted to provide some more shade. | No changes |
| 6 | Any festivals in the parklands should consider nearby residents. | Noted concern. Council plans and reviews all Events to ensure they do not exceed EPA noise guidelines and permits. | Any week-long future events in the park should limit evening performances to weekends to reduce impact on nearby residents. |
| 7 | Better protect parkland from over-development and loss of sunlight. | VCAT approved both the Design and Development Overlay for the Albert St sites which were opposed by residents and Council. New overshadowing of open space planning provisions are currently being investigated to be introduced as part of the refresh of the Open Space Strategy in 2023. | Added details of Council's work on proposed overshadowing open space amendment. |
| 8 | One mail box drop about park works is insufficient. | The parklands plan went through four stages of extensive community engagement including two postcard letterbox drops, three stages of pop-up sessions in the parks, and online platforms. | No changes |
| 9 | How much fencing is proposed for the wetlands | Detailed designs will be subject to further community engagement. Fencing will be limited to protecting deep ponds for the safety of park users and to assist in the establishment of buffer vegetation. | No changes |

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| 10 | Gilpin Park should be family friendly. | The Plan proposes to expand the dog on leash area around the playground to ensure that there are spaces for all park users and nature to enjoy the parkland without dogs off leash. Additional nature play and bush kinder areas as well as picnickers will then be able to enjoy the space without dogs off leash. The eastern end of Gilpin Park is already dog on leash due to the playground, but many residents and dog owners complained about how difficult it is to create arbitrary lines. The proposed dog zoning will hopefully help with making the dog on and off leash areas clearer for everyone. There are no further changes proposed to existing dog off leash areas in Clifton Park, Reaburn Reserve and Gillon Oval. | No changes |
| 11 | Will the wetlands cause future flooding | All proposed wetland works cannot exacerbate local flooding and are actually designed to reduce flooding in the catchment. All detailed designs need to be approved by Council and Melbourne Water engineers based on hydraulic models. | No changes |
| 12 | Create areas in Gilpin Park where we can picnic without sharing our meals with other dogs. | Refer to Note 10. | No changes |
| 13 | Do not change the Clifton Park pavilion and stage. | The pavilion is currently under-utilised with changerooms and toilets only accessible to people who book the sportsfield. While the stage gets some community use for gym, tennis, dancing and social catch ups, we are wanting to encourage more use with the addition of meeting rooms and a better design for all park users. Detailed designs would be subject to community engagement. | No changes |
| 14 | Replace synthetic soccer pitch with real turf to reduce urban heat island effect and micro-plastics. | Council has a diverse range of sportsfields that can be used by different sporting users. The synthetic oval is used by many users and can be booked 7 days a week for all hours. In contrast a turf oval cannot support the same number of hours of use and maintenance requirements are much higher. | No changes |
| 15 | Prioritise the integrated water management plan (IWM). | Noted, but it remains an expensive project that will be dependent on external grant funding to proceed. Council have been advocating for funding these projects so we are hopeful it will be delivered. | No changes |
| 16 | Capture stormwater from fields and buildings. | This is proposed in the IWM Plan. | No changes |
| 17 | Sharing pedestrian paths with BMX is not safe. | There is no proposal for shared pedestrian and BMX facilities. | No changes |
| 18 | Can additional lighting be sensor activated to minimise the impact on biodiversity | All new park lighting includes timed solar PV with additional sensors to help with activation to minimise their impact on wildlife. Council is also keen to introduce new LED lighting that has less of an impact of wildlife behaviour. | No changes |

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| 19 | Restrict pop-up cafes from the parklands as they risk causing compaction and damage to the greenspaces. | There are no plans for additional café activation in the parkland due to community feedback. Occasional food trucks and pop up cafes would be allowed through a standard Council permit system which ensures that any impact on the parklands is managed with any damage rectified. | No changes |
| 20 | Make the whole park support biodiversity | That is the aim. | No changes |
| 21 | Restore music events to the Clifton Park pavilion | Supported. Refer to Note 13. | No changes |
| 22 | Proposed expenditure on the park will fail to protect the parkland. | Overshadowing of parkland is recognised by Council as impacting the quality and functionality of open space. However, investment in maintaining and renewing park assets as well as improving the functionality of the parklands as proposed by the Plan will ensure the parklands improves and better respond to climate change and increased park usage. | No changes |
| 23 | Until sunlight protection to the parks can be guaranteed, we do not support further works in the parkland | Refer to Items 22 and 7. The proposed introduction of stronger overshadowing amendments to the Planning Scheme would be subject to community engagement and Planning Panels. It would be negligent of Council to not renew park assets and make improvements in the interim. | No changes |
| 24 | Provide a range of exercise stations for various ages | Proposed in the plan. | No changes |
| 25 | provide more water bottle refill stations. | Planned. | No changes |
| 26 | Support making Clifton Pavilion a community meeting space | Supported, refer to Note 13. | No changes |
| 27 | Ensure adequate lighting for safety | A lighting audit is planned with lighting improvements to follow. | No changes |
| 28 | Provide some kind of system so that if there is an emergency it is clear where you are located. | Emergency response beacons and pods are not generally effective or suitable in parklands. Most park users carry mobile phones and 000 should be rung in an emergency. The parkland plan aims to improve park facilities to encourage more people to use the park and encourage passive surveillance and to therefore make it safer. | No changes |
| 29 | Provide plenty of seating | Proposed in the plan. | No changes |
| 30 | Include activities in playground for kids with disabilities | All playground upgrades to include improved accessibility and nature play options. | No changes |
| 31 | Fence playgrounds | Fencing of playgrounds is generally not supported for three main reasons: fenced playgrounds are often used by dog owners, children need to be supervised at all times in playgrounds and fenced playgrounds provide carers with a false sense of security in terms of supervision, and the construction and maintenance requirements reduce the ability create engaging spaces. Our playground designers attempt to create edging through plantings and garden beds and if | No changes |

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| | playgrounds are within 30m of a road then fencing will be installed. Fencing may also be needed in dog off leash parks. The proposed zoning of an expanded dog on leash area around the Gilpin Park playground will hopefully reduce potential conflict. | |
| 32 | Be mindful of the need for shade and seating in playgrounds. | Council aims to provide natural shade and plenty of seating in all our playgrounds and parks. No changes |
| 33 | Provide more picnic tables in parklands | Noted and supported. No changes |
| 34 | Support pop cafes | Not supported by many residents but Council will provide occasional permits for pop up cafes in our parks. Commercial activation and cafes have been removed from the Plan. |
| 35 | Support activation of empty and disused buildings with cafes. | Many community members were concerned about the commercialisation of open space and did not see this as a priority. Council will investigate other uses of empty and neglected buildings in the parklands. No changes |
| 36 | Include maps to help people discover areas of the park. | Wayfinding signage is proposed and dog off leash mapping will be introduced to Gilpin Park. No changes. |
| 37 | Ensure public toilets have baby change tables for toddlers and babies. | Council generally installs change tables, but they always seem to get vandalised so regularly that they unfortunately end up being removed. No changes |
| 38 | Council's ignorance of residents cries for scaling it down are a cause for shame. | Council did not support the building heights proposed in the Design Development Overlay or the proposed developments. However, VCAT supported the applications. Refer to Item 7. No changes |
| 39 | Clifton Park sportsfield floodlights are a concern and should not be active after 11pm. | The sportsfield lighting should turn off no later than 10.30pm and will be investigated. Council to investigate time of use. |
| 40 | Current creative performance spaces do not need to be reinvented - just enhanced. | No reinvention proposed, just minor additions, such as 3 phase power and water sources are required. Proposed improvements to the Clifton Park pavilion are aimed at converting changerooms into a community facility with social space and meeting rooms. No changes |
| 41 | No more spending on buildings, facilities and meeting rooms. Invest in nature. | Not a binary approach for Council investment. There are limited community facilities and plenty of single use facilities. The Plan aims to ensure more facilities can be accessed and used by a wider range of community members. The Plan includes significant investment in enhancing the natural environment. No changes |
| 42 | Council is inconsiderate to spend further funds whereby only a few will profit; parks were a necessity during lockdowns. | Council is trying to ensure the parklands are accessible and used by a wide range of park users in a safe, includes and accessible manner rather than single purpose spaces. No changes |
| 43 | Drinking fountains with dog bowls are great but poor drainage is not ideal. | Noted and supported. Install new drainage for drinking fountains added to the Actions. |

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| 44 | The existing fenced dog park needs attention as it is a dust bowl in summer and muddy in winter. The larger area is heavily used and the smaller area needs a water source, more shade and seating. | Agree and supported as part of works to add agility elements to the fenced dog park. | No changes |
| 45 | More bins needed. | Noted. Some additional bins will be installed as noted in the Plan but Council also encourages park users and dog owners to take their rubbish home with them. | No changes |
| 46 | Include exercise stations that allow bodyweight exercising in the parklands. | Noted and included in the Plan. | No changes |
| 47 | Improve cycling links between Sydney Road and the parklands. | Bike lanes currently exist on Albert and Victoria Streets. Future improvements will be worked through Council's Integrated Transport Strategy. | No changes |
| 48 | Make Hope St and Albion St one way. | Not generally supported by Council as one way traffic often results in higher speeds as vehicles know they do not need to share the road. Traffic calming (slower speeds, kerb outstands and speed humps) and improved pedestrian and cycling crossing points are proposed in the Plan. | No changes |
| 49 | More park lighting is required. | Refer to Item 27 | No changes |
| 50 | Improve drainage issues in Reaburn Reserve and Gillon Oval. | The wetland and IWM works proposed for the parklands will also include improvements to the poor drainage in Reaburn Reserve and Gilpin Park. | No changes |
| 51 | On the weekends when sport is being played the car park gets completely full so I'm not sure how practical it is to remove car parking. | Timed on street restrictions will ensure there is better use of on street car parking which is currently unregulated and therefore less available. With future resident populations this on street car parking will be under considerable pressure and make it even harder to support park users without the introduction of timed restrictions for on street car parking. Any changes to park parking would need to factor in users of facilities as well as disability parking. | Introduce 3 hour timed restrictions to both sides of Victoria and Albert Streets from 2pm until 10pm to ensure local businesses, workers and park users have fair access to street parking. |
| 52 | Strongly support safer crossing across Victoria St - a lot of school kids cross there and unfortunately there are a number of hoons who speed down the street. I recommend traffic lights if possible. | Noted, raised pedestrian and cyclist priority crossings are preferred to traffic lights together with other traffic calming measures. | No changes |
| 53 | Provide for a diverse range of ages in all playgrounds. | Council aims to provide for a diverse range of ages and abilities in all our playgrounds but are also limited by budget and space. | No changes |
| 54 | Improve safety on Hope St and around the Fraser St intersection. | The Plan proposes additional traffic calming and improved pedestrian and cycling crossing points. Car parking at entry points would be reviewed as part a Traffic Safety Audit. These | No changes |

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| | | improvements are subject to a review of the Integrated Transport Strategy. | |
| 55 | Slower speeds on adjoining roads. | Supported by the Plan. These improvements are subject to a review of the Integrated Transport Strategy. | No changes |
| 56 | Pleased to see the plan includes the planting of more native shrubs and grasses, as well as protecting and restoring some wetland areas. | Noted | No changes |
| 57 | I love it that Brunswick and Gilpin parks already have a variety of native birds, and perhaps the planned work will become a haven for more native wildlife. | Noted. Council's urban forest strategy aims to diversify our tree species and also increase habitat trees to attract and support wildlife. Our Nature Plan is encouraging the planting of garden beds and planting with native grasses, shrubs and groundcovers to encourage more wildlife. | No changes |
| 58 | Fence the perimeter of Gilpin Park and Raeburn Reserve with gates so that dogs cannot run out into traffic. | Natural garden beds with shrubs and groundcovers are proposed to the perimeter of Gilpin Park. Perimeter fencing was removed from Gilpin Park in 2010 to improve access and use of the park. All dog owners have a responsibility to ensure their dogs are under effective control. Alternative options such as fenced dog parks provide spaces to train dogs in a safe environment. | No changes |
| 59 | Improve maintenance and mowing of parklands. | The proposed stormwater and drainage works will improve the ability to maintain and mow the parkland. | No changes |
| 60 | Great that council will be paying some attention and investing funding in these green spaces for all community users | Noted. | No changes |
| 61 | Improve shade in the Gilpin Park fenced dog park. | Council will engage with park users about installing a shade structure when undertaking minor improvements to the fenced dog park. Additional shade tree planting will be undertaken as part of the IWM works. | No changes |
| 62 | Replace dog poo bags on a roster. | Replacement of the bags is rostered, however, dog owners are required to always carry their own bags. | No changes |
| 63 | Fence of cricket wicket rather than using rope. | Council to review barriers to the wicket to reduce incidents of dogs damaging the wicket but also increase patrols to ensure that dog owners are responsible in supervising and managing the behaviour of dogs. | No changes |
| 64 | Provide lighting for dog users in the parks especially during winter. | To be reviewed through the lighting audit. | No changes |
| 65 | BBQ facilities should be fenced to keep dogs out. | Zoning BBQ areas on dog on leash is a better and more effective way to manage potential conflict rather than fencing of social picnic areas. | No changes |

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| 66 | Install a fence in between Gilpin Park playground and dog off leash areas. | The playground is dog on leash but improved signage, path alignment and zoning maps will assist in reducing potential conflict. The reinstatement of wire mesh fencing between the oval and playground should assist. | No changes |
| 67 | Online roster of sporting use at Gillon Oval may assist in reducing conflict and improve communication. | Agree that an online sharing of days and times of use would assist. Recommend that dog owners and the sporting club set up a shared social media post to improve communication and help resolve any issues. Similar social media groups exist at other Council parks and have improved use and communication between sporting clubs and dog owners. | No changes |
| 68 | Parts of these parks are used for nature kindergarten (Bush Kinder) by early childhood services. I would like to see development of a relationship between educators and park management, and park maintenance policy that takes into account the value and impact of children playing in nature, and what kind of natural spaces provide for good educational play. | Agree. Council is working with early years educators as part of our Nature Plan to improve the provision of nature play and bush kinders in our parks including Gilpin Park and other parks. This is proposed in the Plan. See our website for more details: https://www.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/living-in-merri-bek/environment/nature/nature-play/ | No changes |
| 69 | Create a small area designated for indigenous revegetation that local volunteers can contribute to. Particularly focused on developing understory plantings. | Supported. Please contact Council's Conservation Programs Officer for assistance. Council and the Plan is very supportive of a Friends Group for the parklands. | No changes |
| 70 | Improvements to the fenced dog park are very much needed. | Noted and supported in the Plan. | No changes |
| 71 | Such a great initiative, thanks for consulting community. Improved water management will be so critical for future climate and drought resilience, and to address environmental degradation currently caused by common flooding in different areas, especially Gilpin. | Noted. | No changes |
| 72 | Please install another crossing/traffic island at the western end of Victoria St. | Noted and supported. Likely to become increasingly busier as the planned development provides additional connections between Albert St and the parklands. Subject to the review of the Integrated Transport Strategy. | No changes |
| 73 | consider planting more trees and hedges to improve privacy between Clifton Park walkways and the (sadly) inevitable developments currently taking place. | Noted and supported. Council commenced the planting of larger canopy trees as soon as these proposals were known to Council. Additional large trees are required under conditions of the planning permit. | No changes |
| 74 | No music festivals in Gilpin Park. This started with no community consultation, continued with little or no notification and has now snuck into this plan. | The suggestion was not hidden or added late in the process. In Stage 1, many people in the community called for more spaces for events in the parklands and supported the use of Gilpin Park for the Brunswick Music Festival. One resident was not supportive due to noise. Refer to Item 40. | No changes |

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| 75 | Gilpin Park is an inappropriate place to host festivals and for what seemed like eternity (13 days) the Brunswick Music Festival destroyed this local pocket of Brunswick/Brunswick West in 2022. Please never again. | Refer to Item 40. | No changes |
| 76 | Lay asphalt instead of crushed rock on the main path at brunswick park. | Improvements to the cycling paths are proposed in the Plan but are subject to a review of the Integrated Transport Strategy. | No changes |
| 77 | Get rid of the crushed rock around path gillon oval and lay concrete, the current path always floods around water bubbler. | Noted and included as part of Actions. Some sections of the Gillon Oval path will be converted to concrete due to accessibility and gradient issues. Additional grade and drainage works are also required. | No changes |
| 78 | More shade canopy provided on the surrounding streets and in the parks (with the exception of Brunswick Park) is insufficient and the parks are sweltering hot. Key issues are the selection of trees - council keeps planting natives which provide minimal shade. Council also does not water trees frequently enough in summer and infant trees die. Finally when council plants trees on streets and foot paths they do not install vandal guards so they often are killed by vandals. | Noted and supported in the Plan. The watering program for Council trees is being improved and Council is also planting more diver tree species with a focus on canopy shade and cooling. Vandalism remains an issue but guards are not an ideal outcome except in busy Activity Centres and near drinking venues but often do not help unfortunately. | No changes |
| 79 | Do not expand the number of cricket nets as they are under utilised. | Council understand the community concerns about expanding the nets and are therefore requiring that they include retractable nets so the space can be better used throughout the year by all park users for different activities. Path improvements need to accompany the expansion but will aim to reduce the impact on the amenity and functionality of the parkland. | No changes |
| 80 | Native trees do not make ideal street trees as they block the sun in both summer and winter, shading us from the sun naturally heating our homes and streets in the wintertime. | Council is planting a diversity of street trees since the introduction of our Urban Forest Strategy in 2017 with a focus on improving shade, diversity of tree species including deciduous trees. | No changes |
| 81 | Increase tree canopy throughout the parklands and adjoining the streets. | Noted and supported in the Plan. | No changes |
| 82 | Reduce the urban heat island through tree shade. | Noted and supported in the Plan. | No changes |
| 83 | Support additional basketball rings in Clifton Park and ensure engagement includes all the community and not just youth. | Noted and supported in the Plan. | Review wording on engagement of Youth Space. |
| 84 | Support community gardens, biodiversity plantings, habitat, wetlands, and reuse of stormwater | Noted and supported in the Plan. | No changes |
| 85 | There should be an improved running track with better marked poles. | Supported in Plan. | No changes |
| 86 | Acquire development land for expanded parklands. | Not supported because Council is focusing on acquiring land for households who have no local park. Providing parkland to all | No changes |

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| | residents within close walking distance of their home is a Council priority through the Open Space Strategy and Park Close to Home Framework. The Open Space Fund is limited and acquisitions need to be prioritised and strategic in gap areas and where park constraints cannot be improved through other mechanisms. | |
| 87 | Clifton Pavilion is currently an excellent tennis practice wall. If the proposed alter this please consider maintaining this function elsewhere. | Agree and supported either in current location or elsewhere. No changes |
| 88 | Will the changes to the enclosed dog area include making it possible for greyhounds to be off leash within the enclosure? | No expansion of the fenced dog park is to proceed due to divided views. No changes |
| 89 | More detail is needed on how Council plans to slow traffic on Albert St / Pearson St / Victoria St and facilitate safer crossings for pedestrians and cyclists. This was the #1 issue flagged at the earlier consultation and barely any detail given. This is urgent. | Noted and supported. Detailed design is required to be developed and would be subject to the review of the Integrated Transport Strategy. No changes |
| 90 | Agree with removing car park and vehicle access in Clifton Park | Removing all car parking is not proposed but it might result in a reduction through a redesign that improves the design to improve safety, accessibility and amenity. No changes |
| 91 | Agree with putting time restricted parking all along Gilpin Park / Albert St ASAP. Cars sit there literally all week (I look over this part). We need to free up spaces for park goers who have no choice but to drive to the parks." | Noted. Refer to item 51. No changes |
| 92 | I just can't believe that even with the hundreds of comments in previous rounds of feedback around pedestrian / biker safety issues crossing Albert St at the crossing between Gilpin and Clifton and also crossing Victoria St (between Clifton Park and Brunswick park) that absolutely nothing has been proposed to upgrade the crossings between the parks for safe access. | Plan strongly recommends these elements but they need to be part of the Integrated Transport Strategy review. No changes |
| 93 | Nothing on the plan to try and slow down the hooning traffic. | Refer to Item 92 No changes |
| 94 | Install some speed humps or planting trees in the road to try and calm the speeding traffic. | Refer to Item 92 No changes |
| 95 | Install speed signs and reduce speeds to 40km/h. | Refer to Item 92 No changes |
| 96 | Priority needs to be on putting safer crossings between the parks (traffic light controlled crossings / flashing pedestrian lights) and also speed reducing traffic calming measures like speed humps, trees planted in the road / protected bike lines to narrow road / chicanes with vegetation in them, anything! | In road tree planting is planned for Albert St and exists in Hope St although further tree planting is required. Refer to Item 92 for full details of safety proposals. No changes |

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| 97 | I believe the fenced dog park in Gilpin park is very important as I often meet people from far and wide that come here as it is the best off leash and totally enclosed area for quite some distance. The park is often too small at peak times for the number of dogs and people using the park. Especially the "small dog" area. | Not supported. Refer to Item 3. | No changes |
| 98 | Expand the dog park into 3 zones including a separate one for timid dogs as they do not often get to socialise with others due to puppies and other more boisterous small dogs | The small dog area may be slightly expanded to also improve drainage issues but an additional expansion of the fenced dog park was not supported by the community. | No changes |
| 99 | There is a distinct lack of vegetation and variety and water available in this area also. | Noted and supported in the Plan. | No changes |
| 100 | Create an area which is good for greyhounds considering the population of them in Brunswick, for those that are well socialised it seems cruel to force them on lead while other sight hounds roam free. | Council is unable to design fenced dog parks exclusively for one breed of animal. Many dog owners provide training to dogs and use existing fenced sporting fields for exercising greyhounds and other breeds of dog. | No changes |
| 101 | There doesn't seem to be a proposal for updating Brunswick Park outside of pop up cafes. There is a major flooding issue, a very old and worn pergola and maintenance shed, and the one toilet is insufficient in Summer when this particular area is highly utilised. | The Plan includes other park improvements that are needed including the drainage and flooding issues in Brunswick Park and the renewal of the shelter. | No changes |
| 102 | In creating safer corridors, it would be prudent for Brunswick Park to be more removed from the busy Victoria St, with for example shrub planting along the edge of the park. I've seen countless dogs and kids escape this area too easily. | Agree and supported. The fencing on Victoria St needs to be refreshed with opportunities for garden beds to create natural barriers. | No changes |
| 103 | No dogs on Gillon Oval. There is a dog park nearby, off-leash dogs here are mostly not under control: they are danger to kids and park users kicking balls on the oval and frequently chase and jump on small children. It is not working as a shared area and is close to the playground. Yes, tricky one but it seems sporting club and recreation have given up and Council will work on education. We are looking at creating dog on lead zones with clearer signage | No change of zoning recommended with need for more education, enforcement and signage to ensure communication and behaviour improve. Recommend online social media platform set up by dog users to communicate with the sporting club. | No changes |
| 104 | Add nets or fencing behind the soccer goals in Clifton Park so the space can be better used without conflict with other park users. | Supported and added to the Plan. | Fencing behind goals added to action plan. |
| 105 | Hope more apartments are approved near the parks to help make them a safer place (with neighbors overlooking.) | Council are always advocating to ensure high quality interfaces are included in any new developments adjoining open space with passive surveillance and active frontages. | No changes |

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| 106 | More bins and dog bag stations and an actual dog wash would be great for those dogs who do enjoy rolling around in the mud. | Bins and dog bags are provided at fenced dog parks. A dog wash facility is not proposed. | No changes |
| 107 | Too much dog poo in the parklands. Please do something. | Dog owners are increasingly responsible and mostly picking up after their dogs. Increased Local Laws presence and reminders from other park users always helps and is encouraged. | No changes |
| 108 | We have a group of local residents who participate in the Council-sponsored Nature Stewards Course, and we are interested in taking an interest in the indigenous vegetation in the park, and contributing to it. We would like to be introduced to the species in the park and the intentions of the garden maintenance crew so that we can potentially contribute usefully. We would also be interested in designating a small patch for a revegetation project. | Refer to Item 69. | No changes |
| 109 | The park is used for nature kindergarten (Bush Kinder) by some local services, and is likely to become more popular for that. I am an expert in that area (Deputy President of the Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Network). I would like an opportunity to consult with staff about designating an area of the park to be managed with nature play in mind. Note this does not mean the playground, which is a constructed area- it means areas with natural plant growth. | Refer to Item 69. Council will be in touch. | No changes |
| 110 | Ensure additional strengthening of parkland protections and strong recognition of First Nation people - not only for Brunswick but for all open spaces in Moreland. | Council wants to strengthen the protection of open space including through this Plan. Council also works very closely with the Wurundjeri Wo Wurrung Traditional Owners on our open space with a priority for our parklands along waterways. Council's Open Space team are working on implementing Wurundjeri recommendations for strengthening native vegetation, restoration of ephemeral waterways, increased activation, acknowledging Wurundjeri Heritage and working towards Wurundjeri Narrap team involvement in landscape design, planting and maintenance. | No changes |
| 111 | Community consultation has been corralled into the narrow orbit of the draft Report. A real integrated management plan for the parklands would involve strong planning controls for overshadow and urban heat impacts, solar and wind power, alongside existing council commitment to pedestrians and bike riders,. | These are other elements are not ignored and generally relate to the Planning Scheme. Council has started work investigating an overshadowing of open space amendment as well as other related planning scheme and zoning amendments. | No changes |

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| 112 | There is nothing in the report to explore how the parklands could acknowledge and support the interests of the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung and settler community in truth telling, voice and treaty. | Plan does include an Action. Refer to Item 110. Moreover, Council are working to strengthen our collaboration with the Traditional Owners through a range of practical and strategic ways. | No changes |
| 113 | Given the intentions of recent name change proposal from Moreland to Merri-bek, Council could be well placed to join other local governments who are leading the way in Reconciliation with opportunities for First Nations people in employment, training, land use, culture and many other activities of Council. | Council does undertake these elements. Refer to item 110 for part of the reply. | No changes |
| 114 | The draft report is tainted by a serious conflict of interest of one of the report authors – Realm Studios. | Refer to Item 7. The Plan has benefited from input from a successful joint tender bid from Alluvium and Realm. The consultant tender evaluation was undertaken in line with Council's procurement policy with several firms submitting high quality responses. Each response was evaluated accordingly with Alluvium and Realm successful. Realm is a leading landscape architecture firm and undertakes work for both private and public customers. All of the information provided to Realm and shared by Realm is public information and Council officers involved in the project were very careful ensuring that no views, data or bias would arise due to Realms engagement by a developer in the area. The decision to exclude planning scheme amendments from the Parklands Plan was an early one guided by council's Planning team. The Parklands Plan aims to inform any future amendments but the priority is on improving and protecting the parklands. Issues around overshadowing are being dealt with as part of council's refresh of its Open Space Strategy and planning scheme amendments. | No changes |
| 115 | The draft report is intended for a "10 year horizon". However it fails to consider opportunities and risks, many of which are well known given climate crisis and trends in land use development. | A core part of the Plan is to protect the parklands on the medium and long term against these very challenges. Please refer to the proposed IWM works as an example. | No changes |
| 116 | Use the Parklands as a case study and test case for making major improvements to the Moreland Planning Scheme. Many of these improvements were identified by community respondents and planning experts in the 2 VCAT Hearings for the Stockland and Mirvac multi-storey developments between November 2021 and February 2022. | Refer to Item 7. | No changes |
| 117 | Develop a real integrated management plan which works against the silo tendency of council decision making structures. | Unclear on comment. Council works very hard on collaborating to deliver a range of IWM projects and advocate for more external | No changes |

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| 118 | Turn parkland risks in to opportunities. | funding to achieve these projects. The IWM proposal in the Plan is a collaboration between several Council Units. | |
| 119 | The draft Management Plan's lack of parkland protection, including from overdevelopment, contributes to a perception of conflict of interest through the appointment of Realm as a consultant to the Plan. | The Plan acknowledges the community angst and frustration with the height of the proposed developments on Albert St. Council is working to ensure the best outcomes for the parklands through public realm works to provide improved stormwater outcomes, tree canopy, new pedestrian connectivity, safer paths and amenities. Noted. Refer to Items 7 and 114. | No changes |
| 120 | The draft Plan remains narrowly focussed on amenity development and ignores the importance of actions to protect the Parkland now and into the future | Noted. Refer to Items 7 and 114. | No changes |
| 121 | The draft actions for achieving Objective 3 (sustainability) are predominantly water management and includes preparing for the increased drainage from current and future private developments adjacent to the Parkland. Such costs should be met by the developers and not Moreland residents. | Council has been advocating for additional public realm contributions from developers adjoining the parkland but there are limits on what can be achieved. Additional external funding is also identified, and Council have a strong track record in this regard especially for IWM works. Some current developments, including on Albert St, are not proposing subdivision which means there are no open space contributions. Council is therefore exploring alternative opportunities for contributions from "Build to Rent" developments in line with those introduced in South Australia. This issue will be reviewed through the work on the Open Space Strategy in 2023-24. | No changes |
| 122 | The draft actions for achieving Objective 4 (Enhance and Protect) are only about enhance. There are no actions for protecting the Parklands and their perimeters for future generations. Action 4.1 is sadly funny because 'protect...' is the action for achieving the fourth objective 'to protect....' ! | Disagree. Several elements and actions are aimed at protecting the parklands. A careful and considered review of the actions may assist. For example, the proposed IWM works are aimed at diverting more stormwater in to the parklands together with irrigation and soil amelioration to improve vegetation health and amenity. | No changes |
| 123 | We question why the consultant does not recommend that Moreland follows the lead of neighbouring Councils and recommend new planning scheme controls, including design overlays, to ensure no further overshadowing of the Brunswick Central Parklands by adjacent building developments. | Premise is not correct. The consultants Alluvium and Realm have assisted Council in preparing the Parkland Plan but are not the authors. Moreover, Council is undertaking work on overshadowing of open space. Refer to Items 7 and 114. | No changes |
| 124 | Why would the consultant declare that recommendations about adjacent land use is outside the scope of a Parkland Management Plan? This is contradicted by the inclusion of Objective 6 'Better Integrate Parklands with adjacent land uses' | Noted. Refer to Items 7, 114 and 123. Yes, the developer and future residents could potentially benefit from improvements to the parklands over the next decade as would Council from increased rates revenue, but more importantly, the whole community (current | No changes |

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| | <p>which includes actions that impact on surrounding private land. It could be suggested that Objective 6 primarily benefits the amenity and saleability of the surrounding private developments.</p> | <p>and future) will benefit from the proposed improvements identified in the Plan. No investment, run down park assets (seating, paths, shelters etc.) and poor integration of future works in the park will not improve community health outcomes or the environmental objectives of Council which are identified in the Plan.</p> | |
| 125 | <p>Objective 6 includes Action 6.2 “Ensure future development applications and land rezonings include requirements for”. Why is rezoning and changes to building application requirements considered within scope for Objective 6? This suggests it is OK if rezoning actions improve the amenity of the private development but any planning scheme actions that protect the Parkland but restrict the size of the private development are out of scope!</p> | <p>The Parklands Plan is unable to retrospectively change the existing Design and Development Overlay and the Victorian Planning Scheme. Refer to Item 7.</p> | No changes |
| 126 | <p>We are dismayed that the Draft Plan has not included actions relevant to Reconciliation. We congratulate the Council's decision to change the city's name to Merri-bek as part of its long standing commitment to Reconciliation. Reconciliation requires action across all Council responsibilities, including Park Management. For example there is a glaring absence of signage and information acknowledging the traditional owners of the land that is now the Brunswick Central Parklands. Parks are ideal places for learning about First Nations history and culture. In addition, First Nations knowledge and skills are being increasingly sought by Government Departments and local governments for land management and native plant cultivation. This is also an important Council opportunity for Reconciliation action.</p> <p>Both these Reconciliation recommendations for inclusion in the Parklands Management Plan have been made by us and others we know.</p> | <p>Refer to Item 110</p> | No changes |
| 127 | <p>The above feedback about Park Protection and Reconciliation was provided by email on behalf of Scale it Down, including to Council, and verbally by diferent steering group members at on-site pop-up sessions. However there is no acknowledgement of these views at 3.3</p> | <p>All community feedback was summarised and included.</p> | No changes |
| 128 | <p>It should be pointed out that some items on the list of community feedback at 3.3 is minus any comparative data for assessing the popularity of the view. For example what weight</p> | <p>The detailed engagement summary report included the numbers. Number of responses based on our online forums and on site engagement does not always equal weighting. The most contentious</p> | No changes |

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| | can be given to 'off leash dogs in Gilpin Park creating issues' - what does 'many' mean? | element in the Plan was the proposed expansion of the fenced dog park. | |
| 129 | Given that water always flows downhill, is it reasonable to expect passive irrigation from the soccer field to the North, the skatepark to the West, or the stadium to the North? | The Plan proposed swales adjoining the synthetic field to intercept water prior to entering the drainage network. Additional passive runoff is proposed from Albert St to Gilpin Park. Where passive irrigation is not feasible then pumps are required, for example, on Hope St. | No changes |
| 130 | Why is the Pavillion not being reclaimed as a music venue; its original intended use? Does this plan ensure that the proposed new community hub will cater to all users of the park, not just sports groups? Also what guidelines or controls are included to ensure this new building will not overshadow its surrounds? | Refer to Item 13. There are no plans for works to the pavilion to change the height of the structure, but instead make it more accessible to all community members rather than the current arrangement which requires booking the sportsfields. | No changes |
| 131 | Why is the whole parkland area not being considered for biodiversity, rather than restricted to fenced wetland areas? | The Plan aims to improve biodiversity across the whole parkland. This is limited on sportsfields but their impact can be reduced through the use of best practice irrigation, nutrient addition, wildlife friendly lighting, and reduced glare lighting for example. the fenced wetland area is just one example where fencing is required to protect community safety but also protect habitat. Broader parkland works are proposed included garden beds, more shade trees, ephemeral water and more understorey planting. | No changes |
| 132 | Concerned that off-lead areas will be reduced both at Gillon Oval and Gilpin Park. This is one of the very few parkland areas where it is possible to allow dogs much needed un-fenced freedom, and residents from all over Moreland travel here to enjoy this feature. Many of the dogs adore the grasslands and roll joyously! | The Plan does not propose any changes to the current dog off leash areas in Gillon Oval, Reaburn Reserve and Clifton Park. There is a proposed expansion of dog on leash area in the eastern end around the play, picnic and proposed wetland habitat. Council believes this provides a balanced outcome with significant areas remaining dog off leash. | No changes |
| 133 | There are a lot of parks where dogs are restricted to on-lead access and if people are bothered by dogs roaming free, a few picnic tables are provided around Gilpin Park would solve the problem. | Refer to Items 10, 12 and 132. | No changes |
| 134 | I am concerned there is no exercise space allocated to older residents as well as the combining of BMX and pedestrian pathways causing issues and possible accidents. | Good suggestion for consideration of seniors exercise equipment which is considered as part of the proposed exercise equipment. The Plan recommends improvements to reduce potential conflict between cyclists and pedestrians. | No changes |
| 135 | Provide a space for Petanque which is a boule sport and can be played on a gravel pitch, formal dimensions 10m x 15m. | Good suggestion and there are spaces that currently existing Reaburn Reserve and Gilpin Park that could work already. Some additional seating is proposed in the Plan which would assist in the use of these spaces. | No changes |

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| 136 | Strongly support both Brunswick Park and Raeburn Reserve being designed for informal activity, given the ample amount of sports grounds and active recreational space available. | Noted. | No changes |
| 137 | A delicate and nuanced approach will be needed to ensure a balanced approach to addressing residential development adjacent to the parklands (not least so that upgrades to parks aren't viewed as appropriation of public realm for the amenity of new residents). A good test of this will be what happens with the existing plantings in Clifton Park bordering the new development, which are important bird habitat and need to be retained. | Unfortunately, most of the trees adjoining the private developments in Clifton park were at the end of their life and were failing. As such Council approved removal of these trees to facilitate the realignment of the pedestrian path on the title boundary to ensure no privatisation of open space, provide for the renewal of trees and ensure a high quality interface between the public and private realms. Council normally would not advocate for large scale removal of trees and were reluctant to support removal, but believe the proposed replanting will improve shade, habitat and amenity in the medium to long term. | No changes |
| 138 | Action 1.6 (supporting pop up cafes etc) is marked on the map by using the heritage building in Brunswick Park as an example, and that is on a path that will benefit from the review of lighting in action 1.4 as well as drainage upgrades under action 1.7. | Good point and noted. The Plan aims to ensure better alignment and coordination of works. The community were not supportive of a pop up café in the heritage building in Brunswick park so alternatives will need to be explored to ensure it does not continue to be neglected. | No changes |
| 139 | Action 2.4 (park circuit tracks) needs to be designed to avoid conflict with new cricket nets at Gillon Oval under action 2.6, ideally with a realignment of the paths to lead walkers and joggers behind the nets (not enough shy space, and too many right angles, for that to work in the configuration proposed by the cricket club). | Noted. Pedestrian access will remain in front of and behind the cricket nets with improvements made to accessibility. | No changes |
| 140 | Action group 3 - climate resilience - and acknowledging the parklands' role as a cooling space is absolutely vital, and I applaud you and the Council team for that. To ensure this role can be achieved, no further parts of the parklands should be converted to artificial turf or other high-use surfaces that act as heatsinks. | Noted. No further areas of the parkland are proposed to include synthetic surfaces although an earlier study of Recreational facilities recommended synthetic for the Clifton Park pitch. Through the community engagement process on this Plan, this additional synthetic pitch is not supported. | No changes |
| 141 | Fenced-off habitat areas (action 4.6) sound wonderful, and it's a little sad to see that earlier concepts for fenced-off areas in Raeburn Reserve associated with the stormwater management system (a bioswale?) don't seem to have made it to the final plan. I anticipate this will need further exploration to determine how they will work (will it be entirely no entry, or a gated no-dogs space similar to sections of the Yarra Trail) and how they will align with adjacent park uses and residences. | Safety will be essential for any water bodies and so a raised area or fencing will likely be included in Raeburn Reserve. Detailed designs will be subject to community engagement. | No changes |

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| 142 | Action 5.2 suggests the shimmy will be redirected down Holloway Rd from Brunswick Park, rather than the (usually ignored) current markings that direct riders around the side of Gillon Oval. This is very sensible, and will benefit from redesign of path entrances at the end of Holloway Rd and Victoria St (both of which can get congested in peak periods, risking collisions). | Noted. | No changes |
| 143 | I support the intent of Action 5.6 (rationalising parking) but note that, with a more senior demographic, the mallet sports club may be disadvantaged if there is no nearby parking. Design treatments will also be needed to avoid off-road parking at the end of the loop for Gillon Oval (and for Clifton Park, given the amount of gear shuttled to and from the pitch for both practice and matches). | Noted. Detail design work will include engagement with local sporting clubs. | No changes |
| 144 | BMX bikes tracks are not appropriate in this small green space which is heavily used by pedestrians | Any further works in Clifton Park around the Youth space would be subject to community engagement. The area is quite open and through good designs, Council believe that increased activation will not compromise or conflict with other park users and park objectives. | No changes |
| 145 | Ensure trees support biodiversity. | Council is committed to enhancing our urban forest and biodiversity and will continue to plant a variety of trees to support habitat and protect mature trees. | No changes |
| 146 | Council claims to seek feedback, they have already commenced implementing the very plans to which they are asking for input. Are they really listening? | Noted. Certain projects were already proposed in Council's CAPEX program and due to delays arising from COVID and the decision to pause the parkland plan in 2022, some of these projects have proceeded, including for example, Gilpin Park playground and picnic area and the Brunswick West tennis courts expansion. | No changes |
| 147 | One of the best aspects of Gilpin Park is its openness, the proposal to introduce a formal wetland area and then fence it off will further restrict where park users can move. | Refer to Items 1, 4 and 9. | No changes |
| 148 | Gilpin Park: There are MANY parks where dogs are restricted to on-lead access and if bothered by dogs roaming free, on-ground picnickers can choose from a wide selection of other venues. Furthermore, if a few picnic tables are provided around Gilpin Park this problem could be circumvented. | The eastern end of Gilpin Park is already a dog on leash area due to the playground. Refer to items 3, 10 and 31. | No changes |
| 149 | Glad that the parklands will finally be thoughtfully renewed but also feel it is long overdue, and is understandable given the expected exponential growth of the local population and the exponential growth of the local rate base. | Noted. | No changes |

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| 150 | Better use of water over the entire parklands will support more trees and plantings, and increase the tree canopy as the climate gets hotter. | Noted | No changes |
| 151 | Other parklands in outer greater Melbourne cater better for people on lower incomes (than what is planned) by installing interactive features for child water play – which are a very popular low entertainment and a low cost way to beat the heat. I have seen nothing like this in inner Melbourne, outside of a municipal pool. I wish there were more like this for children in this plan. | Noted. A good suggestion. Water play was included in the Gilpin Park playground and additional areas of nature play are also proposed. | No changes |
| 152 | More drinking taps spaced around them – for the benefit of walkers, dogs, runners, and sportspeople. I gather that this has been included in the plans and is a needed improvement. | Noted and included in the Plan. | No changes |
| 153 | The native plantings and use of water in Royal Park springs to mind, as well as the excellent man-made wetland on the old tip site near the Russian orthodox church in Brunswick East, which is a haven for frogs, lizards, dragonflies and birdlife. | Yes, the recent park improvements in Royal Park set a great precedent for everyone and provide a visual show of what we are hoping to provide in Gilpin Park | No changes |
| 154 | I feel the planned fencing on the wetlands is important given that Gilpin Park is also a well used dog park, and Brunswick has an active urban fox population. | Noted. In the Plan. | No changes |
| 155 | Support the idea of a community garden being included in the park, but not one which is tucked away in a corner next to Gillion Oval. I would prefer one which is more central to the most used area of the parks and also near the planned high-rise dwellings on Albert St which will lack private green space. The area near Albert St and the current stage would be very suitable. | The community gardens are proposed for Reaburn Reserve and Clifton park. The Gillon Oval one is to acknowledge the existing community plantings of a food forest next to the playground. | No changes |
| 156 | I also feel that a public toilet that is accessible throughout the week and weekend is long overdue in Gilpin Park and Clifton Parks, and would broaden its usage from walkers and dog owners, to parents and younger children. I'm sure I would not be alone in having chosen to travel to Queens Park in Moonee Valley or Princes Park in Yarra to be able to access family friendly playground facilities for small children, where there is toilet access and good seating close to a playground. It is not good enough for people with small children to have to walk to Brunswick Park over very busy Victoria Street to find one open public toilet. | Noted and included in the Plan. | No changes |

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| 157 | The public toilets in Clifton Park appear to be for team use only. In 20 years, I have seldom seen them open, and believe they are opened for team sport only. | Noted and included in the Plan. | No changes |
| 158 | I like the idea that has been used in East Brunswick of stencilled patterns on the road and footpaths. It helps to join parkland in the areas where it is used and draw peoples attention to the pedestrian nature of the area. This could be useful given that the parklands are divided by one well used and one busy main road. There may also be other ways to better join the parks for pedestrians, safely. | Noted and included in the Plan. | No changes |
| 159 | The idea of some sort of popup food or coffee vans close by would also make any playground more of a meeting place for busy parents of small children. Queens Park has long had a very popular café in the middle of a park, and has meant the park is well used by parents and children as opposed to this parkland in Gilpin Park, Brunswick. | Noted, but not supported by majority of community feedback. As noted by other feedback, the planned developments on Clifton Park may include cafes. | No changes |
| 160 | I feel that the idea to revitalise the stage in Clifton Park is long overdue. The stage was designed for music when Clifton Park used to host the middle eastern festival on its open sports grounds. To my knowledge it has had minimal community use in the many years since it was built. it has been a white elephant for unknown reasons. | Noted and included in the Plan. The community access and use of the old railway building on the Park St Linear Park is a good example. | No changes |
| 161 | I hope that the skate ramp and basketball court are protected and preserved as part of the plans, as these along with Gilpin Park, seem to me to be the most heavily used, especially by young people. | No plans to remove skate or basketball facilities. | No changes |
| 162 | Disproportionate allocation of parklands for paid team sport | The aim of the Plan is to strengthen broader community use and access of the open space. For example, by opening up sports pavilions and toilets to the whole community. Ongoing shared use of the sporting ovals for dogs is also a way of sharing these spaces and moving away from single purpose use of spaces. | No changes |
| 163 | Concern about allocation of open space to sporting clubs and low levels of social sports. | Plan aims to address this by providing facilities and spaces that can be used for social sports including in and around the skate park and basketball court. | No changes |
| 164 | In the past Clifton Park hosted some very popular middle eastern festivals which included music, dance and food, This festival, much like the Brunswick music festival, brought together the whole local community. It has been many years | Plan aims to address this by making the pavilion easier to book, use and more suitable for community based events. As part of the engagement process, Council worked with community groups to | No changes |

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| | since Clifton Park hosted any music event despite having a purpose-built stage. | activate this space with performances. In addition, the stage was used during COVID to provide an outdoor rehearsal space. | |
| 165 | On the face of it the distribution and use of public green space in the central Brunswick Parklands is unfair, and will feel more so in the future when less people have access to their own private green space. i would like to see a genuine effort for grounds designated for team sport to become more versatile and multi use, or else not to be given over so completely to sporting groups in the way they are, without more of a tangible return to the rest of the local community. | Noted and included in the Plan. | No changes |
| 166 | Provide secure fencing around Reaburn Reserve (particularly at the stairs that lead to the busy corner at Pearson and Victoria Street) so dogs aren't running onto the roads, and allow that space, which is not used much for sport, to be off lead. | Noted, but Reaburn Reserve is not proposed to become a fenced dog park. | No changes |
| 167 | Skate park requires some intermediate elements rather than just some small ramps for beginners then large bowls for experts but nothing in between. | Noted, planned improvements to the youth space will include engagement with users to ensure a range of activities are supported in this area. | No changes |
| 168 | The skate park is usually very busy. Given the large expanse of park it is in I think it would be feasible to expand the arena whilst maintaining the surrounding parkland and soccer oval. | Noted and agree. | No changes |