



Lions Park Redevelopment Master Plan

Engagement Report
November 2021



Acknowledgement of Country

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri People as the custodians of this land.

We also pay respect to all Aboriginal community elders, past and present, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the history of this region.

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Who we spoke to

Lilydale town centre has a highly engaged and proud community who actively participated in a broad suite of engagement for the Lions Park Lilydale.



Engagement periods for the Lions Park Lilydale were undertaken (22 October 2021-14 November 2021)



Forum with key stakeholders, including a community group



190 page views of the Shaping Yarra Ranges, Lions Park Lilydale **from 95 unique visitors**



28 contributions through the Shaping Yarra Ranges, Lions Park Lilydale web page



Visitors came from: Direct to Shaping Yarra Ranges (**55%**); Yarra Ranges Website (**17%**); Search Engines (**11%**); and Other Sources (**11%**) and Social Media Channels (**6%**);

What we heard

Community feedback was generally supportive of the redevelopment. With many of the submissions recognising the key issues and opportunities available in Lions Park, while providing direct commentary in response to the proposed design ideas.

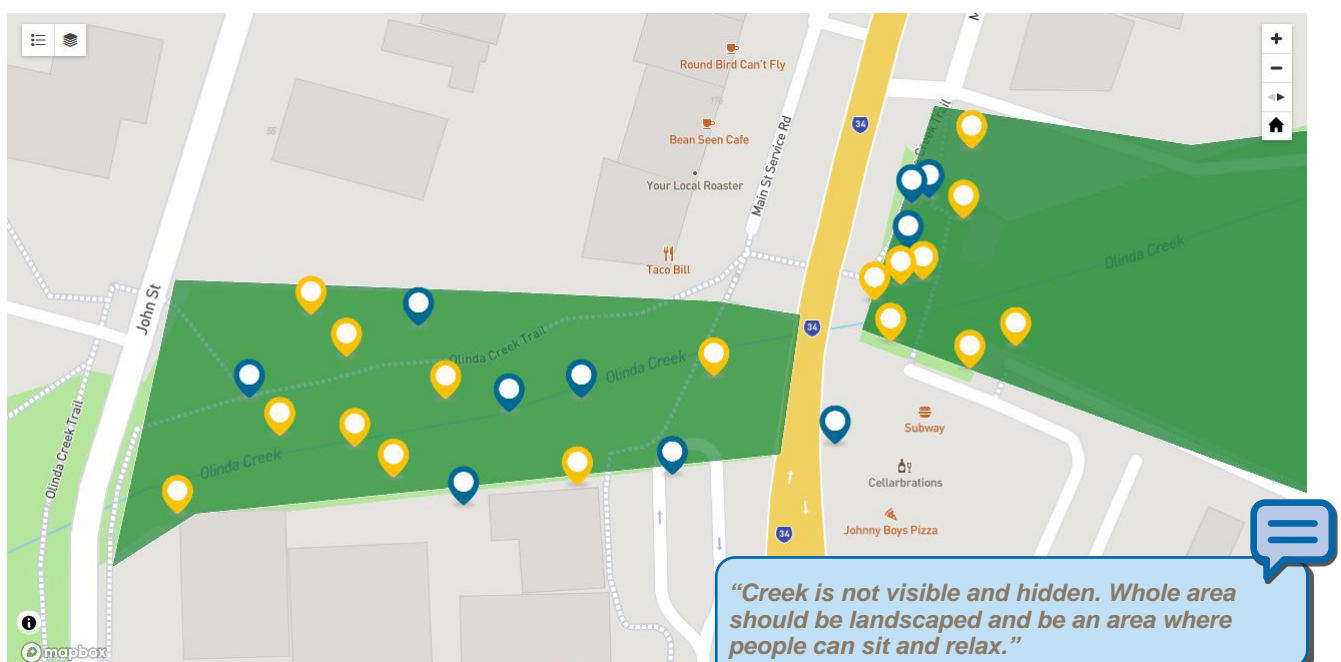
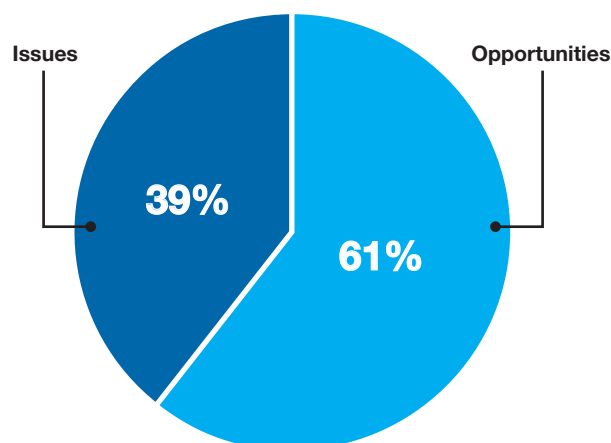
The Draft Lions Park Redevelopment Master Plan undertook a wide ranging and consultation and engagement process through avenues such as: a key stakeholder forum & Shaping Yarra Ranges webpage.

Of the comments received in total 28 contributions, 61% provided commentary on the opportunities while 39% provided on the issues.

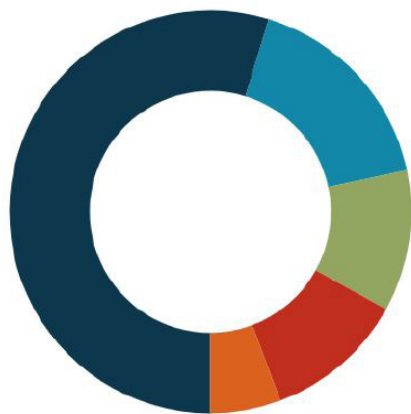
The comments vary and spread over the entire areas. The data that has been captured provide an insight into the priorities that community members have for Lions Park such as lighting, seating, entry signage/identification and rubbish bins.

This Consultation and Engagement report provides a high-level summary of the most prominent feedback provided in response to the priority areas and actions proposed within Lions Park Redevelopment Master Plan. The feedback received will be used to inform some adjustments to the Master Plan.

The passion and pride of the community members were clearly evident in the submissions received, and will shape the design outcomes for this Master Plan.



Where were submissions from?



- Direct: 58 - 54.72%
- Websites: 18 - 16.98%
- Search Engine: 12 - 11.32%
- Other: 12 - 11.32%
- Social Media: 6 - 5.66%

“Rubbish is constantly left around picnic tables and along the creek.”

“Can the toilets be replaced with something better designed and more attractive?”

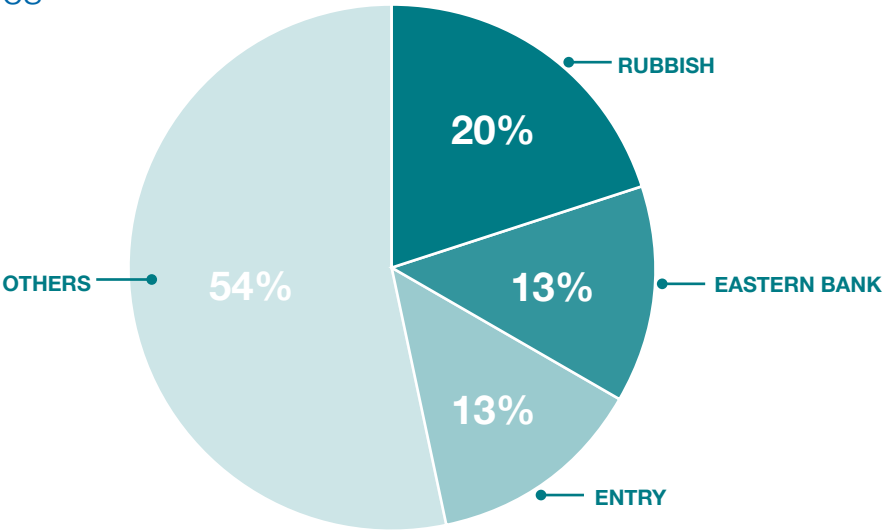
Most used words/phrases



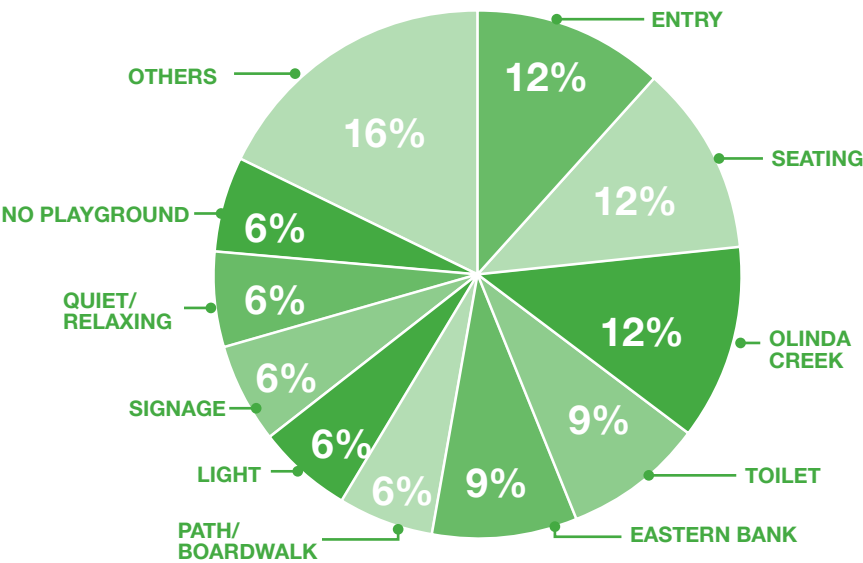
Design Priorities for Lions Park

Data insights captured through the Lions Park Lilydale website. Common themes / areas are shown below.

Issues



Opportunities



FEEDBACK - "ISSUES"	
Rubbish	Rubbish seem to be left in the park often. Potentially more bins can be provided and educate people for not leaving rubbish in outdoor.
Eastern Bank	Weed infestation and concrete rubble on the eastern bank.
	A concern was raised for providing boardwalk/path on the eastern bank as it might damage natural vegetation and habitat.
Entry	Lack of clear park entry.
	Need better entrances for both Lions Park and Recreation Reserve.
Others	Others include;
	- underutilised forecourt of the public toilet,
	- a concern "Cyclist Hub" can be for cyclists only, not for general public.
	- poor lighting along the trail

FEEDBACK - "OPPORTUNITIES"	
Entry	Provide more clear and aesthetically pleasing entry areas and signages
Seating	More seating can be provided on the eastern bank across the public toilet and on the eastern bank of Lions Park
	Whole area should be landscaped and provide areas for sit and relax
Olinda Creek	The creek is one of the many jewels of the town that has been overlooked and under-utilised.
	The creek is hidden, it should be more visible and open.
Toilet	Although it may require more screens for the cubicles, it is a great feature of Lilydale with beautiful tiles.
	Please keep these stunning, colourful, open, welcoming & very safe public toilets.
	Replace the toilet with a better design similar to Melba Park
Eastern Bank	Make more accessible with path/boardwalk, seating and (solar) light
Signage	Entry signage for the Recreation Reserve is ugly and uninviting
	Provide information board about flora and fauna of the area
Quiet/Relaxing	This park has always been a place of peace and quiet where people can sit on the grass
No playground	There are already many playgrounds in walking distance at Lilydale Lake and Melba Park
Others	Others include:
	- Redefine the western boundary with bollards (currently encroaching car parking) with groves of colourful deciduous trees
	- Increase diversity of native plants and provide nesting boxes for birds, bats, possums and insects. Encourage people to be involved in caring for the health of the creek.
	- "Cyclist Hub" may be called "Trail Traveller's Hub" (so it can be more used by not just cyclists)

Next Steps

Landscape concept plan will be exhibited for comments from 30th November for 3 weeks. Council will review the feedback from the exhibition and make adjustments where required.



