



Wyndham City Council



Play Space Strategy 2030 Demand and Consultation Report

About this document

This document is the Wyndham Play Strategy Demand and Consultation Findings document. It was prepared in 2016 and provides a summary of demand and consultation findings.

The views expressed in the consultation section of this document are those provided by the community of Wyndham. They do not reflect the views held by @leisure, Jeavons Landscape Architects or Council.

Four other documents were prepared for this Strategy:

- Discussion Paper
- Analysis of Existing Play Spaces by Planning District.
- Play Strategy
- Implementation Plan

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1. Introduction

The Project

City of Wyndham is preparing a Wyndham Play Space Strategy to provide strategic direction for its Play Space development and programming of capital works to 2025 with a view to 2045, in line with the recent Open Space Strategy.

This Play Space Strategy aims to create a clear vision and principles, consider changing demographics, quality, activity levels, and place making, age appropriateness, diversity of play provisions and accessibility.

What Council's Plans Say

The 2013-2017 Municipal Early Years Plan (MEYP)

The 2013-2017 Municipal Early Years Plan (MEYP) was developed in partnership with children, families and a broad range of local agencies and will facilitate a whole of community approach to the planning and delivery of services for children and families in Wyndham.

Providing an environment in which children develop, learn and grow to their optimum potential is one of the greatest responsibilities of any community. Children's experiences impact significantly on their immediate and long term wellbeing as well as that of their families and the wider community.

Four Year Objectives

- To endeavour to provide public outdoor spaces and physical environments for children and families; that encourage families to play with their children.

- To promote the value of play to parents.

There are currently 31,662 children living in Wyndham aged between birth and 11 years (ABS 2011). This makes up 19.6 % of our current population. Children are a growing number of the total population of the municipality and this is especially noticeable in Point Cook where children of this age range comprise 24.6% of the population.

"Bringing communities together to foster an inclusive and nurturing environment that maximises child and family health and wellbeing in a growing community"

Council Vision

Create an environment which enables children to grow and develop to their optimum potential.

Outcomes of the Plan:

High quality, accessible environments which promote children's creativity and maximise social interactions.

To create an accessible community, where all children and families can access parts of the community by a number of modes, including walking, riding and public transport. Outcome of Plan: High quality, accessible environments which promote children's creativity and maximise social interactions.

Wyndham's Leisure Strategy 2013-2017

The strategy identified that while Council will work towards all residents having local access to a network of play spaces, walking and cycling trails, major leisure facilities need to be delivered at a municipal or regional level of supply as they draw a much wider audience over an extended catchment area and because of the cost of provision.

Surprisingly, the household survey identifies that there is a significant proportion of leisure activity that occurs outside of the City for activities including walking, playing in a park, riding a bike and visiting a library

Council will plan and deliver community leisure in growing communities as a way to encourage new residents to meet others, strengthen their connection with public spaces and facilities within their community, and identify their community as a place for play and celebration as identified in priority.

Locality specific directions

Tarneit: Council will consider the feasibility and requirement for providing increased infrastructure such as Play space equipment and public seating to the current public open space network.

Hoppers Crossing: With over 30 education facilities (from kindergartens through to Secondary Schools within the precinct), public open space and community facilities within this area may experience high levels of demand from schools.

Wyndham Community Health, Wellbeing and Safety Plan 2013-2017

Planning, developing and building Wyndham City's environment to support the long term health, wellbeing and safety of the community are vital investments that will pay dividends further down the track.

The Plan suggests that the approach taken to buildings, parks, facilities, transport links and infrastructure like footpaths and cycle ways all have the capacity to influence how we go about daily life and how easy it is to stay healthy and well – now and into the future. The natural environment – trees, parks and nature – is an essential part of healthy living in terms of physical and mental health.

It is an important factor in health and wellbeing planning that all people have equal access to, and support for, their health and wellbeing to reduce or eliminate health disparities.

Council will:

Create environments and services that enhance the health, wellbeing, learning and development of all children.

What the community told us:

A healthy Wyndham is a place where:

"There are more parks for kids to play with lots of things to do"

"Kids can play outside and walk to school in a safe community"

"There are safe parks for kids to play that are cleaned regularly"

What Council will:

Ensure children and families have opportunities to socialise, play and learn in a range of places and spaces in the community.

Wyndham Open Space Strategy 2045

Open space provides residents of all ages and abilities with safe and suitable areas to be physically active through sport, play, outdoor games and informal recreation activities.

Some open spaces provide residents with areas to relax, meditate and engage with nature to improve mental wellbeing. Increasingly, many people now use visit parks to participate in individual and group unstructured/informal activities such as walking, exercising the dog, playing with children, socialising and cultural events.

Key points relevant to play

Open space provides residents of all ages and abilities with safe and suitable areas to be physically active through sport, play, outdoor games and informal recreation activities.

This strategy recommends that a safety audit of all open spaces be undertaken. This work is further supported by an action to prepare a municipal play space strategy, recognising Council's commitment to the principles of the UNICEF Child Friendly Cities Initiative to provide safe places for children and young people.

The Wyndham open space hierarchy describes the purposes and intended uses for regional, municipal, district, local and pocket open spaces.

We will provide an accessible and well-connected open space network which contributes to the social interaction, health and wellbeing of our community and protection of our natural and cultural environment now and into the future this includes play spaces.

Sustainable and adaptable – planning, siting and development of open space that considers: Whole of life asset management across all areas of design, construction, maintenance and disposal.

Implementation Plan

Prepare a Play Space Strategy to address the location, provision, design, management, upgrade and maintenance of Council's Play space portfolio and other dedicated play spaces for children, young people and their families.

Develop an Open Space Design Guidelines document recognising and supporting the of infrastructure and embellishment of individual parks, including:

- Play spaces
- Natural play spaces

Recreation Planning - Commercial Fitness Providers Policy Draft - February 2016

- Parks and reserves deemed suitable for use by Commercial Fitness Providers are those that have a level of amenity, are of an appropriate size, are not immediately adjacent to residential properties and have some car parking facilities.
- Commercial Fitness Providers require a Council permit and/or landowner permission to operate their activities and validate their public liability insurance.
- Council needs to minimise the risk of potential litigation from organised users of Council's open space.
- The Commercial Fitness Provider will not attach equipment or infrastructure to trees or park furniture.
- Commercial Fitness Providers are not permitted to conduct activities in or on the following:
 - Culturally, environmentally or naturally significant areas
 - Park furniture, Play spaces, buildings and structures
 - The Commercial Fitness Provider will not attach equipment or infrastructure to trees or park furniture

Wyndham Family Friendly City Charter (2018)

Adopted in 2018, This Charter is an initiative of Wyndham's Family Friendly Portfolio Committee. It outlines the principles and guidelines to inform how Council and its partners work with and support families.

Vision

Wyndham will be a Family Friendly City where a broad range of life experiences and opportunities encourage families to feel informed, valued, welcomed and empowered to live productive and positive lives; while being increasingly engaged in decisions affecting them.

Principles

Being a Family Friendly City means we will ensure our services and infrastructure, as well as our stakeholder consultation and policy development, meet the needs of families while encouraging them to participate in decisions affecting them. We will work towards strengthening our Family Friendly status by focussing on the following four principles:

- Voice
- Equity and Social Cohesion
- Family Friendly Places & Spaces
- Partnership

2. Demographic Influences on Play

Wyndham is a designated growth area of Melbourne, currently ranked as the third fastest growing local government area in Victoria.

There are several factors and influences that should be considered when determining how play opportunities are provided and delivered within Wyndham.

The following information unless specified is sourced from i.d. population profiles, population forecast, and social atlas data.

Population

The overall population of Wyndham is projected to grow by over 109,000 residents (51%) between 2016 and 2026.

There are significant percentage increases in population projected for Mount Cottrell – Quandong, Mambourin, Werribee South and Wyndham Vale - Manor Lakes.

In absolute resident numbers, Tarneit (25,115), Point Cook (18,554), Wyndham Vale - Manor Lakes (20,949) and Werribee (17,285) are projected to show the largest growth.

Hoppers Crossing is the only suburb where the population is projected to decrease during this period (1.5% reduction)¹.

Age structure

When analysing the breakdown of the age structure of Wyndham it is apparent that play facilities will be in high demand.

The City of Wyndham had a higher proportion of pre-schoolers and a lower proportion of persons at post retirement age than Greater Melbourne in 2011². Between 2016 and 2026, the age structure category with the greatest increase in persons in the City of Wyndham is 'Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49)'. The second largest increase will be an almost 50% increase (11,287) in the 5 to 11 or 'Primary schoolers' category³.

Play aged population

Figure 1 shows there is an increase projected in Wyndham across the four main age categories that utilise play facilities.

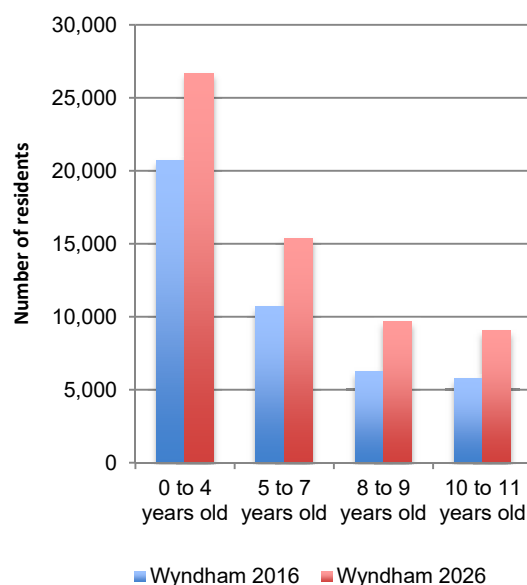


Figure 1: Comparison of Wyndham play age categories

For the purposes of this project four age groups of children have been separated as these influence the nature of play opportunities desirable and sought after by families. These age groups are: 0-4 years, 5-7 years, 8-9 and 10-11 years.

At a locality level Table 1 shows that Tarneit (2,139), Wyndham Vale – Manor Lakes (2,084), and Werribee (1,700) are projected to have the largest increase of children in the 0 to 4 year old category. It should also be noted that Mount Cottrell – Quandong (2244%) and Werribee South (129%) have significant percentage increases of children in this category.

Hoppers Crossing and Little River are projected to see decreases of children in this age cohort.

¹ Forecast.id – City of Wyndham

² Profile.id – City of Wyndham

³ Forecast.id – City of Wyndham

Table 1: Projections of 0 to 4 year olds by locality

Locality	0 to 4 year olds 2016	0 to 4 year olds 2026
Hoppers Crossing	2,290	2,266
Little River	53	52
Point Cook	5,622	6,377
Tarneit	3,675	5,814
Truganina	2,394	3,780
Werribee	2,497	4,197
Werribee South	148	339
Williams Landing-Laverton North	863	1,157
Wyndham Vale - Manor Lakes	2,363	4,447
Mambourin	-	213
Mount Cottrell - Quandong	16	375
East Werribee Employment Precinct	0	0

Almost all localities within Wyndham are projected to see increases within the 5 to 7 year old category. Table 2 shows that that Tarneit will see the largest increase with 1,229 additional children.

Mount Cottrell – Quandong (1620%) and Werribee South (130%) will again see the largest percentage increases of children in this age group.

Hoppers Crossing (1%) and Little River (5%) will see small percentage decreases in the number of 5 to 7 year olds.

Table 2: Projections of 5 to 7 year olds by locality

Locality	5 to 7 year olds 2016	5 to 7 year olds 2026
Hoppers Crossing	1,436	1,426
Little River	37	35
Point Cook	3,095	3,704
Tarneit	1,809	3,038
Truganina	1,082	2,044
Werribee	1,519	2,419
Werribee South	109	251
Williams Landing-Laverton North	354	629
Wyndham Vale - Manor Lakes	1,301	2,411
Mambourin	0	96
Mount Cottrell - Quandong	10	172
East Werribee Employment Precinct	0	0

As can be seen in Table 3, Point Cook, Tarneit, Truganina, Werribee and Wyndham Vale are all projected to have over 500 more children aged between 8 and 9 in 2026.

In addition, Little River (300%), Truganina (102%), Werribee South (137%) and Williams Landing-Laverton North (104%) will all see percentage increases of over 100% within this age category.

Table 3: Projections of 8 to 9 year olds by locality

Locality	8 to 9 year olds 2016	8 to 9 year olds 2026
Hoppers Crossing	954	970
Little River	25	25
Point Cook	1,777	2,362
Tarneit	1,079	1,909
Truganina	602	1,222
Werribee	1,039	1,561
Werribee South	60	170
Williams Landing-Laverton North	166	377
Wyndham Vale - Manor Lakes	783	1,511
Mambourin	0	55
Mount Cottrell - Quandong	7	103
East Werribee Employment Precinct		

Table 4: Projections of 10 to 11 year olds by locality

Locality	10 to 11 year olds 2016	10 to 11 year olds 2026
Hoppers Crossing	1,010	977
Little River	22	26
Point Cook	1,571	2,254
Tarneit	966	1,820
Truganina	512	1,099
Werribee	1,020	1,500
Werribee South	63	163
Williams Landing-Laverton North	145	343
Wyndham Vale - Manor Lakes	717	1,447
Mambourin	0	49
Mount Cottrell - Quandong	8	91
East Werribee Employment Precinct		

Table 4 shows the projections for 10 to 11 year olds by locality. Once again Point Cook, Tarneit, Truganina and Wyndham Vale – Manor Lakes are all projected to have over 500 additional children in 2026.

Hoppers Crossing is projected to have a slight decrease in 10 to 11 year old during this period.

The localities with the highest percentage increase in children within the 10 to 11 year age group are Mount Cottrell – Quandong (1038%) and Werribee South (159%).

Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA index)

The SEIFA index score quantifies level of social disadvantage (by considering attributes such as low income, low educational attainment, high unemployment, and jobs in relatively unskilled occupations). A higher index denotes lower levels of disadvantage.

The City of Wyndham has a higher SEIFA index (1013.4), compared to Victorian average (995.5) but is slightly lower when compared to Greater Melbourne (1020.3).

Sanctuary Lakes (1114.7) and Point Cook (1093) have the highest SEIFA indices. Werribee (957.9) has a SEIFA Index in the lowest 30 percentile.

Children in areas of greater disadvantage are more likely to require interventions and opportunities to participate in play and physical activity as a result of the combination of barriers associated with low socio-economic status.

Income, education and employment

Higher education can lead to higher income and thereby indirectly increase a family's ability to meet the financial costs involved in participating in physical recreation and play. The level of awareness about the value of play and physical activity is likely to be higher in families that have attained higher education levels, than other families.

Families with higher disposable incomes are also more likely to spend money on travel and equipment to participate in sport and outdoor recreation activities⁴. In the City of Wyndham, 17% of households earned an income of \$2,500 or more per week in 2011, which is comparable to the State average of 16.7%.

Public play facilities in parks are one of the few free recreation opportunities available to families. If play facilities are not available locally there will be an opportunity and real cost associated with accessing those further afield.

People who attain a bachelor degree or above are much more likely to participate in sport or

physical activity themselves; when compared to those whose highest education is Year 10 of secondary school (77% compared with 49%)⁵. This factor might also influence a parents understanding of the many benefits of play or their willingness to have their children participate in play activities.

Some 27.4% of the Wyndham the population hold a bachelor or higher degree. This is slightly lower when compared to the Victorian average of 29.2%.

Ethnicity, language and religion

The ancestry of residents influences the demand for sporting and recreation activities / facilities, and have a bearing spatial behaviour and cultural responses to public / social situations. It may also be a major influence on the sense of place and territoriality and hence affect their use of local parks and play places.

Persons born in non-English speaking countries also have a lower rate of participation (52%) in sport and physical recreation than persons born in main English-speaking countries (72%) or persons born in Australia (68%)⁶. Persons born in non-English speaking countries may also have different perceptions related to children's play and the use of play facilities.

Wyndham is a culturally diverse community with approximately 30% of residents born overseas.

The table below shows a breakdown of the ten most common countries of origin.

Table 5: Number of residents in Wyndham by country of birth

Birthplace	Number of residents	Population (%)
India	8,094	5.0
United Kingdom	6,396	4.0
New Zealand	5,032	3.1
Philippines	3,923	2.4
China	2,485	1.5
Italy	1,818	1.1
Malaysia	1,280	0.8
Sri Lanka	1,218	0.8

⁴ ABS Catalogue, No.6530.0 Household Expenditure Survey 2009-10

⁵ ABS Catalogue. No.4102.0 Australian Social Trends, June 2011

⁶ ABS Catalogue. 1301.0 - Year Book Australia, 2009-10

Race, religion and cultural background are also likely to influence the nature of play activities undertaken. Gender roles in particular are often culturally determined and this may affect who accompanies a child at play facilities, and participation in specific sport and recreation activities. Race and religion also influences pet ownership and preferences for games.

When compared to the Victorian average Wyndham had a higher proportion of residents in who are Muslim, Buddhist or Hindu (12% versus 7.6%).

Ethnicity, language and religious factors may also contribute to what age children are taken to play facilities as part of a family trip.

One of the issues that arises with respect to new communities is that play may not be a high priority for families resettling in Australia, in relation to other life activities.

Families may not stay long in affordable housing and the value of play may not be recognised in the same way it is in Australian culture.

Wyndham Community Indicators

The following information has been sourced from Community Indicators Victoria.

The Australian Early Development Census Community Indicators

The Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) is a population measure of young children's developmental progress as they enter school and measures the following five developmental domains:

- Language and developmental skills
- Physical health and wellbeing
- Communication skills and general knowledge
- Emotional maturity
- Social competence

Ensuring children's optimal physical, emotional and social health in the early years (0-6) has long lasting positive effects on their health, social and emotional wellbeing and achievements throughout life. The benefits include increased school success, increased future productivity, and reduced cost of health and public services. Healthy physical and social development is essential, since deficits or delays may not be fully reversed as a child grows⁷.

The proportion of children 'On Track' on all five AEDI Domains in Wyndham considerably lower (51.1%) compared to the Northern & Western Metro Region (55.2%) and Victorian average (57.1%)⁸. Wyndham has also seen a small decrease in this performance since 2009, while both the Northern & Western Metro Region and Victoria have increased.

The proportion of children 'Developmentally Vulnerable' on 2 or more AEDI Domains in Wyndham is 13.2%, which is approximately the same percentage as 2009 (13.1%). Wyndham has more 'Developmentally Vulnerable' children than both the Northern & Western Metro Region (10.9%) and Victorian average (9.5%)⁹. It should be noted that both the Northern and Western Metro Region and Victoria have seen a smaller decrease in 'Developmentally Vulnerable' children since 2009.

⁷ Government of British Columbia, 2006

⁸ Australian Early Development Index, 2012

⁹ Australian Early Development Index, 2012

Health Focused Community Indicators

People Engaged in Adequate Physical Exercise

Individuals who participate in physical activities are healthier in mind and body and have a reduced risk of cardiovascular and related diseases. Participation also builds social cohesion and connectedness, thereby reducing isolation, a recognised social determinant to health.

Wyndham has a lower percentage (58%) of residents who regularly engage in adequate physical exercise compared to the Northern & Western Metro Region (60.7%) and Victorian averages (63.9)¹⁰. Should this trend also relate to children's play it would put additional focus on promotion of play benefits and accessibility of provision.

Obesity

The percentage of the Australian population who are considered obese has been increasing rapidly over the past twenty-five years. In 1980, one in 14 Australians were obese, however based on current trends by 2025 a third of the population could be obese¹¹.

Wyndham has seen an increase in its obesity levels from 21.4% in 2008 to 23.6% in 2011; this is more than the Northern & Western Metro Region average of 22.4% and the Victorian ensuring children are more active average of 17.3%.

Obesity can affect children's desire to go out and play and how children interact and are included by other children. Obesity also introduces additional risk factors for children at play because they are more susceptible to falls for example, than children in the normal weight range.

Ensuring children are more active more often will have positive impacts on these numbers going forward.

¹⁰ Adequate Physical Exercise defined as completing at least 5 sessions per week with an accrued minimum of 150 minutes of moderate and/or vigorous activity.

¹¹ Colin Binns (Department of Health and Aging). 2006.

Prevalence of Type 2 Diabetes

Type 2 diabetes is a lifelong condition that develops when the body doesn't respond to the natural hormone insulin. Long term effects include reduced lifespan, damage to vessels and arteries which can lead to cardiovascular disease, stroke, and heart attack. Type 2 diabetes is sometimes described as a 'lifestyle disease' because it is more common in people who do insufficient physical activity and are overweight or obese. Whilst it usually affects mature adults, younger people are also now being diagnosed in greater numbers as rates of overweight and obesity increase¹².

Wyndham has a lower percentage of adult's diagnosed type 2 diabetes (4.4%) than both the Northern & Western Metro Region (5.8%) and Victorian average (5%).

Child Health Assessments

Wyndham has lower participation in children health assessment than other metro areas.¹³

The rate of participation for children eligible for an assessment at 3.5 years was 57.5% in Wyndham in the 2013-14, compared to 61.7% in the Northern & Western Metro Region and the Victorian State average of 65.4%.

Socially Focused Community Indicators

Community Connection

Community strength is found in the human relations that people draw upon for identity, interaction and support. A strong community is one where people understand and work towards sustainability and is inclusive of their most disadvantaged groups. To do this people need to be involved, feel capable of working through issues and feel supported by their fellow citizens.

The residents of Wyndham City Council have an average Community Connection score of

¹² Better Health Victoria

¹³ Child Health Assessments are routinely undertaken by the Maternal and Child Health Service in Victoria to monitor child health and development. Ten visits are anticipated according to key ages and stages until a child reaches 3.5 years of age. Data is collated on a financial year basis by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

68.7. This is lower than the normative data for Australians, which is approximately 70¹⁴. Wyndham has a significantly lower score than the Northern & Western Metro Region average of 70.4 and the Victorian State average of 72.3.

Perceptions of Access to Services

It is important residents feel their area has good facilities and services like schools, children's play areas and libraries.

Some 81.4% of Wyndham City Council residents feel the area has good or very good facilities and services like shops, childcare, schools and libraries. This is less than both the Northern & Western Metro Region (83.1%) and Victorian State averages (84.1%).

Perceptions of Safety

Neighbourhoods which are perceived as safe, foster community participation, encourage physical activity, community connectedness and add to the health and well-being of local residents and visitors¹⁵.

When walking alone in their local area during the day, 96.3% of persons in Wyndham felt safe or very safe, compared to 95.2% in the Northern & Western Metro Region and the Victorian State average of 97%.

When walking alone at night, Wyndham residents' perception of safety reduced dramatically to 54.2% of persons feeling safe or very safe, compared to 65.2% in the Northern & Western Metro Region and the Victorian State average of 70.3%. In newer areas there may be less incidental lighting and activity from commercial and community activities and facilities that make people feel less secure at night.

Transport and Travel Focused Community Indicators

Transport Accessibility

Good access to public transport is an important feature of a sustainable community. Public transport reduces the need to travel by car, and improves the mobility of the vulnerable segments of the population such as disabled,

older persons, children, adolescents, and people unable to afford to buy and/or run a car.

Consequently, public transport access is often mentioned in terms of reducing transport related disadvantage and is seen as a tool to improve social inclusion and community wellbeing.

As the table shows, Wyndham has approximately 50% fewer residents within the specified distance from public transport access compared to the Northern & Western Metro Region. However, the average distance that is required to be travelled is similar.

¹⁴ Normative data from the AUWBI, 2011.

¹⁵ 2007 Australian Bureau of Statistics - General Social Survey

Table 6: Comparison of Transport Accessibility

	Wyndham	North & West Metro
Proportion of LGA within 400m of a Bus/Tram Stop or within 800m of a Train Station (%)	9.5	17.6
Average Distance to Nearest Public Transport Stop (km)	0.5	0.4

Principal Bicycle Network

Wyndham has a much smaller proportion of the residential (19.7%) within 400m of the Principal Bicycle Network when compared to Northern & Western Metro Region (33.%). The average distance to travel to the Network is also longer in Wyndham (1.1km compared to 0.8km in the Northern & Western Metro Region).

This may affect a family's ability to ride to a regional play setting.

School Walkability

One way of increasing levels of physical activity is by encouraging active travel, for example walking, bicycling, or other non-motorised methods. For children, this can be achieved by increasing levels of active travel to school.

There may also be an opportunity to position play facilities close to schools with good walking infrastructure.

As the table below shows, Wyndham has a similar walkability index score to the Northern and Western Metro Region and Victoria for walkable primary schools¹⁶. The function of a walkability index is to group and measure built environment elements linked to walking, to produce an aggregate value that can be incorporated into quantitative analysis.

Neighbourhoods and various elements within their boundaries can be compared to isolate specific urban forms or other built environment aspects that are associated with higher levels of walking.

Table 7: Proportion of Highly Walkable Primary Schools Index

	Wyndham	Northern & Western Metro	Victoria
Proportion of Highly Walkable Primary Schools	1.0	1.1	1.0

Self-Reported Health

Wyndham residents did not rate their health as highly, when compared to the Northern & Western Metro Region or Victorian State averages.

40.1% of persons living within Wyndham reported that their health was either excellent or very good as compared to 43.9% in the Northern & Western Metro Region and the Victorian State average of 46.6%.

¹⁶ DEECD & Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2012.

Road Traffic Fatalities and Road Traffic Major Injuries

It is important that roads are safe for all users, as a sustainable community is one that has many integrated transport options so that residents are not forced to rely on cars. It is important however that increased levels of walking and cycling do not lead to higher numbers of pedestrian and cycling casualties.

The following graphs show a comparison of traffic fatalities and major injuries in Wyndham versus Northern & Western Metro Region and Victoria between 2010 and 2013¹⁷. The graphs indicate that Wyndham generally has better road safety than the Victorian average.

Figure 2: Road Traffic Fatalities Comparison

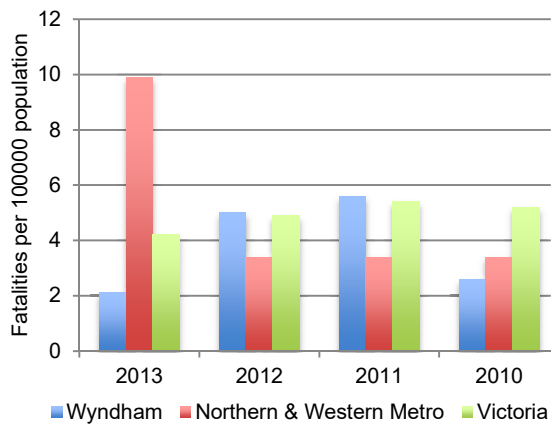
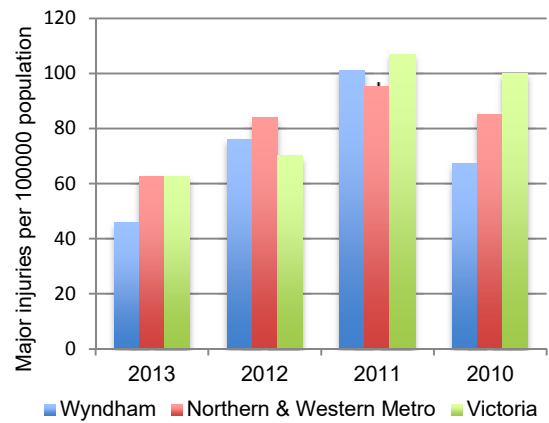


Figure 3: Road Traffic Major Injuries Comparison



¹⁷ Transport Accident Commission.

3. Community Engagement Findings

Several methods were used to encourage people to identify issues early in the project. These included opportunities to comment on a web page, Facebook page, make a submission, or fill in a survey. Council advertised the opportunity to comment on project on the Council's website, advertisements and through communication with staff and key stakeholders. Council staff also conducted some children's surveys.

The numbers of respondents by method are shown in the table below.

Method /Source	No.
Householder survey	40
Children's Survey	9
Other Council Survey (greening the pipe line) etc.	Not Known
Agency Engagement	Multiple through Access Expo, and COTA
Staff and Councillor workshops	3
Residents comments/ complaints	186
Submission	1

Results for each are analysed in the following pages.

Householder Survey Results

Sample Details

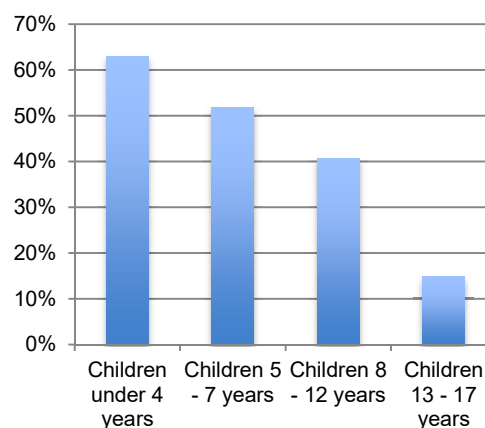
The survey had 39 responses in total. Of the respondents who provided demographic information, approximately 60% were born in Australia with parents from an English speaking country.

Of the 40% not from Australia, the respondents had ancestry from the following countries:

- United Kingdom
- Poland
- Philippines
- New Zealand
- Brazil
- Italy
- Russia
- Malta

The following chart shows the percentage of households with at least one child in various age categories. All those who provided details (27 from 39) came from a two-parent household.

Figure 4: Households with children by age category



The breakdown of respondents by suburb can be seen in the following table. It should be noted that there were no respondents from Truganina or Laverton North.

Table 8: Survey respondents by suburb

Suburb	Response Count	Response Percent
Hoppers Crossing	3	10.3%
Little River	1	3.4%
Point Cook	6	20.7%
Tarneit	3	10.3%
Werribee	8	27.6%
Werribee South	1	3.4%
Williams Landing	1	3.4%
Wyndham Vale	5	17.2%
Manor Lakes	1	3.4%

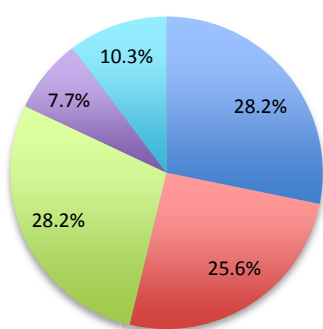
The following were the main activate categories listed with approximate percentages of the overall responses:

- Use play equipment 52%
- Play sport/ball games 12%
- Dog related activities 8%
- Ride bikes 8%
- Walk 6%
- Exercise 4%
- Picnic/BBQ 4%
- Enjoy natural aspects of park 3%
- Fly kite 2%

Question 1: How often do you or your family typically visit a play space?

The majority of respondents (82%) visit a play space at least once a week. As the chart shows, just over 10% reported that they visit a play space less than once a month.

Figure 5: Frequency of visits to play spaces



- 3 times a week or more
- Twice a week or more
- Once a week
- Once a month or more
- Less than once a month

Question 2: What specific activities do you do when in the park?

Respondents were allowed to list up to 3 activities they partake in when they are in the park. A total of 95 activities were listed by 34 respondents.

Question 3: How important are the following features to you and your children, in the general park setting, specific play elements and features for the whole family?

Respondents were asked to rate 27 features of their local park. The table below shows the features in order of importance (higher rating average is

Table 9: Importance of park/play space features of greater importance).

Feature	Rating Average
Shade	4.61
Swings / hammocks and rotating items	4.41
Seats in sheltered / shaded areas	4.39
Monkey bars / climbing equipment	4.34
Nature areas / garden area to play in areas	4.32
Large shady trees	4.31
Grassy areas for ball games / kick to kick	4.31
Paths for wheeled toys, prams and wheelchairs	4.25
Track glides	4.16
Cubbies / pretend shop / social and role play	4.13
Shelters from weather / wind	4.06
Green lawns	4.06
Areas where kids can dig holes or build things	4.03
Picnic tables	3.94
Water to drink	3.88
Play equipment with elevated decks	3.88
Hard court areas for ball play	3.88
Flowering plants and pleasant and landscaping	3.84
Equipment accessible by wheel chairs	3.72
Facilities for carers / grandparents	3.72
A sand pit	3.53
Places to ride BMX bikes	3.53
BBQ facilities	3.47
Facilities suitable for community events / performances	3.45
Busy social environment	3.42
Area for dog exercise	3.41
Areas to hire for social gatherings /celebrations	3.22

Question 4: How important are the following features to you and your children, in the general park setting, specific play elements and features for the whole family?

The following table lists the selected features in order of rating average (highest score is most well provided).

Table 10: Provision of park features

Park features	Rating Average
Track glides	4.79
Areas where kids can dig holes or build things	4.63
A sand pit	4.60
Shelters from weather / wind	4.43
Equipment accessible by wheel chairs	4.40
Areas to hire for social gatherings / celebrations	4.40
Shade	4.35
Cubbies / pretend shop / areas for social and role play	4.33
Large shady trees	4.30
Water to drink	4.28
Seats in sheltered / shaded areas	4.27
Facilities for carers / grandparents	4.27
Nature areas / garden area to play in areas	4.20
Facilities suitable for community events / performances	4.20
BBQ facilities	4.13
Swings / hammocks and rotating items	4.10
Places to ride BMX bikes	4.10
Busy social environment	4.07
Picnic tables	4.07
Hard court areas for ball play	4.00
Flowering plants and pleasant landscaping	3.93
Monkey bars / climbing equipment	3.87
Area for dog exercise	3.86
Play equipment with elevated decks	3.70
Green lawns	3.57
Grassy areas for ball games / kick to kick	3.40
Paths for wheeled toys, prams and wheelchairs	3.37

Play and park feature gap analysis

By comparing how important respondents felt it was to have specific play and park feature within their local parks, with their perception of

how well these were provided for currently we can identify gaps.

Table 11: gap analysis showing gap between importance rating and provision rating

Feature	Rating Average-Importance	Provision rating	Gap
Grassy areas for ball games / kick to kick	4.31	3.4	0.91
Paths for wheeled toys, prams and wheelchairs	4.25	3.37	0.88
Green lawns	4.06	3.57	0.49
Monkey bars / climbing equipment	4.34	3.87	0.47
Swings / hammocks and rotating items	4.41	4.1	0.31
Shade	4.61	4.35	0.26
Play equipment with elevated decks	3.88	3.7	0.18
Nature areas / garden area to play in areas	4.32	4.2	0.12
Seats in sheltered / shaded areas	4.39	4.27	0.12
Large shady trees	4.31	4.3	0.01
Flowering plants and pleasant and landscaping	3.84	3.93	-0.09
Hard court areas for ball play	3.88	4	-0.12
Picnic tables	3.94	4.07	-0.13
Cubbies / pretend shop / social and role play	4.13	4.33	-0.2
Shelters from weather / wind	4.06	4.43	-0.37
Water to drink	3.88	4.28	-0.4
Area for dog exercise	3.41	3.86	-0.45
Facilities for carers / grandparents	3.72	4.27	-0.55
Places to ride BMX bikes	3.53	4.1	-0.57
Areas where kids can dig holes or build things	4.03	4.63	-0.6
Track glides	4.16	4.79	-0.63
Busy social environment	3.42	4.07	-0.65
BBQ facilities	3.47	4.13	-0.66
Equipment accessible by wheel chairs	3.72	4.4	-0.68
Facilities suitable for community events / performances	3.45	4.2	-0.75
A sand pit	3.53	4.6	-1.07
Areas to hire for social gatherings /celebrations	3.22	4.4	-1.18

As shown in the gap analysis table, grassy areas for ball games / kick to kick, and paths for wheeled toys, prams and wheelchairs are rated as important, however the perceived provision is low. Other features which have been rated as important, however which have a low provision rating, are green lawns, monkey bars / climbing equipment, swings / hammocks and rotating items, and shade.

In contrast, there is perceived to be an oversupply of sand pits, areas to hire for social gatherings / celebrations and facilities suitable for community events / performance, compared to their considered importance.

Question 5: What features over and above those usually provided in a local play space, do you seek if you were going to a regional or destination play space for the day?

This question was answered by 27 respondents. The following table shows the features listed and a count of their mentions.

Table 12: Regional park requirements

Feature	Frequency of mentions
Play Equipment / Variety-Based	7
Toilets	6
Shade	5
Sport / Skate Facilities	4
Picnic/BBQ Facilities	3
Nature/Vegetation	3
Water Play	3
Traffic Safety	3
Seating	1
Space	1
Wheelchair Accessibility	1
Drinking Fountains	1
Dog Off Lead	1

Question 6: Which play space in Wyndham City Council, do you go to most often?

There were 29 respondents, who listed approximately 20 different parks used across the municipality. Both Presidents Park and Alamanda Park were the most selected facilities.

One person reported “None as I have not found one that is safe for very young children.”

Question 7: Why do you choose this space over others?

The responses to the question were categorised into main selection criteria. Proximity of the park was the main reason for the majority of respondents. The table below shows a full breakdown of results.

Table 13: Reasons for choosing a play space

Reason for choosing	Count of responses
Proximity	17
Size of Facility	4
Play Equipment	4
Variety Offered	4
Toilets	3
Café	2
Water Features	1
Dog Facilities	1

Question 8: What is the best thing about this space?

The responses to the question were categorised into park features. The size of the park and play equipment offered were the most mentioned feature. The table below shows a full breakdown of results.

Table 14: Best park features

Park Qualities	Count of responses
Size of Facility	8
Play Equipment	7
Proximity	4
Sports Facilities	3
Variety Offered	3
Dog Facilities	3
Toilets	2
Accessibility Including Wheelchair	2
Quiet	1

Question 9: What could be done to improve this space?

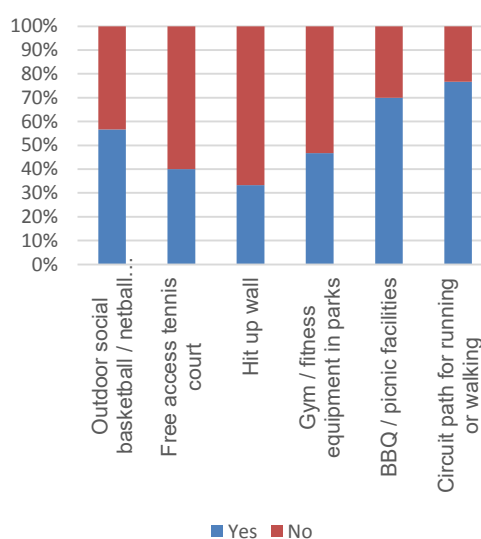
Respondents mentioned a variety of improvements which could be made to the spaces. The table below lists these features in order, according to the number of responses.

Table 15: Potential improvements

Improvement	Count of responses
More shade	9
Improved play equipment / safety	8
Sports facilities	8
Seating / BBQ/Picnic facilities	5
Additional natural elements	3
Bigger facility	3
Overhaul/Clean Up	3
Toilets	2
Wheelchair Accessibility	1
Water feature	1
Dog off lead facilities	1

Question 10: Do you ever use the following facilities in local parks?

When asked if respondents used a range of common park facilities, the majority of people said they used BBQ / picnic facilities and circuit paths for running or walking. Gym/fitness and basketball facilities had more split use, while tennis facilities were less used by respondents. The graph below shows the results in more detail.

Figure 6: Use of specific facilities in parks

Respondents were also asked if any of the above should be provided more in local parks. Of those who answered, 21 people added a response and their comments have been categorised into the main facility features in the table below.

Table 16: Features that can be provided more in current parks

Additional features required	Count of responses
Outdoor social basketball / netball court	5
Free access tennis court	4
Hit up wall	4
Gym / fitness equipment in parks	3
BBQ / picnic facilities	7
Circuit path for running or walking	4

Two people used the opportunity to write their local park had none of the above features.

Question 11: What could help more people with a disability to use play spaces in Wyndham?

There were 24 respondents who supplied 30 suggestions; of these the majority were around ensuring parks were accessible (50%) and that parks had disabled access play equipment (30%). Other suggestions can be seen in the table below.

Table 17: Suggestions to improve participation by people with a disability

Suggestions	Percentage
Ensure parks are accessible	50%
Disabled play equipment	30%
Address safety issues/road safety	7%
Accessible toilets	7%
Modernise the appearance of play spaces	3%
Sensory gardens	3%

Question 12: What could help more people from diverse cultural backgrounds to use play spaces in Wyndham?

The question brought a range of ideas from 17 respondents. Some of the main concepts included:

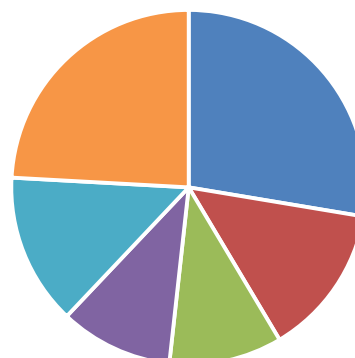
- Larger social areas providing more connectivity
- Signage and promotional material about parks in different languages
- Reduce rubbish and other perceptions of safety issues like teenager groups and drug abuse.

Several respondents reported that they weren't aware of problems, or that this wasn't relevant as parks are for all to use and they felt that there was no need to promote in this area.

Question 13: If funds become available, what types of improvements to existing play spaces should be the priority across the Council area?

The following chart shows the breakdown of respondents when they were asked to choose one of the options.

Figure 7: Priority improvements



- Planning local parks better, generally, so they are bigger more diverse, welcoming and designed better for play
- Additional park landscaping and tree planting, paths and seats
- Additional social elements, people of all ages and abilities
- Additional items of play equipment
- Sand and nature play
- Other

As the chart shows almost 25% of respondents felt that there were other important improvements needed which included toilets, sporting element and the addition of water features.

Question 14: What particular play space in Wyndham should be improved as a priority?

A range of parks were mentioned in response to this question. However, as there were only 23 respondents, the sample did not identify any specific priority. Some of the parks mentioned included:

- Burgundy Drive park
- Innisfail estate play space
- Seasons
- Wyndham Park
- Bell Bridge
- Latham Street
- Goegan Street Park
- Parramatta Road Park
- Lennon Blvd Park
- Sinead Mahoney
- Bayside Park - Pirate Ship Park
- Barber Drive
- Ashcroft park Williams Landing

Question 15: If you could change one thing about how local parks are designed or managed to provide for play, what would it be?

This question clearly showed that respondents would like to see a more diverse offering of play equipment and facilities that can cater to the whole family, as well as additional shading.

Other suggestions can also be seen below:

Table 18: Identified design and management changes

Change	Count	Count percentage
Play equipment changes/facilities that cater for all ages of children.	14	45%
Shade	6	19%
More enclosed spaces due to road/traffic concerns	3	10%
Additional nature features/landscaping	3	10%
Maintenance and bins	2	6%
Water play/features	1	3%
Toilets	2	6%

Question 16: Do you have any other comments you would like to make about play spaces?

The comments received from the 19 respondents to this question are listed below.

- Basketball
- I have lived in Burgundy Drive for 13 years and there has been nothing done to the park so I would like a basketball hoop please.
- Focus on updating existing spaces.
- Point Cook area and new estates has a lot nicer parks than Werribee / Hoppers Crossing, perhaps the older parks could be renovated to similar standards.
- Water parks should be added to existing parks. Estates should have small to medium play areas throughout them.
- Social Places
- Designated park facilities/area for party bookings that can be made online to reserve the space.
- Information
- Council should advertise and manage their play spaces so that the community know where they are and what is available at each one to use or hire.
- Please add more equipment and variety asap as we need to travel to Presidents Park and Soldiers Reserve, the local parks are just land no facilities. Play spaces are wanted now.
- There is a big focus on toddler play and passive play. Areas where children can engage in robust activity are desperately needed. Please, no more play structures that consists of endless ramps which do little for imagination or muscle development!
- We have just moved to Australia (from New Zealand) and we are very happy with our local parks and public spaces. We find them friendly and usable.
- Toilets
- Toilets!!! Drinking taps.

- Please always put a toilet in the parks, lots of trees, and separated places for dogs, so dogs don't poo everywhere near to kids play spaces.
- Your survey has not mentioned toilets once - it seems obvious you have no plans to include toilets in future parks. I know you only include toilets for 'destination parks' but unless you live directly opposite a park, a toilet is essential. You do realise parks are used by kids - kids cannot hold on when they need to go. Why don't you plan some buildings without toilets??? You don't because that would be ridiculous, just like a park with no toilet is ridiculous.
- The parks are well maintained and facilities are great. We have a variety of parks. Perhaps shading could be considered for all parks.
- Parks play a big role in creating communities and social environments for children to play and parents to meet other parents.
- I like the new park at Vincent Cres, but unfortunately the proximity of the bottle shop encourages people to hang around near the park, and this can make it an uncomfortable place to play with a young child.
- All Ages.
- Your survey was very children focussed - but a large part of the population does not have children at any one time - but we still want to use parks and spaces for recreation.
- What is missing the most are spaces that can be used for a variety of purposes at the same time - Hummingbird Boulevard is a good example - you can play as a child, walk a very short round the ground or play soccer - that is all. What about just hanging out under a tree on a picnic blanket? I cannot think of a place that I can do that in Wyndham other than the Mansion.
- Provide areas for different ages i.e. bocce ball play areas for the older demographic, adult swings / monkey bars.
- Need more of them to encourage outside activities for our rapidly expanding community.
- Dogs.
- More dog parks are needed across Wyndham. You shouldn't need to drive 30-60 minutes to walk my dogs off lead. I'd be happy if I could walk 30min or less to take the dogs off lead.

Have You Been to a Park Lately Children's Survey Results

About this survey

The survey had 9 responses in total. Of the respondents who provided demographic data we know that two were aged between 5 and 7 and four were aged between 7 and 9.

The suburbs represented by the respondents included Werribee (5), Werribee South (1) and Williams Landing (1).

The majority who responded were born in Australia (4 compared to 2 born overseas), with one respondent specifying they were born in New Zealand.

Question 1: Which is your favourite park to play in?

The respondents identified the following as their favourite park:

- Presidents Park (4)
- Riverwalk Water Park (1)
- Latham Street (1)
- Harpley (1)
- Williamstown Beach (1)
- Chirnside (1)

Question 2: Why is this your favourite park for play?

The following answers were provided by the survey respondents:

- Because it has water.
- Lots of things to do there.
- Presidents Park - So many interesting things.
- Latham Street play space - Particularly like monkey bars and climbing nets.
- I like the skate park when the big boys aren't there.
- Because it's not near any major roads, and there's space all around it for picnicking, and they have tables and BBQs right inside the space, instead of outside of the park.
- Fun.

Question 3: Please write what you like most about your favourite park.

Answers provided include:

- Interactive water play.
- Play equipment, place to walk my dog, skate park, BBQ'S, sporting facilities, large open area.
- President's Park - Plenty of variety with lots of things to play on and a skateboard park. Relaxing area separate from the play space, which has BBQs and tables.
- Latham Street Park - Like the fact that fitness equipment is spread around outside of park. We call it 'The Fitness Park' and go around the outside doing each activity. More interesting for Mum because she is walking the dog and doesn't have to stand in one place while I am playing on the equipment. I like that there are more than one set of bars because I like to hang and swing. Like nice smooth paths for scootering and the fact that it is sunken because it is more interesting and has sloped paths for scootering down. There are lots of nice birds there.
- Skate park, the tunnels, ropes and swings.
- Fun equipment, visually interesting for the children, rope course, pirate ships. Fake dolphins coming out of the soft floor makes it fun.

Question 4: If you could create your own special park, please write about what it would have in it and how it would look.

The most popular feature of the park for children seems to be the addition of water play elements. The full answers can be seen below:

- Small pool with a waterslide.
- Platform to jump down into the water.
- A gun/cannon to squirt people with water.
- Presidents Park with a cafe/coffee shop/van/food van.
- It would have lots of climbing equipment, particularly monkey bars, plus a 'hamster wheel', a big rope climbing apparatus with net 'baskets' sort of like a ship's crow's nest.

- Equipment dotted around play space not all in one place. A basket swing. An Eiffel Tower climbing net. Big wooden obstacle course with wobbly bridges, things to balance along, poles to slide down etc. Big bouncy thing (similar to Rocotopus) that you sit and it can go around or bounce up and down.
- Swings are essential, preferably at least a couple of quite tall swings. Some sort of merry-go-round and a slide. Sheltered picnic tables and BBQs. Toilets are good too. Drinking fountain is essential.
- Lots of room to run, a giant slide, a place with water for hot days, a toilet so mum doesn't have to take us home to wee, a flying fox, lots of footpaths to scoot around.
- It would have the park, with the picnicking facilities right around it so parents could watch their children play and so children can regularly come back to the table for food and drinks.
- Very importantly around the whole park and picnicking area, should be high gates like a huge pool fence, so parents can talk to each other without the dreaded fear of a child running on to a passing road or walking out of the boundary.
- It would have an organised mums, dads and bubs advertisement for special events and coffee and snack trucks. Also if you want to get the parks name out there, get children's characters to come on weekends... Like 'Mike the Knight' or a Disney Princess.... It can easily be changed up and costumes are easy to hire!

Question 5: Please write about what you don't like about some parks.

Common answers include toilets issues, variety and interesting play equipment and shade. The responses can be seen in more details below.

- No toilets.
- No shade.
- Not enough play equipment, not enticing for the whole family.
- I don't like it when there aren't many things to play on, and they aren't much fun. Lack of trees/shelter is not good. I don't like parks that don't have monkey bars or swings.
- Big kids who don't even use the stuff and just smoke and say bad words.
- Yucky toilets.
- Boring stuff to play on.
- No footpaths to scoot.
- Lots of openings in it for the kids to run out of. Makes it stressful for the parents even when they are watching them from inside the park!

Wyndham Play Space School Survey Results

About this survey

The survey had 3 responses in total. Of the 2 respondents who provided demographic data we know both were female and one had Dutch ancestry.

Question 1: Which park within your local neighbourhood do you use most?

Presidents Park was the only park listed.

Question 2: What is the main reason for choosing this park over others?

- Having it somewhat fenced in, also having toilets.
- Greater variety of activities for the whole family.

Question 3: What main activities do you usually do at this park?

The activities listed were:

- Play on equipment.
- Walk my dog.
- Walk around the lake.
- BBQ.

Question 4: How often would you use this park?

The frequency of use by respondent was:

- Daily (2)
- Weekly (1)

Question 5: Thinking about the local park you use most, how important to you are each of the following park experiences.

The following table show how respondents rated park experiences (larger numbers indicate more importance):

Table 19: Rated park experiences

Answer Options	Rating Average
Exercising or physical fitness	4.00
Escaping the pressures of daily life	4.00
Having contact with the natural environment	4.00
Things for children to do / play on	3.67
Socialising with family / friends	3.00
Being in a quiet and peaceful place	3.00
Being able to see lots of activity / other people	2.67
Resting or relaxing	2.67
Being entertained	2.33
Expressing your cultural / family traditions	2.33
Seeking physical challenges	2.00
Being on your own	1.67
Other	1

Question 6: Are there any activities that you would like to do in parks but don't?

The respondents answered 'No' indicating they did not feel they were missing activities in parks.

Question 7: What could Council do to improve the park you play at most?

Respondents answers included:

- Have a completely enclosed park, especially being so close to main roads.
- Having extra bathroom amenities.
- Add a cafe/coffee van.
- Add more rubbish bins.
- Make the skate park bigger.

Question 8: How important to you are the park features listed to you?

The following table shows how respondents rated the importance of park features (larger numbers indicate more importance):

Table 20: Importance of park features

Answer Options	Rating Average
Grassy areas for ball games / kick to kick	3.67
Water to drink	3.67
Shelter from the weather / sun	3.33
Green lawns	3.33
BBQ facilities	3.33
Natural areas	3.33
Large shady trees	3.00
Picnic tables	3.00
Outdoor gym / fitness equipment	3.00
Places to ride BMX bikes or skate	3.00
Paths for walking / cycling	3.00
Facilities to play or practice sport i.e. practice cricket nets	2.67
Seating	2.67
Flowers / garden beds	2.67
Free access social tennis courts	2.67
Areas to play with dogs	2.67
Hard court areas for ball play e.g. basketball	2.50
Play equipment e.g. for climbing or swinging	2.33
Places to ride BMX bikes or skate	2.33
Facilities for community events / performances	2.33
Access for people with a wheelchair, or mobility device	2.00
Other	1

Question 9: What single thing do you think would improve parks and places to play within the City of Wyndham the most for young people such as yourself?

The only answer provided was: to provide more of them.

Other Secondary Demand Information (from other surveys and plans)

Greening The Pipeline: Survey Summaries and raw responses to specific (play space related) questions. April 2016

Q1: Would you use the new parkland to stop and sit?

Response	% Respondents
Yes	92.94%
No	7.06%
Total responses	85

Q2: Would you prefer to sit on grass or seating?

Response	% Respondents
Grass	17.44%
Seating	82.56%
Total responses	86

Q3: Would you use this space to meet other people?

Response	% Respondents
Yes	84.17%
No	15.29%
Total responses	85

Q4: We do no plan on installing a Play space; however, we are considering

informal play areas made from rocks and other natural features. Would you bring your children for informal play in this area?

Answer responses	Responses
Yes	74.42%
No	15.12%
Total responses	86

Comments for Q4

Additional comments included:

- Stretch legs after being in pram/ on bike.
- Wouldn't go out of way but if they needed a break.
- We already have access to Play spaces, but my kids are happier when they have things to climb across and use for make-believe play.
- Need good separation from fed trail so can't run onto bike path.
- This walk through floods when it rains. How is this being addressed.
- I'd like the kids to enjoy a natural environment with the seating not so formal, but more like timber tree stumps at differing heights for play.
- Important to have toilets for children and adults.
- Kids would prefer open areas to kick a ball.
- Depends if there is an educational learning via playing feature highlighting recycling water & purpose of outfall sewer and pipeline. Also important if there will be a smell and comfort of water fountain source.
- Water would be a great feature (e.g. children's park -botanical gardens.)
- The surface needs to be "safe" and clean.
- We need a basketball ring in the area of Wyndham Waters.
- Please also install a basketball ring - WW has nothing like this - The grass around

the lake area is disgusting and needs council to improve. There is no grass there - only mud on the ground - can't take kids to sit and play there.

- I have some idea as to why there won't be a "Play space" installed in pilot program, however, having 2 young children (1yo & 3yo), I have no problem with them getting dirty or scraping their knees, I just feel that it's not (specifically) age appropriate & potentially lead to a lot of "unforeseen" accidents with young children. This new space being provided will draw people/residents of the area undoubtedly, but there is a vast majority of families with toddlers & younger. Personally, it always feels like 'so far' just to get to the Play space across our estate (we live on Swampen Drv) because our current play space in our estate is not designed for younger children but it seems tweens/young adults & vary rarely is seen being used!
- Park would be good.
- There aren't too many options around. I see this as better than having nothing.
- Not informal play, must be a proper Play space however, it would need to ensure it's appropriate to variety of age levels.
- We don't have kids...
- No but I would put them on their bikes and ride them through this area so as to stay off the main Plamers and Sayers Road and use it as a way thru/over from the division in the estate.
- I have no kids.
- That's the best place for Play space, since Wyndham Water is lack of Play space for children. We strongly want a Play space please.
- Seats with roof covering will be ideal for year round usage.
- It would be great to see a Play space here given the area has families as the majority of its residents. Wyndham Waters especially already has a lack of Play spaces.
- I have no children.
- I don't have children.

- There needs to be play equipment to keep kids entertained or why not put in a community veggie garden?
- Very much indeed - for a family get together.
- Sounds dangerous.
- Having child's play area and activities would be a great idea as there isn't any in the area.

Q6: Would you use exercise equipment in this area?

Response	% Respondents
Yes	66.28%
No	30.23%
Total responses	86

Comments for Q6 – what sort of exercises would you like to do in this area?

- Upper body. A few pieces of play equipment for kids while adults exercise?
- Whatever complements the existing equipment around Williams Landing Estate, making it possible to do an exercise circuit by moving from park to park.
- Chin up monkey bars.
- Using your own weight as a resistance exercise.
- Complement existing exercises at Ashcroft Park.
- Yes.
- Upper body and core. Cycling does lower body.
- Body weight items with bars, benches, step ups and markers along the trail for sprints.
- Must be suitable for children.
- Dips bar, climbing.
- Chin ups, pull ups.
- Monkey bar, sit up, etc.
- Muscle building equipment

- Body build.
- Please model off the outside gym on Beaconsfield Parade Beach in middle park. It has all the appropriate equipment.
- Jogging, space walk, horseback ride, surfer, body twist, ski.
- There is a park near Clayton that has great weight resistant equipment.
- Any.
- Stretch outs and cardio exercises.
- Set up a commando track/course of different stations for different exercises (chin up bars) (squat leans) (bike) etc. - Alamanda estate has this around park land next to Alamanda College - they even have some permanent fixed exercise machines. This would attract local groups who like to work out together and solo exercises etc.
- Exercise equipment might help make this something of a community hub. 'Walkers' equipment. Tricky Q.
- Sit up and hanging bars tire steps.
- Pull up bars, dip bars, and sit up benches with feet holdings.
- There is a big attraction and needed given the opportunity to be healthy. A chin/pull up bar (different heights), sit-ups, tricep dips.
- Bars, steps etc.
- Cross trainer and pull-ups.
- May be pull up bars.
- Chin up / dipping bars / stretching areas / body weight resistance machines.
- I would like to see the fed trail surface improved. Currently cracking making it dangerous on a bike.

Q9: Would you like to see other signage in the area?

Response	% Respondents
Yes	39.76%
No	59.04%
Total responses	82

Q10: Would you like to see more artwork in this area?

Response	% Respondents
Yes	56.47%
No	41.18%
Total responses	85

Additional comments included:

- Something that won't get graffitied.
- Again, I don't have anything particular in mind but inviting public art contributions is a fantastic idea.
- Aviation themed.
- Modern bright colour.
- Consider vandalism potential.
- New artists.
- Potential for vandalism.
- Where is the area for comments, not a good survey.
- Sculptures made from recycled products that tie in with the natural environment.
- Paintings.
- Please install a toilet rather than artwork.
- Native.
- Link to theme...some sort of art sculpture for visual to look at but kids can climb and hang off as well.
- Child friendly artwork that may serve as play equipment.
- As long as the council maintain the area. The current waterway is ugly and surrounded by mud instead of grass.
- I would prefer to spend the money on a maintained area regularly than an expensive sculpture in a disused area because it is not maintained.
- Artwork that relates back to the history of the area.
- Functional, can be sit on, but not ideal for graffiti, MUST NOT BE GRAFFITI FRIENDLY.
- Especially cultural art.
- Anti graffiti please.
- No Idea at this stage.

- Colourful and lively.
- About aircraft.
- Not at the expense of regular council services or increase to my rates. If sculpture is put in place it should be in honour of something or someone and the money to achieve it should be fundraised by the persons passionate about the cause - don't spend my rates money on ART.
- Artwork is OK, but I'm more likely to transit through this area riding the Fed Trail. Art is good for the locals, though. The water fountain in the plan is good. An open ended Q for comments might be useful in a survey like this, also 'not applicable' response option.
- Abstract structures. Large concreted cement blocks with tile art work on it. Colourful please.
- Artwork that is representative of the history of the area but it needs to be something solid and substantial that really marks a location and is an icon for the area.
- Modern.
- No use the limited space for thing that will be used, Play space, and exercise equipment. Colours for the seats, bridge can add to the visual appeal of the area.
- Historically themed paintings.
- Sculpture. What about drinking fountains both for people and dogs?

Wyndham Skate, BMX & Bike Strategy – Final Report 6/05/2016

Key notes related to play from the consultation:

- There is limited play and facility provision for children 8-12 years old.
- Desirability of Components in the Future Development of the skate parks: Play spaces Very undesirable 26.0%, undesirable 15.4%, desirable 19.2%, very desirable 5.8%.
- Places/facilities Young People would Potentially use if they were available in Wyndham: Teenage play equipment (challenging & relevant obstacles etc.) 11% (3rd highest).
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- Teenage play equipment (challenging & relevant obstacles etc.) 11% (3rd highest). In addition, the sporting/recreational model also advocates for the inclusion of small, local skate/BMX opportunities to be included within local play spaces where feasible as well as repair work to be undertaken as required on existing facilities.
- Municipal Youth Plaza: The youth plaza may have areas for skateboarding and other action sports; however, this is not the main use of the space, with other cultural and social activities being the focus. These may include art exhibition spaces, music and band opportunities as well as Wi-Fi and speakers and iPod jacks. There may also be play and other sporting spaces such as climbing, park our or ball courts as applicable.
- The other key component is an equitable distribution of social and seating spaces that provide opportunities for social gathering and simply 'hanging out'. Shelter and shade is also critical.
- Facilities must be universally designed, to provide access to all members of the Wyndham community.

Wyndham Play Space Strategy - Children's Week Picnic Artist Engagement – Survey Data -2015

Play space visits:

- Daily 2.4%
- Few times a week 38%
- Weekly 33%
- Once or twice a month 24%
- Rarely 2.3%.

If you don't visit your local play space, what would you say prevents you (weighted score)?

- Lack of time 4.94
- Personal safety concerns 3.5
- Limited facilities 4.67
- Too busy and crowded 3
- Other 5

What do you value most about play spaces?

- Play opportunities for children 31
- Being outside in nature 29
- A creative and imaginative space 21
- A place of social gathering 12.

"Rank your favourite activity in the play space (Weighted Average Score):

- Spinning 4.96
- Climbing 2.37
- Swinging 2.94
- Water play 3.6
- Balancing 4.31
- Agility 4.84
- Sand Play 4.58
- Role Play 4.56
- Sliding 3.8"

When asked what is your purpose for visiting this play space?

- Child development and unstructured play were most common responses, followed by: exercise, then meeting with people and friends and relaxation.

From your household, who would generally visit the park?

- Small sample but results show, children, teenagers, adults and grandparents all visiting.
- When asked what your purpose for visiting Play space was? Child

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Wyndham 2040

Relevant comments about play spaces (From Community Development)

Wyndham residents will have opportunities to stay fit and healthy.

Our parks and open spaces will connect people with the outdoors and each other. They will be activated and inviting destinations for residents and visitors.

Playgrounds: Summary from the Stories

A number of people emphasised their desire for more parks to be available in 2040.

Having smaller parks in residential areas was a particular concern for residents who have small backyards.

Parks and Open Space was the most commonly referenced them in the 2,040 stories (even more than transport). It appeared consistently as a something people like about Wyndham now and something they hope is strengthened in the future.

More specifically, many people hoped for more interesting play equipment that older children can enjoy, a regular maintenance of play equipment in parks, BBQs in parkland, and parks in residential areas, so that families can walk to them, rather than drive.

Furthermore, having areas children can play under shelter was considered an important addition to future park land in Wyndham.

Comments about play spaces from residents and centres

The following comments and or complaints were made to Council over one year.

The majority of comments made during the year to staff about play spaces related to Maintenance, followed by vandalism and then suggestions related to design.

Swings followed by sandpits attracted the most complaints / enquiries.

The nature of enquires mostly related to equipment, followed by surfaces and furniture.

Table 21: Type of issue raised in calls about play spaces

Suburb	Maintenance	Vandalism	Design
Crossing	0	1	0
Hoppers Crossing	23	4	6
Little River	0	1	0
Point Cook	24	6	3
Tarneit	12	5	5
Truganina	3	1	0
Werribee	25	7	3
Werribee South	0	1	0
Williams Landing	4	1	0
Wyndham	1	1	0
Wyndham Vale	14	9	3
Total	106	37	20

Table 22: Type of equipment discussed in calls about play spaces

Equipment	Maintenance	Vandalism	Design
Swing	17	2	5
Sand pit	13	4	0
Slide	2	0	0
Total	32	6	5

Table 23: Nature of issue raised in calls about play spaces

Issue	Surface	Furniture	Equipment
Design - General Question	0	2	13
Design - Sand Pit	2	0	2
Design - Stepping Stones	0	0	4
Maintenance - Ball Hoop	0	1	2
Maintenance - BBQ	0	0	3
Maintenance - Cleanliness	11	4	4
Maintenance - Equipment	0	2	45
Maintenance - Fence	0	2	0
Maintenance - Gazebo	0	1	0
Maintenance - Pipe exposure	0	3	1
Maintenance - Seat	1	2	1
Maintenance - Stone	1	0	1
Maintenance - Surface	9	0	3
Maintenance - Timber	1	2	0
Maintenance - Wall / Wall Protruding Rods	0	1	2
Top up - Bark	8	0	1
Top up - Sand Pit	5	0	2
Water Leak	2	2	2
Total	40	22	86

4. Notes from Internal Stakeholder Workshops

Internal Stakeholder (Council Officers) Workshop Date: 11 04 16 (12:00-14:00)

GENERAL

- High level document for the whole of Council (not necessarily for local level).
- WCC 2040 project – contains lots of data (speak to cliff?).
- Kindergarten forum in May - Raw data to be sent to Sue.
- Needs / key questions... Feedback back...
- Survey format - Paper postage worked well in previous projects – worth considering. Paper AND hardcopy survey would be preferable to reach all socio-groups
- Reports needs to guide people into the meaning of ‘youth’ & helping people understand the value play.
- (‘Value of play’) – Promoted to Council webpage. @Leisure to provide.
- Helping teach parents the value and HOW to play with children’s.
- Lots of potential to use schools... Better use of their facilities and joint partnership with Council.
- Surveys (arts and culture) – triggers to encourage sensory and imagination aspects. Interpretive elements... how are these needs incorporated into the survey...? Such as info regarding the owners of the land etc....
- Children’s survey...
 - Work was done through a drawing task within Children week
 - Schools, could internal questionnaires be completed?
 - Various Council Depts. Very willing to assist in youth data collection through internal channels.
- Data Usage – Attendee asked if park usage has been considered. Susan indicates that usage may not be within scope. This project sets the scene for high level.
- Assessment criteria – based on physical and environmental - usage if Council have it.

VISION:

- Developer plans focus on up to ‘3yrs old’. There needs to be influence on play being more than child play. Early identification of what ‘play space’ is... (Play space broken into x3 groups within primary level).
- Cultural synergies – how are the Sudanese groups bought in the scene – Agreed within the group they aren’t a key focus groups of this project.
- The focus is agreed to be ‘Active’, ‘passive’ and ‘open spaces’.
- Arts and culture - Promote the integration of culture historical spaces - ‘love of place’ – Offering landscaping options, monuments – Can culture be better bought into this process – ‘connection to place’.
- Would like to see Inclusive and All abilities play space – A grouping of facilities where children with disabilities are encouraged to play with children who don’t have disabilities – Making play spaces assessable for all user groups.
- Diversity of equipment for different age groups to use at different times... yet with the same equipment.
- Strategy needs to offer parks that have a strong connection and belonging for residents.
- Arts and culture – RISK – Eco-ville in Tarneit – vandalised regularly – built by developers but failed to encourage use by residents. Residents didn’t know they could use it (however on private land, SS confirms). Council need to embrace the likelihood they’ll need to encourage people to use spaces.
- Play spaces are meeting places and should be harmonious. Ensure space is available (pop up entertainment)?
- Mobile play spaces (have been tried) – Council can’t staff all play spaces. Council did audit of all play spaces and only 4 were suitable. (Local toilets/ shade etc.). Responsibility of Council as an employer to Council maintenance staff.
- Usage - Ability for play spaces to offer space and capacity to provide learning environment.
- Council does facilitate play in shopping centre/ schools through mobile playgroups.

- Research completed on skate sculpting (WA based) – Skate sculpture designs- value in older people watching.
- Villawood play space – Private ship – Bays view park – (Developers built now community see it as their own and expect Council to maintain and replace). Private ship example has created a community link and encouraged history/ story of connection between the community and the park. – (but inappropriate materials and form of space etc.). Community insisted was rebuilt.
- Establish clear definition between growth areas and established areas.... Strategy needs to define clear expectations for developers.
- Developers marketing strategies are key as they form the basis of people's perception and understanding of play.
- Engaging the developer – Important post strategy.
- Understanding the health and well-being importance of play.
- Kite-and community-park – worth looking at.
- Face to face seats – creates social interaction – in a place where people feel safe.

DEMAND:

- Arts and culture – New arrivals want opportunities to be exposed to and understand indigenous culture.
- Kindergarten Services ('You Yangs') – each year a group go out to the You Yangs and do an indigenous education program.
- Not to under estimate the commuting culture of Wyndham – use during the day – low. Design guidelines around lighting and access?
- Leisure strategy – might touch on research completed on commuting vs. wellbeing. Bill Forrest's areas.
- Parks and open space high valued topic for people living in Wyndham East.
- Do people feel safe in their community – This impacts on the usage level.
- Hogan's road park – Sensory environments – The park offers alternative activities for families 'in transit' or waiting for children to play. Training in team sports etc.
- How do people 'read' parks? Determines whether they are used.
- Council can't design for a demographic – in a fluid community base the needs and expectations will change on an annual basis.

QUALITY:

- Diversity of play spaces – what is in each location to match capital works programme.
- Broader picture to ensure Council are not providing the same park in different locations.
- Local facilities, water fountains, toilets, lockable bikes parks.
- Strategy needs to reflect the Open Space strategies hierarchy.
- (Arts and culture) – How people read spaces is a key, people inadvertently judge locations on what they see. Seat's, fitness equipment, spinning toys etc.
- RISK – must be identified – what is the level of risk Council is willing to offer to ensure child play is enriching, and not removing all levels of risk.
- Call the Council out on materials / risk and have clear guidelines – Canvas's changing at every level, very reactive to incidents where a child may have been injured for example.

DISTRIBUTION:

- Old areas of Wyndham (Hoppers Crossing the worse) need financial investment. The new urban growth areas will have developers resolve the gaps. Old areas risk being left behind in Wyndham's rapid growth. Council can't do enough upgrades per year to get on top of the change required.
- WOSS Strategy picks apart the suburbs etc.
- Creating environments that parents are comfortable to allow children to visit on their own.
- Education of youth – Identified 'stranger danger' from groups of men just using parks as meeting areas.
- Catering for different age groups. Composition of the parks – don't make them samey. If parents have a 1 yr. old and 14 yr. old the needs are different – How does Council answer that need in the same park or neighbouring parks?

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN EDUCATION SERVICES:

- Informal spaces – Can play spaces offer spaces for informal sports activities better.
- Innovative spaces – plenty of programmes being run by Council but no indoor space. Council have to pay high rent levels, as spaces are single function and don't always account for multi-function/ diverse sports activities.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Encourage Stewardship...
- Importance to make note.
- Planning and research to suit the funding...

Workshop with Wyndham City Councillors

Date: 11th April 16 (15:00-15:45)

Meeting Notes / Feedback

Council Vision (General Comments Only):

- Communication tower - should this be on a council play space? Contested space and access to play space.
- Challenging / innovative / different to what people put in their own backyards, social, spaces, need to engage local people.
- Werribee South – Zoo very Successful.
- Private Ship at Point Cook – Attracts parents for BBQ's etc.
- Challenge will be identifying 'established' vs. 'NEW' space.
- Presidents Park – Good Example of where play and sport support each other – River walk with water feature – Successful as its packed regularly.
- Exercise opportunities informal exercise- need to encourage more.
- Careful with accessibility – all Abilities etc.- no specialised separate equipment for PWD.
- Murders and abductions. Be reasonable with security and landscape. Werribee trail – no one wants to use now too dense (Wyndham park). Introduce the Youth of the city. Let them express themselves through local 'artwork'.
- Provision of something iconic – Draw people to WCC parks with attraction.
- Shade/ Seating/ Shelter is key.
- Size of parks must be considered.
- Bayview park – an example where community pressure caused it to be rebuilt. But should not have been executed. Has been burnt several times.
- 3 of 5 incidents were classified
- Consideration given to materials (fire retardant)
- Consider the quality of what Council are building, and the on-going maintenance/ life cycle costs.
- Themes must be fun and interactive.
- Opportunity for exploration.
- Like the idea of a gnome park.
- Werribee zoo play – Great example.
- Wetlands – encourages interest – all the family (NO NOTES – Conversation de-railed)
- Costs raised as issues – General census that Council can afford to make changes within reason. Through a prioritised list.
- Costs – This should be priority.
- Passive open space and can better service as 'Urban Forests'
- MANAGEMENT
- Has Sponsorship been considered?
- Involve the local community in construction of the parks. Laying tiles, naming areas etc.

5. Submissions from the Community

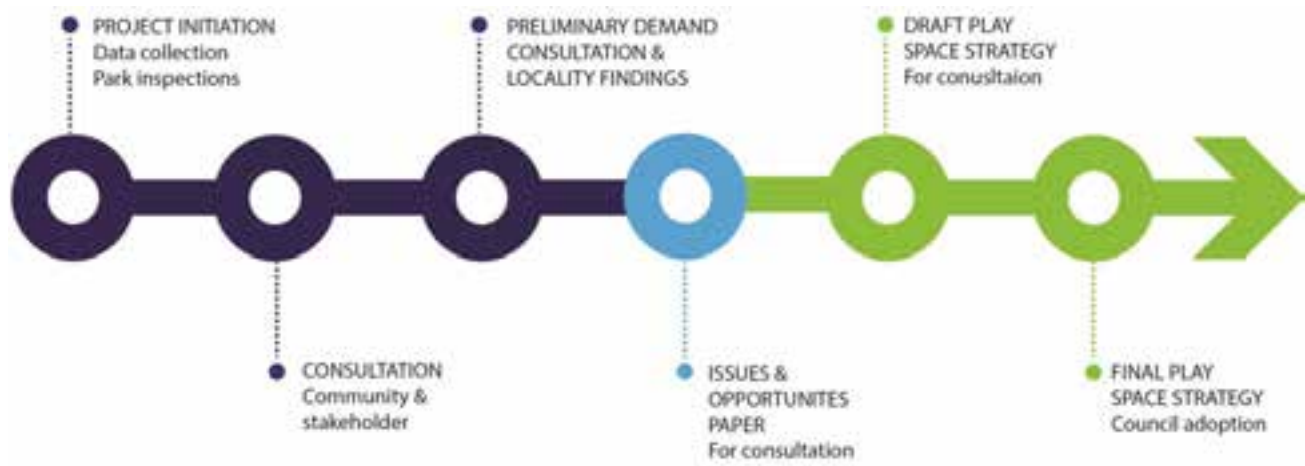
One submission was received at the beginning of the project before the Discussion Paper was exhibited. A summary of the contents of this submission follow:

Summary Resident 1 Submission:

- Need for shade. We need a lot of quick growing shade providing trees planted all over.
- Most parks in Point Cook don't have shade.
- We need more sandpits for children to be creative, as well as more "natural" spaces in which kids can just explore and let their imaginations run.
- We have too few "wild" spaces for children to roam these days and backyards are getting smaller and/or are artificially turfed.

6. Consultation – Discussion (Issues and Opportunities) Paper

6.a Project Timeline



- Stage 1. Project Inception
- Stage 2. Consultation
- Stage 3. Preliminary Demand, Consultation & Locality Findings report
- Stage 4. Issues & Opportunities Paper
- Stage 5. Draft Play Space Strategy
- Stage 6. Final Play Space Strategy

6.b. Consultation Phases

- Community opinion is a vital component of the process. Part of the process of consultation is to educate, and part is consultative.
- Consultation for Stage 2 (inform, consult & involve) has been undertaken with community and stakeholder groups. This information feed into the Preliminary Demand, Consultation & Locality Findings report.
- Consultations for Stage 4, Issues & Opportunities Paper (inform & consult) will evolve around notification (flyers, posters, direct email, social media etc) to direct to Council's website where information can be obtained, and feedback given.
- Further consultation will be undertaken at Stage 5, Draft Play Space Strategy phase.

6.c. Consultation Timing & Objectives for Stage 4

6.c.a. Timing

Commence: Monday 27th of March

Conclude: Sunday 30th of April.

[Victorian School Holidays: Saturday 1st of April to Monday 17th of April.]

6.c.b. Objectives

- To provide an open and transparent process.
- To create awareness among local residents and interest groups that Council is proactive in planning for the community's future open space provision and embellishment.
- To keep the local residents and stakeholders informed at each stage of the project.
- To encourage local residents and stakeholders to provide input (views, aspirations, feedback) at various stages of the project development process.
- To provide timely and accurate information to media organisations.

6.d. Project Stakeholders & Consultation Methods for Stage 4

Key stakeholders we intend to consult with for the Play Space Strategy.

Stakeholder Group	Stakeholders	Consultation Methods	Participation Spectrum
Wyndham Councillors	Councillors	Workshop Organisational Briefing Ordinary Council Meetings	Inform Consult Involve Collaborate
Wyndham City Council Officers	Open Space Operations Open Space Planning Recreation Planning Landscape Creation & Park Assets Disability & Positive Aging Family Services	Project Control Group	Consult Involve Collaborate Empower
Community Organisations	List to be provided by Council	Interviews Email notification of consultation opportunities Newspaper article	Inform Consult Involve

Residents	List to be provided by Council	Website Flyers Posters AV display Social Media (Twitter/Facebook) Newspaper article	Inform Consult Involve
Developers	Local developers operating in the municipality	Email notification of consultation opportunities Newspaper article	Inform Consult Involve

Engagement Approach for Stage 4

Method	Purpose	Stakeholders	Actions
Project Meeting	Refine and clarify issues	Project Control Group	PowerPoint presentation Detailed discussion Review of Discussion Paper
Council Briefing	Re-introduce the Play Space Strategy (new Councillors since inception) Discuss findings Discuss Issues & opportunities Discuss consultation Approve the release of the paper for consultation	Councillors	PowerPoint presentation Report
Ordinary Council Meeting (TBC)	Approve the release of the paper for consultation	Councillors & Wyndham Community	Report
Website	Portal for project awareness Submission	Community & stakeholders	Update text Add timeline FAQ section

	options		Discussion Paper linked
Email	Project awareness Direct traffic to website	Stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disability, • aging, • family services (kinders/play groups) • developers • Portfolio Committee 	Utilise Wyndham network email lists Wyndham Disability Support Network & Positive Ageing Network Family Services Portfolio Committee
Social Media (Facebook - Wyndham City Living and Healthy & Active Wyndham /Twitter)	Project awareness Direct traffic to website	Community	One post per week/fortnight Key messages / facts/ interesting info list to post - supply
Newspaper	Project awareness Direct traffic to website	Community	Star Weekly article
Wyndham News	Project awareness Direct traffic to website	Community	Organise with PR depending on consultation timeline Confirmed consultation dates for Wyn News
Postcards & Posters (B&C)	Project awareness Direct traffic to website	Community	Organise drop off to community centres/kinders/youth centre/libraries/ Aqua Pulse / Eagle Stadium etc Distribution list complete 23/03 – emailed to depot
Electronic display (A)	Project awareness Direct traffic to website	Community	Electronic display at AquaPulse & Eagle Stadium

(A) Electronic Display

Aqua Pulse & Eagle Stadium's electronic screens throughout the centres.



(B) Poster

Notice boards at Community Centres, Library's, Aqua Pulse, Eagle Stadium & Civic Centre



(C) Postcard

Distributed to Kinders, Community Centres, Library's, Aqua Pulse, Eagle Stadium & Civic Centre



7. Submissions from the Community on the Discussion Paper

A number of comments were provided by the community following the public exhibition of the discussion paper prepared for this project. These are provided below under key themes.

The need for more tree planting and vegetation in play spaces/nature play

- There is no proper park space and build area.
- Trees are needed all over Wyndham.
- Not just trees and vegetation but also seating and shade. Too often you go to the play spaces and there is insufficient seating and shaded areas and/or it's not in the correct place e.g. Seating and shade where a parent can sit and keep a close eye on their kids or a family can picnic on a grassed area with shade. Maybe more shade sails that people can select to sit under.
- There is a large oval, which is unusable as it is very uneven, has rocks in the ground and is full of weeds with big patches of grass missing.
- There is a real need for more trees in the Wyndham LGA and even more in play spaces. If it is possible it would be great if existing play spaces could be planted with more shade trees, especially where there is need for more shade to existing play areas/ seating areas. it would be great to see larger pot sizes of trees planted at key sites and a longer maintenance/ watering schedule to ensure the establishment of these trees. We would love to see more interesting natural elements and vegetation being planted to increase the play value of play spaces in Wyndham.
- I think you're doing well in this regard and we'd like to see more of it. My kids have a backyard to interact with, but most people in our neighbourhood don't. Nature play and adequate shade are vital to make the playgrounds functional and attractive.
- A lot of our playgrounds/parks are not aesthetically inviting, with limited plantings / garden beds etc. There is nothing like sitting under a tree to read a book or watch the kids play. The River Walk Estate in Werribee's water park is a great example of making an inviting environment.

Design of play spaces

- For children of all age groups.
- Rose Grange needs a do over as far as play spaces / playgrounds go.
- A playground with shade and areas for smaller children.
- Local artists / sculptures - Please ensure that we give opportunity to the local art talent whether it be a mosaic pathway or a garden sculpture...it is important to promote us.
- I would love sensory gardens that incorporate equipment and/or plants that ignite all the senses e.g. Smell - Fragrant herbs, citrus blossoms, plants that smell like chocolate. Sound - wooden organs, wind chimes, drums, an echo wall. Touch - a variety of textures used throughout the park. Taste - curry and liquorice flavoured herbs/plants. Sight - lots of bright colours, illusions, magic eye pictures.
- As new residents to the area, we hope that the community are also consulted in the development of new play spaces/ upgrade of existing play spaces and that the opportunity exists for residents or park users to suggest improvement to existing play spaces. We particularly liked the idea of Wyndham Council collaborating with Parks Victoria to develop a regional nature play space at Point Cook Coastal park- what a fantastic idea!
- We still struggle with playgrounds where the only slide is accessible by climbing walls or rope ladders - my youngest is a daredevil and loves slides, but she can't get to some of them without us lifting her to the top.

Marketing and Promotion

- How about a big chessboard made on the floor with cork?
- Life be in it days – many years ago there use to be “Life Be In It” campaign which promoted people physically doing more – with such things as using an earth ball, or a parachute and other paraphernalia. It would be good to reintroduce these sorts of days to get people back into our parks.
- An online directory or Facebook presence would be great - along the lines of the Playground Finder website without the editorial content but with objective information about facilities available. I know that the community Facebook pages love the ability to provide personal feedback about the parks too, which may be another way for Council to obtain informal feedback from people who normally wouldn't engage in forums like this one.
- I think it is an excellent idea to address the concept of marketing play spaces and educating the community about play! More information on Council's website regarding play spaces and the value of play for our kids and community would be very welcomed!

Play equipment areas matching park hierarchies

- Disappointed in the lack of toilets available to playgrounds in Point Cook.
- We go to Alamanda and the Pirate park daily but due to the no toilets, it really limits any time we can spend here. I walk 10 + minutes to Alamanda and more to the pirate park and it makes it very hard when you need to run home because you are busting for the toilet, I have seen many parents with toilet training children caught off guard. I have spent my whole life in Geelong and all the playgrounds are well resourced with toilets, and shade. I have been in Point Cook for seven weeks and from day one this has been an issue.
- There should be more emphasis placed on a hierarchy of parks with equipment and a range of activities for children as well as their carers
- I have lived in the Rose Grange Estate since 2008. There are no decent playgrounds for the children, only big enough for a few children to play on the equipment is very basic. We pay our rates just like everyone else in Wyndham and all I see is new amazing parks being built in the new estates and some pre-existing estates.
- Fox Wood Drive Park/ oval Point Cook. This park, in Boardwalk Estate, Point Cook is very old and needs an update. There is minimal shade and seating as well as no play areas for smaller children.
- Wyndham Waters Estate (old one) in Williams landing needs more park space and age appropriate equipment.
- There are no decent playgrounds for the children; only big enough for a few children to play on the equipment is very basic. Can you please advise if the existing and play areas will get a revamp?
- There are quite a few play spaces that seem to have been designed by developers in a way to sell properties rather than reflect the need of the community (and Council) for appropriately designed play spaces.
- There are unintentional mismatches in the purpose of parks. Our closest park on Delaney Boulevard Williams Landing is fabulous - both kids love the equipment; we've barbecued there, and hosted community events via the residents' association. However, many visitors come in large groups from further afield, creating excess rubbish that the bins can't cope with. Neighbours fronting onto the park have reported people using the garden beds as de facto toilets. The shelter attracts noisy teens at night despite the low light. Stricter controls on developers are needed to avoid some of these pitfalls.

Fencing of play spaces

- Yes, for small children.
- I think it is great that this discussion paper alerts people to the cost of fencing play spaces and the potential maintenance headache it can cause park staff to replace gates. I agree that there is a common perception amongst many parents that a fence is needed to help protect their child, however this may limit the budget allowed for other elements of a play space. It is good point to educate people that the costs of the fencing can double the budget for a playground while also promoting different ideas for fencing and barriers. The promotion of where fences are located and at which play spaces is also a good idea.
- I agree that children need to learn to adapt their behaviours to cope with risks and I try to cut the apron strings with my older child. The absence of a few parks with perimeter fencing was a challenge when my children were smaller and less responsive to verbal instructions though. Continually running after two toddlers headed in opposite directions was stressful. Fencing doesn't have to be institutional either - a good example that we loved is Markham Reserve in Ashburton.

Planning of residential areas impacts on play spaces

- Good parks make the properties around well regarded -- see the pirate park! Famous one!
- I thought that the visual examples of different residential areas and their impact on play spaces very interesting and helpful for identifying future play spaces, their impacts on local residents and suggestions for improvements.
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Infrastructure renewal and cost of play space works

- Rose Grange needs new equipment, Morris Road (Leakes Road end) needs some swings and more equipment the area is massive and there are no decent play areas.
- Please consider revamping old open spaces/parks in the older Estates around Point Cook (Homestead Run, Newminster, Willowgreen for examples) as since a lot of these spaces were left by developers, apart from council mowing, there has been nothing done to reinvigorate them.
- Water fountains are broken and they often look very uninviting.
- See comments above plus maybe a revamp of some of the current play spaces as people get tired of the same old areas and some play spaces just don't get utilized because they are boring or have become boring. Interchangeable play equipment would be good and would allow equipment to be 'changed up' every now and then.
- Budgetary constraints will always be an issue for the necessary maintenance and renewal. I'd like to see more community group involvement in the physical aspects of this though - the PCAG wall painting along Palmers Road is a related example. I'm sure that many service groups would happily help with small jobs like painting, planting etc. and it helps to gain community investment in our facilities.
- This report should be commended on alerting the community of the need for infrastructure renewal and cost of play space works. There are some great practical ideas here that can hopefully be applied in the short to medium term that don't necessarily cost too much including budgeting for nature play elements and trees. We would love to see the opportunity for this to happen in many smaller pocket parks where play equipment (with little to no shade) currently exists.

How people of all ages and abilities groups can be included in play spaces

- By providing smaller slides and equipment close to ground level.
- Sensory gardens.
- Parks / playgrounds need to be for the whole family and encourage all to participate. It is great to see parents leading by example in fitness and promoting the outdoors as in today's society there are plenty of reasons for everyone to stay inside. We need people to use these parks / playgrounds more.
- Walking track, benches, exercise equipment for adults (I saw this in Singapore in the parks - made out of steel) basketball space for youngsters, sandpit for toddlers.
- By providing smaller slides and equipment close to ground level.
- Sensory Gardens.
- Excellent to see a report that allows for the inclusion of all ages/ abilities and groups to be considered in the design of play spaces! Play spaces are not just for kids and if they allow for a range of user groups including the carer's that take kids to parks then they will be more valued and used by the community.
- I'm confident that our local parks will cater to our kids well into their teens. We love the interactive aspects of the park at Harpley so we hope more of this can be provided for slightly older children who can't be separated from phones/tablets. We spoke about this to City West Water yesterday in relation to the Greening the Pipeline project so hopefully we can get external help as well.

Creating a diversity of play opportunities

- I would love to see some sensory gardens that incorporate equipment and/or plants that ignite all the senses e.g. Smell - Fragrant herbs, citrus blossoms, plants that smell like chocolate. Sound - wooden organs, wind chimes, drums, an echo wall. Touch - a variety of textures used throughout the park. Taste - curry and liquorice flavoured herbs/plants. Sight - lots of bright colours, illusions, magic eye pictures.
- How about a big chessboard made on floor with cork?
- More emphasize on nature play, shade trees and local references including art/ sculptural elements and seating/ tables or informal seating like raised edging /logs/ rocks/ low walls/ land contours would add to this interest in our play spaces.
- I think this is being done well in newer estates like ours, but obviously needs to be retrofitted to some older parks. We were living in Truganina before here, and our closest park was devoid of any vegetation or variety of equipment (Landscape Drive). We drove to parks rather than walk.
- Better lighting in parks / playgrounds would encourage more people to use them for longer durations as well as discourage vandalism.

Role of play space / Who are play spaces for?

- More play spaces needed for teenagers e.g. Basketball courts and other outdoor open spaces with shade, large 2-person seat swings, graffiti walls, phone charging stations, vending machines and casual modern seating. These spaces probably need to be close to shopping centres and/or fast food outlets as that is where the youth like to hang out.
- Adults, elderly and kids, all ages.
- The role of a well-designed play space has the potential to be a very valuable community asset and create a hub for communities outside the traditional commercial/ sporting/ educational hubs that currently exist. We would love to see more diversity for play for all ages (including older people / grandparents) in our play spaces!

- There's only been a brief period in my early adult years that play space wasn't important to me, but even then I used the areas for picnics or informal exercise. Everyone benefits in some way from our play spaces.
- Promotion of Parks: Many years ago there use to be “Life Be In It” campaign, which promoted people physically, doing more – with such things as using an earth ball, or a parachute and other paraphernalia Music / Entertainment have small stages in some of the parks so that in summer concerts i.e.: school bands, local musicians.

Other comments about the discussion paper or play spaces in Wyndham City

- Overall, I was very impressed to read this discussion paper and would like to commend the consultants and Wyndham Council for producing an excellent report regarding the future of play spaces. As a Landscape Architect (and now mother to two young kids) that has worked for other Councils in the design of play spaces, I found this discussion paper to be one of the best I have read. I like how it is transparent about a lot of the issues that currently face Councils and designers in the creation and maintenance of play spaces as well as providing practical ideas as to how these could be improved and thus add to the play value of our parks for the enjoyment of all.
- Thank you for putting so much thought into this. We love the parks in Wyndham and their value goes far beyond the obvious advantages of outside play for children.
- Thanks for the opportunity to make comment about changes in Wyndham and if you wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact me.
- If you can implement ½ of what is in that paper would be fantastic. I make the following comments that you can use as part of your consultation process –
- Consider revamping old open spaces/parks in the older Estates around Point Cook (Homestead Run, Newminster, Willowgreen for examples) as since a lot of these spaces were left by developers, apart from council mowing, there has been nothing done to reinvigorate them. Water fountains are broken and they often look very uninviting.
- Maybe a revamp of some of the current play spaces as people get tired of the same old areas and some play spaces just don't get utilized because they are boring or have become boring. Interchangeable play equipment would be good and would allow equipment to be 'changed up' every now and then.
Inviting environments - A lot of our playgrounds/parks are not aesthetically inviting, with limited plantings / garden beds etc.
Local artists / sculptures -Please ensure that we give opportunity to the local art talent whether it be a mosaic pathway or a garden sculpture...it is important to promote us.

Fitness Equipment

- Introduction of a fitness regime into Wyndham's parks / playgrounds.
- As today's society is increasingly becoming more unfit each year it would be great to see our open spaces encouraging fitness not only for the young but for adults too.
- When I have been overseas I have witnessed many parks in Singapore / UK / Europe with vandal proof fitness equipment installed and placards with suggested fitness regimes. These parks always have people using this equipment.
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Lighting

- Better lighting in parks / playgrounds would encourage more people to use them for longer durations as well as discourage vandalism. Lighting also promotes a safer environment for all.

Music / Entertainment

- Have small stages in some of the parks so that in summer concerts i.e.: school bands, local musicians. I am not suggesting every night or even every week but to happen on a regular basis would be great and it would be free!

Impacts of planning on play

- Good parks make the properties around well regarded -- see the pirate park! Famous one!
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8. Consultation – Draft Play Space Strategy

8.a. Timing

Commence: Monday June 7, 2018

Conclude: Sunday August 6, 2018

8.b. Objectives

- To provide an open and transparent process.
- To create awareness among local residents and interest groups that Council is proactive in planning for the community's future open space provision and embellishment.
- To keep the local residents and stakeholders informed at each stage of the project.
- To encourage local residents and stakeholders to provide input (views, aspirations, feedback) at various stages of the project development process.
- To provide timely and accurate information to media organisations.

8.c. Project Stakeholders & Consultation Methods for Stage 5

Key stakeholders we intend to consult with for the Play Space Strategy.

Stakeholder Group	Stakeholders	Consultation Methods	Participation Spectrum
Wyndham Councillors	Councillors	Organisational Briefing Ordinary Council Meetings	Inform Consult Involve Collaborate
Wyndham City Council Officers	Open Space Operations Open Space Planning Recreation Planning Landscape Creation & Park Assets Disability & Positive Aging Family Services	Project Control Group	Consult Involve Collaborate Empower
Community Organisations	List to be provided by Council	Email notification of consultation opportunities	Inform Consult

		Newspaper article	Involve
Residents	List to be provided by Council	Website Flyers Posters AV display Social Media (Twitter/Facebook) Newspaper article	Inform Consult Involve
Developers	Local developers operating in the municipality	Email notification of consultation opportunities Newspaper article	Inform Consult Involve

Engagement Approach for Stage 5

Method	Purpose	Stakeholders	Actions
Project Meeting	Refine and clarify issues	Project Control Group	PowerPoint presentation Detailed discussion Review of Draft Strategy
Council Briefing	Re-introduce the Play Space Strategy Discuss consultation outcome from Discussion Paper Approve the release of the Draft Strategy for consultation	Councillors	PowerPoint presentation Council Report
Ordinary Council Meeting (TBC)	Approve the release of the draft strategy for consultation	Councillors & Wyndham Community	Ordinary Council Meeting Report
Website	‘The Loop’ - portal for project awareness Submission options	Community & stakeholders	Update text Add timeline FAQ section Discussion Paper linked

			Draft Strategy linked Online submissions
Email	Project awareness Direct traffic to website	Stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous submitters • Portfolio Committee 	Utilise Wyndham network email lists Portfolio Committee
Social Media (Facebook - Wyndham City Living and Healthy & Active Wyndham /Twitter)	Project awareness Direct traffic to website	Community	One post per week/fortnight Key messages / facts/ interesting info list to post - supply
Newspaper	Project awareness Direct traffic to website	Community	Star Weekly advertisement
Postcards & Posters	Project awareness Direct traffic to website	Community	Organise drop off to community centres/kinders/youth centre/libraries/ Aqua Pulse / Eagle Stadium etc

9. Submissions from the Community on the Draft Play Space Strategy

Several submissions were provided by the community following the public exhibition of the draft play space strategy. These are provided below under key themes.

Number	Comment	Commentary/action
1	<p>I have had a read of the document and my particular interest is Brentwood Drive reserve. As you can see that the recommendation is to redesign the space. This park has huge potential if properly developed. My take on that as below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential to include active practise space for sports with passive space for recreation • Potential to include a single cricket net and some other practise facility for other sports on either side of kicking space to make it more user friendly from sports perspective. Currently it is a space wasted and hardly used by kids at all. • Potential to expand the play space for bigger playground similar to Hogans Road type as there is lots of space available • Potential to include BBQs and Picnic Shelters with some lighting to deter the vandals 	<p>Refer to 2021, No Cricket nets based on Open Space Strategy, No BBQ, No Shelter, No Active sport practices.</p>
2	<p>I am organising meeting with Councillor Tony Hooper regarding lobbying to develop this space as it is a neglected space since long and very unusual setting with valuable space and maintenance effort wasted by low utilisation due to neglect in development or upgrade.</p>	<p>Requests would over embellish local park to a level not consistent with WOSS. Passive open space is not to be designed/programmed</p>

3	<p>I couldn't access the feedback form through my phone so I'm emailing my thoughts to you.</p> <p>I live across from Soldiers Reserve and I have a toddler. This playground is in dire need of redevelopment because it is in a prime location with the kinder, high school, football/cricket club and childcare centre all within meters of this playground.</p> <p>Myself and my neighbours (five families who all have toddlers on College Road) meet regularly at this playground as it is across the road from our houses.</p> <p>The playground has so much potential but it's lacking with outdated equipment that is not imaginative or stimulating and doesn't cater for the varying age groups that use this space.</p> <p>My husband was the leader builder in the construction of the Nature/water play parks at The Children's Hospital, Port Melbourne and Docklands. I would like to see something similar to this built in Werribee.</p> <p>The space should take into consideration better landscaping, and by this I mean proper shade trees that will help our climate like Oaks and Plane trees, not eucalyptus 'which do more damage to our ecology than noxious weeds like black berries'</p>	<p>for rec activities suited to AOS.</p> <p>No more infrastructure. Park to be upgraded to District as per Open Space Strategy</p> <p>Park to be upgraded to District as per WOSS. Will be subject to separate consultation</p>
4	<p>I have lived in Pt Cook for 8 years. We have an 8-year-old boy and have been to most of the local parks in the area and surrounding suburbs. The thought and design going into these areas is amazing as they are stimulating, by providing for different ages, and (dis)abilities.</p> <p>But the lack of toilets is astounding.</p> <p>And young children need toilets close by-the park at Alamanda for instance is brilliant-but the toilets are at least 10 minutes away for little legs.</p> <p>Why is this?</p>	<p>Council is soon to commence a Public Toilet Strategy</p> <p>No change to strategy. Council soon to commence public toilet strategy</p>

5	<p>My feedback is specific to play spaces located in sub district 2 of Point Cook, in particular 142 & 143, which I assume takes in the reserve behind the Jamieson Way CC and the exercise equipment stationed around the Cheetham Wetlands.</p> <p>I agree that Point Cook has a large number of play spaces in comparison to other suburbs within Wyndham however I find that those in the sub district mentioned above are not up to the same standard as those in the newer estates.</p> <p>The playground equipment in the reserve behind the CC could do with some love. Some of the equipment is broken. Some nature play to tie in with the nearby wetlands would be great and hopefully encourage more residents to utilise this space.</p> <p>The exercise equipment stationed around the wetlands is looking a little weathered with faded, vandalised signage. Tree planting would definitely improve the amenity.</p> <p>From what I have read, there are plans to address some aspects of the above in the strategy and with the reserve behind the CC being master planned this financial year, I hope the play space will be considered in this.</p>	<p>Categorised as Active Open Space and Currently under Masterplan and passive area will be considered. Broken equipment will be assessed</p> <p>No change to strategy</p>
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6	<p>1. Park 122. In relation to the Skatepark in Point Cook has only been classed as priority 2 but it has been part of the council's budget process twice since it is behind its original completion date. Why is this not a priority 1 project? I was told that it's completion was supposed to be about March 2019. As part of the feedback given to PCAG. Has this now changed? This is the only skate park in our suburb.</p> <p>2. Park 148 Friar Place is stated as priority 3 and \$150k. It is though part of the Council's request as a priority project to State Govt and I believe also for the sum of \$200k. Why would the Council pick such a low priority park project when there are others in Point Cook as Priority 1? https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/news/state-government-funding-needed-priority-projects</p> <p>3. There is no mention at all of the park on Sanctuary Lakes South Boulevard. A popular park that though small is well used by young children and is accessible while people use the BBQs.</p> <p>4. There is no commentary on Park 157 that is identified on the map.</p> <p>5. There is no commentary on Park 156 that is identified on the map.</p> <p>6. There is no number for the Solero Park in the strategy.</p> <p>7. Originally, I believe an older version or an earlier version part version was loaded. It included more information on each of the suburbs. This has now changed which I thought was strange.</p> <p>8. I also thought including an estate name 'Life' in one of the pictures of the leap Frog Park's pictures was a bit bizarre given it is an estate still selling land on the front cover of the Strategy. Inadvertent product placement?</p>	<p>1. Now priority 1 project.</p> <p>2. Now as part of 2021 project scheduled for 18-19.</p> <p>3-6. Park numbering, and commentary updated</p> <p>Oyster Bay will be upgraded</p> <p>8. Cover redesigned.</p>
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7	Meeting Place Park - Windorah Dr - please redesign to allow for nature play for young children	Refer to comments for analysis
8	It would be great if you would look at putting in a basketball half court at the park on Brentwood Drive, Werribee/Tarneit, the playground only caters for young children, the older kids need something also, there is lots of wasted space at this park with concrete blocks which serve no purpose. I'm sure our rates would cover this cost.	Look at opportunities to cater for all age groups. No basketball. Expand range of activities without basketball
9	We need more engaging activities for teenage kids, basketball hoops, soccer goals, things to climb, bike/skate ramps. My closest park in Conquest drive has none of this to attract older teenagers.	Will be part of 2021 project next year
10	Powell Dr Park, Hoppers Crossing - this could be a significant park that can contribute to the businesses & families who live around the area if designed properly. Please redesign to make it more inviting for a picnic. Give it more structure to give character to the park. There's already public toilet nearby. So with proper landscaping and inviting play area, more people will come to the park, which will help the shops nearby. The park could also be a meeting point considering its strategic location.	Will be part of 2021 project
12	I would very much love to see a playground put in the Times Square Park. It is such a lovely big space with plenty of room. There are so many young children in the surrounding streets who would certainly use the play equipment.	Refer to analysis document
13	<p>Southampton Drive Park has very minimal spaces for younger children. It's all very high and suited to children approx.. 8years plus.</p> <p>The new blue matting put under each slide was met with disappointment from the local families as its very coarse and hard. Landing on the existing bark chip was a lot softer than the new matting.</p> <p>There is 1 seat for the entire park which isn't sufficient.</p> <p>The new path is well behind the playground (nearer to houses) that no one uses, besides homeowners. This was put in a very odd place if it was intended for Park users.</p>	This park will be addressed in the last round of the 2021 project. No change to strategy

	<p>The equipment itself is very old and the heights are dangerous. The bridge is an 'older style' where small fingers can get wedged in between. So many families try to use this park, but the facilities are severely lacking.</p>	
14	<p>Largely the strategy appears to be good, and I welcome the gap closing of facilities, however living in Wyndham Waters in Williams Landing we are broadly cut off from the main play spaces by Sayers road to the North and the Melbourne Outfall Sewer to the South. The provision of facilities at Loon Drive will be an improvement but remains a reasonably long walk from the eastern end of Wyndham waters, and is not closer than reaching Ashcroft park via the 'greening the pipeline' crossing.</p> <p>A reasonably simple improvement would be to provide a crossing over the MOS between Bronzewing Road and Australis Drive, with the added bonus of effectively extending the Australis Drive green space into the pleasant waterways. Even opening up the existing crossing on the MOS between Hildebrand and Swanton Avenues would improve the situation, however I think there is more logic and utility in the previous suggestion.</p> <p>I also support the suggestion that more play spaces need toilets, having to finish early to return home for a toilet break is not conducive to dry underwear (the children's... although it'll make it better for the parents too!).</p> <p>The elements of nature play highlighted I agree are extremely important, it would also be good to integrate some of the water play into the nature play. The expensive nature of dedicated water features highlighted is important, but my own childhood experiences involved damming and paddling in natural streams. Perhaps some of the natural features (or existing water management features such as the Wyndham Waters ponds) could be 'modified' to produce a shallow stream requiring minimum intervention.</p> <p>The saved grassland around Williams Landing also currently seems to be underutilised. Recognising it is primarily and correctly Wildlife</p>	<p>Greening the Pipeline Project (MOS) will endeavour to addresses access issues with further crossings</p> <p>No change to strategy. Council soon to commence public toilet strategy</p> <p>Conservation areas are to have minimum impact</p> <p>Commercial activities in open space require careful consideration on stringent governance. Council encourages commercial activities such as cafes to occur adjacent it parks.</p>

	<p>habitat, it still seems there should be opportunity via boardwalks or other more innovative methods to connect a play area to this unique feature of our area.</p> <p>Finally, if there is any opportunity to provide a local space for a cafe at some of play spaces, I think that can be a benefit. The Little Growling park in Tarneit is better than its equipment due to the presence of the cafe.</p> <p>Thanks for compiling the report, I'm glad this is an area of the community that is being given consideration, and overall the report's findings appear sensible, in the instances of suggested controls on developer activity, these seem sensible, and it is good to see the developer dollar will not be the guiding principal. I look forward to seeing tangible results in the improvement of our facilities.</p>	
15	<p>It would be great if there could be at least one park in each suburb that was fenced. I know a lot of parents who try to find parks they can take multiple small children, or children on the spectrum where they can feel comfortable if the children run off on them. Having a safe space would be more inclusive for many families.</p> <p>It would be great if playgrounds could have better shade to make them more usable on hot days as well rainy days.</p> <p>It would be nice to have seating for parents within the playground so they can sit down but still be interacting with their children. A lot of seating tends to be on the outside and feels too far away to be able to watch and chat with children while they are playing.</p> <p>The bark chips used in a lot of parks are not toddler/crawling friendly. The rubber flooring found in some parks is much nicer so would be great if this could be used on some of the local parks.</p> <p>I am currently studying a bachelor in Public Health and Health Promotion part-time in between part-time Work and raising 3 children. I would love to participate further in this strategy</p>	<p>Strategy articulates that one playspace in each sub-division will be fenced. Design and seating incorporated Noted, no change to strategy</p>

	anyway possible.	
16	Longreach parade playground in point cook has a shelter without light and there is no public toilet near by	Toilet Strategy soon to commence
17	I live in Sanctuary Lakes, Point Cook. Most of the population of the latest stage of Sanctuary Lakes, South Boulevard area, are family with school aged children. Especially having 3 schools zoned for the area Alamanda College, St Mary of the Cross and then the new school Saltwater Primary makes the area popular with the families with school aged children. What we lack of is playground interesting enough for school aged children. Most playground around only cater for smaller children. It'll be great to build one in Oysterbay Chase Park that highlighted in the plan as one of park to be built and equip as play space. Something interesting and different like cycling Park, monkey bar for bigger children with nice sitting area will be fantastic addition to the community and keeps children active and out of the house but still in the save environment. I have some ideas in mind and love to share it with you if needed.	Noted Oysterbay Chase Park will be developed
	<p>South Shore Gardens, Sanctuary Lakes – Middle Park Drive</p> <p>Park area has the following activity facilities.</p> <p>Deteriorated Basketball boards and ring. Outdoor exercise area.</p> <p>These facilities are dated and do not support the local community in providing sufficient and safe playground facility for the local children.</p> <p>There are issues with the basketball ring and it's locality to homes surrounding it, leading to continued noise complaints of basketball bouncing by residents, well into the late hours of the morning.</p> <p>These facilities clearly don't fit with the strategy, yet there is no review nor update mentioned in the strategy documents.</p>	Park to be reviewed

	<p>Golden Square Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Play equipment suitable for all ages including Teenagers - Small obstacle course - More seating - More lighting - Protection from the weather - BBQ area 	<p>Refer to other consultation Process Masterplan currently being developed and subject to separate consultation process.</p>
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