

WATTLE GLEN PUBLIC REALM FRAMEWORK PLAN
RESULTS FROM COMMUNITY SURVEY
JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2021

QUESTION 1:	
	What are some words that describe Wattle Glen? These can be positive or negative.
1.	Beautiful, scenic, rural, home
2.	Amazing peaceful area but sadly its a dead area needs a major development!
3.	Small, community, green, family, spacious
4.	Green, peaceful, safe, unchanging, forgotten, delightful, beautiful, potential, hidden gem.
5.	A lovely area to live in
6.	Peaceful but close to amenities both Hurstbridge and Diamond Creek. Unsealed roads add to the character and feel that you are in a remote place.
7.	Quiet, untouched
8.	Peaceful, bushy, undiscovered,
9.	Peaceful, green, country
10.	A lovely little hamlet, potentially. The roundabout divides it. It needs help to retain its hamlet qualities. I like the idea of connecting the two sides - Pepper's Paddock and station, and then through to the Diamond Creek trail.
11.	Disappointing Dry, as in the natural fauna is far too native The park is outdated and in serious need of updating and needs to be better maintained, - cannot be used for children to run on as it is uneven and overgrown
12.	Tired. In need of infrastructure upgrades. Also in need of better housing development guidelines. Current development is putting too much strain on infrastructure.
13.	Wattle, bushland, spacious, quiet, friendly, safe, community orientated, protective of wildlife, protective of native fauna. Declining native birds, increasing traffic, increasing weeds.
14.	I, and many other residents, see Wattle Glen as the Gateway to the Green Wedge. This is because the Urban Growth Boundary weaves its way through the centre of town and the natural environment permits all of Wattle Glen. For example, the Friends of Watery Gully have held monthly revegetation meetings for nearly 30 years and the attendees are historically split between the residential area and the rural RCZ area ... as well as some people from outside of Wattle Glen. They all attend because they care about the natural environment. Therefore, for the Public Realm Framework Project Council needs to ensure that that resident efforts to improve the flora and fauna biodiversity of Wattle Glen are appreciated, so we do not become just another suburb.

15.	Pleasant, low key mix of rural and urban environs
16.	Charming, unpretentious, quiet, peaceful, almost a secret place. Still has country village atmosphere. Very hilly - which means great panoramic views, and some challenging terrain for gardening and walking.
17.	Semi rural, part of the green wedge but at risk of losing that identity with the councils' lack of acknowledgement of biodiversity, climate change and green wedge as pillars of our vision.
18.	Small town, not as built up and 'cookie cutter' as Diamond Creek.
19.	Trees, nature, quiet, peaceful, spacious, rural, wildlife, horse trails
20.	rural, hilly, small, trees
21.	After driving through DC you come to WG and it still feels like a rural community I know when I get to WG the feeling is of rural community and not suburb.
22.	A lovely suburb but lacking a bit of TLC!
23.	Parts of Wattle Glen still feel like a rural hamlet with quiet, peaceful neighbourhoods and rural vistas of grazing properties and animals, interspersed with trees. The shared trail (start of the Green Wedge Trail) on the roadside verge of the Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Road is important for connecting the Green Wedge Trail to Peppers Paddock, the WG General Store and ultimately the Diamond Creek Trail. The main roads are getting busier all the time which makes it increasingly dangerous for recreational trail users, especially horse riders as we make our way around the neighbourhood.
24.	Friendly community, homely. Country vibes
25.	Rural, pretty, especially in August when the wattles are out,
26.	Bushy, quiet and friendly suburb
27.	Green, hilly, quiet, safe, friendly
28.	*** I'm a resident of Wattle Glen but apparently the indicative study area not cover where I live in Valley Road and beyond? If this is not an opportunity to address, for example, the fact that my kids have to walk through half a foot of mud to get to school, then when, how and with whom? *** In response to the question now :) Semi-rural, yellowgums, wattles, birds, beautiful (places hidden away), ugly (places showcased), poorly-defined thoroughfare for some, home for me, scattered, haphazard
29.	Wattle Glen is a semi-rural suburb in an attractive bushland environment. Many properties are large, some set up as lifestyle or hobby farms. There is road and rail access to most facilities. There is no commercial development so it is quieter than other suburbs nearby. Residents feel as if they live in the country but schools, shops, medical practices and sports grounds are within reach.
30.	Rural, untouched.
31.	Small, safe, backwater.

32.	Tranquil, accessible, town meets country, suburban conveniences without congestion
33.	Small, quiet, peaceful, on the way to other places
34.	Handy, beautiful, peaceful, gentle, welcoming. Always clean toilets. Natural environment. Negative: Vehicles parking within the root zone near the walking track at the Wattle Glen War Memorial Park. Rubbish dumped in this area.
35.	A bit run down in need of a revamp
36.	Small hamlet separated from the rest of suburbia. Love the treed, natural atmosphere. Unfortunately, it is one of the last places in Nillumbik to get services from the Shire (footpaths, general upkeep, replanting, etc) I cannot understand why you have defined Wattle Glen by using a boundary that is a square. Wattle Glen is a postcode and we all think of it as being quite different to how you have identified its boundaries. You have missed all of the people in Valley Road and lots around Sunnyside and many others. Perhaps ask locals how they perceive the boundaries of Wattle Glen.
37.	Has become a thoroughfare for trucks and traffic losing its village feel.
38.	Spacious. Green. Sparsely populated. Quiet. Beautiful. Quaint. Small. Local. Peaceful. Safe. Open.
39.	Small, in need of attention
40.	Quiet, tidy.
41.	Nice and quiet area. - Love the Diamond Creek trail - Happy to see a duplicated railway tracks being built at last - Unfortunately there is no pedestrian crossing in front of Wattle Glen train station, which is not safe for us all, especially young kids given cars always exceed 70km/hr around this area. A small crossing section at a roundabout is not very useful for us, who live toward Hurstbridge as we don't want to walk all the way there to cross the road and walk all way back again. - I work in the city, commute everyday, a train timetable is not great, long wait between the train. - Primary school is good but needs more funding from gov. Train
42.	Beautiful, natural, home Scary roads Wild life Co-existence
43.	Quiet, hidden suburb half way between Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge
44.	Lovely place to live that needs a few tweaks to perfect it.
45.	Unique, small town, great community, under the radar, gem, tightly held
46.	country feel. community. home. small. bush. peaceful.
47.	Country image
48.	Green. Outer suburb. Bush suburb. Hills.
49.	

50.	Friendly,
51.	-quiet -small -dangerous... the main road through Wattle Glen past Pepper's Paddock towards the roundabout needs a better and permanent pedestrian crossing
52.	Excessive road traffic noise Declining fauna population Ineffective council
53.	Peaceful, green, low density, family-friendly, quaint, natural, local, community feel
54.	Lovely little village but in need of some improvement
55.	Wildlife, open space, community values
56.	Community friendly, Closely associated with the natural environment, Pretty Laid back
57.	Green wedge, Natural environment, Community feel, Old world values, Bush views, Outdoor living, Safe
58.	Positive is a beautiful peaceful area but negative about wattle glen it's a rural bush land! Very dark, Very old town, looks really poor and dead not a liveable area needs a major development to its roads streets houses and add path walks for pedestrians.
59.	Peaceful but Old Poor looking area, Dark in the night, Dangerous

	Question 2:
	Which places do you use the most in Wattle Glen (such as railway station, general store, Peppers Paddock)?
1.	Peppers Paddock, Diamond Creek Trail
2.	Wilson road, Wilson reserve, diamond creek trail.
3.	General store, Peppers Paddock, streets for walking, Wattle Glen trail
4.	General store, station, park, walking tracks, tennis courts.
5.	
6.	Peppers Paddock is a nice play space with lovely natural surrounds, it's close to what Wattle Glen currently has to offer.
7.	My house
8.	Walking trails, station
9.	General store, walking tracks, cricket oval
10.	We buy coffee occasionally at Pepper's Paddock
11.	Train station, oval, trail
12.	Broadgully road. The railway intersection
13.	Open space, backroads for walking, peppers paddock, block opposite railway, new walkway along the Diamond Creek, -Walkways along Kangaroo

	Ground Road, Road side verges, for walking! Wattle Glen oval, Valley Road, Wilsons road - Walking. Occasionally general store. Old Hurstbridge road, Murray Drive Clark Avenue.
14.	<p>As an aged, but active member of Friends of Watery Gully I have attended nearly every group working bee centred on Peppers Paddock, as well as informal visits for enjoyment – so Peppers Paddock.</p> <p>Also I'm an occasional user of the railway station, General Store and the Diamond Creek Regional Trail at the Wattle Glen end, as well as other informal walking tracks such as the Green Wedge Regional Trail which begins in Wattle Glen (and ends in Kinglake).</p>
15.	Diamond Creek Trail, Peppers Paddock, toilet facilities, general store.
16.	Home. walking paths, Peppers Paddock, railway station
17.	Walking trails, rail station
18.	Railway station. Peppers Paddock. Footpaths. Tennis club
19.	Paths and trails along creeks and road
20.	the walking trail, tennis club, playground area
21.	<p>The shared trail (start of the Green Wedge Trail) on the roadside verge of the Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Road</p> <p>The WG General Store</p> <p>Peppers Paddock and public toilet</p>
22.	Peppers Paddock with our toddler
23.	<p>The shared trail (start of the Green Wedge Trail) on the roadside verge of the Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Road.</p> <p>The WG General Store</p> <p>The picnic table on crown land opposite the WG General Store (over Old Hurstbridge Road) - it would be good to build some horse yards there for riders to enjoy a break here while they visit the general store, safely yarding their horse/s away from the road.</p> <p>Peppers Paddock and public toilet - a tie up rail would benefit horse riders wanting to use the toilets.</p>
24.	The peppers paddock general store, the parking area and playground and surrounds of peppers paddock. The walking track from train line along past the cfa station, The train station
25.	car park, access to Diamond Creek trail,
26.	Railway station, walking track from Wattle Glen to Diamond Creek
27.	General store, railway station, walking paths
28.	recreational walking along roads away from main road, within WG but apparently outside the "area of interest", Watery Gully reserve sections - again within WG but apparently outside the area of interest, railway station, primary school, Peppers
29.	Diamond Creek trail, Peppers Paddock, general store, railway station and (previously) Wattle Glen Primary School.
30.	Railway, bike path.
31.	The road, tennis club, peppers paddock, store.
32.	Railway, General store

33.	Currently - tennis club, sports oval (for personal exercise), footpaths on the main road In the past - primary school, Peppers Paddock, tennis club
34.	The playground, the general store, Peppers Paddock, the toilets, parking, the walking track from Wattle Glen War Memorial Park to Diamond Creek.
35.	
36.	Railway station, General store, Peppers paddock. We used to use the school of course.
37.	General store, nursery.
38.	Train station, Peppers Paddock, land behind Mannish Road, the new Diamond Creek Trail, Sports Reserve.
39.	Peppers Paddock, general store
40.	New walking track. Train station.
41.	Railway station and the rest given the area is not that big
42.	General store Playground Peppers Paddock with grandchild Wilson Road entry to trail
43.	Station, Peppers Paddock, Wattle Glen Sport Reserve
44.	Railway station, peppers paddock, new trail and the footpaths between each of these places.
45.	School, general store, new trail
46.	the bike track and around to the park, also the footpath between wattle glen and diamond creek, the footpath between wattle glen and silvan road.
47.	Pepper's Paddock Train Walking tracks
48.	Railway station, general store, Peppers Paddock, walking tracks, primary school, tennis courts, bike path
49.	School and trains
50.	Railway station Peppers Paddock New Diamond Creek Trail General Store
51.	-school -tennis club
52.	-
53.	Railway station, new Diamond Creek trail, General store, Peppers Paddock, informal open space up Clarke Avenue.
54.	Peppers Paddock, Wattle Glen Primary School, The General Store, CFA station
55.	General store, Play grounds, Oval, Walking track to DC - can't wait till it extends to Hurstbridge

56.	Peppers Paddock Previously the tennis courts The new walking/cycling trail to Diamond Creek
57.	Diamond creek trail Wilson Rd oval Powerlines paddock next to kamarooka Peppers paddock Railway station
58.	I use whole Wilson road to get to the sports club and diamond creek trail.
59.	Diamond creek trail

	Question 3: What are your favourite spots in the area, and why?
1.	Peppers Paddock, Diamond Creek Trail
2.	Wilson reserve and diamond creek trail because those the only two places I can safely walk with out looking out to run over by a car.
3.	Watery Gully - natural bushland, beautiful walks Wattle Glen trail - no cars, natural bushland, long clear walking area
4.	Wetlands behind the park because it's so tranquil.it would be great to have a bridge to join the park to the wetlands. The general store has always been a wonderful asset. The new walking trail is brilliant!
5.	Where ever we can enjoy a nice walk
6.	
7.	Diamond creek. Creek frontage the reason i bought my block.
8.	Rural roads, Ellis cottage and open space around it, Wattle Glen trail I love walking and enjoying the bush
9.	Tracks and trails, for running
10.	We used to stop with a coffee where the Diamond Creek trail car park is, when it was more natural and "undiscovered". A lovely spot with trees and the paddock with deciduous trees between it and the railway line. This is now a functional car park and it has lost its previous appeal. Hopefully the other side of the trail retains some of the appeal of the spot.
11.	The trail
12.	Broad Gully Road, but not happy with the housing developments. Needs fanning out.
13.	The area on both sides of Old Hurstbridge Road and along Clark avenue. The hill on the Hurstbridge side of Old Hurstbridge road, it is full of Kangaroos, and birds, wild and beautiful space to rekindle the soul. Wattle Glen sports reserve - when there are no soccer games there, friendly beautiful open space. The wild walk along the creek from Murray Drive to Valley Rd.

14.	<p>My favourite spot is the wetlands on the north side of Peppers Paddock which were created by the Friends of Watery Gully (with the help of Councils Environment Department officers.: -).</p> <p>Not many people know about this restored wetland area and the idea of a footbridge that crosses Watery Gully Creek and joins the wetland to the community facilities, (playground equipment, toilets, BBQ shelter) on the south side of Peppers Paddock would be fantastic.</p>
15.	<p>Diamond Creek Trail, Peppers Paddock, general store.</p> <p>I often ride there with up to 15 members of our bike group. I know other bike and walking groups also now regularly use the Diamond Creek Trail to visit Wattle Glen and go to the general store, if they know where it is and how to get there.</p>
16.	<p>Peppers Paddock - lovely green space, with seats in shade and sun, wetlands with croaking frogs and indigenous vegetation, with cafe nearby, just a short walk from home. It is not over developed, keeping much of the natural values of the area.</p> <p>The new Diamond Creek Trail. A good walking path, not too hilly, nicely landscaped and signposted. Well away from the road and traffic (except bikes - if they would only give warning when coming up behind)</p> <p>Valley Road and Sylvan Road for a good long walk. Hardly any traffic, beautiful scenery.</p>
17.	Walking trails, bike trails for exercise within 5kms. No other options at present
18.	
19.	Trail running, in natural, rural setting on quiet roads. Guaranteed to see native wildlife and birds
20.	I love the trail it is away from the bust road and has beautiful trees and bird life. I also love the park it has lots of green space
21.	Peppers Paddock, general store nice place to stop
22.	The views up near the primary school
23.	<p>The shared trail (start of the Green Wedge Trail) on the roadside verge of the Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Road</p> <p>Riding beside Watery Gully Creek</p> <p>The picnic table on crown land opposite the WG General Store (over the Old Hurstbridge Road)</p> <p>The WG General Store</p> <p>Peppers Paddock and toilet</p>
24.	My favourite is peppers paddock as its such a beautiful quiet play area, great meeting point for a nice day outing
25.	Diamond Creek Trail for cycling
26.	The street in which I live is very quiet and I love the position of my home.
27.	Quiet back/dirt roads for walking and cycling
28.	The views from Watery Gully road (outside the "area of interest"), the path between Murray Drive and Valley Road (outside the "area of interest")... most of the places I like in WG are apparently outside the "area of interest"!

29.	Diamond Creek trail, Wattle Glen Sports Reserve, Peppers Paddock - for exercise and spend time in nature. General store for coffee, snacks.
30.	Peppers Paddock, new bike path.
31.	
32.	
33.	Peppers Paddock as the kids can play on the playground or on the open space, as well as explore the creek and other side of the river.
34.	Walking track, playground, general store, the seating in Peppers Paddock. Just the peaceful outlook of the area has been very beneficial during lockdown.
35.	3x3 basketball, basketball
36.	The new walking path linking us to Diamond Creek and soon Hurstbridge. We have been waiting for this for years (decades?). Peppers Paddock and the General Store.
37.	As above, these businesses are local and valuable .
38.	The Wattle Glen end of the Diamond Creek trail. It's beautiful with the large trees, quiet surrounds. Very peaceful to walk along. The land behind Mannish Road - it's so open, quiet, full of native animals.
39.	Taking the kids to Peppers Paddock to play
40.	Between station and creek. I live there
41.	- The hill behind Mannish Rd that can walk through Clarke Ave. Love this, nice and peaceful with lots of kangaroos gathering around. - Old Hurstbridge Rd, nice and quiet
42.	All of it. It allows me to breathe in and be a part of the natural world
43.	Wattle Glen Sport Reserve
44.	The trail is lovely... can't wait to have the Hurstbridge portion completed
45.	General store - friendly, heart of the town, connection to community School - small, exceptional care, education/curriculum on the forefront The new trail!
46.	the new bike track is AWESOME but we love the entire area (why we moved here)
47.	Diamond Creek pathway
48.	I love walking on Valley Road (my road) and other roads around. I love that area behind Pepper's Paddock, the sort of wetlandsy area. I love the new bike path!
49.	
50.	New Diamond Creek Trail - ideal for walking/scooter/bikes with kids. Peppers Paddock - kids love it
51.	-tennis... great coach (Mark) and people
52.	-
53.	As a family with three young children, we love the direct access to wildlife and nature at our doorstep - watching kangaroos, picking mushrooms, riding

	our scooters along the new trail, taking the dog for a run at Peppers Paddock while the kids play at the playground.
54.	Wattle Glen Primary is just a beautiful place to be
55.	Elise Cottage, lovely place for reflections, kids and dogs can run 'wild' under the power lines.
56.	The wetlands of Pepper's Paddock The walk along Watery Gully The newly opened walking trail (to Diamond Creek)
57.	Diamond creek trail for walking the dog, and once we are allowed, picnicking at the picnic tables will be a highlight. Love the bush views, river views, great wide path for walkers, dog, kids, horses Peppers paddock, I enjoy being part of FOWG and contributing to the natural value of the space, learning about indigenous plants and eliminating weeds
58.	Favourite places are the sports club and diamond creek trail because I exercise there.
59.	Soccer reserve Use it to walk me dog

	Question 4: What do you value most about Wattle Glen?
1.	The natural environment, that there is very little development, our recreational trails
2.	It's a location close to the melb cbd.
3.	Low population, many trees and much bushland, low-density housing, friendly people, low traffic
4.	That it is green and feels safe. I am so grateful that Wattle Glen has kept it's unique untouched charm and so I have the privilege of raising my children in almost exactly the same safe, bushy, friendly neighbourhood environment that I grew up in 40 years earlier. I also value it's potential to maintain it's ethos while developing some new assets such as a small mud brick shopping strip opposite the park. Artists in residence. A community centre next to the general store. An upgrade to the scout hall to encourage it's use.
5.	The open space and uncrowned areas
6.	The country feel, verve off the main road and access unsealed roads and beautiful scenery. Unsealed roads are full of trees and abundant with wildlife.
7.	Perfect the way it is.
8.	Bush and natural environment
9.	Not overbuilt, good community
10.	Its not over-developed. It has a hamlet feel and is very pretty with bush and Peppers Paddock.

11.	The trail and the train station I wish I could answer more than one to the next question as I walk, drive and ride my bike equally - Wattle Glen is great for this :)
12.	Vicinity to family and friends
13.	The wildlife, the space, the green, the birds, the quiet. the freedom from shops except the lovely peppers paddock store.
14.	<p>I value the camaraderie of community groups where Wattle Glen, because of its size I think, certainly punches above its weight. In the past I have been an active member of the Wattle Glen CFA (20 years), family member of tennis club (15 years) and as a parent my three children attended Wattle Glen Primary School for seven years each.</p> <p>Now I am still an active member of both the Wattle Glen Residents Association (45 years and now on the committee) and the Friends of Watery Gully (28 years and current hold the important position of Tea Lady.)</p> <p>All of these community groups, as well as other sporting ones, including those at the Wattle Glen Memorial Reserve should all be nurtured by Council whenever possible. Could an overview of all this Community activity be the responsibility of one Council Officer from a Council implementation point of view?</p>
15.	The pleasant, low key mix of rural and urban environs that are now more readily accessible via the Diamond Creek Trail.
16.	<p>It provides the best of both country and suburban living. Beautiful rural surroundings, yet not far from town.</p> <p>We rarely have hot nights when suburbs closer to Melbourne are sweltering. You can actually feel the temperature drop as you leave the more built-up Diamond Creek, heading for Wattle Glen on a hot night.</p> <p>Also it's a place with an interesting range of domestic architecture - old and new - not the boring uniformity you see in the housing estates. People tend to 'do their own thing' with their properties, houses tucked into their surroundings, rather than trying to 'keep up with the Jones'.</p>
17.	Quiet, biodiversity, rural atmosphere, birds, native habitat, walking trails, bike trails/riding, access to public transport, close proximity to shopping but separated from suburbia
18.	Trees! Not built up like diamond creek.
19.	Natural setting and undeveloped spaces
20.	Nature
21.	Its still has a country village feel with the General store CFA and tennis club and Peppers paddock.
22.	It is peaceful

23.	<p>Wattle Glen still feels like a rural 'farming' hamlet. The shared trail (start of the Green Wedge Trail) on the roadside verge on the Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Road is important for connecting the Green Wedge Trail to Peppers Paddock, the WG General Store and ultimately the Diamond Creek Trail.</p> <p>Riding beside Watery Gully Creek</p> <p>The picnic table area on crown land opposite the WG General Store (over the Old Hurstbridge Road)</p>
24.	Upkeep and safety and authenticity
25.	centrality
26.	The trees and plants, animal life, natural environment.
27.	The semi-rural feel, whilst having the convenience of the station; being able to walk to the station and get the train to the city.
28.	The trees, the birds, the fact that it is semi-rural but close to public transport and shops
29.	<p>Bushland areas, walking trails, native birds and animals, fresh air, views of nearby hills.</p> <p>Fairly small community, friendly residents, great area to raise a family, several sports clubs in area.</p>
30.	Rural, fresh air, trees. Not excessive in the number of units/apartments.
31.	Isolation
32.	Accessibility to city via train and Diamond Creek centre via car.
33.	At the moment, the tennis club.
34.	Amenities such as toilets, play area (for grandchildren), the general store, and the fabulous walking track through a lovely environment. We can always find a peaceful place here.
35.	Community interaction and accessibility to sporting facilities.
36.	<p>Environment and people. We also like the cafe at the General store and believe that it could become a very desirable destination/facility/cafe. However, our understanding is that the Shire has stopped this happening by refusing planning permission for various proposals such as a deck on the western side (overlooking the park).</p>
37.	The creek.
38.	The quietness, the aesthetic, that it's an intentionally small community. It feels private, personal. It feels rural, while being close to metropolitan amenity. The views of rolling hills. How connected to nature it feels with kookaburras landing on the deck and kangaroos in the front yard. I like that we don't have traffic lights in the area, helps it feel more rural.
39.	The train station
40.	Was quiet and private. Now my house and land is exposed from walking track
41.	Not too congested and still lots of nature around, please keep it this way.

42.	Community Natural world Bird life Bill, Ghada and Elias at the General Store
43.	The quiet.
44.	The comparative quiet, country town feel.
45.	Nature - the rural setting, trees, country feel Community
46.	the country feel - please don't change it.
47.	Country environment
48.	I love that it's on a metropolitan trainline but I live in a mudbrick house and as I write this I can hear frogs. So the bush-city combo.
49.	School
50.	Bush feel, while still being close to suburban amenities.
51.	-an awesome school -main thing are within walking distance
52.	Trees, Fauna
53.	That it has a quiet, rural feel while still having direct access to the CBD for work. That it is proximate to two hubs (Diamond Creek & Hurstbridge) with multiple childcare, schooling and shopping options.
54.	Community
55.	Community
56.	The links with the natural environment The tree canopy Having the wetlands and home for frogs and other wildlife and plants
57.	The green wedge goals, being the lungs of Melbourne, focus on biodiversity and preserving and enhancing the environment, flora and fauna. We specially bought inside the green wedge knowing our property value wouldn't increase but because we wanted a guarantee of no subdivision and maintaining the low density bush feel and small community feel. I enjoy participating in community run initiatives to support the green wedge and to contribute towards the green wedge mandate
58.	It's only 25km from cbd also it's beautiful up hill and down hill nature not a straight land.
59.	Diamond creek trail and the sports reserve

Question 5:**How do you most travel around Wattle Glen?**

Walk	26
Drive	24
Bicycle	5
Scooter	0
Public Transport	1
Other	0

Question 6:**What are some dangerous or tricky spots for pedestrians and motorists in Wattle Glen?**

1.	We urgently need an off-road trail connecting existing trails along Main Hurstbridge Rd to the Diamond Creek Trail
2.	Definitely the most dangerous road in wattle glen is Wilson road to help the community it needs to be much wider a path walk for pedestrians, level crossing upgrade, lighting.
3.	Walking up Reynolds Rd with no footpath from Sunnyside Dr to Kamarooka Dr.
4.	Wilson's rd to Mannish road needs a round about with an island for safe pedestrian crossing the main rd. There also needs to be a footpath connecting the main rd down to the new walking track from Wilson's oval, Currently there is a constant flow of people walking 'on the road' and across the train tracks to the one lane bridge as this is the only way to get there. Another roundabout should be considered at Reynolds Rd to Old Hurstbridge outside the Milk bar. This intersection leads to the Primary school and is very blocked up at peak times. Exiting from old Hurstbridge Rd can take several minutes at it's busiest times. It is a difficult turn out as traffic speeds are unpredictable as the come up over the rise. A round about here would slow traffic and also create a safe spot for pedestrians to cross. People cross here frequently and it is very dangerous. The road should be properly made on old Hursty road next to the general store and down around the treed round about as a huge number of cars use this and it corrodes away making it unsafe.
5.	Heidelberg-Kinglake Road. The speed 70 then 80 is far to fast, it's dangerous for us turning from our crossover on to the main road. We have a problem with speeding motorists and especially motorcycles. The noise from motorcycles is deafening. The motorcycle fatality on Thursday morning should pinpoint the danger of this road.
6.	Crossing from the main road into Silvan road if you have caught the bus that stops near Silvan road.

	Crossing from main road to Wilson's road to get to the walking track & vice versa.
7.	The roundabout
8.	<p>The new Wattle Glen - Diamond Creek trail is fabulous, but it seems designed to keep out Wattle Glen residents as it is so hard to get too. It is dangerous walking along Wilson Rd (no footpath) to get to it. Why is there no other access point for residents? eg. there should be an access trail near the Ambulance station.</p> <p>Likewise Reynolds Rd has school kids walking along it but no footpaths on the southern end of the primary school, meaning children and families have to walk on the side of the road.</p> <p>It would be really good to have a proper walking trail along the side of Watery Gully.</p> <p>Likewise, bike trails up to Kangaroo Ground would be fabulous.</p>
9.	<p>Crossing to and from the station on foot. Turning right out of the station. Getting out of Neerim Rise and Valley road safely to kangaroo ground road. The single lane Wilson road bridge</p>
10.	The roundabout
11.	A zebra crossing near the park (although there is always a crossing lady/man there during school periods) I think is a good idea - perhaps even at the round about as I often see school aged children and adults trying to cross which can be quite difficult when traffic is heavy
12.	Broad Gully Road Railway crossing
13.	Crossing from the station to the bus stop opposite, or to old Hurstbridge rd.
14.	The noise from vehicles (particularly trucks all hours and weekend motor bike groups) is aurally dominating Wattle Glen more and more. This extra traffic is heading to cross the Yarra River mainly using Kangaroo Ground Rd as a rat run to and from the Diamond Creek direction. Also commuter cars from Wilson Rd, now that it is sealed, come from the residential growth areas of Doreen and Mernda, and then they travel to Kangaroo Ground Rd to get to the Yarra crossing. The proposed roundabout at Mannish Rd would help slow down the second group, particularly when going through the railway station area.
15.	It can be dangerous linking from the end of the Diamond Creek Trail to the general store for cyclists and pedestrians.
16.	Sadly, I find the shared walking/bicycle paths the most dangerous, because many cyclists approach from behind at great speed without warning. It is also becoming dangerous to cross the main road near the station.
17.	<p>Coming out of rail station car park turning right. Coming out of Neerim Rise as vehicles coming from Kangaroo Ground direction around bend are often travelling faster than 60 km/h and often have to either accelerate quickly or pull over into left verge. Coming out of Wilson Road and turning right. For pedestrians crossing road from Peppers paddock to station as no slow points especially at peak tradie hours. Maybe pedestrian refuge.</p> <p>Safe crossing points on Wattle Glen KG road when school crossing not operational, maybe a pedestrian refuge</p>

18.	<p>Crossing road from lower rd to train station - it's dangerous!!!! And especially so for kids who want to access the new bike trail - only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs.</p> <p>Also turning out of lower rd, cars come zooming round the corner from Hurstbridge.</p>
19.	<p>Main road connecting Diamond Creek trail is difficult to cross. Constant traffic and dangerous blind corners. Suggest pedestrian crossing lights and 40 zone</p>
20.	<p>Coming around the corner from the train station onto Wilson's road to join the trail. It is so dangerous people from wattle glen want to access the trail.</p>
21.	<p>As a horse rider, getting across the main Heidelberg-Kinglake Road from the Old Hurstbridge Road behind Peppers Paddock, then having to pass the Station to get to Wilson Road to get on the Diamond Creek Trail is pretty tricky and dangerous.</p> <p>We need a safe, shared trail for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders between the Diamond Creek Trail and the Green Wedge Trail.</p> <p>Crossing the CFA station and Tennis Club to get from the Green Wedge Trail at Watery Gully Road to central Wattle Glen is also tricky</p>
22.	<p>Pedestrians crossing over to Peppers Paddock and walking onto the trail from the main road with a pram is very dangerous</p>
23.	<p>As a horse rider, getting across the Heidelberg-Kinglake Road from the Old Hurstbridge Road behind Peppers Paddock, then having to pass Wattle Glen Station to get to Wilson Road to access the Diamond Creek Trail.</p> <p>This investigation needs to plan a safe, shared connecting route for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders between the Diamond Creek Trail and the Green Wedge Trail.</p> <p>Is there any opportunity to create a trail easement agreement on the land surrounding 540 Main Hurstbridge Road?</p> <p>Having to cross the forecourt of the CFA station and WG Tennis Club to get from the Green Wedge Trail at Watery Gully Road to get to central Wattle Glen.</p>
24.	<p>The entire path past the cfa and the playground not being enclosed safer for young children</p>
25.	<p>The roundabout the bike lane when it has not been swept and may have broken glass or gravel</p>
26.	<p>Crossing over the main road to the railway station and exiting the railway station.</p>
27.	<p>Crossing the main Hurstbridge road.</p>
28.	<p>The pedestrian path between the fire-station and Valley Rd is not sealed and, in sections, is 6 inches deep in mud throughout winter. It's useless for scooters. We need to dry the kids shoes each night after they walk home from school. Unfortunately it is outside the "area of interest" so I suspect nothing will ever be done about it, which is rather frustrating.</p> <p>Wattle Glen offers a poor experience for pedestrians. Many roads don't have pathways. The roundabout crossing between the town and the station/bike-</p>

	<p>path/recreation reserve is really dangerous in the mornings and the afternoons, for children in particular.</p> <p>Residents from the areas to the north of the station often dash across the road during peak hours, rather than walking down to the roundabout and back-tacking. If a train is cancelled, there can be a couple of dozen people running across the road amongst peak-hour traffic to try to get to the bus stop on the east side.</p>
29.	<p>The roundabout at intersection of Main Hurstbridge Road and Kangaroo Ground-Wattle Glen Road is a dangerous site for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. There is no pedestrian crossing which is definitely needed.</p> <p>For motorists turning right into Main Hurstbridge Rd from the Wattle Glen station carpark-it is tricky especially during peak periods and at night due to speed of traffic and a clear view is partially blocked by trees.</p>
30.	<p>Crossing at main round about to get to station.</p>
31.	<p>You have missed the mark with your envelope of wattle glen. The most pressing safety concern is the complete lack of made walking path from the CFA station to the bus stop opposite Lorimer Rd. This path is used every day by our kids and adults alike, as it is the only vaguely safe way of walking to the train station and not being hit by a car. It is desperately in need of formalisation to make it more user friendly. Given its terrain it is not disability suitable, nor could ever be made so, but that should not prevent some sensible efforts being made to improve the existing bush track for more able bodied people!!</p>
32.	<p>Side streets are dangerous, no street lighting, no foot paths and bad condition of roads. At night it feels unsafe to walk from the station. I would like to use my bike more often, but there are insufficient bike paths/tracks and the Diamond Creek track I don't think is illuminated at night (last time I went). Insufficient parking at the general store and reversing out to join the traffic can be tricky when leaving.</p>
33.	<p>Driving - coming out of Reynolds Rd and turning right into Kangaroo Ground-Wattle Glen Road Walking - crossing Kangaroo Ground-Wattle Glen Road from Reynolds Rd side to get to Peppers Paddock Walking/Riding - crossing Kangaroo Ground-Wattle Glen Road at the roundabout as you travel along Main Hurstbridge Rd</p>
34.	<p>The walking track is dangerous when cyclists don't sound their bell. Also THE DOG POO left everywhere. This is really disgusting when it is such a valuable and precious place for people to walk their dogs. It's hard to understand that there is such an overwhelming amount of dog faeces left on the path and the verges, sometimes even in plastic bags. Also graffiti has been a problem.</p>
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36.	<p>Around the roundabout as traffic is travelling fast and the footpaths, etc are close to the traffic. There needs to be an alternative footpath/cycle path around the old road on the northern boundary of Peppers Paddock.</p>

37.	Wattle glen / kangaroo ground road especially the intersection in KG with the main road. Dangerous, too many trucks for a country road.
38.	Mannish Road has no footpath, so walking up and down it is a little scary when exercising with headphones in. Otherwise, on the roads I travel, I have no issue driving through our area and feel the speed limits are appropriate.
39.	Wilson's Rd is more goat track than a safe and suitable road for this day and age.
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41.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No pedestrian crossing in front of Wattle Glen train station, difficult to cross given winding road and cars drive too fast around here. - Not enough street lights, especially along Main Hurstbridge road - No bike path pass a Main Hurstbridge Rd and Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Rd roundabout.
42.	The intersection of Lorimer and Kangaroo Ground Wattle Glen Roads due to 80Km zone extending past the junction
43.	<p>Pedestrians crossing Main-Hurstbridge at the Hurstbridge end of the railway station.</p> <p>Pedestrians, cyclists using Wilson road to access the Diamond Creek Trail.</p>
44.	<p>Crossing the road at the railway station. We need a pedestrian refuge.</p> <p>Walking from the new trail to Main Hurstbridge road... there is no safe path for pedestrians on either side until you get to the bridge in Wilson Rd.</p> <p>Parking at the new trail is haphazard at best.</p> <p>We frequently hear hoon drivers doing circles at the baseball field, then the same at varying intersections towards Diamond Creek. By the time we get through to the police they've moved on.</p>
45.	<p>Where do I start?!</p> <p>Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Road - trying to get across at the crossing to the park (which has a lollipop person on school days). Our son had a near miss trying to get across there. Scaring to see him nearly hit by a car! People speed past the general store area.</p> <p>Crossing the main road at the round about to get over to the station or new trail. Just today our 7 year daughter fell over on the road trying to get across in a panic. It's just horrible trying to get over to the new trail.</p> <p>Trying to get from the footpath to the new trail is also a nightmare. The corner of Wilson's Rd is scary as well as then getting over the railway crossing to get to the trail.</p> <p>It will only be a matter of time before someone is killed on that corner or stretch of road trying to access the new trail.</p>
46.	we live on the corner of mannish road and the main road. this intersection has always frightened me silly as we have to stop in the main road and turn right into mannish when coming home - the traffic comes SO FAST and both of us (myself and my husband) are petrified somebody is going to hit us from behind. we have lived here 18 months and already there has been an accident outside our house. Since the opening of the bike path, which is excellent, i have noticed a massive increase in families attempting to cross

	<p>the main road (also outside our house) with multiple children, bikes and often young children, playing chicken to get across. it is an accident (fatality) waiting to happen and only a matter of time.</p> <p>Additionally, we turn left towards KG out of mannish road and both of us have nearly collided with cars coming from the opposite road (from diamond creek) who are turning without giving way to us. This is also highly dangerous, especially if people aren't clear on the road rules or who they should be giving way too.</p>
47.	The bridge over the Diamond Creek single lane, poor paths to Diamond Creek and bad lighting on paths, Also, many unmade roads
48.	Crossing the road from Pepper's Paddock to the train is my number one concern, especially for my kids. If I could change only one thing it would be a safe crossing to the train across the road to Hurstbridge. I also wish it was a 40km/h zone outside the shop at school times.
49.	The roundabout on main Hurstbridge Rd.
50.	Crossing Main Hurstbridge Rd to the train station when walking from Mannish Rd can be difficult and dangerous at peak times. There is no proper footpath on Mannish Rd, so pedestrians have to walk on the road.
51.	It needs a permanent and safe pedestrian crossing near pepper's paddock and a safe one (if possible?) to cross Main-Hurstbridge Road for better and safer access to the train station
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53.	The roundabout is very busy. Crossing to the station during the morning peak hour can be difficult as the lines of sight are unclear. There is no direct access from the main road, over the railway to access the new trail so you have to either walk across a rocky area or along the road. There is not enough street lighting from the train station to the general store and along connected roads, to feel safe when walking home from the station at night.
54.	The school crossing desperately needs fixing - needs to be a 40 zone. Reynolds Rd outside the school is in need of speed reduction measures. It is more common to see people speeding than doing 40.
55.	Crossing the Main Hurstbridge Rd, access to the walking track along Wilsons rd
56.	Crossing the Kangaroo Ground road anywhere except the roundabout near the station
57.	<p>For pedestrians, the stretch of Wilson Rd between the main Rd and the new DC walking trail. The footpath on the bridge is ok, but the side of the road, particularly at the main Rd end is really dangerous as cars fly around the corner with no visibility and there is no curb or footpath. I used to walk it a lot going to the oval, but now even more with the trail there.</p> <p>For motorists, the whole of Wilson Rd. The traffic has massively increased in the last 18 months or so, and I've had many near collisions with ongoing cars going at least 70 in the middle of the road. There are a lot of spots barely able to fit two cars as it is, and some motorists don't move over. Needs a centre line painted so that people stay on their side in the event of traffic. More speed shows showing the 50km limit would possibly help too.</p>

58.	1. Whole Entire Wilson road to narrow needs to be double sided and pedestrians walk path along the road, power street light/ led lights to be added.
59.	The whole entire Wilson road, extremely dangerous especially on the turns, no lights no footpath for pedestrians

	<p>Question 7:</p> <p>When thinking about the environment what do you value in Wattle Glen? For example, the landscape, trees, a park, birds or a special spot (such as a pond, creek or a hill with a nice view).</p>
1.	The landscape, the scenic vistas, the indigenous trees and vegetation, the indigenous wildlife, the rehabilitation of Peppers Paddock
2.	It's nice to have a clear view but it's too bushy so makes it very hard to see a good view.
3.	Trees, low-density housing, landscape, birdlife
4.	There are so many magical green elements in Wattle Glen
5.	The lovely new walking tracks
6.	Temple ridge has... a beautiful view from the top and all the wildlife that live in it. (It may be classified as Hurstbridge?)
7.	Wattles along creek
8.	Landscape, the walking trails eg. the fire access trail off Thorne Rd, the trail along Watery Gully
9.	How green it is and good walking tracks. The new track to Diamo is great
10.	Trees, the creek and the landscape.
11.	I mentioned in question 1 that the first thought that comes to mind when I think of Wattle Glen is that it is dry - some water would be incredible, a lake, a pond, some GREEN trees - anything to give it some life!!!!
12.	The creek on Broad Gully Road
13.	All of your examples... Birds, some species no longer found in suburbs are still found here - Gang Gang's. Spotted Pardalotes, the froggy marshy pools. the wild creeks, The hill! next to old Hurstbridge road and the kangaroos there. Quiet back roads.
14.	<p>The neighbourhood character throughout the town is a joy. Particularly the tree dominated older section of the residential area and of course the Green Wedge section where much of it is also part of the township (btw: The 'outside' Green Wedge land surrounds and entwines with about 2700 of the residential part of the residential zoned township).</p> <p>However to maintain the character in town and for the surrounding Green Wedge area, Council needs to be more environmentally proactive with their attitude and with their land management enforcement.</p> <p>I know the Wattle Glen Residents Association is keen for Council to buy</p>

	<p>(probably using state or federal grants) the vacant land between Mannish Rd and Clarke Ave which is currently for sale, and this would be a great fillip to encouraging proper weed control, tree protection and general environmental awareness.</p> <p>The informal tracks on this land would also be a great way for pedestrians, dog walkers and cyclists to connect the northern residential areas of Wattle Glen with central Wattle Glen without having to go near the manic Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd.</p> <p>Buying this land, currently for sale, may seem like a big ask of Council, but it seems more and more Council taking the initiative for the benefit of the environment is becoming less and less.</p>
15.	The environment your experience as you travel the Diamond Creel Trail and around Peppers Paddock and the general store.
16.	<p>Wattle Glen has a beautiful rural landscape, with the Diamond Creek Valley between the hills, and views up to the Kinglake Ranges.</p> <p>The wattle trees in winter/spring are spectacular, and wildflowers can be seen in some places - Hardenbergia along Mannish Road and I have counted 15 different wildflower species along Wilson Road (outside the study area). But a few native lilies have popped up in gardens in Lower Road.</p> <p>There is a diverse population of birds - magpies, rosellas (eastern and crimson) butcher birds, tawny frogmouths (sometimes), galahs, cockatoos, bronzewings, crested pigeons, kookaburras, ducks, herons. Sadly most of the little birds (blue wrens, pardelotes etc).have disappeared from my area, but maybe some are still at Peppers Paddock. There are also kangaroos, and I love to hear the frogs at Peppers Paddock.</p>
17.	Biodiversity, Climate Change Action, Protection and enhancement of native flora and fauna, noxious weed and plant removal, pest control, foxes, rabbits etc.
18.	Open spaces to meander around and explore. Views and tree tops a must!!!
19.	Old tall trees, watery gully creek, undeveloped land along the creek and hill side
20.	park, trees & bird life
21.	<p>Watery Gully Creek and its trail alongside..</p> <p>The rural views with their mix of paddocks and bush</p>
22.	The Wattle trees, kookaburras
23.	<p>Watery Gully Creek and the trail alongside it.</p> <p>Rural vistas of farmland.</p>
24.	The green landscape and the birds
25.	The rural treed atmosphere
26.	Trees, open spaces, birds and a hill with a nice view.
27.	Walks on quiet dirt roads and the new walking track
28.	The views from the hills along Watery Gully Road are lovely. The north side of Peppers Paddock. The birdsong in the early morning. Really liking the new bike path.

29.	Hilly landscape with good views, beautiful trees, native wildlife, walking trails and open spaces, walking trail between Valley Rd and the general store, the Diamond Creek, Watery Gully, Peppers Paddock for picnics.
30.	Trees, green.
31.	It's fine as it is
32.	
33.	No retail shops, it's peaceful with lots of trees. Peppers Paddock is a great meeting spot, with lots of space to play, an undercover area, toilets and access to coffee at the General Store.
34.	The landscape alongside the walking track is really interesting as it changes from bush to farmland and into developed areas. It's a cross section of our shire. We've seen all sorts of birds including small spine bills and New Holland Honeyeaters and larger birds such as kookaburras. There's evidence of wombat diggings along the trail as well. Just standing on one of the bridges and watching the water birds dipping and diving gives great pleasure.
35.	
36.	Peppers paddock, especially the middle where Watery Gully flows through. We also value the banks of Watery Gully further upstream from the Store. The banks of Diamond Creek itself and the whole of the new path linking us to the world!
37.	Rural village feel, Diamond creek and remaining big trees.
38.	The overall landscape of Wattle Glen is its most valuable feature. I love that my house backs onto so much open, vacant land, filled with wildlife, large old trees. I love that I look across a valley to rolling hills, mostly untouched. The Wattle Glen part of the Diamond Creek trail is so wonderful, it genuinely FEELS like Wattle Glen. It's really easy to tell when you've crossed into Diamond Creek, with the bulldozing for development. Wattle Glen is an amazing pocket of nature.
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40.	Diamond creek, trees
41.	All of the above. Love all the surround nature around here. I also love to walk along Old Hurstbridge Rd, nice and quiet, so please leave it as is.
42.	Birdlife Wildlife, Trees and wide open sky Peppers Paddock Evening light on the bush
43.	the pond near wattle glen station and wetlands at peppers paddock (especially the frogs) the variety of birdlife visiting our garden (including owls) the tree coverage and the treed hills to the west.
44.	
45.	Definitely trees and open natural space
46.	The feeling of country - the bush, the trees, the birds.
47.	Trees landscape and native animals
48.	The landscape generally, and the birds and frogs.

49.	
50.	The environment generally and wildlife.
51.	-trees -hills -quiet
52.	-
53.	The views, the species diversity, the wetlands, the frog sounds, the pine trees on the hill (for pine mushroom season!). Being surrounded by green is amazing!
54.	My favourite spot is the top of the hill up from Kamarooka Dr
55.	Places fir the wildlife, creek, paddocks with old and big trees
56.	The tree canopy and bush feel generally, especially where the understory has been preserved. The wetlands behind Pepper's Paddock. The wonderful trees down near the Diamond Creek.
57.	Definitely the overall bushy landscape, and particularly areas of remnant bushland typical of the original ecological vegetation. Views onto bush reserves or blocks rather than the barren DC development hills. The creek and the walking trail. Peppers paddock for its revegetation and picnic spot
58.	To value this area and to be able to enjoy it's beautiful nature we must have a great and huge plan to upgrade all the streets and put power in them to make it more valuable and beautiful.
59.	I would value this area a lot more if I see it developed into a larger community

	Question 8:
	When thinking about history and other heritage what do you value in Wattle Glen? For example, a certain house, an old bridge or an old local story.
1.	Ellis Cottage is a great example of celebrating early European heritage. Otherwise, I find there is very little recognition of Wattle Glen's indigenous, timber, farming and orchard-related history.
2.	I respect the history and the heritage areas but This beautiful suburb deserves a major development to make it value a lot more
3.	Hearing about gold mining along Watery Gully and market gardens in Valley Rd
4.	The historic society
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8.	Ellis cottage
9.	The Jones house. Original habitat
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11.	Looking at Peppers Paddock, externally it has a great look about it, I have only every been in there once as sadly, I was extremely disappointed by the lack of hospitality and warmth. That was a few years ago, I'm wondering if it has changed hands since? Unfortunately, there's no second chance when there are so many other options close by... Black vice for example
12.	none come to mind
13.	The fact that the creek is named after a bull. I despair at the water quality from the old gold mining habits.
14.	The new Diamond Creek Regional Trail is a great opportunity to inform people about the history of Wattle Glen. Information boards could be placed on the trail near Scrubby Creek, where the power lines are the border of Diamond Creek and Wattle Glen. Information boards could mention the original custodians, then Ellis Model Farm, WG was first called Balee when the train line was built, gold being found along Watery Gully Creek and the gold mines off Moonlight Rd. Perhaps someone would like to include the arson – the community hall in Wilson rd, the railway station and the Wattle Glen Primary School (twice I believe) Given Scrubby Creek is also the border for the Green Wedge, it could also be a great place to welcome people to “Wattle Glen – The Gateway to the Green Wedge.”
15.	The visible and known, but not visible connections to the early history of the area. It would be helpful to have information on heritage related signage at relevant spots along the Diamond Creek Trail and around Wattle Glen.
16.	The former gold diggings along Watery Gully. The former Upper Diamond Creek School house along the main road (outside the area). The former church next to the school (now a residence). Some of the old houses from the 1920s and 30s remain, often remodelled and extended, but still remind us of the modest architecture of the district's past. There is a row of fruit trees adjacent to the Diamond Creek Trail, a reminder of the district's orcharding history. I have heard stories of the swimming hole in the Diamond Creek, not sure where, but probably not considered safe these days.
17.	I do not value the sub station. There is little historically significant structures I am aware of in Wattle Glen.
18.	Old mud brick shed at no 10 Lower Rd
19.	Nothing
20.	not particularly
21.	The Wattle Glen I grew up with is riding my horse to meet friends who rode their horses from Diamond Creek at the old general store on the other side of the train station. We tied the horse up and have a four and twenty pie with sauce squirted straight into the pie from the plastic squirty bottle in a paper bag and a milkshake from a metal container you took back to the store! How environmental friendly we were! Lovely days that could still happen for kids if they had safe trails, crossings and tie ups. We the ride has changed from when I was a kid still lovely to be out on the horse but the fear factor from the traffic is a reality not a perception.

22.	Have no idea as it's not written up anywhere I feel that Peppers Paddock General Store lacks character and could definitely be more interesting and it must have a lot of history!!
23.	The farming and orchard heritage. The original farmhouses like the one in Murray Drive.
24.	I'm not aware of any
25.	nothing comes to mind
26.	I do not know much about the history of Wattle Glen, would be nice to have some literature about it particularly the indigenous history.
27.	There isn't much heritage left... the original general store building on the corner of Reynolds Road??
28.	Have to assume that Wurundjeri-willam people lived and worked in the area. There is no info I can find regarding this that relates to Wattle Glen specifically. Is a shame, makes me feel like I'm disrespectful. The signs of gold digging and possibly past residency along Watery Gully creek (within outside the "area of interest" but is well within Wattle Glen. The old collapsing holiday-house fibros deserve some sort of heritage assessment - but are outside the "area of interest" so guess they'll just tumble Most of what I know about Wattle Glen's history I have found on Victorian Collections - https://victoriancollections.net.au/collections?q=wattle%20glen .
29.	The local history of the area is fascinating, especially the history of Wattle Glen Primary School.
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31.	Don't stop progress with some old relic.
32.	I think the old steam trains that come through from time to time are lovely, but there is insufficient (safe) space to stop by the side of the road to watch/appreciate them
33.	I don't know any history of the area.
34.	I'm glad that the General Store is still operating. Where I live in Yarrambat the store has been closed for years and what was a traditional country store is an ugly relic.
35.	
36.	Peppers paddock. Could you ask us about what we want to see removed: the old electricity building (cream brick box) on VicTrack land just north of the station . . . indeed that whole area need landscaping.
37.	The store.
38.	I love the General Store - I think that's a really quaint piece of Wattle Glen history.

39.	
40.	My house and land. [REDACTED].
41.	All of it, let's preserve the way they were and re-store where appropriate
42.	A heritage gate in an old fence on the south side of WGKG Rd A strong sense but poor knowledge of the First Nations people who lived here
43.	The history of the picnic ground
44.	I would like any old homes/settlements on the trail to be protected (like Herberts ruins) and highlighted, also including any Wurrundjeri site information.
45.	The original post office on the corner of Reynolds Rd The primary school history
46.	nothing really
47.	Ellis Cottage is the most prominent heritage attraction in Wattle Glen and the Gold Mining history
48.	I'd love to know more about the Wurrundjeri people.
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53.	We love the scary old scout hall. It would be great to know more about the indigenous history of the area.
54.	Just the general area
55.	Elise Cottage
56.	I am interested in knowing more about the indigenous history. It would be good if there was some more information around WG about this history.
57.	I wish there was more info on the history of WG, I've found it hard to find much.
58.	I don't see there is any value for something old for eg old houses I prefer to see new houses to make the area look better.
59.	

Question 9:	
Are there any areas of Wattle Glen that you feel unsafe in and what is the cause?	
1.	Walking or cycling along Wilson Rd from Main Hurstbridge Rd to get to the Diamond Creek Trail - sometimes the road shoulder is so narrow, you need to cross Wilson Rd a number of times to make sure you are on a wide shoulder, especially when walking with young children.
2.	Wilson road it's a narrow lane that cyclists pedestrians cars trucks use it also it's got heaps of curves makes it very difficult on turns not to get in to a crash.

3.	Cycling down Kangaroo Ground Rd towards Wattle Glen between Valley Rd and Hurstbridge Rd if there is other traffic coming fast along that section.
4.	No
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6.	Lack of street lighting on the main road from the train station to the end of wattle glen heading towards hurstbridge
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11.	No, always feel very safe. In saying that I wouldn't walk alone at night, nor allow my daughters to either.
12.	Our property in Broad Gully Road. People are constantly trespassing and dumping residential and commercial rubbish. We have had to call in the EPA a few times, but the council has not helped in any way
13.	no, occasionally crossing main road, speeding traffic.
14.	<p>Pedestrians crossing the manic Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd at the train station, is a huge safety issue as the traffic amount and speed are ever increasing. Coming from the south walkers and cyclists are able to use the islands at the Kangaroo Ground Rd roundabout to cross Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd which helps.</p> <p>However there is nothing for all the pedestrian commuters coming from the north direction. The proposal for a roundabout a Mannish Rd corner could solve this problem as well as a lot of other problems. To wit: The proposed roundabout will also help those pedestrians and cyclists getting to and from the new Diamond Creek Regional Trail, will slow down traffic as it approaches the station area, will make it safer at the intersection for car using Mannish Rd and Wilson Rd etc.</p> <p>1. Council have put in an asphalt path from the General Store to the toilet block on Peppers Paddock. For safety they placed bollards along the edge of the adjacent vehicle parking. However, Council are very tardy in replacing any bollards that get smashed. Cannot checking the bollards be part of Council's Parks and Gardens department fortnightly visits to Peppers Paddock?</p> <p>2. Parking spaces for Peppers Paddock are often mentioned and while I agree they look nicer if sealed, I imagine the General Store relies on truck drivers getting a parking space to go to order their breakfast or lunch.</p> <p>3. Also, the current school bus-stop position prevents other Pepper Paddock visitors parking at a time when the playground equipment users often need to park. Can the school bus stop be placed elsewhere, eg at the front of the Tennis Club car-park in Kangaroo Ground Rd or use the public bus stop at the railway station as a school bus stop as well?</p>

15.	Travelling from the Diamond Creek Trail to the general store, particular trying to navigate crossing the Main Hurstbridge Road.
16.	No. I just keep a lookout for snakes and bikes, and have to be careful walking down steep hills.
17.	Crossing main road between station and Peppers Paddock. Crossing Wattle Glen KG Rd between 7am-9am and 3pm to 6pm at bottom of Neerim Rise. Traffic is too fast coming around bend from KG, also cars/4WD/trucks will veer into dirt at speed on left travelling to KG to go around vehicles waiting to turn right into Neerim Rise.
18.	Wilson rd, walking to the new trail, there's no footpath. Also no crossing from lower rd to station - dangerous!
19.	Main diamond creek road due to heavy, fast traffic
20.	yes, access to the trail
21.	I always hold my breath crossing the Main Road at the end of Old Hurstbridge Road behind Peppers Paddock and then passing the train station and carpark to get to Wilson Road and the Diamond Creek Trail. A safer link would be wonderful for horse riders.
22.	Walking along the main road with a pram I found dangerous when the path drops near the road Crossing the main road and walking on the road to get onto the new trail is very dangerous as tradies come shooting around the corner
23.	When riding, I feel unsafe crossing the Heidelberg-Kinglake Road at the end of Old Hurstbridge Road behind Peppers Paddock and then negotiating the train station and carpark to get to Wilson Road and the Diamond Creek Trail.
24.	There is no lights on the new walking track
25.	no
26.	Top of Kamarooka Drive intersection turning right into Reynolds Road due to plants obstructing view.
27.	No.
28.	- Crossing to the train station at the roundabout - especially at peak hours; Lots of impatient drivers and little to slow them down - dashing to the city-bound bus stop from the station when a train has been cancelled - The sharp corner with no footpath at all near the creek crossing on Valley Road; not just used by residents - lots of walkers from elsewhere park at the end and walk into the hills this way. Both main roads are used by lots of folk just passing through in the morning or afternoon, for whom speed limit signs appear to be purely ornamental.
29.	Crossing Main Hurstbridge Road at the roundabout is risky. Crossing the railway line at Wilson Road is unsafe as there is no footpath or allocated pedestrian crossing. Sections of Wilson Road have no footpath.
30.	
31.	As above, the walking path to Lorimer Rd needs immediate work. Also there is no link walking path from the new bike trail between diamo and hursty at

	the Wilson Rd interchange. It is a dodge of trains and cars to get home. Complete oversight there.
32.	As per above, my main concern is insufficient street lighting (eg Mannish Rd), at night the streets are steep, narrow and unilluminated. The DC Trail is dark at night.
33.	No really unsafe areas I know of or use. Sometimes the toilets are yuck but that's a common complaint of public toilets.
34.	Wattle Glen is a safe place for me.
35.	
36.	Just around the roundabout because of the speed of the traffic.
37.	As above the intersection of wattle glen / main road at KG. The railway crossing at Wilson road and Wilson road itself.
38.	I wouldn't say there's any area in Wattle Glen that I would say I ever felt "unsafe".
39.	Driving along Wilson RD makes me feel unsafe, it is caused by the road being extremely narrow.
40.	
41.	Not enough street lights, especially along Main Hurstbridge road. It's difficult to walk home from a train station after finish work in winter.
42.	Yes! Two way high speed of tailgating traffic from the general store to beyond the intersection with Lorimer Road
43.	
44.	Crossing Main Hurstbridge Rd is dangerous during peak times particularly in winter at the corner where the railway station meets the road. Extra lighting and a lower speed would be considerate.
45.	Crossing the roads
46.	<p>the intersection of mannish road and main hurstbridge road, as mentioned above and for the reasons mentioned above. This is the worst one.</p> <p>Secondly the road down from the main road to the cycle track - no footpath and not even enough room for 2 cars to pass let alone the bikes and children and families and dogs that are heading down there.</p> <p>I walk my dog regularly at night from Wattle Glen to Diamond Creek along the bike track / walking track. I am not easily scared but between the WG roundabout and kamarooka drive there is a section of that walkway which is pitch black with NO lighting whatsoever and bushes alongside the footpath. I don't feel safe here and have turned back a couple of times. It just needs a light, that's all.</p> <p>finally the new bike track has many dog walkers which is also awesome but quite a few are offlead - i am not frightened of dogs but I DO own a dog that is not 'other dog friendly' when on lead - their dogs might be ok, but mine isn't and i can't have their dogs approaching mine and not being under control. It</p>

	would be nice to have some reminders or enforcement to have dogs on leads so we can all enjoy the space (plus I am aware that there are many little children who are scared of dogs...)
47.	Paths are poorly maintained and lighting issues
48.	Walking between the tennis courts and Valley Road at night because it's so dark. In winter the paths get muddy and slippery, in summer the overgrown grass conceals snakes. AND CROSSING THE ROAD FROM THE TRAIN!!!!
49.	Roundabout: I can't allow my child to use the roundabout which means they cannot use the bus or train or the new bike path to travel independently to school.
50.	I don't feel safe walking on Mannish Rd with my small children. The road is uneven and narrow with no footpath. Mannish Rd would greatly benefit from a proper footpath down at least one side.
51.	-crossing roads (see above)
52.	-
53.	Walking home (to Park Street) of a night from the train station feels unsafe as there is not enough street lighting to see where you're going. The area outside the public toilets in particular is scary as it is dark and there are bushes impeding your view in multiple directions.
54.	The school crossing, and that there is no real footpath from the crossing to the school. Kids have to cross at Warrington or go up the long way
55.	Our streets, bad drivers, people breaking into cars
56.	No
57.	Drunk bogan neighbours when they go off their nut. The week the DC fair carnies are in town is the only week we lock the doors and the cars. Everything else feels very safe.
58.	Yes, Wilson road It's a very busy narrow rd that for the safety of the people and my family and anyone that go pass Wilson road will experience that there's a very high chance a horrible and a disaster of an accident can take place along the road.
59.	Mainly the roads are very unsafe and abit scary to take the kids and dog for a walk to get around the streets

Question 10: What would you change within the streets and open spaces of Wattle Glen to best meet your needs?	
1.	More indigenous trees and understorey vegetation
2.	I would change all the current roads streets around the train station starting from Wilson add a petrol station some food shops Add lights in the streets
3.	A pedestrian bridge from Peppers Paddock to other side of the creek to link the areas and allow better access and use of both sides of the creek. It is a lovely area on the other side now but underutilised.
4.	I would love there to be less traffic! The noise is very loud. I would love to see the 36 acres that is for sale on Mannish road purchased by council and used as a recreation property. It is stunning and loaded with potential opportunity :)
5.	Reduce the speed on Heidelberg-Kinglake Road 70 to 60 and from 80 to 70 from the roundabout outside the station
6.	More lighting on the main road through Wattle Glen otherwise i would leave the rest.
7.	
8.	More walking trails and access to them. More footpaths More bike lanes
9.	Keep linking areas with walking tracks. Keep replanting original habitat. Better more obvious pedestrian crossing to the station.
10.	Even though we drive through mainly and often, it would be great to have cars slowed down and the space made more pedestrian friendly. We may go there more often for walks if the H'bridge side of the trail is pleasant. The Diamond Creek side did not appeal greatly - busy and the landscape is not a match to the beautiful Ferguson Paddock walk in H'bridge.
11.	Lights along the main road from Wattle Glen to Diamond Creek would be good. Coming into Wattle Glen, the first thing you see is a train station at the round about and a street sign - not very inviting. A lovely sign welcoming people to Wattle Glen would be so nice to see, something not outdated but with a rustic yet modern and vibrant feel to it!
12.	A graduation between houses and the open areas. Open areas for public use should be on public land NOT private land. There is no respect for private land in Wattle Glen. Roads need to be upgraded for safety. Would love to see little community shops not just on the main road but in various streets to promote community. Opportunities for sensible agricultural businesses and markets in the area
13.	Not much! Maybe a clearer access from the station to the new walkway in Wilson Road - safer pedestrian and bike crossing over the rail line - since that path opened the number of people there on a Saturday morning has gone from one (me) to 12 cars parked and many foot traffic at any one time. Making a clear access from there to the railway could work well for families to walk from

	<p>Diamo, over to Pepper Paddock for coffee and a train home - but those links are not clear.</p> <p>Encourage cyclists to use the cycle tracks instead of main road.</p> <p>But that's for others. For my needs don't change much at all!</p> <p>Purchase the hill next to Old Hurstbridge Road to extend the parkland and maintain Wattle Glen's unique 'country escape feel' for the walkers from here and Diamond Creek.</p>
14.	<p>Pedestrians crossing the manic Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd at the train station, is a huge safety issue as the traffic amount and speed are ever increasing. Coming from the south walkers and cyclists are able to use the islands at the Kangaroo Ground Rd roundabout to cross Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd which helps.</p> <p>However there is nothing for all the pedestrian commuters coming from the north direction. The proposal for a roundabout a Mannish Rd corner could solve this problem as well as a lot of other problems. To wit: The proposed roundabout will also help those pedestrians and cyclists getting to and from the new Diamond Creek Regional Trail, will slow down traffic as it approaches the station area, will make it safer at the intersection for car using Mannish Rd and Wilson Rd etc.</p> <p>1. Council have put in an asphalt path from the General Store to the toilet block on Peppers Paddock. For safety they placed bollards along the edge of the adjacent vehicle parking. However, Council are very tardy in replacing any bollards that get smashed. Cannot checking the bollards be part of Council's Parks and Gardens department fortnightly visits to Peppers Paddock?</p> <p>2. Parking spaces for Peppers Paddock are often mentioned and while I agree they look nicer if sealed, I imagine the General Store relies on truck drivers getting a parking space to go to order their breakfast or lunch.</p> <p>3. Also, the current school bus-stop position prevents other Pepper Paddock visitors parking at a time when the playground equipment users often need to park. Can the school bus stop be placed elsewhere, eg at the front of the Tennis Club car-park in Kangaroo Ground Rd or use the public bus stop at the railway station as a school bus stop as well?</p>
15.	<p>Provision of a safe crossing for pedestrians and cyclists across the the Main Hurstbridge Road.</p>
16.	<p>Weeding and clearing of dead vegetation. (I don't mean the hollow logs kept for animals)</p> <p>All along the roadside paths are slopes overgrown with weeds and bits of dead wood that one can trip over.</p> <p>Sadly, the northern side of Peppers Paddock is choked with weeds. the WGRA did such a good job planting this area a few years ago, but now the weeds have taken over, probably because lockdown has prohibited their monthly working bees. Could Council send a small work team to weed and prune?</p> <p>Also we need a campaign to stop people throwing their rubbish along the roadside - probably much of it from car windows. I suspect, also that some of</p>

	<p>it may be from clumsy emptying of bins by the rubbish trucks. It would be good to have the piece of old road on the north of Pepper's Paddock tidied up and repaired as a walking track too.</p>
17.	<p>Have left turn out of station carpark only with a roundabout at Wilson Road to allow a safe U turn and also slow traffic past the station and safer crossing for pedestrians. Have a round about at Neerim Rise and Valley Road to slow traffic as it enters Wattle Glen from Kangaroo Ground and possibly realign the two intersections to allow this as one intersection. A crossing point at Peppers Paddock to connect to the new trails to DC and Hurstbridge.</p>
18.	<p>Crossing over main rd to station with lights! Better footpaths.</p>
19.	<p>Other than comment above, nothing else to change, perfect as is</p>
20.	<p>path to continue from railway station to meet up with the trail.</p>
21.	<p>A safe crossing for all to use.</p> <p>A tie up rail for horse riders in Peppers Paddock near the toilets</p> <p>Horse yards at the old General store site. think it my be crown land.</p>
22.	<p>The playground could be a bit more interesting! Maybe a sand pit? More community connections helping - food shares Nicer bbq area at Peppers Paddock - maybe not near the side of the road as a bit depressing!! Make shop more interesting - maybe it could sell community foods / live music? Live music in Peppers Paddock would be lovely instead of it always been in Hurstbridge? Move the Wattle Festival to Wattle Glen?</p>
23.	<p>If possible, a trail easement being provided through the privately owned land surrounding 540 Heidelberg-Kinglake Road to link up with Wilson Road and the Diamond Creek Trail.</p> <p>If this is not possible, a pedestrian (all user) crossing on the Heidelberg-Kinglake Road to get to Wilson Road.</p> <p>Provision for parking including for horse floats on the Old Hurstbridge Road behind Peppers Paddock, near Clarke Avenue.</p> <p>A tie up rail provided for horse riders in Peppers Paddock near the public toilets but away from the road.</p> <p>Provision of 2-3 horse yards on the crown land across Old Hurstbridge Road from the WG General Store.</p>
24.	<p>Safer fencing, better maintained path</p>
25.	<p>it will be better when the bike trail to Hurstbridge is completed It seems to lack a centre or heart. The general store is the main focus I often meet cyclists on the Diamond Creek trail looking for a coffee. I direct the to the General Store, as otherwise they would not be aware of it.</p>

26.	Footpaths where they are missing on streets, they are always much more safer than walking on the road eg Reynolds Road from Kamarooka Drive down to the Main Road.
27.	<p>A pedestrian crossing, with lights, across the main Hurstbridge Road, would make crossing to and from the station and walking track much safer.</p> <p>A path along Wilson Road for walkers and cyclists (including crossing the railway track) is really needed to make it safer to get to the new walking trail to DC/Hurstbridge.</p>
28.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seal the thoroughly muddy path between Valley Rd and the fire station; provide adequate storm water drainage 2. Weed eradication along road-sides; when Valley Road was sealed on 2005 for example, Council allocated money for weed eradication and reveg - but it never happened 3. Pathway on the south side of KG road east of Reynolds Road 4. Some sort of vegetation screening to conceal the hideous electrical substation and surrounds adjacent to and north of the train station 5. Pedestrian crossing on the north end of the station car-park 6. The sharp corner close to the creek crossing on Valley Road has no visibility and no road verge for pedestrians; there have been several near misses over the years. Matter of time before a child is knocked off their bike. 7. Provide a pedestrian bridge across the creek to link the north and south sides of Peppers Paddock 8. Properly plant and maintain the roundabout - it's scrubby and weedy 9. Planting in the clearing on the west side of the roundabout 10. Proper pedestrian pathway between the town and the bike-path/recreation reserve area
29.	<p>A walking trail or footpath in the roadside reserve adjacent to Main Hurstbridge Road. This would be an alternative path to the concrete path on the opposite side which is narrow and dangerously close to speeding traffic.</p> <p>A footpath connecting Main Hurstbridge Rd to the Diamond Creek trail at Wilsons Rd.</p>
30.	Smarten up the very poor parking area near Peppers Paddock toilets and store. Increase the 10 minutes parking limit outside store to 1hr to allow customers at least time to have a coffee!! Add more no time limit parking at beginning of Old Hurstbridge Rd next to store to encourage longer term park attenders to park away from store front.
31.	Seal the dirt roads. This is 2021 for crying out loud, what are my rates going toward?? Time for the council to spend where its needed and not on more art and fluffy garbage. And fix the walking path as above.
32.	As per (9) and better footpaths (some side street don't have any at all).
33.	I no longer use the area enough to suggest changes. I live in Diamond Creek and my children no longer go to the primary school. We drive through to get to tennis lessons but no longer use Peppers Paddock as the children are older.
34.	Perhaps the parking area near the store could be resurfaced. Are there other walking trails in Wattle Glen? If so, could they be given some publicity?

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36.	<p>There needs to be a walking/cycling path strategy developed. For example, there should be a walking/cycling path along Watery Gully from Valley Road (and even further to Pretty Lane) to the station and on to the new bike path in Wilson Road. This should go around the north of Peppers Paddock along the old road. There could also be a similar bike path that joins the Sunnyside area.</p> <p>There also needs to be a check on speed limit signage to replace a few that have been removed or fallen over (eg Valley Road). Further speed humps are required in Valley Road (at the bottom of the hill outside number 30). These should remind drivers that it is a 50km area.</p> <p>A small walking bridge across Watery Gully in Peppers Paddock is required.</p> <p>There needs to be greater attention paid to managing the open space in Wattle Glen. The area between the Kangaroo Ground Road and Watery Gully upstream from the General Store needs to be treated as you do open space in Eltham. That is, cut the grass regularly and manage the vegetation. This includes the area between the tennis courts and the General Store which has been a disgrace for many, many years (Dead, fallen trees, very long grass, no access to the table that is there, etc).</p> <p>The "bridge" across Watery Gully on Valley Road needs maintenance. Posts were knocked over 15-20 years ago and have not been replaced.</p> <p>The informal parking areas along the Watery Gully "park" need to be managed. Cars and trucks use these and simply drive over the grass and vegetation and make it look really messy. This needs to be managed properly.</p>
37.	<p>Please do not allow viceroads to straighten the intersection at wattle glen / main road at KG It would ruin wattle Glen by making it easier fir huge semi trailers to pass through it.</p> <p>Rumble bars on the road and a change to 50 kh coming up To the intersection would make it safer. The major works on north east link will eventually help restore wattle glen to a village.</p>
38.	<p>The best thing Council could do is acquire the land between Mannish Road and Clarke Avenue. You can already see walking tracks along it in the map. This space was a godsend during the harshest COVID lockdown last year. If established and maintained, this would be a lovely open park for the community to enjoy. The wildlife would be even more protected than they are now. Formalising this space into council-owned land would truly cement Wattle Glen's place in the Green Wedge.</p>
39.	<p>I would join/ incorporate the general store and Peppers Paddock with the Diamond Creek trail.</p> <p>Great place to stop with the kids for a play and purchase a coffee from the store along the way.</p>
40.	<p>Better screening of houses from walking track. I dont mind the track just everyone can now see ALL my property</p>

41.	Proper walking paths or trail around the area
42.	<p>Redesign the above intersection to actively slow the traffic before it gets to the heart of Wattle Glen thereby creating a much safer environment for all. Move the signs indicating changing limits so the 80km area starts well after Lorimer Rd, heading to Kangaroo Ground (Vicroads). This would require council to put a 50km sign on Lorimer Rd because it currently has no limit indicated, meaning Ministerial permission is required to change the main road limits because an open speed road cannot intersect with a 60km road</p> <p>Clean up the bus shelter at this intersection for safer use (PTV)</p> <p>Refine and level the currently rough walking track on the northern side of WGKG Rd to allow me to have access via mobility scooter so that I can then join the shared trail at its Wilson Road entry. (Vicroads land)</p> <p>Create a safe crossing to the railway station or Wilson Road intersection. Currently I have to drive to the trail which is exhausting and limits my access to the beautiful bush trail across the road from my home</p>
43.	Some sort of treatment to the car park at the Wattle Glen Sport reserve to prevent cars doing burnouts.
44.	I would change the speed of main road. The speed changes at Scott's angle road towards diamond Creek, but it remains dangerous turning out of Lower Rd. If the speed there was 60kmph instead of 70 it would be much safer. As it is I direct visitors to my home in Lower road to exit via mannish Rd for safety.
45.	<p>Peppers Paddock park is well overdue for updated play equipment.</p> <p>More pedestrian crossings</p> <p>More signs to the primary school</p>
46.	The aforementioned light between the roundabout and Kamarooka drive (where the stairs come down).
47.	More lighting for the paths, toilet facilities and more water taps
48.	Just a little more lighting and safer pathways for kids walking or riding to and from school, and safe pedestrian crossing to the train.
49.	Major traffic calming at the roundabout or an overpass or something like that
50.	Footpath down at least one side of Mannish Rd.
51.	-safer pedestrian crossings
52.	<p>Reduce all speed limits</p> <p>No subdivision,</p> <p>No more building approvals</p> <p>Carbon neutral</p>
53.	More street lighting, add some more footpaths/access points between key areas (I.e. peppers padock & the train station, the main road & the new trail).
54.	Again making it safer for the kids
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56.	Ensure the natural feel is preserved and enhanced. More trees planted on the Diamond Creek side of WG ie around the primary school and Kamarooka Dve
57.	<p>Footpath on Wilson Rd from main Rd to DC walking trail.</p> <p>Centre line for traffic on Wilson Rd</p>
58.	1. I would definitely widen up whole entire Wilson road put path walk for pedestrians cyclists add power lights and a car park for people that use the

	diamond creek trail. 2. I would use some of the rural land and add a leisure centre, swimming pool, shopping centre and a petrol station.
59.	Definitely a footpath in all roads especially Wilson road as it's got the potential to be very useful to enter the creek

	Question 11: Anything else you would like to tell us?
1.	I have lived in Wattle Glen for more than ten years and would like it to remain largely as it is as I think it's great just the way it is! As the Secretary of the Wattle Glen Residents' Association and Convenor of the Friends of Watery Gully for the past eight years I also of course fully support the ideas in the submissions made by both of these local community groups.
2.	Thanks for giving me the opportunity to give my feed back on here I really think that best for this community that will be a great idea if the council take this to consideration and develop this dead beautiful area upgrade is a must to its roads streets lightings and a huge main point WATER Yarra valley water and gas please add these facilities also one last thing would be great idea to make the huge rural lands in to smaller lots to allow people like me to come purchase and live in beautiful wattle glen as it's so difficult and impossible to buy a property here!
3.	I don't like hearing truck engine brakes as they come down Kangaroo Ground Rd towards Hurstbridge Rd. It would be good it trucks were forced to slow down earlier than Valley Rd. Better yet that trucks did not use Wattle Glen as route from the Western Ring Rd to Ringwood. I think a roundabout at Valley Rd would help calm traffic. I think it would be great if council bought the land opposite the Wattle Glen Railway Station and made that into public area (between Mannish Rd and Clarke Ave). This would be a great link from the Station to Peppers Paddock. It could be a beautiful area with great neighbourhood character. I would hate to see the alternative that it gets developed with housing. I would like to see a better link from the Wattle Glen station to the Wattle Glen walking trail. A paved footpath would help access.
4.	I've always loved the idea of artist being encouraged in Wattle Glen. Like a property with multiple studios available to rent. This could be achieved by building a strip shop style series of studios in mud brick opposite the park on Wattle Glen Kangaroo Ground road. There is also a rough mud-track that breaks of Murray drive and follows the creek around to Valley road. It would be great to see this upgraded to a boardwalk pathway with signage connected to the Park and wetlands. Half way along is a beautiful natural amphitheatre that could be used for small productions or running small outdoor classes. This would be a short circuit walk that could come back around along the main road. Something very manageable for families with young kids and it is just a stunning little secret

	<p>path. Also a bridge from the park to the wetlands. An upgrade to the modern interactive beautiful wooden playgrounds would be fantastic!!</p>
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8.	<p>Can we please have better access to the Wattle Glen - Diamond Creek trail? It is VERY hard to get to for most Wattle Glen residents.</p>
9.	<p>I can't believe how many days we lose power for, still. Thanks for listening</p>
10.	
11.	<p>A sense of community is lacking in Wattle Glen. Something like the Wattle Glen festival would be great if it was actually held in Wattle Glen..... perhaps an annual Christmas Carols or summer moonlight cinemas at the oval, or Saturday/Sunday Farmers markets. This would create a sense of belonging for people in the area, especially since so many people have felt so isolated during COVID and at a time when so many people are craving friendship. Maybe even a 'family day' or Wattle Glen fair or fireworks?</p>
12.	<p>Private land is just that. I am sick of people having rights over property they do not pay land tax, mortgages, damages and maintenance costs. Trespassers and dumping of rubbish on private property is not just an eyesore but affects the land and water quality in the area</p>
13.	<p>Purchase the hill next to Old Hurstbridge Road and opposite the station to protect the Green Wedge. To protect the kangaroos and birds which bring so much joy to the residents.</p>
14.	<p>This project is a big opportunity for Council to include suggestions that show a proactive approach to protecting and enhancing biodiversity for all of Wattle Glen 3096. Increasing the amount of public land is but one example.</p> <p>Because of Climate Change Council should be past just giving lip-service to the ongoing protection and enhancement of our natural environment.</p>
15.	<p>The extension of the Diamond Creek Trail from Diamond Creek to Wattle Glen has opened the local area to many more cyclists and walkers. It is a great pity there was not signage provided as part of this project to inform trail users of the possibility to travelling though to connect to the general store and Peppers Paddock, including availability of toilet facilities.</p>
16.	<p>I have lived in Wattle Glen for 46 years. I was attracted to it by the rural atmosphere, trees etc and the open spaces. Although there has been some suburban development over the years, much of this character has remained. I would hate it to be lost through over development. I would especially hate to see that 14 ha site on the hill opposite the station covered with houses.</p>
17.	<p>The condition of the main roads is poor with pot holes constantly being repaired.</p>
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20.	<p>I would be happy to be contacted further regarding the danger getting to the trail from main road wattle glen</p>

21.	
22.	It definitely needs a revamp so anything you do would be amazing!
23.	<p>Horse riding has a long history in the area and remains popular around Wattle Glen and surrounds with many horses kept locally.</p> <p>Being aware and providing for the safety needs of horse riders with off-road trail provision to keep riders away from traffic wherever possible.</p> <p>The need to provide safe, highly visible crossings over main roads for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders to link trails.</p>
24.	
25.	no
26.	<p>Would love to see a way to get from Kamarooka Drive to the walking track without having to go to Wilson Road or into Diamond Creek to join it. Need a crossing of the railway line also for children going to either Diamond Creek East Primary School and Diamond Valley Secondary College. This would make the walking track between Diamond Creek and Wattle Glen more accessible. Instead of exiting out of the railway station where it is now it would be great if the carpark was extended so you could exit at the roundabout, that would be much safer in my opinion.</p>
27.	The scout hut is mostly unused – could it be repurposed to something useful for the community??
28.	<p>I really love living where I live in Valley Road, but outside of that I wouldn't say there is much to feel connected to in Wattle Glen as a whole. As a town, it lacks cohesion, feels scattered and lacks definition. It doesn't have a strong sense of community - I guess because there is no community hub. It feels more like a place that people pass through rather than a place where people live. The haphazard layout of Wattle Glen totally discourages pedestrians. Pathways are in places poorly defined, are and not interconnected, and in places non-existent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is no pathway on the south side of KG Road east of Reynolds Road. Those residents can either dash across the road to get to the path and on to the station etc - or they can drive. So they drive. - the pathway that exists on KG road feels a little ill defined - interrupted by two carparks. - The Wilsons Road recreation reserve is one of the major utilities in Wattle Glen - but few locals seem to use it - or even know it is there! A few people drive to it to run their dogs around. There is no proper pathway that leads you to it from the train station area - The north side of Peppers Paddock near the old Hurstbridge Rd is beautiful thanks to the Friends Group and Council officers - but is totally hidden away, with no obvious access. Visitors to the park don't even know it is there. So weird. <p>Away from the main roads, Wattle Glen is beautiful, but for folk travelling between Hurstbridge and DC, it's an eyesore along the way. The area surrounding the substation between the Station and Wilsons Rd is really embarrassing.</p>

	<p>The Watery Gully Ck reserve is minimally attended to by Melb Water. It's choked with weeds. Could be such an amazing feature. The volunteer run Committee of Management folded years ago, overwhelmed by unrealistic demands of State Govt bureaucracy. If the council were prepared to take on the management, volunteers could be found to help maintain pockets of reserve east of Peppers. I'd be very happy for example to arrange volunteers from Valley Road to help clean up and maintain the weed-choked section surrounding the Valley Road creek crossing, if grants for weed eradication and reveg were made available, and if I wasn't made responsible for OHS, insurance, charging licensing fees and all the other nonsense that the Department tried to foist upon us</p>
29.	<p>Suggest that Council carry out a survey of Council owned land, road reserve areas and VicTrack land to establish the need for:</p> <p>1) removal of litter & dumped rubbish</p> <p>2) removal/treatment of invasive weeds including: Blackberry Boneseed bushes (<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>) Osteospermum groundcover plants</p> <p>Boneseed plants are growing on steep, rocky cliffs & embankments along Main Hurstbridge Rd. They are currently flowering (yellow) so are quite conspicuous. If not treated they will probably spread further.</p> <p>These invasive plants should be replaced with local native species to provide further habitat for native birds.</p> <p>Raise public awareness of the species of invasive weeds which can easily spread to bushland areas.</p>
30.	<p>Planting out of more Wattle species to make Wattle Glen more "Wattle" Involve other like minded groups.</p>
31.	<p>Do what I've suggested and make a real difference to the health and well being of us wattle glen residents.</p>
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33.	<p>Thanks for the opportunity to comment.</p>
34.	<p>Thank you for the walking track. It's a treasure for all of Nillumbik not just Diamond Creek and Wattle Glen. It will be great when it is finished up to Hurstbridge.</p>
35.	<p>Here at Courts N Hoops we can present to you a half court/full basketball court to go into open space area. We don't only just supply and install the court and hooping facilities, but we can activists these facilities immediately with our partnership with the Champions League - CLB3X3 junior run and social event programs. You will see great community interaction and integration and that's such a positive to help bring more of the community to use Wattle Glen Public Realm again.</p>

36.	<p>I want to reiterate that you must see Wattle Glen as being different to your arbitrary boundaries. It is not a square!</p> <p>Now that the Shire has built the fantastic walking/cycling path to Diamond Creek and (soon) Hurstbridge serious consideration needs be to given to linking this to the heart of Wattle Glen through the bike/walking path strategy mentioned above.</p> <p>I have lived in Wattle Glen since the early 1970s and the best thing is that it is very similar to what it was like when we moved in. However, there are certain amenities that we lack because we have a small voting population. These include things like an integrated concrete bike/walking path. Being sealed/concrete rather than simply muddy or stone is very important. We also need the shire to facilitate the improvement of the General Store so that it can become a beautiful cafe/venue that we are all proud of. Refusing planning permission for a deck on the western side was ludicrous.</p> <p>Can I ask why you only allow one option for some of your questions (eg. Q12 one may live AND work).</p>
37.	<p>Nillumbik Council Should work more closely with bodies like victrack and vicroads to protect the green wedge . Eg vicroads removed old growth roadside trees and Nillumbik council doesnt even know about it .</p>
38.	<p>The current vibe of Wattle Glen is exactly what I bought here for several years ago. It pains me to see Diamond Creek developing as much as it is, to see the landscape bulldozed to pack in more houses - already that new development area is starting to look like an extension of Mernda - so generic, so lifeless. We must preserve that which makes Wattle Glen a unique, bespoke suburb of Nillumbik. Wide open spaces, beautiful trees and scenery, minor quality of life improvements, tracks to connect with nature.</p>
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41.	<p>It's good to see certain things have been improved, e.g. public transport, walking trail etc. One more thing that I'm not happy about living here over the last 12 years, the power supply always out at least every fortnight. Really bad for all appliances, even though now is getting better but still needs a major improvement. Council rate is quite high given what we got in return i.e. only 'one' free hard rubbish collection per year, no free green waste collection but we have to drive all the way to drop it ourselves. My partner live in Brighton East with a similar council rates, he has 'free and unlimited' hard rubbish and green waste collections each year plus 'free parking' along the beaches.</p>
42.	<p>The safety and enjoyment capacity of the heart of Wattle Glen depends on managing the uncontrolled speed of the traffic. People including me and my three grandchildren would stop to use the public spaces in a more relaxed way if it felt safer.</p> <p>I would be hugely grateful if Council considered entering a joint venture with PTV and Vicroads to bring this about.</p>
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45.	Wattle Glen is a beautiful town with a wonderful community
46.	<p>We LOVE living here and we have two little boys (5 and 6) that we are more than happy to raise here, it's lovely. We are, however, very very concerned about the intersection at the front of our house and I really don't want to have to attend an accident - either car or pedestrian - but I am certain one day I will. In fact, I already have (but there were no serious injuries thankfully) and awaiting one where the casualties are more and the damage is greater.</p> <p>I would suggest something to remove the confusion around giving way (a roundabout, lights) by people turning right from diamond creek, and people turning left out of mannish road - I would also suggest a refuge of some sort (or lights) to help families cross the main road safely to go to the bike track.</p> <p>We are happy to chat to you about this - we obviously drive in the area, I run in the area, we ride bikes with our children, scooters, dog walking - all of it. This intersection is the absolute WORST.</p>
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48.	Please make a safe crossing to the train :(I am not exaggerating when I say I am afraid one of my children will be hit by a car – the only way to cross at busy times is to duck and weave in front of traffic and given where the train station is this affects almost everyone who uses the train.
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53.	Wattle Glen is unique in that it has retained its rural, community feel that other neighbouring suburbs have lost. We are very lucky to live here and want our public spaces to be welcoming to people from both within and outside the neighbourhood.
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56.	<p>It would be great if Council could acquire the land currently for sale opposite the railway station and turn it into a nature reserve.</p> <p>It would also be good if the area under the transmission wires could be used for a community garden project, to link WG and DC people and include the Kamarooka side in WG more.</p>
57.	<p>We chose to move into the area with the highest rates due to the environmental focus and low density.</p> <p>We are happy to continue paying high rates if it ensures the small community feel + focus on environment, outdoor spaces, value on bush remains.</p> <p>With the DC trail now and Peppers Paddock looking so good, perhaps wattle glen can become a 'day trip destination' and the tourism can help to justify the investment in open spaces and environment. Its accessible, safe, has lovely residents on the whole and so close to melbourne. Its important for the wider community that Wattle Glen maintains and enhances these values as we are one of the closest remaining country feel townships to Melbourne where people stuck in concrete jungles can readily and quickly come to breathe some fresh air.</p>

58.	I've purchased 20 acres of land in wattle glen almost 10% of its private land. I and my family love this area unfortunately it's roads and streets are very dangerous and unsafe to live in! My dream to see this amazing wattle glen to be a better place liveable area in terms of its streets, roads, path walks, shops, leisure centre, survey, food, and very important and main two points power lights and Yarra valley water. Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to join this survey.
59.	I would like to see a shopping centre, grocery stores leisure centre, I would like to see this area fully developed with electricity and lights throughout the roads, and a good place to add these would be behind the wattle glen station closer to the sports reserve

Relationship to Nillumbik

	Response
Live	55
Work	1
Play	0
Other	3 (1 each for land owner of over 30 years, child attends local school and visits the area due to family)

Gender

	Response
Male	21
Female	35
Other identity	0

Age Group of Survey Respondents

