

# **Results and summary of submissions to the Draft Management Plan Exhibition**

## **Community response**

### **Exhibition period:**

Mon 30 Aug – Sun 26 Sept 2021, inclusive

### **No. of Submissions:**

71 Questionnaire submissions (incl. one appended submission)

### **Stakeholders who submitted:**

Friends of Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Inc. (with submission)

Andrew Ross Museum

### **Other organisations:**

Nillumbik Ratepayers Assn inc.

## **Results and summary of submission responses to questionnaire**

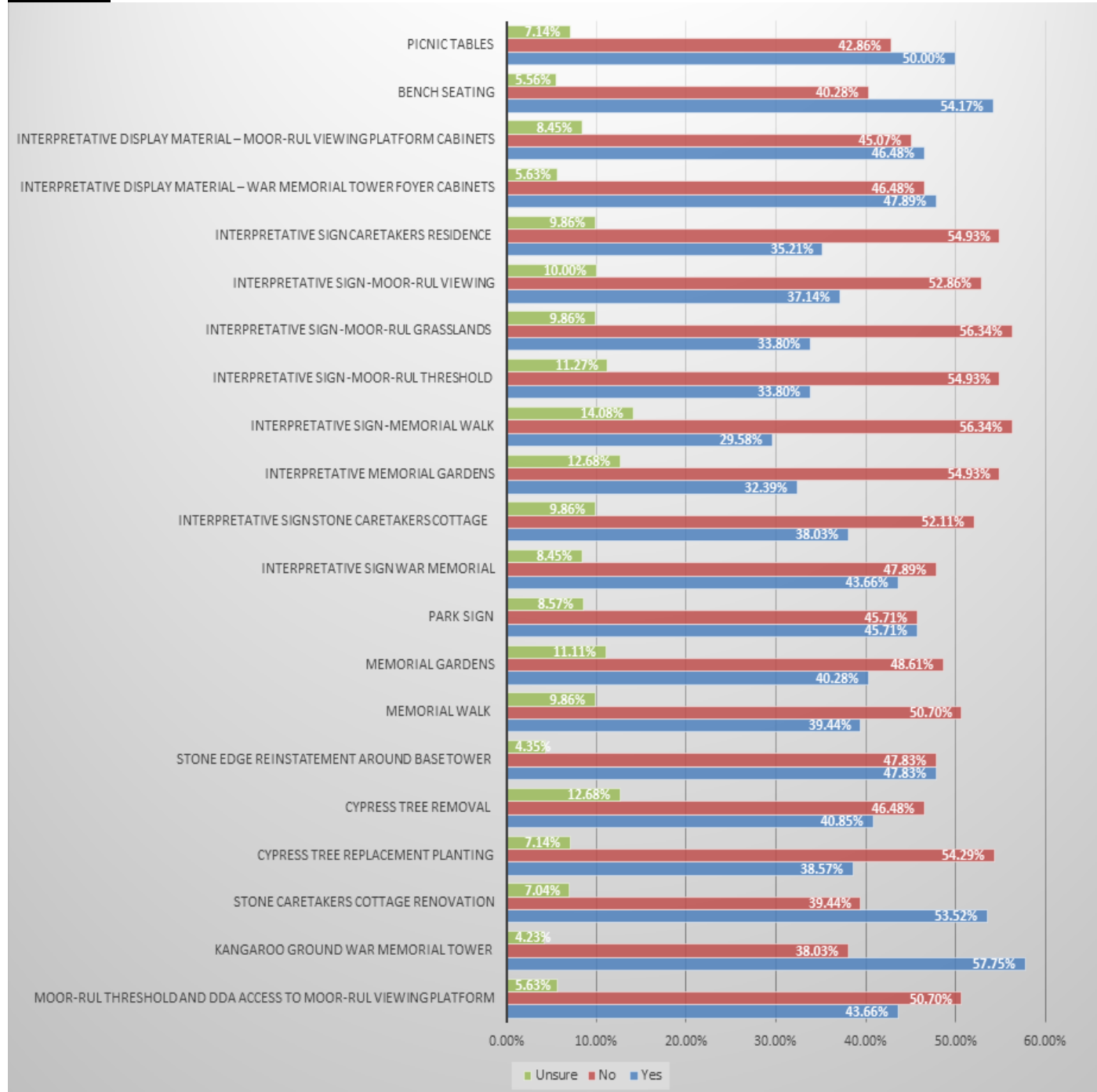
**(incorporating one appended submission)**

**Results relating to the 'Yes/ No' Questions 1 and 5 of the Questionnaire are actual submission responses; feedback for the balance of open-ended questions is a *summary* of submission responses; for actual/ original submission responses see separate document.**

# CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

## 1. Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

**Bar Graph**



**Table 1. Breakdown of support (excluding Unsure respondents)**

<b>SUPPORTED by &gt;50% respondents</b> <b>*excluding respondents who were Unsure</b>
Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower
Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets
Bench Seating
Picnic Tables
<b>UNSUPPORTED by &gt;50% respondents</b> <b>*excluding respondents who were Unsure</b>
Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform
Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting
Cypress Tree Removal
Memorial Walk
Memorial Gardens
Interpretative Sign – War Memorial
Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence
<b>EQUALLY Supported/ Unsupported by 100% respondents</b> <b>*excluding respondents who were Unsure</b>
Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base
Park Sign

**Table 2. Breakdown of support (allocating Unsure respondents to Unsupportive respondents)**

Blue text highlights changes from Table 1.

<b>SUPPORTED by &gt;50% respondents</b>
<b>*allocating Unsure respondents in Unsupportive respondents</b>
Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower
Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation
Bench Seating
<b>UNSUPPORTED by &gt;50% respondents *including Unsure respondents</b>
Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform
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Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets
<b>EQUALLY Supported/ Unsupported by 100% respondent</b>
<b>(*allocating Unsure respondents in Unsupportive respondents)</b>
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Picnic Tables

**Table**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Unsure</b>
Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform	43.66%	50.70%	5.63%
Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower	57.75%	38.03%	4.23%
Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation	53.52%	39.44%	7.04%
Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting	38.57%	54.29%	7.14%
Cypress Tree Removal	40.85%	46.48%	12.68%
Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base	47.83%	47.83%	4.35%
Memorial Walk	39.44%	50.70%	9.86%
Memorial Gardens	40.28%	48.61%	11.11%
Park Sign	45.71%	45.71%	8.57%
Interpretative Sign – War Memorial	43.66%	47.89%	8.45%
Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage	38.03%	52.11%	9.86%
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens	32.39%	54.93%	12.68%
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk	29.58%	56.34%	14.08%
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold	33.80%	54.93%	11.27%
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands	33.80%	56.34%	9.86%
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform	37.14%	52.86%	10.00%

	Yes	No	Unsure
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence	35.21%	54.93%	9.86%
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets	47.89%	46.48%	5.63%
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets	46.48%	45.07%	8.45%
Bench Seating	54.17%	40.28%	5.56%
Picnic Tables	50.00%	42.86%	7.14%



**2. Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?**

**2.1 Reasons if not supported**

Pandemic and rates rise (One respondent recognised that matters of public safety are an exemption and should be addressed)
Too expensive
Not value for money
Other priorities in park (fire fuel reduction) and Shire
Like it how it is
Existing facilities are adequate
Will alter heritage (war memorial, fire lookout), community contribution (seats, tables), memorialisation (rosemary hedge significance to Lone Pine/ Gallipoli)
Management Plan incomplete/ unsubstantiated without addressing park road access and parking. Opposed to any road through Moor-rul Grasslands.
Cypress tree removal (internal) will remove cover and shade
Too much signage which will detract from the 'naturalness' of the park. Consolidate signage. Interpretative material can be consolidated in Moor-rul Viewing Platform and Tower Foyer Display Cabinets. Signs will be graffitied.
No need for additional memorials in garden beds - provide information in Display Cabinets.
Caretaker's residence has negative visual impact, and park maintenance and supervision should be provided by Council operations.
Stone wall enhances the tower. The park recognises service people over a century therefore irrelevant how the tower looked originally

### 2.1.1 Additional, misread responses

<i>Responses</i>	<i>Review</i>
Picnic tables and bench seats will make the park a tourist attraction losing its value as quiet place of reflection	Picnic tables and bench seats are replacing existing, i.e., no additional.
Bench seats and picnic tables will be graffitied, generate litter problems	Picnic tables and bench seats are replacing existing, i.e., no additional.
Standing area for ANZAC Day reduced	Area traditionally used is left open. (FOKGWMPI to confirm.)
Support caretaker facility improvements only if there is a new caretaker (not present one).	Improvements are proposed to the stone cottage not to the residence.
Assumed cost estimates were a quotation not an estimate, and expected transparent tender process.	Costs are an estimate for project budgeting purposes, not quotations for works
Why renovate a cottage no one can enter?	Plan states that the Governance project will determine a use before renovation.
Path to viewing platform already exists.	Plan highlights the path to viewing platform does not comply with accessibility standards

## 2.2 *Any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered*

Structurally integrate fire-spotters cabin with tower in same stone
Suggest the fire cabin columns only be painted to reduce the visual impact. The cabin is powder coated and does not need painting
Use of felled Cypress tree timber (in park, sale to families of WWI enlistees and community and for other Shire projects)
Sculptures from cypress trees reflecting indigenous and non-indigenous history, aligning entry road, by Lee Conkie (local)
Timber from original stairs in tower could be used for benches, with interpretative plaques to preserve history of tower staircases.
Memorial Gardens to be in keeping with rural character of park, and include rosemary (ANZAC Day), and poppies (Remembrance Day)
Suggestions for cypress replacement planting: Eucalyptus Hilltop form of manna gum

**3. Are there any additional works items you think should be included?**

Improved road access and parking - safety, functionality, more car parking
Improved toilet facilities
Caretaker's Residence to be visually closed off or renovated and integrated into park. Clean up yard in meantime.
Caretaker's Residence to be removed as a priority. Need for a caretaker is obsolete and building requires extensive and expensive remedial works to maintain.
Planned removal of Fire spotter's cabin - technology obviates need for manned facility.
Rosemary planting at tower base for ANZAC Day
Shade provision until cypress tree replacements mature
Bike hoops
Tap
Security, vandalism, arson attack surveillance/ camera
Extended platform to appreciate city views
Reconfigure Moor-rul viewing platform display panels to better appreciate view from within platform
New path along south western side of tower around proposed Memorial Gardens
Original Moor-rul Viewing Platform display posters reinstated.
Existing bench seats and picnic table plaques to be maintained.
Path for pedestrians and cyclists from Wattle Glen to KG Church to park and on to Watsons Creek
Memorial to honour indigenous who fought to save their land
Acknowledge historians who have given community knowledge and history of area
Repair of damaged Tourism sign on corner of Eltham-Yarra Glen Rd and Kangaroo Ground-St Andrews Rd

Three plaques for Stone Caretaker's Cottage
Moor-rul viewing platform dedication plaque restoration
Repairs to existing uprights around tower

**4. Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?**

Existing carpark overcrowded and not user-friendly on busy occasions, particularly for mobility.
Why not improving existing entrance? Proposal existed some time ago. Current entrance a disgrace with crumbling hillside running onto roadway.
Western park purchased for alternate road access should be used for that purpose as a priority once funds available.
Council should facilitate liaison between VicRoads and Yarra Valley Water for funding support to develop a new road access, and pressure VicRoads, using local MPs as support, to have the speed limit reduced to 60 km/h.
Opposed to any new road through Moor-rul grasslands.
Council would have the capacity to organise such projects themselves and engage local contractors to do the works.
Any sign acknowledging indigenous soldiers from Corranderk Healesville (understood being proposed by a community group) not supported. The area was not part of the Shire of Eltham in WW1 which led to the park and memorial being established.
Cottage renovation is no.1 priority.
Do not plant out site and increase risk of fire for fire spotters' in cabin.

## OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE

5. *Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?*



Answer choices	Percent
Yes	47.83%
Unsure	21.74%
No	30.43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**6. Reasons if not supported?**

Cannot be considered when capital expenditure works not supported
Cannot be assessed as scope of works for increase not provided
Too expensive/ too much money being allocated to this park
Waste of money/ no value for money/ money needed elsewhere in Shire
Cannot afford it
Not required/ no need to spend money/ like it how it is
Pandemic requires frugal approach/ more important priorities in Shire. Shire overgrown with noxious weeds
Increase to support fire mitigation only
Increase to support trimming of trees that block tower views only
Like it as is.



**7. Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?**

Allocate more funds only to care for the existing (do not fix what is not broken)
Fire mitigation only
Whatever is necessary to maintain an asset that is cared for.
Suggestion for mobile coffee van or mobile business to trade onsite on weekends and high season to attract more tourists and offset costs
Appears a very large amount to fix something that really doesn't need much work/ keep costs to a minimum.
Trim existing trees that block views to city and Kinglake

## **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON MANAGEMENT PLAN**

### **8. Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?**

Has a survey been done of number of people who use the park to justify expenditure?
Just get the basics right, so the locals and visitors can 1) find the place 2) Park their cars 3) Sit and have a picnic
A low indigenous planting screening from the busy road
Clear monitoring of effects of the management plan, i.e. visitation numbers, social impact, community sentiment.
Appears Officers running own agenda without councillor engagement for widest community input.