

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

to be held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 12 September 2023 commencing at 7:00pm.

Agenda

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Nillumbik Shire Council

**Agenda of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting to be held
Tuesday 12 September 2023 commencing at 7:00pm.**

1. Welcome by the Chair

Members of the public are advised the meeting will be livestreamed and recorded and the livestream recording will be made publicly available on YouTube and Council's website.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The Acknowledgement of Country to be read by the Chairperson

Nillumbik Shire Council respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the Country on which Nillumbik is located, and we value the significance of the Wurundjeri people's history as essential to the unique character of the shire. We pay tribute to all First Nations People living in Nillumbik, give respect to Elders past, present and future, and extend that respect to all First Nations People.

We respect the enduring strength of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and acknowledge the ongoing impacts of past trauma and injustices from European invasion, massacres and genocide committed against First Nations People. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people hold a deep and ongoing connection to this place. We value the distinctive place of our First Nations People in both Nillumbik and Australia's identity; from their cultural heritage and care of the land and waterways, to their ongoing contributions in many fields including academia, agriculture, art, economics, law, sport and politics.

3. Apologies/Leave of Absence

Recommendation

That the apologies be noted.

4. Declarations of conflict of interest

Committee members and officers should note that any conflicts of interest should also be disclosed immediately before the relevant item.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

COM.001/23 Confirmation of Minutes Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held Tuesday 8 August 2023

Summary

Confirmation of the minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8 August 2023.

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) confirms the minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8 August 2023 (**Attachment 1**).

Attachments

- 1 Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8 August 2023

6. Officers' reports

PCC.011/23 Response to Public Exhibition of Planning Scheme Amendment C149nill - Heritage Review

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

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Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an update with regard to submissions received to the formal exhibition of Amendment C149nill which facilitates implementation of the recommendations of the Nillumbik Heritage Review Stage A and B, as endorsed by Council on 26 July 2022.

Local Councils are responsible for protecting places with local heritage significance. Section 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* obliges Councils to use their planning schemes to conserve and enhance buildings, areas or other places of local heritage significance.

Before a heritage place can be included in the Heritage Overlay (HO) it needs to be assessed by Council as locally significant. The assessment process includes identifying and recommending heritage protection for a particular local place through a heritage review/study. This strategic justification must follow specific assessment requirements and format to be consistent with legislative and State government requirements.

Amendment C149nill proposes to apply the Heritage Overlay to sixty-three (63) individual heritage places, one (1) new serial listing and one (1) new precinct, along with required administrative changes.

The amendment was formally notified from 22 June to 3 August 2023 for a period of six (6) weeks, noting this is two weeks longer than the required statutory period under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act). Officers has also endeavoured to work with submitters in receipt of late submissions and meet and speak with affected parties who have made enquiries to Council on the matter of the Amendment (over 60 enquires have been made and answered).

To date (21 August 2023), Council have received twenty-four (24) submissions in total. Two (2) of the submissions received were in support of the Amendment. Six (6) of the submissions received were in support of the Amendment with changes. Fifteen (15) object to the Amendment (noting two of these submissions relate to one property), and one (1) submission both supports and objects in principle (refer to **Attachment 4** for redacted submissions).

Submitters have been invited to attend this September Planning & Consultative Committee Meeting (PCC) to speak to their submissions.

Since receipt of submissions, officers have engaged with Councils heritage consultants to review submissions and to arrange with owners consent to carry out further site inspections with the intent to resolve as many submissions as possible and limit those submissions that would need to be referred to a future independent Planning Panel to consider particularly objections. This is to ensure an efficient use of Council resources and minimise time and cost to submitters who would be required to be referred through the formal Panel process subject to Council resolving to convene such.

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Subject to Council, pursuant to Part 8 of the Act, resolving to request the Minister for Planning to convene an independent Planning Panel to consider submissions to the Amendment, a Panel report and its recommendations would be brought to a future Council meeting for consideration. These recommendations would include potentially further recommended changes to citations, and recommendations on application of the Heritage Overlay.

Recommendation

That the Committee (under delegation from Council):

1. Notes the submissions to Amendment C149nill to the Nillumbik Planning Scheme (**Attachment 4 and 6**).
2. Considers a further report at the September Council Meeting to resolve to either request the Minister for Planning appoint an independent planning panel to consider Amendment C149nill pursuant to Section 23(1)(b) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, or abandon the amendment.
3. Requests that Officers notify submitters to the proposed Amendment C149nill of the Committee's resolution.
4. Requests that Officers provide an update onto Participate Nillumbik in regard to next stages for Amendment C149nill.
5. Resolves that (**Attachment 6**) Submissions - C149nill Heritage Review remains confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Attachments

1. Amendment C149 - Notice of Preparation
2. Nillumbik C149nill - Explanatory Report EXHIBITION FINAL
3. Nillumbik C149nill - Instruction Sheet EXHIBITION FINAL
4. Submissions - C149nill Heritage Review - Redacted
5. Citations - C149nill Heritage Review - Combined
6. Submissions - C149nill Heritage Review - *CONFIDENTIAL*

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Discussion

1. Local Councils are responsible for protecting places with local heritage significance. Section 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* obliges Councils to use their planning schemes to conserve and enhance buildings, areas or other places of local heritage significance.
2. The Heritage Overlay (HO) is the planning tool used in Planning Schemes to protect places of heritage significance.
3. The HO sets out the permit requirements and guidelines that Council uses to make decisions about changes to buildings and structures in heritage places. It also includes a schedule that lists all the heritage places that have been identified as locally significant in Nillumbik.
4. Before a heritage place can be included in the HO it needs to be assessed by Council as locally significant. The assessment process generally includes:
 - engaging a qualified heritage consultant to prepare a heritage study;
 - identifying and recommending heritage protection for a particular local place in the heritage study;
 - providing a statement of significance for the place which identifies 'what' is important, 'why' it is important and 'how' it is significant;
 - following the principles and processes set out in the *Burra Charter* to carry out a heritage assessment;
 - assessing the recommended local places using the Heritage Council of Victoria's criteria for inclusion; and
 - preparation of the citation based on the Planning Practice Note 1 (PPN1) format requirements (the formal guidance from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning outlining specific matters/structure a citation must use).
5. Heritage Consultants GML (formerly Context) were engaged by Council in early 2021 to undertake Stage A of the Nillumbik Shire Heritage Review, identifying twenty-one (21) heritage places and creating citations for each heritage place. The report and citations being adopted at the 29 June 2021 Council Meeting. During the process of Heritage Review Stage A, a number of new properties were identified to be added to the list for heritage review including the Diamond Creek Church and Eltham War Memorial Complex.
6. Heritage Consultants Trethowan Architects were engaged by Council to undertake Stage B of the Nillumbik Shire Heritage Review in late 2021, identifying forty-five (45) heritage places and creating citations for each heritage place.

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7. It is noted Stage A and B has identified an increase of post-war typologies that meet the criteria for application of the HO (i.e. 1950/60's and beyond). Evidence to support inclusion of this typology exists in Councils current Thematic Environmental History (TEH), although it is noted that an update to the TEH has also been undertaken to provide benchmarking to allow for justification and further inclusion of this typology in Nillumbik. The TEH is essentially a background document that is added to over the years in support of Council's unique heritage environment, and is important in supporting arguments around the significance of Nillumbik's heritage typologies and particularly helpful at Planning Panel.
8. The report, citations and Thematic Environmental History (updated) were adopted at the 26 July 2022 Council Meeting.
9. Council resolved at the same July 2022 Council meeting to seek formal authorization from the Minister for Planning under section 8A of the Act to prepare and exhibit an amendment to apply the HO to all properties in Stage A and B Heritage Reviews (interim and permanent).
10. Notification of Council's resolution to request Authorisation was sent on 28 September 2022 in the form of a courtesy letter to owners and occupiers of affected properties.
11. Amendment C148nill was requested to the Minister for Planning (the Minister) by Council on 7 October 2022 to ask the Minister to utilise his powers of intervention under Section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act) to implement interim controls to modify the schedule to the Heritage Overlay by inserting the heritage places. Around the same time Council sought authorisation from the Minister to undertake an amendment process for Amendment C149nill pursuant to Section 8A of the Act to prepare and exhibit a permanent control to achieve the same outcome, requested to the Minister for Planning (the Minister) by Council on 9 November 2022.
12. Formal notification was received from DELWP on 18 November 2022 requesting further information and review of the amendment.
13. Formal approval and gazettal of Amendment C148nill (interim) by the Minister was made on 28 April 2023, somewhat delayed by the State government election cycle and its impacts on the machinery of government.
14. On 1 May 2023 Council received formal Authorisation from the Minister to prepare and exhibit Amendment C149nill (to apply the Heritage Overlay on a permanent basis).

Notification of Amendment

15. Pursuant to the statutory requirements of the Act Section 19:
 - a) letters were sent to owners and occupiers on 19 June 2023, notifying them of the interim heritage overlay (C148nill) and the exhibition of C149nill (permanent Heritage Overlay);
 - b) affected authorities and Prescribed Ministers were notified on 19 June 2023; and
 - c) advertisements in the Government Gazette and The Age were advertised on 22 and 23 June 2023 respectively.

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16. Council's Participate webpage for the Amendment was made live on 15 June 2023 to provide exhibition information and receive submissions online. All followers of the page were notified and a news bulletin posted at the commencement of formal exhibition, 22 June 2023.
17. Surrounding Councils, local historical societies and heritage groups were also notified by email and mail as a courtesy on 19 June 2023.

Exhibition

18. The Amendment was on exhibition from 22 June to 3 August 2023. Please see **Attachment 2** for the Exhibited C149 Explanatory Report, **Attachment 3** for the Exhibited Instruction Sheet and **Attachment 1** for the Notice of Preparation.
19. During this period a number of customers (over 60) contacted Council for further information and to discuss the exhibition of the amendment, including a walk in customer who preferred to interact in person and provide a written submission, and the Diamond Valley Railway (DVR) where officers and Ward Councillor met with the DVR to discuss their concerns.

Submissions

20. Due to statutory timeframes Council must consider all submissions within 40 business days of close of formal notification (3 August 2023) pursuant to the Act.
21. To note officers have also allow a period for late submissions in an attempt to as much as possible accommodate affected parties.
22. Council received twenty-four (24) submissions to date. Please see **Attachment 4** for confidential redacted consolidated submissions.
23. Two (2) of the submissions received were in support of the Amendment. Six (6) of the submissions received were in support of the Amendment with changes. Fifteen (15) object to the Amendment (noting 2 of these submissions relate to one property). And one (1) submission both supports and objects in principle (refer to **Attachment 4** for redacted submissions). Un-redacted submissions are appended at **Attachment 6** noting this attachment remains confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in Section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
24. Refer to **Attachment 5** for copies of the relevant citations that relate to each submission. These are also publicly available on the Participate Nillumbik page as part of notification of the Amendment.
25. Generally the supporting submissions are in favour of protecting the identified heritage places and some also provide suggestions to corrections to the draft citations with more accurate dates and significant elements. Supporting submissions pertain to the following properties:
 - a) 42 Collins Street, Diamond Creek
 - b) 130 Laughing Waters Road, Eltham
 - c) 903-907 Main Rd Eltham
 - d) 10 Diosma Road Eltham

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- e) 145 River Avenue, Plenty
 - f) 906 Arthurs Creek Road, Arthurs Creek (Mechanics Institute).
26. Many of these suggestions can be considered, subject to our heritage consultant's review.
27. Objecting submissions are not in favour of protecting the identified heritage places for various reasons and provide suggestions and evidence to counter the prepared heritage citations. Some are due to the submitters view that there have been too many changes to the heritage place, the place does not represent a type or era of heritage worth protecting, or that the condition of the heritage place does not warrant protection. Objecting submissions pertain to the following properties:
- a) 2 Hillmartin Lane/Road, Diamond Creek
 - b) 162 Murray Road, Diamond Creek
 - c) 61/61A York Street, Eltham (Two Objections)
 - d) 191 Cherry Tree Road, Hurstbridge
 - e) Arthurs Creek Cemetery, 1165 Arthurs Creek Road, Arthurs Creek
 - f) 144 Progress Road, Eltham North
 - g) 32-36 Perversi Avenue, Diamond Creek
 - h) 183 Yan Yean Road, Plenty
 - i) 52 Kurrak Road, Yarrambat
 - j) 16 Warringah Crescent, Eltham
 - k) 17 Koornong Crescent, North Warrandyte
 - l) 920 Yan Yean Road, Doreen
 - m) 23 Glen Park Road, Eltham North.
28. Generally, objecting submissions note one or multiple of the following reasons the subject properties should not be included in the Amendment:
- a) The identified heritage elements are part of a much more recent renovation or the buildings have been modified extensively;
 - b) The threshold for local significance has not been met;
 - c) The application of the Heritage Overlay would be too restrictive, therefore making the building difficult to utilise properly and/or financially unfeasible to maintain;
 - d) General financial implications;
 - e) The building is beyond feasible repair; and
 - f) Identified vegetation is not native and/or in poor health.

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29. All submitters have been notified via email that their submission has been received, that further correspondence would follow to keep them informed of this upcoming PCC and Council meetings, noting the Participate Nillumbik page also contains relevant decision milestones and timelines.
30. Eltham Historical Society, on 25 August, have informed council officers that they will be providing a late submission in the next couple of weeks. Council officers advised that their submission would be addressed and included.
31. The CFA have provided acknowledgment of the exhibited Amendment C149nill noting that it does not appear to have implications relating to bushfire and/or service delivery for CFA.
32. Manningham Council have provided acknowledgment of the exhibited Amendment C149nill noting that Manningham Council does not raise any objections to the proposed amendment and commends Nillumbik Council in undertaking this work to protect local heritage.
33. It is noted that a house fire occurred around 4 May 2023 at one of the proposed Heritage properties (349-361 Diamond Creek Road, Diamond Creek), although no submission has been received relating to this property, Council has engaged heritage consultants to reassess the heritage significance of the dwelling and outbuildings, and make recommendations.

Related Council decisions

34. 29 June 2021 - Council Meeting, Council resolved that it:
 - a) *Adopts the Final Draft Citations for Stage A of the Nillumbik Heritage Review.*
 - b) *Adopts the Priority Lists for Stage B of the Nillumbik Heritage Review.*
 - c) *Publishes the Final Draft Citations for Stage A of the Nillumbik*
35. At its meeting of the 26th July 2022, Council resolved that it:
 - a) *Adopts the final version of the Statements of Significance and Citations for Stage B (Attachment 3) of the Nillumbik Heritage Review; and*
 - b) *Adopts the Nillumbik Shire Thematic Environmental History, as updated (Attachment 4) and post WW2 addendum to the Thematic Environmental History (Attachment 5); and*
 - c) *Requests the Minister for Planning, to exercise powers under Section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to prepare and approve an amendment to the Nillumbik Planning Scheme to apply the Heritage Overlay to places (as recommended in Heritage Review Stage A and B) on an interim basis; and*
 - d) *Request the Minister for Planning, under Section 8A of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, to authorise the preparation and exhibition of an amendment to the Nillumbik Shire Planning Scheme to apply the Heritage Overlay to places (as recommended in Heritage Review Stage A and B) on a permanent basis; and*

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- e) *Publishes the final version of the Statements of Significance and Citations for Stage B (Attachment 3) of the Nillumbik Heritage Review on Council’s website; and*
- f) *Publishes the Nillumbik Shire Thematic Environmental History (as updated), (Attachment 4) and the Post WW2 addendum (Attachment 5) on Council’s Website; and*
- g) *Notifies the owners of places identified for application of the Heritage Overlay as per the recommendations of Stage A and Stage B Heritage Reviews of Council’s resolution and next steps.*

Options

- 36. After consideration of the Amendment and submissions, in accordance with Section 23 of the Act, Council must resolve to:
 - a) Change the amendment in the manner requested by the submissions; and/or
 - b) Refer the submission to an independent panel; or
 - c) Abandon the amendment C149nill – Heritage Review, noting Council may also choose to abandon the Amendment after any Panel to consider the Amendment.
- 37. Officers will recommend at its September meeting, subject to hearing from submitters at this September PCC, and further site inspections and agreed recommendations of further changes by Council’s heritage consultants that Council request the Minister convene an independent planning panel to consider submissions received to Amendment C149nill, noting a number are objecting and cannot be suitably resolved.

Council plans and policies

- 38. This report directly supports the achievement of the Council Plan 2021-2025 strategy:
 - *We celebrate and prioritise the protection of our heritage, arts and culture, places and spaces by focusing on the diversity of experiences that have shaped our shared history.*

Access, Equity and Inclusion

- 39. The preparation and exhibition of the Amendment is a statutory requirement and function of Council pursuant to the Planning and Environment Act 1987. It applies to affected parties. In meeting relevant objectives of Council’s Access, Equity and Inclusion Policy, and being in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, Amendment C149nill, through consideration and exhibition has been notified to allow for barriers to accessing relevant material to be as effectively removed as is practicable, this includes through the provision of content on Participate Nillumbik, and making officers available to meet and discuss what are quite technical matters and processes with interested parties.

Sustainability implications

- 40. The conservation of Nillumbik’s heritage places play an important role in the strengthening of both personal and community identity. This work aids in the social sustainability of Nillumbik’s various communities.

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Community engagement

41. Refer above to formal exhibition and notification pursuant to the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
42. In preparation of both heritage reviews, Council officers sent out letters to all property owners and occupiers of the places that were to be assessed that asked if they would be willing to allow a site visit where they had the chance to meet the consultants, ask them any questions or confirm any heritage information about their property. Physical on-site inspection was limited due to the challenges in obtaining consent for access from some residents which is not unusual in preparation of such studies given perceptions of what a heritage overlay may entail.
43. As part of the next stages of progressing the amendment, officers have engaged with property owners to arrange (with owners consent) to carry out further site inspections by Council's heritage consultant. The intent is to resolve as many submissions as possible and limit those submissions that would need to be referred to a future independent Planning Panel to consider particularly objections. This is to ensure an efficient use of Council resources, and minimise time and cost to submitters who would be required to be referred through the formal Panel process subject to Council resolving to convene such.

Innovation and continuous improvement

44. Approval of Amendment C149nill would improve Council's ability to manage, preserve and protect the historical and cultural assets of the Shire through the Nillumbik Planning Scheme.

Collaboration

45. Council officers have been proactively liaising with Heritage Victoria and the Department of Planning and Transport to prepare amendment material to the department's satisfaction.

Budget implications

46. Costs associated with the amendment to apply the heritage overlay are attributed to the 23/24 financial year strategic planning amendments budget, which includes associated amendment costs, particularly expert witness (consultant) input and appearance at Panel.

Relevant law

47. Local Councils are responsible for protecting places with local heritage significance as required by the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. Section 4 of the *Act* obliges Councils to use their planning schemes to conserve and enhance buildings, areas or other places of local heritage significance and the current planning scheme amendment responds to this requirement as well as following the planning scheme amendment process outlined in the *Act*.

Regional, state and national plans and policies

48. Plan Melbourne (2017-2050) Outcome 4.
Policy 4.4.1 Recognise the value of heritage when managing growth and change.

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With all three levels of government sharing responsibility for protecting Melbourne's post settlement cultural heritage, decision-making must be consistent and credible and be based on clear and widely accepted heritage conservation principles and practices.

Next steps

49. Officers will bring a report to Council at its September Meeting recommending Council accept a number of recommended changes as assessed and put forward by Council's heritage consultants, and request the Minister to appoint an independent Planning Panel to consider remaining submissions to the Amendment, and subsequently provide Council with a Panel report and recommendations for consideration at a future Council briefing.

Conflicts of interest

50. All officers involved in the preparation of this report have made a declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

6. Officers' reports

PCC.012/23 Ryan's Reserve Rejuvenation Project

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

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Summary


This report considers submissions received from the public regarding the Ryan's Reserve Rejuvenation project draft concept plans.

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Notes the submissions received in respect of the Ryan's Reserve Rejuvenation project draft concept plans.
2. Considers the comments contained in the submissions.
3. Authorises officers to commence final design and initiate the tender process.
4. Resolves that (**Attachment 2**) Ryan's Reserve Feedback 2023 remains confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Attachments

1.  Ryans Reserve Feedback Redacted 2023
2. Ryans Reserve Feedback 2023 - *CONFIDENTIAL*

Discussion

1. Ryan's Reserve is located in residential Diamond Creek and is in close proximity to the main township, schools and public transport.
2. The playground at Ryan's Reserve currently lacks diversity and has limited accessibility for older adults and people with disability to participate.
3. The Ryan's Reserve Rejuvenation Project will cater to diverse groups and provide opportunities for all ages and abilities to participate.
4. A grant application was submitted under the Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF) 2022 and Council was successful in receiving \$1,190,837 for the project.
5. Community consultation was necessary to seek feedback on the proposed components of the draft concept plans, and an opportunity to share ideas on overall design.

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Related Council decisions

6. Council endorsed the recommendation that Council:
- Endorses the draft concept plans for the Ryan's Reserve Rejuvenation Project for the purpose of community consultation.
 - Undertakes community consultation for the period 31 July to 20 August 2023 inviting written submissions for the Ryan's Reserve Rejuvenation Project.

Options

7. Following the Committee's consideration of submissions, officers will commence developing final designs which will be provided to prospective contractors as part of the tender process.

Council plans and policies

8. This report directly supports the achievement of the Council Plan 2021-2025 strategy:
- We facilitate participation in sports, leisure and recreational activities.
9. This report directly supports the Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2022-20230.
10. This report directly supports the Nillumbik Lifetime Play Strategy 2017.

Access, Equity and Inclusion

11. The Gender Impact Assessment meeting was undertaken on 3 February 2023.
12. The recommendations from the assessment were considered in the draft concept design.
13. The draft concept plans were viewed with an intersectional lens, ensuring that they comply with Nillumbik's Access, Equity and Inclusion Policy 2022.

Sustainability implications

14. Not applicable.

Community engagement

15. The draft concept plans for the Ryan's Reserve Rejuvenation Project were published for the purpose of community consultation from 31 July – 20 August 2023.
16. Community consultation was undertaken in line with Council's engagement policy and extended to include letter drops in the surrounding areas and direct invitations were sent to the surrounding schools/pre-schools.
17. The engagement process asked three questions of which feedback is detailed below and in **Attachments 1&2**.
18. Of the total number of respondents (being 72) who disclosed where they reside 61 were from Diamond Creek. The balance of respondents were from across the Shire.
19. In response to Question 1 in the survey, of the 71 responses (over 90%), were in favour of the design.

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20. In response to Question 2, 96 respondents provided feedback regarding the elements they liked in the concept plan, these are broken down into the following table:

Response Options	Responses
Large playground	79
Public toilets	74
New swings	70
New BBQ and picnic tables	68
New shelters	64
Open space	64
Perimeter fence	59
Quiet space with sensory play	53
All- Access carousel	47
Concrete paths	47
New exercise area /equipment	46
Formalised gravel paths	45
New soccer goals	41
Performing stage	28

21. In response to Question 3, there were 44 respondents who provided feedback regarding the elements they didn’t like in the concept plan, these are broken down into the following table:

Response Options	Responses
Performing stage	20
Public toilets	12
Concrete paths	11
Perimeter fence	10
New soccer goals	9
New exercise area /equipment	8
All- Access carousel	5
Quiet space with sensory play	5
Large playground	3
New BBQ and picnic tables	3
Formalised gravel paths	2
New swings	2
New shelters	1
Open space	0

22. Respondents were given the option to provide additional feedback on the concept design see attachment 1 for the comments provided.

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Innovation and continuous improvement

23. Not applicable.

Collaboration

24. Not applicable.

Budget implications

25. The project works are funded by the grant awarded through Growing Suburbs Fund.

Relevant law

26. Not applicable.

Regional, state and national plans and policies

27. Not applicable.

Conflicts of interest

28. All officers involved in the preparation of this report have made a declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

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