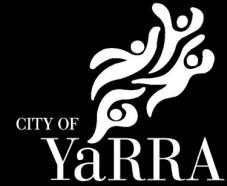


Linear Parklands Masterplan Community Engagement Report (Stage 2 consultation)



This report provides information on the Stage 2 community consultation for the Linear Parklands Masterplan project which opened on Friday 20 June and closed at 9am on Monday 21 July 2025. It sets out the community feedback received, provides a response to the key themes and outlines recommended changes to the masterplan document.

Overview

Project background

The Inner Circle Linear Parklands runs from Princes Hill, through Carlton North, right down to Fitzroy North near Rushall Station. It is the longest continuous stretch of open parklands in Yarra, containing many historical, cultural and environmental points of interest.

Linear Parklands is a chain of seven open space reserves that wrap around the former Inner Circle Rail Line and includes the old spur line between St Georges Road and Alfred Crescent, that connected the railway to Edinburgh Gardens to the south. The railway was built in 1888 and closed almost a century later. The Capital City Trail running through the park also serves as an important commuter cycling corridor connecting people across the surrounding suburbs.

The site is located on Wurundjeri Country within an urban green corridor providing the local community with large areas of active and passive open-space, varying ecologies, and landscapes. The parklands provide a habitat corridor between Royal Park and the Merri Creek for insects, birds and small mammals, contributing to biodiversity, urban cooling, and improved air quality, through large canopy trees and native plantings.

Linear Parklands is used for various activities, including:

- playgrounds
- commuter and recreational bike riding, scooting, walking and jogging
- Carlton North and Holden Street neighbourhood house activities
- recreation spaces to sit and relax, enjoy nature or gather for picnics
- community gardening, dog walking or playing on the historical bocce court.

As our population grows and changes, the ways in which our community uses our open spaces also changes. The 20-year Linear Parklands Masterplan will outline future upgrades and investment in the parklands, to ensure they reflect the needs of our diverse community now and in the years to come.

McGregor Coxall was engaged, alongside Capire Consulting, PMP Urbanists and RMIT University's Yulendj Weelam Lab, to undertake the Linear Parklands Masterplan.

The design brief outlined: "the masterplan will define a 20-year vision to guide the design and delivery of upgrades throughout the parklands. It will develop objectives and principles for the overall parklands as well as for each distinct section, identify and prioritise capital works projects to deliver on the vision, and set out guidelines for improved and ongoing land management practices."

Stage 1 of the Linear Parklands Masterplan community consultation took place from 4 April to 1 May 2022. We received 490 responses to our online survey and spoke to hundreds of people at our three in-person pop up sessions held in the parklands.

Since the consultation closed, we have continued to gather important technical information which will help us to develop the masterplan, including undertaking analysis of traffic movement patterns and use of the Shared User Path.

Objectives of this engagement

The objectives of this engagement are to:

- Raise community and stakeholder awareness and build excitement for the Linear Parklands Masterplan
- Inform the community and previous participants about how the Stage 1 consultation informed and influenced the development of the draft masterplan
- Seek community feedback on the draft Linear Parklands Masterplan to understand:
 - The community's level of support for the vision statement
 - How well we have captured the five principles in the draft masterplan
 - How the community like to use the park, in particular which of the five precincts they visit
 - How the community like to use Park Street Reserve and their suggestions for implementing future upgrades ('Play Plateau' project)
 - Community priorities in relation to six opportunities taken from the draft masterplan
 - Any other feedback the community has on the draft masterplan.
- Reach out to identified affected stakeholders to ensure they are consulted and have an opportunity to participate. This includes local residents, schools, parents and children, public housing tenants, park users, cyclists and active transport users.

Level of community influence

The community could influence the development of the final masterplan by telling us:

- How they like to use the park and which areas they like to visit
- Their level of support for the vision statement
- How well they think we have captured the five principles in the draft masterplan
- How they like to use Park Street Reserve and whether they have suggestions for implementing future upgrades
- About their top priorities for implementing the masterplan (from a list of categories)
- Any other feedback they have in relation to the draft masterplan and/or the proposed implementation plan.

Engagement methods

The following engagement activities were carried out to seek feedback on the draft masterplan:

- Online survey tool hosted through Your Say Yarra engagement platform (survey questions are included at **Appendix 1**).
- Three place-based pop-ups at the following locations:
 - Near Bennett Street on Saturday 28 June from 1pm to 3pm.
 - Outside Brunswick South Primary School on Thursday 3 July from 3pm to 5pm.
 - West side of Nicholson Street (near the traffic lights) on Tuesday 15 July from 4pm to 6pm.
- Targeted stakeholder engagement with the following groups:
 - Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
 - Public housing residents
 - Ward Councillors and local community groups.

Engagement reach

Promotion

The table below details the promotion undertaken to reach community and users of the parklands.

Engagement promotion
Social media posts on Yarra's Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn channels reaching 6,484 people .
Council email newsletters including Yarra Life, Your Say Yarra email newsletter, Yarra Business News, Yarra Environment News, Yarra Leisure news and Yarra Libraries email newsletter. This reached a total of 8,516 subscribers .
Promoted via Yarra News which is distributed to every household in Yarra (over 60,000 properties).
News story on Yarra City Council's website.
Postcards and other printed collateral – including printed version of the draft masterplan and implementation plan - available at three in person pop-up information sessions.
Postcards with QR codes distributed to 3000+ occupiers of residences and businesses in the streets surrounding Linear Parklands.
Mail outs of letters to 3000+ owners of residences and businesses in the streets surrounding Linear Parklands.
Digital screen promotion at Yarra City Council customer service centres and town halls.
Emails sent to over 50 community groups and stakeholders in the area

Your Say Yarra project page

The success of the Your Say Yarra page is tracked against the following metrics:

- **Views** – The number of times the page was seen.
- **Visitors** – The number of unique visitors that saw the page.
- **Responses** – The number of feedback responses that were submitted.

Views	Visitors	Responses
4,928	2,674	204 (*Revised from 205 due to 1 duplicate response)

Email responses

We received 41 email responses (which includes five late submissions) outside of the online engagement method, which included submissions from the following organisations and groups:

- Streets Alive
- North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House including the Folks on Spokes Bike Group
- Yarra Climate Action Now (YCAN)
- The 3068 Group Inc.

In person engagement opportunities

Three in-person pop-up sessions were held in locations along the Linear Parklands corridor.

In-person session (including date and location)	Approx. number of people we spoke to	Responses
Linear Parklands – Near Park Street Reserve on Saturday 28 June from 1pm to 3pm	60+	3 hard copy surveys
Linear Parklands – near the rear path leading to Brunswick South Primary School on Thursday 3 July from 3pm to 5pm	40+	None – around 20 postcards handed out
Linear Parklands – West side of Nicholson Street (near the traffic lights and Velo Cycles) on Tuesday 15 July from 4pm to 6pm	40+	3 hard copy surveys
TOTAL	140 (approx.)	6 hard copy surveys

Engagement results

Who did we hear from?

Demographic data was collected via the **205 hard copy and online** responses to the engagement survey tool.

Note that of the 205 responses received, there were two responses that were determined to potentially be from the same person. This is within the margin of error.

What's your connection to Yarra?	Numbers	Percentage
Live in Yarra, in a property I own (either outright or with a mortgage)	136	66.34%
Live in Yarra, in a property I rent	21	10.24%
Own a property in Yarra but live outside of Yarra	4	1.95%
Work in Yarra	33	16.10%
Own a business / business occupier in Yarra	10	4.88%
Study in Yarra	4	1.95%
None of the above	28	13.66%
Prefer not to say	2	0.98%
Total	205	100%

What's your connection to Linear Parklands?	Numbers	Percentage
I visit the Linear Parklands	96	46.83%
I travel through the Linear Parklands	81	39.51%
Other	28	13.66%
Total	205	100%

Are you a parent or carer of a child?	Numbers	Percentage
Yes	95	46.34%
No	103	50.24%
Prefer not to say	7	3.41%
Total	205	100%
What gender do you identify as?	Numbers	Percentage
Man	105	51.22%
Woman	86	41.95%
Self-described	2	0.98%
I prefer not to say	12	5.85%
Total	205	100%
What is your age range?	Numbers	Percentage
Under 11	0	0%
12 to 17	2	0.98%
18 to 24	0	0%
25 to 34	30	14.63%
35 to 49	65	31.71%
50 to 59	30	14.63%
60 to 69	39	19.02%
70 to 84	32	15.61%
85 and older	0	0%
I prefer not to say	7	3.41%
Total	205	100%
What suburb do you live in	Numbers	Percentage
Abbotsford	0	0%
Alphington	1	0.49%
Burnley	0	0%
Carlton North	29	14.15%
Clifton Hill	2	0.98%

Collingwood	1	0.49%
Cremorne	1	0.49%
Fairfield	1	0.49%
Fitzroy	6	2.93%
Fitzroy North	93	45.37%
Princes Hill	17	8.29%
Richmond	9	4.39%
I live outside of Yarra	45	21.95%
Total	205	100%
What suburb do you live in (if outside of Yarra) (45 respondents answered this question)	Numbers	Percentage
Brunswick	13	28.89%
Brunswick East	9	20.00%
Brunswick West	1	2.22%
Coburg	1	2.22%
Other	21	46.67%
Total	45	22% (of 205)
Select all that apply. I am.... (please note some respondents skipped this question)	Numbers	Percentage
Someone who speaks a language other than English at home.	22	12.43%
A person who was born overseas	27	15.25%
A person living with a disability.	15	8.47%
A member of the LGBTIQA+ community.	23	12.99%
Someone of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.	0	0%
None of the above.	90	50.85%
I prefer not to say.	21	11.86%
Total	177	86.3% (of 205)

What did we hear?

We heard a wide range of useful feedback through the following feedback channels:

- Responses to the survey
- Email submissions
- Verbal feedback during the pop-up consultation sessions
- Verbal feedback during the targeted engagement sessions with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
- Petition from Park Street residents.

The top themes are identified under each feedback channel, and these themes are discussed in more detail in the themed section on page 13. The long list of themes is included at **Appendix 2**.

Online survey

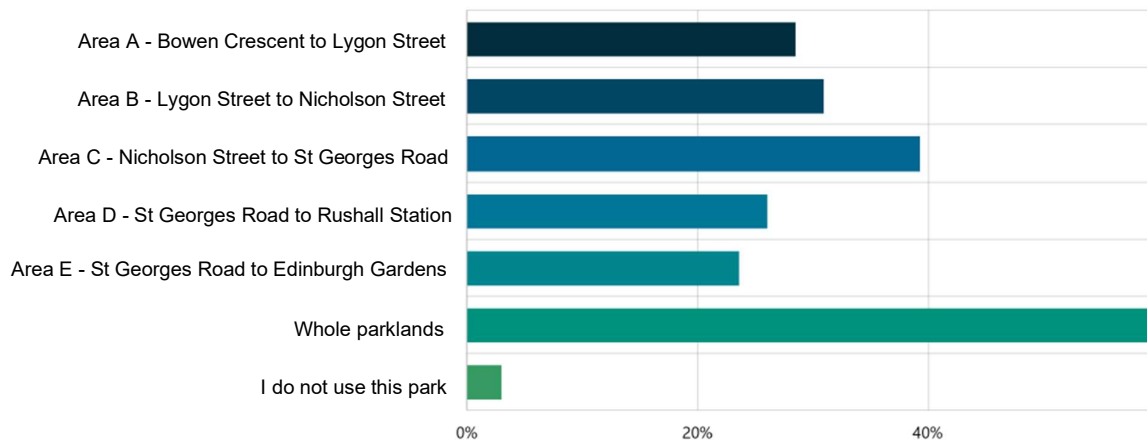
Question 1 – Use of corridor

The draft masterplan identifies five areas along the Linear Parklands. These are:

- Area A
- Area B
- Area C
- Area D
- Area E

Which section(s) of the Linear Parklands do you use? (You can choose more than one).

Of the 204 responses to this question, over half responded that they use the whole parklands (122). This is followed by Area C (80), Area B (63), Area A (58), Area D (53) and Area E (48), showing that people are using all parts of the Linear Parklands corridor.



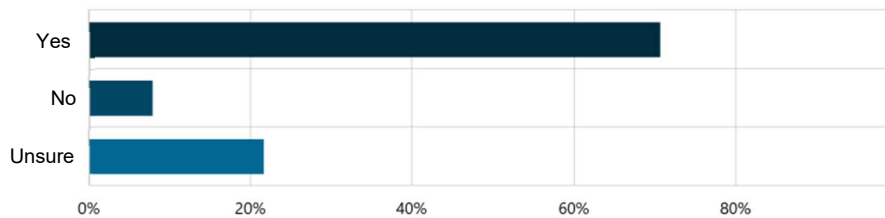
Question 2 and 3 - Vision

Vision statement: "The Inner Circle Linear Parklands will be a safe, equitable, parklands on Wurundjeri Country, supporting the health and sense of belonging for its diverse community. Offering a variety of experiences through a meaningful engagement with its animals, plants, culture, histories, and people".

Do you support the proposed Vision for the Linear Parklands Masterplan? (Yes, no, unsure).

Please let us know if you have any suggestions for how we could improve this statement.

Of the 204 respondents to the first part of this question, 70.59% (144) voted that they support the Vision for the masterplan.



In response to the second question which asked for suggestions in an open text field, 143 people responded. Many of the responses did not specify improvements to the statement or answer the question, instead expressing important aspects to the parklands. The top five themes that were raised include the following, and these themes are discussed in more detail further down in this report. A longer list of themes is provided at **Appendix 2**.

- Need to improve the Shared User Path
- Need for improved safety, including pedestrian safety and safety at night
- Importance of trees, native vegetation and a variety of vegetation in the parklands
- Importance of the corridor for transport and movement
- Importance of passive and active recreation in the parklands

A few participants commented on the Vision wording, noting that the statement is too formulaic, vague, generic and should include more words describing 'pleasure', 'fun' or 'enthusiasm'. These suggestions have been considered where wording changes can be made to the Vision that continue to align with the masterplan and general feedback from the community. Refer to **Appendix 3** for more detailed list of masterplan changes.

Questions 4 and 5 - Principles

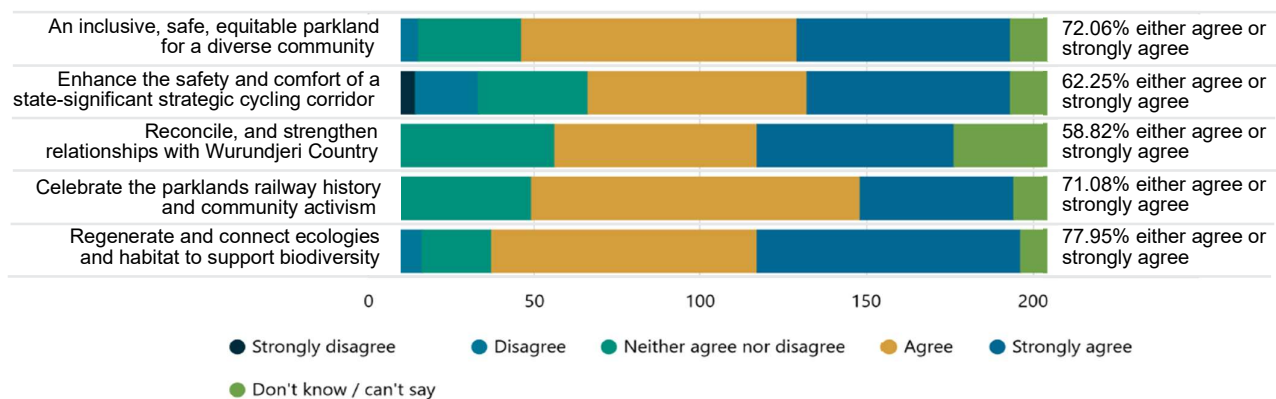
The draft Linear Parklands Masterplan has five principles that will help guide our future actions and projects, they are:

- An inclusive, safe, equitable parkland for a diverse community
- Enhance the safety and comfort of a state-significant strategic cycling corridor
- Reconcile, and strengthen relationships with Wurundjeri Country
- Celebrate the parklands railway history and community activism
- Regenerate and connect ecologies and habitat to support biodiversity.

Please indicate your level of agreement with how well you think these principles are captured in the draft masterplan. Rate from “Strongly disagree” to “Strongly agree”.

Do you have any suggestions for how these principles could be better captured in the draft masterplan?

Of the 204 responses, over half the people supported the principles by either choosing either 'agree' or 'strongly agree', with some of the principles gathering over 70% support.



In response to the second question asking for suggestions, 130 people responded. Some of the responses did not specify improvements to the statement, instead expressing important aspects to the parklands. The top five themes that were raised include the following, and these themes are discussed in more detail further down in this report.

- Need for improvements to the Shared User Path
- Importance of safety along the parklands, including along the Shared User Path (for pedestrians)
- Closing local roads that intersect with the parklands
- Value of green space and support for increasing the amount of open spaces through the parklands
- Importance of supporting and protecting biodiversity.

Multiple participants shared specific suggestions as to how the principles should be changed, such as simplifying them, and providing more focus on pedestrians and other users. These suggestions have been considered where wording changes can be made to the principles that continue to align with the masterplan and general feedback from the community.

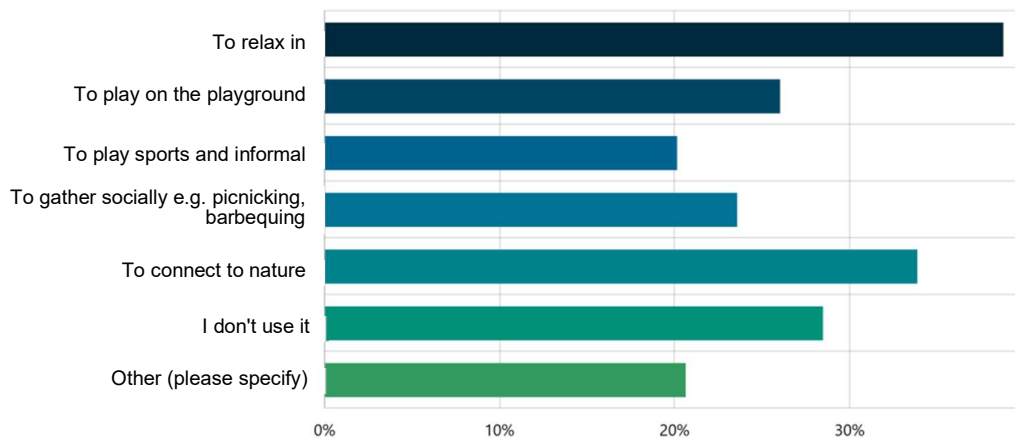
Questions 6 and 7 – Play Plateau proposal at Park Street Reserve

The draft masterplan for Linear Parklands will be implemented over the next 20 years. The first project to be carried out will be Area D of the masterplan 'the Play Plateau' Sports and Play precinct at Park Reserve. How do you/your family currently use this space?

- To relax in
- To play on the playground
- To play sports and informal games
- To gather socially e.g. picnicking, barbequing
- To connect to nature
- I don't use it
- Other (please specify)

What would you most like to see incorporated into the new design for the play plateau?

Of the 204 responses to Question 6, the top responses were 'to relax in', 'to connect to nature', 'I don't use this space', 'to play on the playground' and 'to gather socially e.g. picnicking, barbequing'. The responses show that people use the space in all sorts of ways.



In response to the second question asking for suggestions in an open text field, 204 people responded. The top five suggestions that people suggested should be incorporated into the space are:

- Native vegetation and trees, for local habitat creation, educational opportunity and shade.
- Facilities such as seating, shade structures, toilets and barbeques.
- Active recreation, with basketball being the most frequently raised and a wide range of other sports mentioned too.
- Upgrades to playground, including opportunities for water play, nature play, slides and sensory play, and materials to be sensitive to surrounding environment.
- Passive recreation, creating places to relax and gather socially.

All feedback received will be considered when the Play Plateau project is scoped up for design work. A long list of all the key themes is included at **Appendix 2**.

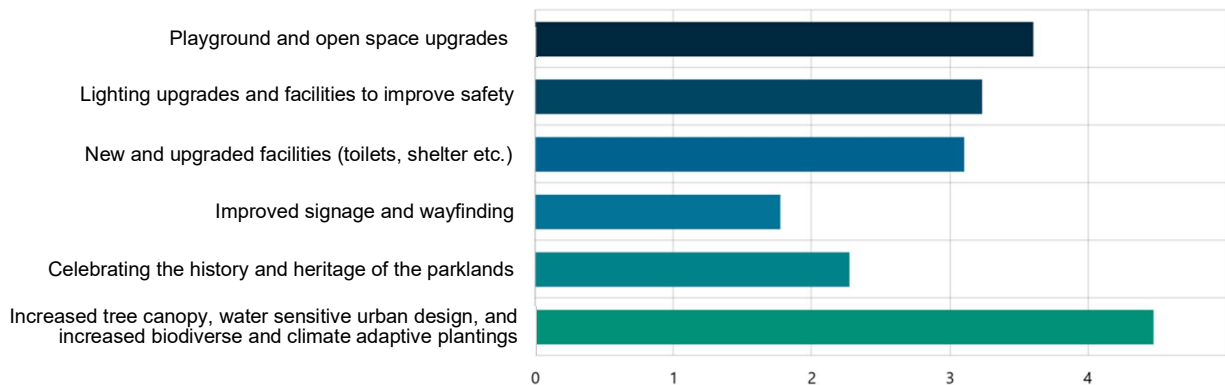
Questions 8 – Implementation Plan

The draft masterplan identifies opportunities for improvement through the implementation plan. Help us to prioritise these opportunities, indicating what is most important to you.

Please rank this list from most important to least important (please select at least one option).

- Playground and open space upgrades
- Lighting upgrades and facilities to improve safety
- New and upgraded facilities (toilets, shelter etc.)
- Improved signage and wayfinding
- Celebrating the history and heritage of the parklands
- Increased tree canopy, water sensitive urban design, and increased biodiverse and climate adaptive plantings.

Of the 204 respondents who answered this question, the top three answers were 'increased tree canopy, water sensitive urban design, and increased biodiverse and climate adaptive plantings', 'playground and open space upgrades' and 'lighting upgrades and facilities to improve safety'.



Question 9 – Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the draft Linear Parklands Masterplan and the projects listed in the implementation plan? (open text).

110 people provided feedback in response to this question. The top five themes that were raised include the following, and these are discussed in more detail in the themed section below.

- Need to improve the Shared User Path
- Importance of safety along the corridor, including between different users and at night
- Need for improved infrastructure/facilities in the parklands, including toilets, playgrounds, active sports facilities, shelter and shade
- Need to maximise green space along the corridor
- Importance of carefully considered lighting that minimises impacts on habitat whilst improving safety for park users at night

Email submissions

In total, 41 email submissions (which include five late submissions) were received providing further comments on aspects of the masterplan. Some of these submissions included an attached document, or were representing a group or body, not just an individual. The themes raised were consistent with feedback provided throughout the survey responses. The top five themes are set out below and are discussed further in the thematic section of this report at page 13. A longer list of themes is at **Appendix 2**.

- A mix of views about potential changes to adjacent roads, including road closures on Brunswick Street North and Rae Street, and changes to Park Street.
- Safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- Preserving open space in the parklands
- Vegetation, biodiversity and environment
- Need to improve the Shared Use Path

Pop-up consultation sessions

Approximately 140 people were engaged at the three in-person pop-up consultation sessions. Several issues and considerations were raised; these included the following:

- Need to create a better solution for the Shared User Path to ensure safer pedestrian/cyclist movement along the corridor (including where it intersects with roads and other uses)
- A mix of views about Park Street, with some people concerned about impacts on car parking and local access along Park Street, and others who were supportive of providing cyclist priority measures to accommodate commuter cyclists on Park Street
- Importance of capturing and celebrating the history of the parklands, including the role of social activism and key people involved (e.g. Barry Pullen)
- Importance of maximising the green space within the parklands, reducing impermeable surfaces, preserving informal grassed areas and improving vegetation along the corridor
- Facilities such as toilets should be co-located with other complementary uses
- Need for better lighting to improve safety whilst minimising impacts on the environment. Consider timed lighting/sensors
- Consider fencing for particular uses (e.g. playgrounds, dog off-leash areas)
- Brunswick South Primary School – general support for nature play and education proposals and opportunity to collaborate with school
- Consider how girls can be accommodated in play areas (e.g. Play Plateau)
- Support for wayfinding and interpretation signage
- Opportunity for activation and programming of activities in parklands (e.g. guided walks, yoga, plant courses)
- Need for document to be more accessible (i.e. shorter and clearer maps of what is proposed).

Targeted engagement sessions with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation

Five sessions were held with Elders representing the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation. The first was in March 2023 during the development of the draft masterplan, and the latest one was in July 2025 to present the draft masterplan. Through this process Council received lots of valuable feedback that has been incorporated into the masterplan. At the latest meeting to present the draft masterplan, the following feedback was received:

- Having QR codes in the Ronald McDonald House healing garden for people to explore and learn about culture
- Shelter at Ronald McDonald House healing garden for gatherings i.e. feeds with families
- Fire pit in the middle for smoking ceremony and healing
- Safe and spiritual place for healing
- Separate paths for cycling, faster transport than walking
- Concerned about bikes on paths near healing garden, speed, noise concern, request for consideration of a barrier.

Petition from Park Street residents

Council received a petition at its Ordinary Meeting on 12 August 2025 in relation to the Linear Parklands Masterplan. In the petition, the 32 signatories asked:

- That the needs of the residents and ratepayers of Park Street be considered as a priority in the Plan
- That the suggested development of the current Park Street 'pop up' bicycle path be removed altogether
- That the current shared pedestrian/bicycle path through the park be split to two paths – one part pedestrian i.e. pale gravel and other part bicycle path.

This is one of the key themes that emerged from the consultation and is addressed in the following section.

Key themes

Council received a wide range of valuable feedback. The most raised themes are set out below along with examples of community feedback and a response.

It is noted that many community members raised concerns or important considerations in the survey, however these were not in response to specific questions about these topics. Therefore, this report does not set out a precise comparison of who supports or doesn't support certain topics/proposals in the masterplan. The themes discussed below includes an indication of how many people talked about this topic and generally what their views were, to give a flavour of what has been raised.

To better understand the levels of support amongst the community for specific proposals, a more detailed and targeted consultation would be required as these proposals are taken forward. The community consultation would influence the scope of works for these projects.

The themes below have been grouped into key topics. It's noted that safety was a frequently mentioned topic of importance to the community. Safety has been discussed below under the relevant themes it relates to.

Feedback Theme 1 Pedestrian and cyclist movement through the parklands (including views on the Shared User Path)	
Examples of what we heard	Our response
• <i>"We strongly recommend that the existing shared path be widened to allow for a separated but adjacent bike and pedestrian path. While this would require a modest reduction in green space, the trade-off is justified by the significant increase in safe, active use of the area by both cyclists and pedestrians."</i> • <i>"I like the changes discussed but the focus seems to be in the safety of cyclists using the path not pedestrians, as a pedestrian I am uncomfortable using that path at peak hours due to the speed and number of cyclists."</i> • <i>"Would be good to widen the path in some spaces & also look at policies to separate out powered vehicles from the path."</i> • <i>"I am in favour of being able to commute safely by bicycle, but I am more in favour of being able to walk safely on the shared path, footpath and cross the street safely. The shared path has become the domain of cyclists, and pedestrians exclude themselves for their own safety...the masterplan should prioritise splitting the shared path to make it safe for pedestrians."</i>	Approximately 75 people mentioned the Shared User Path in their responses via survey or email, and the petition also mentions the Shared User Path. Participants largely agreed that there were current safety risks arising from having combined uses. • When discussing the Shared User Path, many participants and the petition discussed the option to better separate cyclists from pedestrians on different paths. • There were mixed views on how to separate bikes and pedestrians. Some participants suggested better infrastructure for cyclists on roadways, and leaving the paths to pedestrians. Others suggested physical barriers (either bollards or vegetation) between users on a wider trail within the park. Participants also noted that there is better opportunity to manage different speeds in a separated pathway. A person also suggested different surface types (i.e. softer surface for walkers and runners) could be accommodated. • Some participants who commented on the SUP suggested widening it. The reasons for this suggestion were largely related to improved safety for cyclists and pedestrians. Others said that widening the path would allow better space for more types of users, including people with prams. Some suggested widening it to create separate spaces for pedestrians, and cyclists.

- *"We strongly support the proposal to separate pedestrian and cycling paths where feasible. This will improve safety, encourage more people to ride bikes, reduce stress for all users, and protect vulnerable groups such as children, older adults, and people with disabilities."*
- *"There needs to be more sign posting and lighting around the bike crossings these are becoming very dangerous. The last four Ubers I've been in did not stop correctly, as the drivers do not understand the signage."*
- *"Please duplicate the bike path and walking path - they need to be completely separate different paths. It's too dangerous for walkers (particularly at night in low light). For a safer environment for everyone, please segregate walking and cycling paths."*
- *"The current cycle path is too small for the increased number of cycle commuters as well as pedestrians, parents with prams and strollers, kids on bikes, etc"*
- *"Safety for pedestrians should be key, no point having the other things if you are going to be run down by cyclist who are being given the message that they can go fast and don't need to stop for anyone or anything."*
- *"Love the plans - including keeping safe off-road cycling routes but perhaps separating from pedestrians (or widening)."*
- *Petition submitted requesting:*
 - *That the current shared pedestrian/bicycle path through the park be split to two paths – one part pedestrian i.e. pale gravel and other part bicycle path."*

One person suggested that powered vehicles could be separated again.

- A few participants suggested that measures are needed to slow cyclists down (e.g. path alignment, signage).

Council acknowledges that community is concerned about safety along the Shared User Path and have a range of ideas to address this concern.

To support the function of Linear Parklands, Council's aspiration is to create a low-stress and enjoyable environment for all users. In determining the appropriate type of path and width, there are a number of factors to be considered:

- Parkland setting which includes a chain of open space reserves for passive and active recreation.
- Adjacent uses such as the playgrounds, the neighbourhood house, the school, and commercial properties, which create regular points where people join and cross over the Shared User Path.
- Regular informal and signalised crossings.
- Current use of the space and any issues.
- Range of users who travel through the parklands, including pedestrians, cyclists, families and groups and dog walkers.
- Current and expected future demand for all users.
- Existing features and constraints (e.g. trees and services).
- Designs that encourage users to consider others and manage issues such as speed.

A Shared User Path is considered to be more appropriate given the open space setting where users need to navigate and slow down at regular intervals where there are intersecting paths/roads and adjacent recreation, play, community and commercial uses.

The masterplan recommends that the existing Shared User Path (which is generally 3m wide) is widened to 4m where possible to provide a more comfortable environment for pedestrians and cyclists to move along.

In addition, changes have been made to the masterplan to provide a continuous pedestrian gravel path wherever possible to offer an alternative for pedestrians, including joggers, dog walkers and groups.

Some community members suggested providing separate pedestrian and cycle paths along the parklands. Although providing separate pedestrian and cyclist paths has some benefits, it is not appropriate in this location as it would encourage cyclists to speed down the path, would have greater impacts on open space due to the need to construct concrete pedestrian paths, and would be more difficult to deliver due to the location of services, trees and other constraints.

Feedback Theme 2

On-road cycle facilities on Park Street

Examples of what we heard	Our response
• <i>Petition submitted requesting:</i> - <i>“That the needs of the residents and ratepayers of Park Street be considered as a priority in the Plan</i> - <i>That the suggested development of the current Park Street ‘pop up’ bicycle path be removed altogether.</i> • <i>As a cyclist, I agree with the need to make the shared path safer for pedestrians. I am happy to support your plans of deterring cyclists to use the path by making Park Street safer. Please can this be through segregated bike lanes. The reason I like cycling through the parklands so much is it is off the road and away from cars.</i> • <i>I'm not sure how realistic it is to move cyclists on to Park St. There is already a bike lane on part of Park St but most cyclists do not use it. How would cyclists be encouraged to use the Park St bike lane? How would an improved bike lane work with the current angle parking in Princes Hill?</i> • <i>The proposal for "enhancing" Park Street to create a more dedicated commuter cycling space is very unclear. It appears to suggest the removal of the street altogether, even though people have been advised this is not the case. What is contemplated?</i> • <i>Improving Park Street as a cycling route is an excellent idea. Cyclists going at the speed of vehicles would be better on the road than in the park. The speed of some cyclists is truly scary.</i> • <i>To have safer bike usage along Park Street perhaps the bike path could be to the north side of the road. This may not be practical. No reduced car parking on Park Street.</i> • <i>The Provision of safe separated bike lanes on Park St along the length of the Linear Park might better accommodate for the growing number of people using the Capital City Trail, in particular it would give the faster commuters a safe and direct alternative.</i> • <i>Please ensure that car parking opportunities for residents of Park Street are maintained when carrying out the cycling upgrade.</i> • <i>Implementation of delineated bike lanes on Park St along the length of Linear Park through Princes Hill and link to the CCT in</i>	Several participants provided feedback on the proposed Park Street cycling upgrades. There were approximately 18 surveys, seven email submissions and a petition with 32 signatures which reference it; however, it is noted that there is some duplication of participants across these different feedback channels. • Some people raised concerns about the potential extent of changes to Park Street to accommodate cyclist priority measures and the impacts this would have on local access and parking. Concerns were also raised about the lack of detail on what is proposed. • Some people supported the provision of better cycle facilities on Park Street to encourage faster cyclists those using e-scooters/bikes to use the on-road facilities and improve the safety of the Shared User Path. In response to this feedback: The SUP is well-used, experiences crowding and congestion, and will only get busier over time as more people use the path and parklands. To address this, officers recommend the masterplan widen the SUP to 4 metres wherever possible to improve the function and comfort of the path, whilst minimising impacts on green space and biodiversity that is highly valued by the community. Additional changes are recommended to change the masterplan to provide continuous stretches of pedestrian gravel paths where possible. Another key part of the draft masterplan that was consulted on was to create a parallel route for people riding bikes and scooters on Park Street. The draft had intended to provide a safe and comfortable place for people to ride, particularly for those travelling for trips where speed and directness are important (e.g. commuting). As no consensus was achieved, no changes to Park St to accommodate more cyclists is proposed at this time. Therefore references to Park Street will be removed from the masterplan. A future Council might undertake a separate and discreet project if it chooses.

Hardy Gallagher Reserve to better accommodate the growing number of people using the CCT and to avoid conflicts around the busy Railway House and Community Garden.

Feedback Theme 3 Safety and lighting

Examples of what we heard

- *"I support the concept of a "darkness strategy" and minimising light pollution."*
- *"Lighting does not necessarily bring safety, as there are accidents and crimes committed during daytime when it is light. Lighting with sensors on some parts could be good and cause less disruption for wildlife and trees etc."*
- *"Whatever you do, please don't nuke it with cold LED lights. Stay warm and thanks."*
- *"Any lighting upgrades in the Masterplan should take into account protection of urban wildlife from the harmful effects of artificial light."*
- *"I'd like to feel safe on the pathway in the early morning and evening when running and walking in winter. I want to use the pathway before and after work and in winter it feels unsafe due to the lack of lighting and visibility in some spots."*

Our response

Approximately 27 participants mentioned lighting. People were generally supportive of more lighting along the parklands to improve safety and many people wanted to ensure that any lighting minimises pollution and supports biodiversity.

The draft masterplan already proposes for lighting to be introduced along the corridor to improve safety and visibility for users, focusing on areas that have evening use (e.g. Shared User Path). It is proposed to provide consistent approach to lighting along the corridor that is underpinned by environmental considerations to minimise impacts on habitat and local fauna.

The lighting proposal is listed as a high priority item in the Implementation Plan.

Feedback Theme 4 Green space

Examples of what we heard

- *"I can only stress the need for a green corridor in North Fitzroy, so we have clean air, lots of trees and a tranquil space for activities that already take place there."*
- *"Less concrete!"*
- *"Green spaces, shaded areas, opportunities for rest and for activity are vital. More space to just sit and enjoy the parklands."*
- *"Maximise green areas and planting and minimise paved and hard landscaped areas."*
- *"An expansion should not result in a net loss of green space."*

Our response

Many participants shared that they highly value green space and support increasing green, open spaces throughout the parklands. They explained that it is important to have space for activities, trees, less concrete/built elements, and places for kids to play and plant things; illustrating that green space can improve peoples' quality of life.

The masterplan includes some areas of change and built elements to improve the accessibility and usability of the space for all people (e.g. shade structures for weather protection, paths for better access, surfaces to support active recreation). However, many sections of parklands will remain as grass or include plantings to support the space as a biodiversity and habitat corridor.

Feedback Theme 5 Vegetation and biodiversity

Examples of what we heard	Our response
<i>"You have a chance to regenerate Indigenous species here, you may not get it again. Your commitment seems non-specific and patchy. Get rid of the ridiculous European trees where you can and start giving our native wildlife some habitat."</i> <i>"Native plant gardens and habitat for wildlife, with signs for people to connect with nature."</i> <i>"Improved biodiverse plantings to provide a feel for nature in areas where people gather."</i> <i>"To best represent a sense of place and authentic environmental values, the Vision should prioritise Indigenous plantings - but otherwise the statement is great."</i> <i>"The trees planted should not be Symphyomyrtus eucalypts or we'll have more Noisy Miners taking over and not letting small bush birds through. Either Wattles, Lightwoods or Monocalyptus should be used - which do not attract Noisy Miners and will also increase insect biodiversity."</i>	Participants frequently expressed the importance of planting a variety of vegetation, native vegetation and trees in and around Linear Parklands. They shared that it is important to support local biodiversity, as well as creating a sense of place where people can connect with nature. This also came up as a priority for the Play Plateau project at Park Street Reserve. The masterplan includes an objective under the 'Climate Resilience, Integrated Water Management and Biodiversity Health' heading to "Enhance ecological health of the corridor." Under this, there are a number of 'key moves' which include to connect patches of native vegetation, provide complex habitats of vegetation and enhance habitat features, diversify plant stock, and use biodiverse and climate adaptive plantings.

Feedback Theme 6 Road closures

Examples of what we heard	Our response
<i>"I think you should be bold and close both Rae and Brunswick Street to stop those streets sectioning off the park and to make it a very safe and enjoyable space for children and cyclists."</i> <i>"Block through traffic on Brunswick Street North. I live there, and it has become a noisy, unsafe rat run."</i> <i>"Closing minor roads along the path would make the path safer for all pedestrians and cyclists, and calm traffic along residential streets."</i> <i>"I do not agree with the closure of Brunswick St North and Rae St. This is a critical link for the road network that is already over contested with increased development further north along Nicholson St and St George's Road."</i> <i>"Basically, the more that parklands can be reclaimed from cars the better. Converting those sections of Brunswick Street North and Rae Street from roads to parklands makes this icon of Melbourne so much better, we need more parklands for residents and safer bike routes to reduce car dependency. This plan helps do this!"</i>	Approximately 47 people mentioned closing roads to traffic in their responses. Most participants who commented on closing roads to traffic were supportive of it, while some participants objected. The masterplan does not include any active proposals to close Brunswick Street North and Rae Street to traffic. However, if there is significant community appetite to close either one or both roads in future, this could be explored at a later date.

- *"We encourage the council to close off Brunswick St Nth to make it safer for local people."*
- *"I am extremely concerned about the proposed closure of Brunswick St North and Rae St, Fitzroy North."*
- *"I believe that Rae and Brunswick streets should be closed off to cars. They have been identified as confusing and dangerous. They are small streets, and it would be beneficial to close them to cars, making it safer and simpler."*
- *"I am concerned about the proposed closure of Brunswick St North and Rae St, Fitzroy North to cars that form part of the proposal. This would effectively annex those living north of Holden Street from easily accessing the heart of North Fitzroy."*

Feedback Theme 7 Facilities/Infrastructure

Examples of what we heard

- *"The plans for the Commons Area would work better if some facilities were closer to the existing Neighbourhood House - i.e. the toilet block and possible adult exercise equipment station would be better placed nearer the playground. A bike repair station would be very well used if installed by the existing path (near the Neighbourhood House) near the drinking fountain. The Princes Hill Primary School would benefit from a child friendly pump track, possibly in the Linear Park across from the school."*
- *"Toilet block in zone C2 should not take up valuable parking bays already at a premium but would be better placed on the west side of Nicholson St where the playground and commercial hub is located so people do not have to cross the road to access."*
- *"Play areas with water play."*
- *Play Plateau "Upgraded playground for children including sunshade sails to protect on sunny days. I believe toilets in the masterplan in all sections would be better placed close to the BBQ areas where people gather for picnics and social gatherings."*
- *"The toilets in the plans would be better located close to BBQ areas where people gather for picnics. I don't think toilets should be open 24 hours a day because this could attract unwanted guests after dark and risk becoming a place for people to gather and drink after sunset."*

Our response

Participants commented on a variety of infrastructure upgrades or necessary improvements. Toilets were a common suggestion, as well as specific types of play.

The masterplan includes proposals for regular toilets and other amenities such as seating and playgrounds. As projects are taken forward, the specific needs and priorities (e.g. type of play offering, exact location of toilets) will be worked through and informed by consultation with the local community and users of the space.

Changes have been made to the masterplan to respond to some of the specific suggestions. This includes:

- Moving the toilets and fitness equipment closer to the North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House and considering a pump track and bike repair station in this area.
- Removal of '24-hour' from the public toilet labels, as the hours and requirements for toilets should be guided by Yarra's Public Toilet Strategy and local needs.
- More general wording for the recreation opportunities in the Play Plateau project at Park Street Reserve, as there was a vast range of ideas suggested by the community.

Feedback Theme 8 Heritage

Examples of what we heard	Our response
<i>"With the old railway station building (now the Railway Neighbourhood House) located in Area A, there is huge potential here to celebrate the railway history and the community activism that lead to this building being saved from demolition by the local community. For example: a mural about how the community saved the building; signage that tells the story; and significant improvement to the building to restore it."</i> <i>"These remnant sections of track are approximately 150 years old and are still laid on the original red gum sleepers which are buried in the ground and thus obscured. These remnants are only part of the remaining infrastructure which once stretched further west to North Carlton and beyond."</i> <i>"This is a proposal to name a section of the revitalized Linear Park upgrade in Fitzroy North to honour and recognize Barry Pullen, MLC[1939-2024]"</i>	Several participants suggested that the old railway history should be celebrated and preserved. The masterplan proposes to provide interpretation signage to preserve, connect and celebrate the railway history. It also proposes that remnant heritage items (e.g. weigh bridge, railway tracks) are enhanced through supporting landscape and/or architectural form. Changes have been provided in the masterplan to note that the path alignment should consider and protect the existing location of the railway tracks and structures so that people can view them whilst avoiding conflicts (e.g. bikes slipping on tracks). Text has also been added to propose that existing heritage features (e.g. damaged fencing) be repaired where appropriate. For any future proposals to name sections of Linear Parklands, this would be guided by Yarra's Place Naming Policy.

Feedback Theme 9 Recreation

Examples of what we heard	Our response
<i>"I would like to see the vision acknowledge the Linear Parklands importance to the many people whose connection with it is their daily commute through it as well as its importance as a primary place of recreation, passive and active for the many people who live nearby."</i> <i>"Greater focus on inclusion and spaces for all ages informal and formal sports."</i> <i>"Primary place for diverse recreational opportunities for the many residents who live nearby."</i> <i>"I appreciate the basketball court."</i> <i>"Places to relax and gather socially."</i> <i>"Informal seating/ lounge to create opportunities to be in the space without "doing" sports activities."</i>	A few participants discussed the importance of using the park for passive and active recreation, and the need to create inclusive spaces. Participants expressed that the Statement should capture the significance of Linear Parklands offering such a diverse and essential range of recreation activities for the community, the importance of people's connection to it, and how it increases liveability in the area. The masterplan shows several locations along the parklands that offer a variety of passive and active recreation, and as these projects are taken forward the recreation offering will be shaped by consultation with the local community and users of the space. Changes have been made to the masterplan to add 'relax, play and move through' in the vision, recognising how people use the parklands. Additional text has also been added to reinforce the importance of play offerings for all ages, genders and abilities.

Appendix 1 – Survey questions

Engagement Questions

The draft masterplan identifies 5 areas along the Linear Parklands. These are:

- Area A
- Area B
- Area C
- Area D
- Area E

Which section(s) of the Linear Parklands do you use? (You can choose more than one).

Vision statement: "The Inner Circle Linear Parklands will be a safe, equitable, parklands on Wurundjeri Country, supporting the health and sense of belonging for its diverse community. Offering a variety of experiences through a meaningful engagement with its animals, plants, culture, histories, and people".

Do you support the proposed Vision for the Linear Parklands Masterplan? (Yes, no, unsure).

(Logic, if no or unsure)

Please let us know if you have any suggestions for how we could improve this statement.

The draft Linear Parklands Masterplan has 5 principles that will help guide our future actions and projects, they are:

- An inclusive, safe, equitable parkland for a diverse community
- Enhance the safety and comfort of a state-significant strategic cycling corridor
- Reconcile, and strengthen relationships with Wurundjeri Country
- Celebrate the parklands railway history and community activism
- Regenerate and connect ecologies and habitat to support biodiversity.

Please indicate your level of agreement with how well you think these principles are captured in the draft masterplan. Rate from "Strongly disagree" to "Strongly agree".

Do you have any suggestions for how these principles could be better captured in the draft masterplan?

The draft masterplan for Linear Parklands will be implemented over the next 20 years. The first project to be carried out will be Area D of the masterplan 'the Play Plateau' Sports and Play precinct at Park Reserve.

How do you/your family currently use this space?

- to relax in
- to play on the playground
- to play sports and informal games
- to gather socially e.g. picnicking, barbequing
- to connect to nature
- Other (please specify)
- I don't use it.

What would you most like to see incorporated into the new design for the play plateau?

The draft masterplan identifies opportunities for improvement through the implementation plan. Help us to prioritise these opportunities, indicating what is most important to you.

Please rank this list from most important to least important (please select at least one option).

- Playground and open space upgrades
- Lighting upgrades and facilities to improve safety
- New facilities and infrastructure upgrades across the reserve including park furniture, toilets and shelter
- Improved signage and wayfinding
- Celebrating the history and heritage of the parklands

- Increased tree canopy, water sensitive urban design, and increased biodiverse and climate adaptive plantings.

Do you have any other comments about the draft Linear Parklands Masterplan and the projects listed in the implementation plan? (open text).

Appendix 2 – Long list of themes

Please see below longer list of themes raised (in no particular order).

Themes
Shared User Path – including pedestrian and cycling safety, suggestions to separate or widen the path, cycle infrastructure needed, and recognising the corridor as a place for movement
Changes to roads – including Park Street and Rae Street / Brunswick Street North
Green space – including extent of green space and open space character
Vegetation – including native species and trees
Environment – including biodiversity health, Pollinators, Integrated Water Management and climate resilience
Recreation – including active, passive and inclusive recreation spaces. A wide range of activities were suggested for the Play Plateau project at Park Street Reserve
Infrastructure – including toilets, playgrounds, fitness equipment, pedestrian crossings/underpasses, parking, BBQs, shade and seating areas, and co-locating facilities
Heritage – including remnant heritage features, North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House and suggestion to rename section of parklands after Barry Pullen
First Nations – including opportunity for greater recognition and education
Lighting – including safety and environmental considerations
Accessibility and inclusion – including for different, ages, genders and abilities
Dog off-leash areas
Fencing – including for playgrounds and dog-off leash areas
Wayfinding and interpretation signage
Activation and programming of activities in parklands
Connecting in with adjacent uses such as schools/community uses
Cost
Maintenance and graffiti
Consultation process
Accessibility of document
Word suggestions – including to vision and principles

Appendix 3 – List of key changes to the masterplan report

The table below outlines the proposed changes to the masterplan documents. Items marked with an Asterix (*) have been recommended in response to the key themes and issues/ideas raised by the community.

Page	Recommended change to masterplan	
Various	Minor text edits to correct spelling, grammar and naming conventions, to ensure sources are included, and to improve readability of text.	
Various	Minor map/image edits to ensure correct details and graphics.	
Cover	Change from 'DRAFT' to 'FINAL' and add date.	
10	Add wording to note that (Inner Circle) Linear Parklands is also known as 'Inner Circle Railway Linear Parklands' and referred to as 'Linear Parklands' in the masterplan document.	
10	Update text to reflect latest Council Plan (2025-29).	
10	Add text under 'Project process' heading: <i>"As projects are taken forward, these will include more in-depth design work and consultation with local community and stakeholders to shape the extent of changes within the corridor."</i>	*
12	Add text under 'Prior community engagement' heading: <i>"A second round of consultation was carried in June 2025 to seek feedback on the draft masterplan. Changes have been made to the masterplan document in response to the feedback received."</i>	
12	Revise text under 'Stage 5: Final Linear Parklands Masterplan' to include: <i>"Updates to Wurundjeri Traditional Owners, community and stakeholders."</i>	
20	Add text under 'What we heard from community' heading: <i>"As part of a Stage 2 consultation, the community provided feedback on the draft masterplan, and changes have been made to the document to incorporate this feedback. The Stage 1 and 2 Engagement Reports are available on Council's Your Say Yarra webpage for this project."</i>	
26	Replace text under the 'Shared path or separated pedestrian and cycling paths' heading to provide clearer information and rationale for Shared User Path: "Guidance on path widths for Shared User Paths" <i>There are various guidance and best practice documents that influence the best design approach for paths.</i> <i>For Shared User Paths:</i> – As a minimum, the Victorian Traffic Engineering Manual Volume 3 - Design Guidance for Strategically Important Cycling Corridors recommends a minimum width of 3.5m for busy recreational paths. <i>[insert Table 4 - SUP widths]</i> <i>Source: Vic Roads Traffic Engineering Manual Vol. 3, 2016</i>	*

	– Best practice guidelines recommend wider Shared User Paths in recognition of the need to provide comfortable spaces to walk and ride. – Both NSW's Cycleway Design Toolbox and WA's Shared and Separated Paths guidelines suggest minimum shared path widths of 4.0m for major routes."	
26	Replace text under 'Path design recommendations' heading: <i>"Recommended approach for paths within Linear Parklands</i> <i>To support the function of Linear Parklands, Council's aspiration is to create a low-stress and enjoyable environment for all users. In determining the appropriate type of path and width, the following needs to be considered:</i> – <i>Parkland setting which includes a chain of open space reserves for passive and active recreation.</i> – <i>Adjacent uses such as the playgrounds, the neighbourhood house, the school, and commercial properties, which create regular points where people join and cross over the Shared User Path.</i> – <i>Regular informal and signalised crossings.</i> – <i>Current use of the space and any issues.</i> – <i>Range of users who travel through the parklands, including pedestrians, cyclists, families and groups and dog walkers.</i> – <i>Current and expected future demand for all users.</i> – <i>Existing features and constraints (e.g. trees and services).</i> – <i>Designs that encourage users to consider others, and manage issues such as speed.</i> <i>With this in mind, a Shared User Path is generally considered to be more appropriate given the open space setting where users need to navigate and slow down at regular intervals where there are intersecting paths/roads and adjacent recreation, play, community and commercial uses.</i> <i>The desired minimum width of a Shared User Path would be 4.0m, allowing for safe overtaking and pedestrian interactions. Where feasible, wider Shared User Paths should be considered in environments where there are higher numbers of pedestrians and cyclists, increased cross movements, limited sightlines and additional congestion issues. It is however recognised that there are various constraints along the corridor that may limit how wide the Shared User Path can be.</i> <i>If additional pedestrian paths are required, a minimum 1.5m width is required although a wider path of 2.0m min would be recommended given the amount of pedestrian traffic."</i>	*
27	Remove examples showing separate paths and keep in examples of Shared User Paths at St Georges Road, Ismay Reserve and Mernda bike path (Shared User Path section).	*
28	Reword the first three bullet points under the 'Safety and comfort' heading: – <i>"Widening the Shared User Path to improve safety and comfort.</i> – <i>Providing additional connections for pedestrians and cyclists to reduce pressure on the Shared User Path, by providing a secondary gravel pedestrian path that meanders through the parklands where needed and feasible.</i> – <i>Increasing the safety and legibility of the Shared User Path for cyclists and pedestrians at signalised and non-signalised road crossings."</i>	*
30	Map edit: Add label to show conflict point at north-south path leading between Park Street and Princes Hill Primary School, where it intersects with Shared User Path.	*
31	Map edit: Delete label showing 4m Shared User Path as this section is 3m wide.	
36/37	Map edits: Insert dog symbol at Hardy Gallagher Reserve, Janet Millman Reserve (east of Rae Street) and Park Street Reserve (west of Bennett Street), remove 'dog off-leash' label at Janet	*

	Millman Reserve (as there is already a symbol), replace 'Parklands Dog Off-leash Area' label to 'Batson Reserve' (it already has a dog symbol). Edit legend to note these as 'Larger dog off-leash areas along the corridor'. Note: these edits will be updated across all relevant maps	
44	Add new bullet point under 'Railway history' heading: – <i>"Ensuring that future upgrades along the parklands carefully considers and integrates with the remnant railway tracks and other structures."</i>	*
47	Map edit: Add label to recognise the remnant railway tracks and weigh bridge east of Brunswick Street North.	*
50	Reword vision from: <i>"The Inner Circle Linear Parklands will be a safe, equitable, parklands on Wurundjeri Country, supporting the health and sense of belonging for its diverse community. Offering a variety of experiences through a meaningful engagement with its animals, plants, culture, histories, and people."</i> to: <i>"The Inner Circle Linear Parklands will be a safe and equitable parklands for people to relax, play and move through, and will support the health and sense of belonging for its diverse community. The open space corridor on Wurundjeri Country will offer a variety of experiences through a meaningful engagement with its animals, plants, culture, histories and people."</i>	*
50	Reword the second principle from: <i>"Enhance the safety and comfort of a state-significant strategic cycling corridor."</i> to: <i>"Enhance the safety and comfort of the Capital City Trail for all users."</i>	*
50	Reword the fifth principle from: <i>"Regenerate and connect ecologies and habitat to support biodiversity."</i> to: <i>"Enhance this open space and biodiversity corridor by conserving green space, restoring natural systems and strengthening ecological and habitat connections."</i>	*
54, 72-105, 108	Remove the proposal for on-street cycle priority measures along Park Street from the masterplan. This includes deleting Key Move 1.1 and removing Park Street from the area maps and implementation plan.	*
54	Add a new Key Move 1.1 (and move the subsequent Key Moves down): <i>"Upgrade and widen the existing Shared User Path to improve its comfort for all users."</i> – <i>Widen the Shared User Path to 4.0m where possible.</i> – <i>Consider the path alignment and measures to encourage slower cyclist speeds."</i>	*
54	Add text (underlined) under Key Move 2.4 sentence: <i>"Prioritise DDA accessible parking in close proximity to activity nodes and destinations <u>and provide bicycle parking at destinations along the corridor.</u>"</i>	*

58	Add text (underlined) under Key Move 1.1: <i><u>“Establish and cluster designated areas for passive and active recreation nodes, <u>and ensure areas provide flexibility in use.</u>”</u></i>	*
58	Add bullet point under Key Move 1.1: – <i>“Retain informal grassed areas for kick about space, picnics and other recreation.”</i>	*
58	Reword Key Move 1.4 from: <i>“Create dog-friendly spaces and facilities.”</i> to: <i>“Recognising dog owners and their needs in the parklands.”</i> Include two additional bullet points to this section: – <i>“Further coordinate on-leash and off-leash spaces between Yarra and Merri-bek along the corridor.</i> – <i>Provide clear signage to show boundaries of dog off-leash and on-leash areas as permitted under Council Order / Local Laws.”</i>	*
58	Combine Objective 1 and 4 as they are similar, and reword Objective 1: <i>“Objective 1: Establish the parklands as a safe, comfortable and accessible destination for all users.”</i> Move the following Key Moves from Objective 4 to Objective 1, and rename them Key Move 1.5 and 1.6: <i>“Key Move 1.5</i> <i>Develop a smart, effective and cohesive lighting strategy that address’ key issues identified by community and stakeholders.</i> <i>Key Move 1.6</i> <i>Ensure all future projects are guided by CPTED principles.”</i>	
58	Insert Key Move 1.7: <i>“Where there is significant community interest, investigate opportunities for additional greening along the corridor, such as through kerb extensions, greening on adjacent roads and re-purposing of car parks.”</i>	*
58	Add text (underlined) under Key Move 2.1: <i>“Install and upgrade suitable equipment to cater to various age groups, <u>genders, abilities</u> and recreational preferences.”</i>	*
58	Add bullet points under Key Move 2.1: – <i>“Improve accessibility of playgrounds and recreation spaces wherever possible.</i> – <i>Consider play opportunities for underrepresented groups through upgrades to playgrounds and recreation spaces.”</i>	*
58	Add text (underlined) under Key Move 3.2: <i>“Replace fences with softer boundaries such as vegetation, hedges, trees, or boulders, <u>to reduce their visual impact and deter graffiti.</u>”</i>	*

58/59	Add new Key Move 3.4: <i>“Enhance the natural open space character and amenity of the parklands through any upgrades to the corridor.</i> <i>– Where built structures and hard surfaces are being contemplated, consider if there is an alternative solution that minimises impacts on the parkland (e.g. natural and permeable materials). Reduce clutter wherever possible.</i> <i>– Incorporate appropriate plantings to soften appearance of any necessary structures and hard surfaces.</i> <i>– Consider cumulative impacts of any hard surfaces and structures along the corridor and reduce clutter where possible.”</i>	*
59	Remove two precedent images to allow for additional text.	
60	Add bullet point under ‘Guidelines’ heading: <i>– “Consider materials that minimise impacts on urban heat.”</i>	*
62	Add text (underlined) under Key Move 1.7: <i>“Increase the visual amenity of the space utilising climate resilient (including non-endemic) herbaceous perennial plantings <u>(including pollinating species)</u> to diversify plant stock and create a more visually spectacular landscape <u>and seasonal change.</u>”</i>	*
64	Add new Key Move 3.4: <i>“Incorporate design features (e.g. permeable paving) to slow and reduce runoff into the landscape where appropriate.”</i>	*
64	Remove Key Move 4.2: <i>“Recirculate water from Merri Creek for treatment and reuse for irrigation of the parklands, as well as returning treated water back into Merri Creek.”</i>	*
66	Add text (underlined) under Key Move 1.1: <i>– “Install informative signage or plaques near heritage buildings and landmarks, remnant railway tracks or stations, significant trees, and plants, providing historical context and preservation efforts, <u>and considering key people involved in this history.</u>”</i>	*
66	Add bullet points under Key Move 1.2: <i>– “Path alignment to consider and protect the existing location of remnant railway tracks and structures so that people can view them whilst avoiding conflicts (e.g. bikes slipping on tracks).</i> <i>– Repair existing heritage features (e.g. damaged fencing) where appropriate.”</i>	*
Area maps	Re-add local government boundary to all maps.	
Area maps	Show an indicative alignment for a secondary pedestrian gravel path running through the parklands. This will require some amendments to other secondary paths shown on the maps (e.g. the extent of paths around the community event space in Area C will be reduced following community feedback and to integrate better with a continuous pedestrian path).	*

Cross section	Update to include secondary pedestrian paths where relevant.	
76	Map edit – Add text (underlined) to label: <i><u>“PLATFORMS IN THE HILLS</u></i> <i>Construct a series of small additional hills and picnic platforms to enhance the vast character of the open space and encourage users to stay, <u>whilst retaining open grassed areas for informal recreation.</u></i>	*
76	Map edit – Add text (underlined) to label: <i><u>““THE COMMONS” PLAY AREA</u></i> <i>Upgrade and expand existing playground and surrounding amenity. Incorporate Rail history into playground design with linear design expressions. <u>Consider opportunities for a small pump track in the area.</u></i>	*
76	Map edit – Move fitness station to be closer to play space and North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House.	*
76	Map edit – Move public toilet closer to North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House. Remove ‘24-hour’ and ‘Option A’ from the label.	*
77	Map edit – Add text (underlined) to label: <i><u>“NORTH CARLTON RAILWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE</u></i> <i>Improve access to North Carlton <u>Railway</u> Neighbourhood House. Upgrade existing amenity and construct platform interfacing with playground and open space to the west. <u>Consider opportunities for a bike repair station near the Neighbourhood House, with convenient access from the Shared User Path.</u></i>	*
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94	Reword text under ‘Open space, passive and active recreation’ heading from: <i>“Enhance the active sports offering with upgrades to existing half basketball/volleyball and additional, Table tennis tables, Chess Tables, Boccie, Bouldering sculpture.”</i> to: <i>“Enhance the active sports offering with upgrades to the existing half basketball court and consider additional recreational provision such as table tennis, chess tables, bocce, bouldering and pump track.”</i>	*
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