

# MCCORMACK PARK DRAFT MASTER PLAN

## WHAT WE HEARD (AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2022)

Community consultation occurred between 15 August and 23 September 2022, on a draft Master Plan for McCormack Park. The feedback collected will inform the final Master Plan.

The draft Master Plan includes a story telling river, water play workshop, viewing and climbing tower, bush trail, bridge improvements, socialising hubs, picnic facility expansion, multisport court, exercise hub, amphitheatre, redesigned carpark, and pathway improvements. Feedback on Creek crossings within McCormack Park was also sought concurrently with this project.



### The community engagement process

Community engagement opportunities are outlined below and were also shared via Council's digital platforms.

- **an online survey** on the project's website on Participate Hobsons Bay
- **hard copy returnable surveys** to Laverton, Seabrook, Altona Meadows, and part of Altona
- **email and phone calls** to share feedback
- **drop-in session on site** McCormack Park 10 September 2022

### Who got involved?

As part of the consultation, 84 submissions were received. The project's website on Participate Hobsons Bay received 1,759 site visits from 1,032 individual site visitors during the engagement period.



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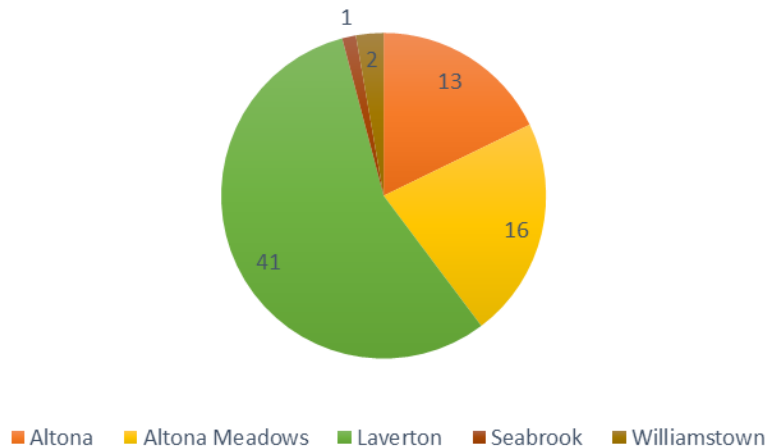
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### Respondent demographics



### What we heard – Creek crossings

#### New crossing at Thomas Street

Community members were asked if they support the construction of a new creek crossing at Thomas Street, taking the existing crossing out of the flood zone. Of the 81 respondents who answered this question 74 indicated they are supportive of this proposal. Comments submitted regarding the new crossing proposal include:



#### Decommissioning Williams Street bridge

Community members were asked if they support the decommissioning of the Williams Street bridge if a new bridge is constructed at Thomas Street. Of the 79 respondents who answered this question 46 indicated they are supportive of this proposal. Comments left regarding the decommissioning of the Williams Street bridge include:



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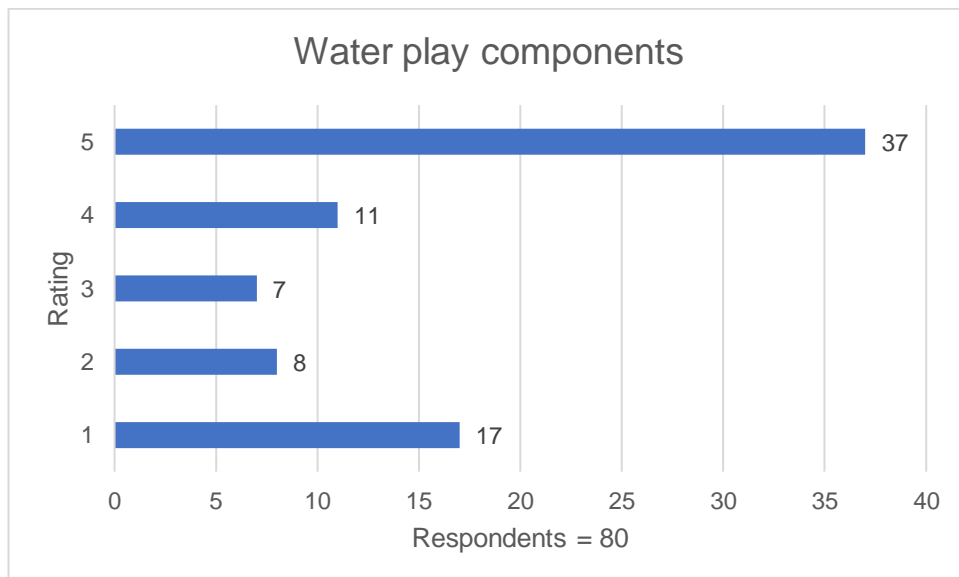
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Build Asian style bridge  
 One bridge cannot replace two  
 Provides more access from Williams to park  
 Closing will create bigger divide  
 Use decommissioned bridge as rock wall to catch litter  
 All 3 bridges flood  
 Can't cross during flooding  
 Maher Road Bridge is used by cyclists making is hard for dog walkers  
 More natural bridge materials  
 This is part of a walking track  
 Yes as Maher and Williams bridges are close  
 Maher and Williams work together as a loop walking path  
 Distance between Thomas and Maher is too great  
 Build to a high standard  
 Keep crossing here  
 Rarely floods  
 I use Williams Street bridge all the time  
 Williams is used by those who can't walk far  
 This bridge is a nice walk  
 Leave it  
 Useful for those who can't walk far  
 Jennings street bridge should cross over to Thomsa Street  
 Keep this bridge  
 Not required  
 Only sometimes flooded  
 Keep William Street bridge  
 More cross points make the area safer  
 Too far apart  
 Keep existing cross over  
 Does not flood as regularly as others  
 Maher Road bridge too skinny

### What we heard – McCormack Park draft Master Plan

#### Proposed water play space components

Community members were asked to view artist perspective images on the proposed water play component of the extended play space and rate their level of satisfaction from 1 being the lowest to 5 being the highest.



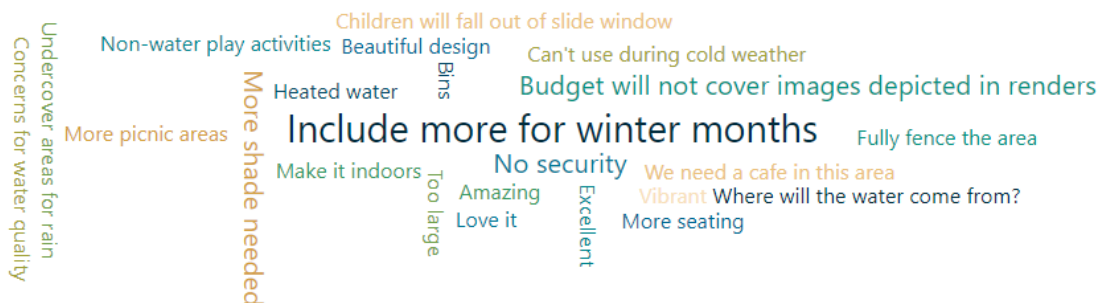
**Community members were asked to tell us what they think is missing from the proposed water play space.** Comments submitted outlined a desire for non-slip flooring within the water play area, water fountains, ensure ample carparking, the provision of a water play section for dogs and reiterated the concern for the play area only being usable during the summer months. The feedback submitted online is depicted in the word cloud below.

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**Comments on the components incorporated into the water play portion of the McCormack Park play space** submitted include concerns about water quality and sustainable energy for any electrical components. Feedback submitted online are depicted in the word cloud below.



**Comments on the proposed inclusions and improvements to McCormack Park as detailed in the draft Master Plan** submitted include the desire for more planting and vegetation as well as several comments expressing excitement for the proposed park upgrade. Feedback submitted online are depicted in the word cloud below.



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Respondents were asked if they had further comment, or if there is anything they feel was missed in the McCormack Park draft Master Plan. The below word cloud depicts the feedback submitted.



Comments were also submitted regarding the future of Laverton Swim and Fitness Centre, these questions and comments were addressed and explained in the FAQ's section of the participate page <https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/mccormack> at the beginning of community consultation.

### Next steps

Thank you to all community members who got involved and shared valuable feedback. The McCormack Park Master Plan will be updated for final



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consideration by Council. For further project updates or questions please visit Council's website [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au) or email [communityengagement@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](mailto:communityengagement@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)



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