

CITY OF WEST TORRENS



Notice of Committee Meetings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Sections 87 and 88 of the
Local Government Act 1999, that a meeting of the

CITY SERVICES AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

and

CITY FACILITIES AND WASTE RECOVERY STANDING COMMITTEE

of the

CITY OF WEST TORRENS

will be held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre
165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Hilton

on

TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2023
at 6.00pm

Terry Buss PSM
Chief Executive Officer

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1 MEETING OPENED**2 PRESENT****3 APOLOGIES****Apologies****Committee Member:**

Cr Sam Whiting

4 DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Committee Members are required to:

1. Consider Section 73 and 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and determine whether they have a conflict of interest in any matter to be considered in this Agenda; and
2. Disclose these interests in accordance with the requirements of Sections 74 and 75A of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Services and Climate Adaptation Standing Committee held on 1 November 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

6 COMMUNICATIONS BY THE CHAIRPERSON**7 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

8 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**9 MOTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

10 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

11 CITY SERVICES AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION REPORTS

11.1 Dog and Cat Management Plan 2022-2027

Brief

This report presents the Dog and Cat Management Plan 2022 - 2027.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that the Dog and Cat Management Plan be approved, with it being noted that Council's By-law 5 - Dogs, will be reviewed in the 2023 calendar year, rather than the original due date for review of January 2025 and that this minor adjustment be incorporated into the final version of the plan.

Introduction

Section 26A of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* (the Act) requires each council to prepare a plan for the management of dogs and cats within its area. A plan of management must:

- include provisions for parks where dogs may be exercised off-leash and for parks where dogs must be under effective control by means of physical restraint, and may include provisions for parks where dogs are prohibited;
- over 5 year periods and each plan must be prepared and presented to the Dog and Cat Management Board (the Board) at least 6 months before it is to take effect; and
- be approved by the Board before it takes effect.

As Council's current Dog and Cat Management Plan 2017-2022 was due to expire, a review of the Plan was required. Accordingly, a draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2022-2027 (**Attachment 1**) was developed. The objectives contained in the Plan were informed by Council's dog and cat management complaints/feedback data, the requirements of the Act, consultation with key staff and feedback received from community consultation undertaken in March - April 2022.

The draft plan has been reviewed by the executive team and, due to the requirements during caretaker period, was approved by the Chief Executive Officer to be released for public consultation and to be provided to the Dog and Cat Management Board for review.

Discussion

Development of the Dog and Cat Management Plan 2022-2027 was undertaken in accordance with the Act and with the Board's *Policy and Guidelines regarding council Plans of Management Relating to Dogs and Cats*. Objectives in the Plan have been informed by Council's dog and cat management complaints/feedback data, consultation with key staff and feedback received from community consultation undertaken via Your Say from 14 November 2022 to 12 December 2022.

Overall, the consultation resulted in three (3) responses being received via 'Your Say'.

The following table captures the comments received and how the feedback was considered.

Comments	Response	Change to the Plan
<p>My feedback is in relation to dog on-leash areas: in public places (other than parks and reserves) This should be revised to be -on any park or reserve with unfenced children's play equipment during times when children are present I have had my child attacked at Mile End common by a dog that chased them in the playground. The owners were abusive and did not accept responsibility 'saying their dog is friendly'. There were multiple witnesses and all were shocked by the attack. The signs of 'effective control' does nothing. I'd also like signage to include how to take action on: PLEASE REPORT INEFFECTIVE CONTROL to XYZ I'd also like fines in place for dog owners with ineffective control and dog harassment. Dog prohibited areas: I'd often take my children to dove park and dog owners continue to bring their dogs into the gated playground despite the signage. Are there fines for doing this? I would also like Dog prohibited signage to be updated and include PLEASE breaches to XYZ Owners who breach these instructions can be fined XYZ Thank you</p>	<p>Expiations do exist for dogs not under effective controls and reports are made to Council often about this type of complaint. In relation to prohibited areas and the exclusion of dogs at reserves this would be a change in by-laws or legislation.</p>	<p>No changes to the Plan are proposed as a result of this feedback. Changes to the by-laws are to be reviewed 2025.</p>
<p>Dogs dominate green spaces in the AM and from 4-7pm when children want to use green spaces for ball games. This plan does nothing to protect children and young people from dogs at this time. When there are multiple dogs, children cannot play sports or run as dogs are chasing them. More need to be done to enable children to access these spaces safely and without harassment</p>	<p>Expiations do exist for dogs not under effective controls and reports are made to Council often about this type of complaint. In relation to prohibited areas and the exclusion of dogs at reserves this would be a change in by-laws or legislation.</p>	<p>No changes to the Plan are proposed as a result of this feedback. Changes to the by-laws are to be reviewed 2025.</p>
<p>With an increase of greyhounds in the council area, there has not been a single greyhound off-leash event in our local dog park since adopting our greyhound in January 2022. It is disappointing given the positive outcomes and obvious need for this highlighted by the pilot. In addition, not enough is being done to prevent other dogs being off leash in areas such as the enclosed tennis courts near Weigall Oval.</p>	<p>Following adoption of the Plan, Council will develop an implementation plan, detailing specific actions, timelines and partnerships for Greyhound events.</p> <p>The concerns are noted, but without specific details, Council cannot respond directly.</p>	<p>No changes to the Plan Greyhound events are addressed in the Plan.</p> <p>No changes to the Plan are proposed as a result of this feedback.</p>

Many of the comments regarding the draft Plan refer to dogs not under effective control. These operational initiatives will be a combination of both existing and new initiatives to achieve the identified outcomes and will be informed by relevant action plans. The Dog and Cat Management Board responded with minor suggested word changes for consistency within the Act and confirmed the Draft Plan met the requirements of the Act.

The next stage in finalising the Plan (**Attachment 1**) is for Council approval, having regard to the feedback obtained during the community consultation process. Following consideration of feedback received during public consultation and from the Dog and Cat Management Board on the Draft Dog and Cat Management Plan, the final draft Plan is presented to Council for approval.

Feedback subsequent to the above process

Subsequent to the above consultation process, a resident submitted a complaint to Council and then brought the matter to the media in relation to a provision in Council's **By-law 5 - Dogs**, that requires a person wanting more than one dog on their property, if it is deemed to be a small dwelling, to have a permit and for their premises to be inspected for suitability to keep another dog on their premises. Essentially, the complaint was in relation to the definition of what constituted a small dwelling and the perceived inconsistencies with the requirements of other neighbouring councils.

A table of the City of West Torrens requirements compared with neighbouring Councils is provided below:

Council	No. of Dogs before an exemption is required for a small dwelling	Definition of a small dwelling
City of West Torrens	1 (One)	A self-contained dwelling that is: - a residential flat or building; or - contained in a separate strata unit or community title; or - on an allotment less than 400 square metres in area; or - without a secure yard of at least 100 square metres in area.
City of Charles Sturt	1 (One)	Premises comprising any self-contained dwelling where the property, or part thereof (ie flat, home, unit, etc contains a secured unobstructed yard of less than 100 square metres.
City of Marion	1 (One)	Means a property involving any self-contained dwelling where the property or part thereof (i.e. flat, home unit etc) contains a secured unobstructed yard area of less than 100 square metres.
City of Holdfast Bay	1 (One)	Means a self-contained dwelling commonly known as a flat, service flat, home unit or the like.
City of Unley	Only two (2) dogs may be kept on any premises.	

Council Administration have undertaken to bring forward the review of this By-law which will now be conducted in 2023. As a result, a minor wording change will be required on page 12 of 26, replacing:

"By-law 5 is due to be reviewed in 2025."

with:

"By-law 5 will be reviewed in the 2023 calendar year."

Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

There is no direct climate impact in relation to this report.

Conclusion

Following approval by Council, the final draft Plan will be provided to the Board for review and approval. The Plan will come into effect in May 2023, being at least six (6) months after Plan was first submitted to the Board.

Attachments**1. Dog and Cat Management Plan 2022-2027**

Dog and Cat Management Plan 2022 - 2027

Draft
October 2022



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This document was produced by the City of West Torrens, with assistance from members of the West Torrens community who contributed during public consultation.

Kaurna Acknowledgement

The City of West Torrens is located on the Traditional Homelands of the Kaurna Nation of People, the first Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Adelaide Region.

It is important to recognise that, while colonisation has resulted in the dispossession and dislocation of the Kaurna Meyunna, their Spiritual, Cultural Heritage and relationship with their Country is enduring. Kaurna's Connection and obligation to their Ancestral Lands the (Yarta) is still as important to the living Kaurna people today. The Kaurna people have lived on their lands for more than 50,000 years and developed strong and enduring spiritual, social, economic and governance systems that are still relevant for Aboriginal Title and are recognised within the 1836 Letters Patent.



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Version 1 draft

Review by City of West Torrens staff - August 2022

Version 2 draft

Review and approved by Executive for public consultation - October 2022



Message from the Mayor

Our dogs and cats are valued in the West Torrens region as they provide a sense of enjoyment and companionship for owners, families, friends and, sometimes, even complete strangers.

Since the advent of COVID-19, many people have decided to include a furry friend in their family. As such, the onus is on owners, the general community and councils to ensure that pets are managed and controlled in order to safeguard the wellness and safety of local people, as well as the pet.



We all know that wandering dogs and cats, barking, attacks and harassment to people and other animals presents issues that need addressing. In the City of West Torrens there are more than 7,000 registered dogs recorded on Dogs and Cats Online (DACO), and our residents have registered more than 2,500 feline friends, reflecting people's commitment to being responsible pet owners.

The Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 requires all South Australian councils to prepare a 5 year Dog and Cat Management Plan for their area. Our previous plan, which expired in 2022, needed reviewing and updating, and I'm pleased to present to you our Dog and Cat Management Plan for the next 5 years.

Our new Dog and Cat Management Plan summarises how we have been progressing the control and wellbeing of domestic animals in West Torrens, not just from a regulatory perspective but from an educational perspective as well. It is also a plan for the future which outlines how we will further educate, communicate and improve dog and cat management in our city.

Council is guided by the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* and Council By-laws to address noncompliance in our area and address concerns from our residents promptly and efficiently.

We recognise the benefits that owning a pet can have for individuals and families and we understand that the majority of pet owners in West Torrens do the right thing by their pet, as well as our local community; we want to ensure that the education and support our Council provides will help when it comes to enacting legislation.

Our vision is to be the best place to live, work and enjoy life and we understand that pets can enhance a person's wellbeing and make life more enjoyable. We trust you share our vision.

Michael S. Coxon

Mayor, City of West Torrens.

Our City

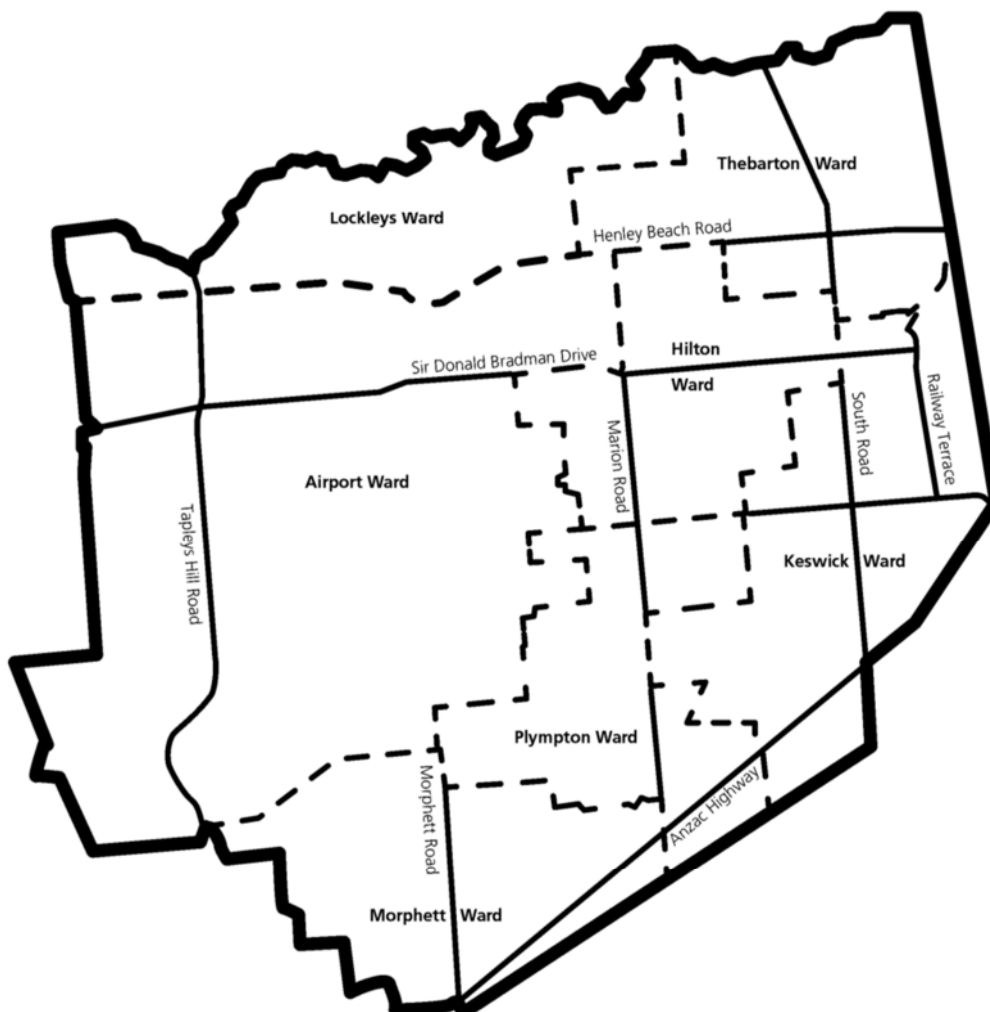
the City of West Torrens comprises 37 square kilometres of Adelaide's western metropolitan area and is situated between the Adelaide Central Business District and Gulf St Vincent. Its location makes it a desirable place to live and in recent decades we have seen an increase in housing and population, meaning that the demand for services, communal spaces and public amenities has increased.

The city, its plants, animals and waterways, including the River Torrens (Karrawirra Pari), have continuing cultural and spiritual significance to Kaurna people. The river is not only a special place for Kaurna, but is also valued for its natural landscape appeal, biodiversity and open space and recreation activities.

Around 62,000 residents live in the City of West Torrens and we have a community with a vibrant mix of nationalities. People from Greece, Italy, the United Kingdom, India, China and Vietnam all help make up our cultural richness.

The City of West Torrens is well-known for its shopping facilities including Harbour Town, Ikea, Brickworks Marketplace and Mile End Homemaker Centre. Adelaide Airport is a central part of our city and with 5,000 individually owned businesses in the area, West Torrens is often a hub of traffic and people.

Wards in West Torrens



Why do we need a Dog and Cat Management Plan

... and what will it do?

The Dog and Cat Management Plan is a requirement under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*. All councils are required to prepare a 5-year plan relating to the management of dogs and cats within its council area.

The Plan will replace our 2017 - 2022 Dog and Cat Management Plan and will focus on our community's priorities, our Community Plan 2030 objectives and our Dog By-law 5, while incorporating legislative responsibilities for dog and cat ownership.

In line with Council's vision of 'Committed to being the best place to live, work and enjoy life', the main focus of this Plan is to continue to address the immediate safety of our community and promote responsible pet ownership, while ensuring legislation is adhered to and in alignment with the strategic objectives of our Community Plan.

The objectives contained in this Plan have been informed by Council's dog and cat management feedback data, the requirements of the Act and feedback received from community consultation.

These objectives will guide the direction for the management of dogs and cats during the next 5 years and address issues including:

- Community education and compliance.
- Responsible pet ownership.
- Dogs off-lead.
- Dog faeces management.
- Dog parks.
- Dog socialisation.
- Greyhound events.
- Mandatory microchipping and desexing of dogs and cats.
- Feral or unowned cat control.
- Cat containment.

Development of our Plan

The Dog and Cat Management Plan 2023 - 2028 builds upon the success of our previous Plan and is informed by:

- Local complaints data on dog attacks and harassment, dogs wandering at large and barking dogs etc.
- DACO data on registrations, desexing and microchipping of dogs.
- Local complaints of cats causing a nuisance.
- The Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 and Dog and Cat Management Regulations 2017.
- The City of West Torrens By-law 5 - Dogs.
- Community consultation (as detailed below).

Community consultation

To assist with the development of this Plan, community consultation was undertaken via Council's Your Say platform from 9 March to 1 April 2022. This valuable feedback has provided us with an overview of our local community's main concerns, which we can address long-term. Consultation findings can be found later in this document.



City of West Torrens Community Plan



Our Vision

Committed to being the best place to live, work and enjoy life

The five focus areas for the delivery of our vision are:



Community life

We support diversity, health and well-being, community cohesion and connections, and create opportunities to learn and enjoy the local area.

We ensure housing, urban development and infrastructure contribute to attractive and safe neighbourhoods, and how we travel in and beyond our area.



Built environment



Organisational strength

Council ensures its services lead to quality outcomes and exceptional experiences for our community.

We protect and conserve the natural environment, reuse and recycle resources, support biodiversity and respond to climate change.



Environment and sustainability



Prosperity

We support jobs, businesses and industries to generate local economic growth and activity.

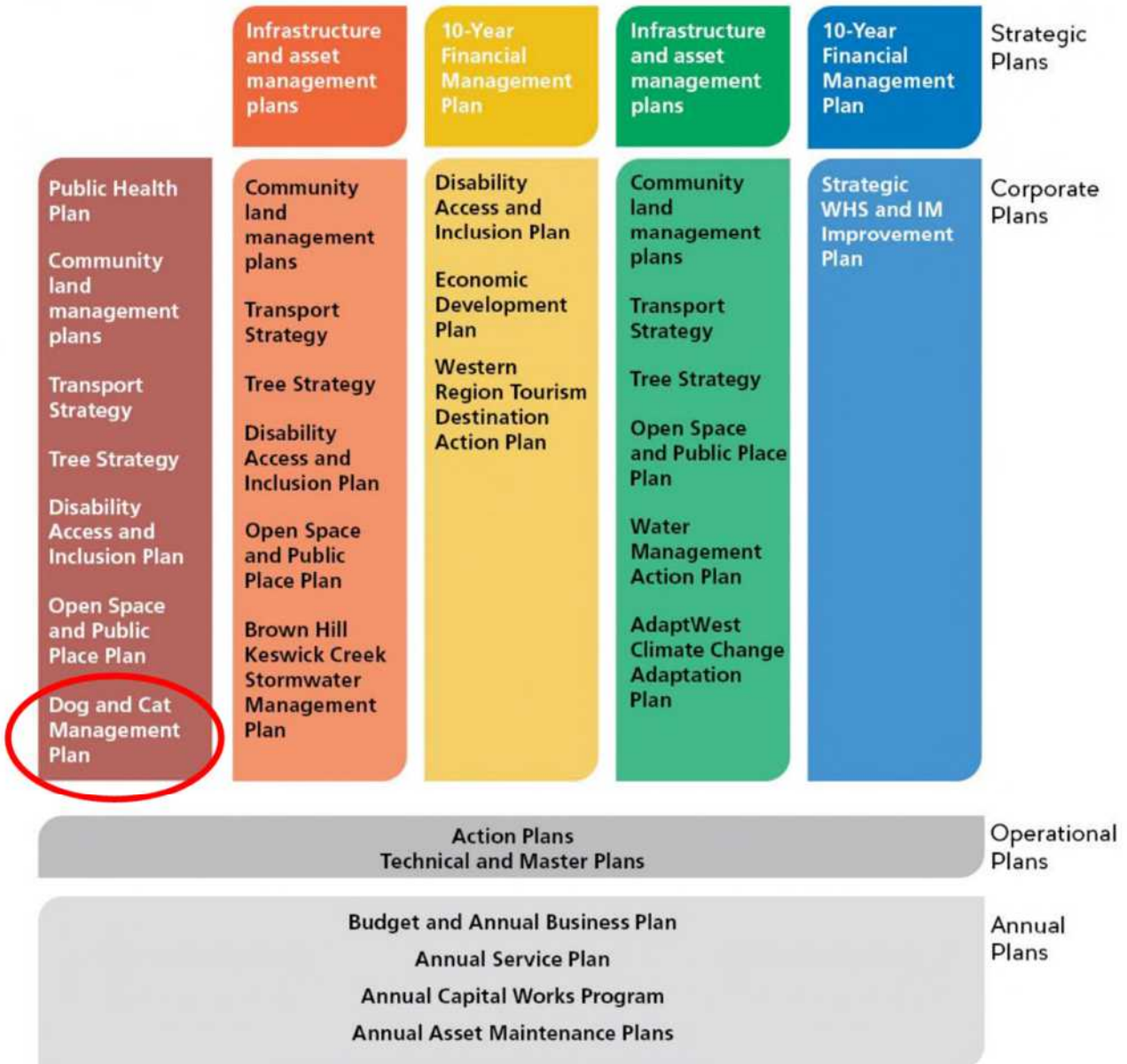


Our Strategic Objectives

 community life	 built environment	 prosperity	 environment and sustainability	 organisational strength
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A diverse, inclusive and welcoming community. • Universal accessibility to facilities and services. • Active and healthy lifestyles for all ages and abilities. • A resilient community through community involvement, social connections and life-long learning. • A community that embraces technological change and the opportunities it offers. • Facilitation of community health, wellbeing and safety. • Recognition of our unique local cultural identity and heritage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An attractive, safe and cohesive urban environment that supports better quality development assessment outcomes, diverse housing choice and compatible non-residential development. • Infrastructure that meet the needs of a changing city and climate. • Neighbourhoods designed to promote safe, active travel and strengthen connections, amenity and accessibility. • A variety of indoor and outdoor sport, recreation and community facilities and open spaces. • Place-making and public art which enhance the visitor experience at key destinations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A diverse, resilient and competitive economy, including small business, tourism and export sectors. • Optimise the benefits of local activity and key employment precincts. • Economic development through innovation, collaboration and investment and connections between businesses and the community. • Promote opportunities and economic advantage arising from Adelaide Airport and our proximity to the CBD. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainably manage our resources through reuse, recycling and circular economy. • Reduce the City's impact on the environment. • Prepare for and respond to the challenges of a changing climate. • Open spaces that foster the natural environment, support biodiversity and encourage people to spend time outdoors. • Protect and expand the urban forest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong partnerships and working relationships with our community, other organisations and spheres of Government. • Customer experience and community are at the centre of our considerations. • High levels of governance, transparency and integrity. • An inclusive, innovative, and collaborative organisation. • A safe, healthy and resilient workforce. • A workforce that meets current needs and plans for future needs. • Sustainable financial management principles. • Our community can communicate and meaningfully engage with Council. • Technology as a tool to help innovate how we interact with each other and our community. • A resilient organisation that is able to effectively respond to emergency incidents and events.



West Torrens Community Plan



Strategic alignment

Council's Community Plan 2030 is the lead document in our suite of strategic management plans and contains 5 focus areas for the delivery of our vision 'Committed to being the best place to live, work and enjoy life'. The Dog and Cat Management Plan will contribute to the attainment of a number of the strategic objectives contained within the Community Plan, namely:

Community life:

- Active and healthy lifestyles for all ages and abilities.
- Facilitation of community health, wellbeing and safety.
- Universal accessibility to facilities and services.

Built environment:

- A variety of indoor and outdoor sport, recreation and community facilities and open spaces.
- Infrastructure that meets the needs of a changing city and climate.

Environment and sustainability

- Open spaces that foster the natural environment, support biodiversity and encourage people to spend time outdoors.

Organisational strength:

- Strong partnerships and working relationships with our community, other organisations and spheres of government.
- Customer experience and community are at the centre of our considerations.



The Dog and Cat Management Board and Council

The Dog and Cat Management Board (the Board) oversees the administration and enforcement of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*. The Board ensures that South Australia's regulatory and legislative framework is reviewed and amended to improve the management of dogs and cats in South Australia. The Board draws on a range of expertise represented by 9 members appointed by the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water.

The Board's Strategic Plan 2020 - 25, identifies strategic directions that are divided into 2 programs. Program 1 addresses responsible ownership and effective management of dogs and cats, while program 2 addresses effective Board and organisational performance; as such, Program 1 is applicable to Council.

Many of the objectives and strategies detailed in Council's Dog and Cat Management Plan align with a number of the strategic directions contained in Program 1 of the Board's Strategic Plan (2020-2025).

Dog and Cat Management Board Strategic Directions

Responsible ownership and management of dogs and cats program

Board's Strategic Direction	Council objectives
Inform and educate the community about dog and cat management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory microchipping. • Desexing and identification for dogs and cats. • Feral or unowned cat control and confinement. • Responsible dog ownership.
Equal focus on cat management to the same level as dog management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory microchipping. • Desexing and identification.
Reduce the incidence of dog attacks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible dog ownership. • Socialisation of dogs.
Reduce numbers of unwanted dogs and cats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory microchipping. • Desexing and identification for dogs and cats.
Develop capacity to fulfil the requirements of the Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory microchipping. • Desexing and identification for dogs and cats.



Legislative background

The *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* states that:

- (1) Each council must, in accordance with this section, prepare a plan relating to the management of dogs and cats within its area.
- (2) A plan of management must include provisions for parks where dogs may be exercised off-leash and for parks where dogs must be under effective control by means of physical restraint, and may include provisions for parks where dogs are prohibited.
- (3) A plan of management must cover 5 year periods and each plan must be prepared and presented to the Board at least 6 months before it is to take effect.
- (4) A plan of management must be approved by the Board before it takes effect.
- (5) A council may, with the approval of the Board, amend a plan of management at any time during the course of the 5 year period covered by the plan.

Under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*, councils are responsible to administer and enforce the provisions of the Act. Key legislative requirements include:

- Microchipping – all dogs and cats that are over 3 months of age and born after 1 July 2018 are required to be microchipped.
- Desexing - all dogs and cats that are over 6 months of age and born after 1 July 2018 are required to be desexed.
- Breeders - a person must not sell a dog or cat they have bred unless they are registered as a breeder with the Dog and Cat Management Board on Dogs and Cats Online.
- Sellers - certain information to be provided to the buyer.
- Dog registration - every dog of or over 3 months of age or after 14 days of ownership must be registered.

Council By-law:

By-laws are local laws made by a local council under an enabling power such as *the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* and the *Local Government Act 1999*. Councils have the ability to establish by-laws for the management of dogs and cats. The City of West Torrens By-law 5 Dogs establishes a policy on the following requirements:

- Limits of dogs in private premises.
- Dog exercise areas.
- Dog on leash areas.
- Dog prohibited areas.
- Dog faeces.

By-law 5 is due to be reviewed in 2025.

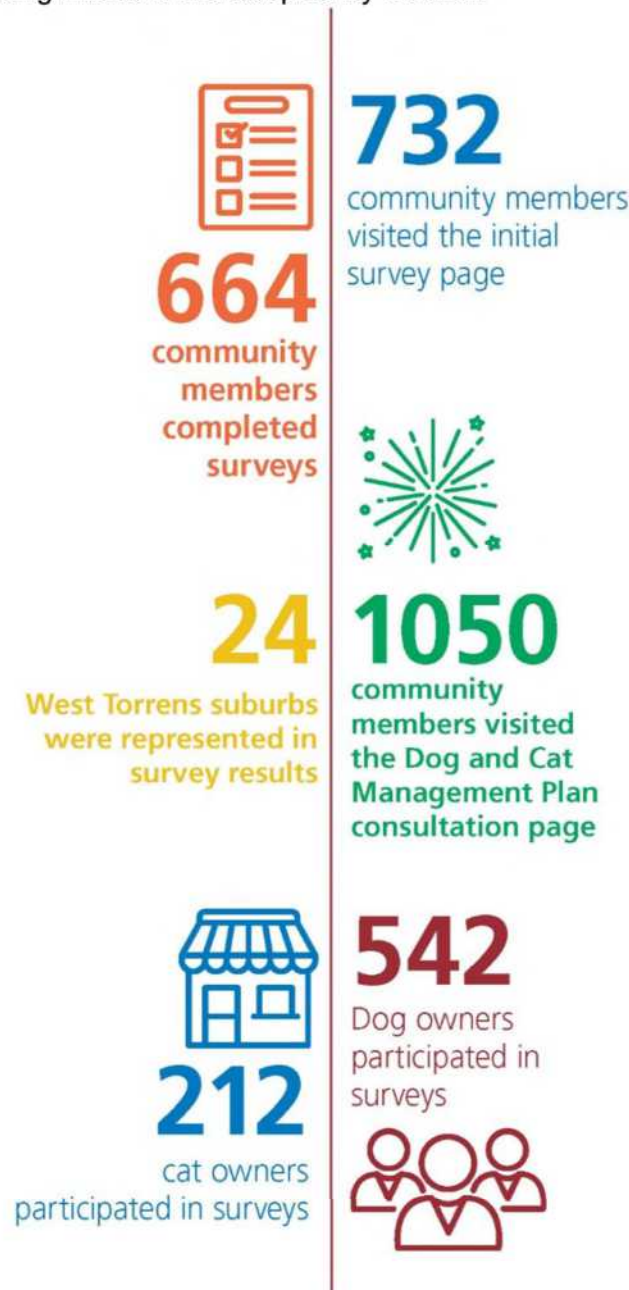


Community consultation

This Draft Dog and Cat Management Plan builds on direct feedback from 664 people during the initial community engagement stages in early 2022.

We gathered community feedback through a general survey, which garnered community sentiment around a number of dog and cat related subjects including: ownership, dog parks, off-lead areas, safety, trials and restrictions.

While workshops and events were initially planned to reach a wider group of the community, the consultation schedule was cut short due to the implementation of COVID-19 restrictions. To ensure the Plan does accurately reflect community views, it will be subject to further consultation before being finalised and adopted by Council.



Dog and cat statistics - West Torrens

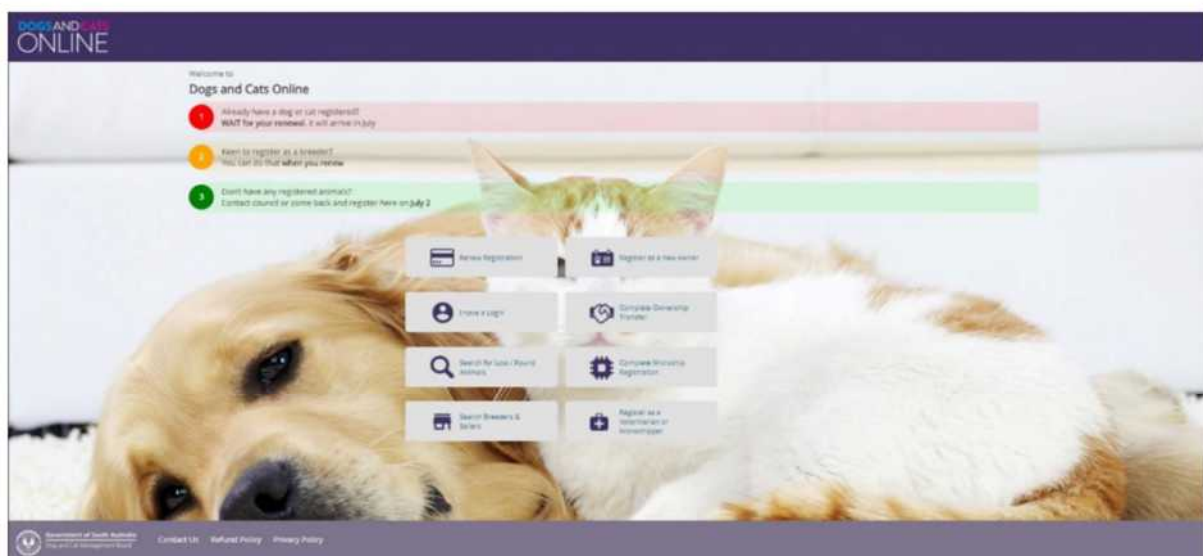
Issue	2016-17	2021-22
Expiations issued	225	619
Official barking dog complaints	114	117
Official wandering dog	406	166
Dogs collected and returned to owner before impounded	66	110
Reports of dog harassment to humans	6	7
Reports of dog attacks on humans	18	20
Reports of dog harassment to animals	4	4
Reports of dog attacks on animals	21	34
Cat complaints	21	19

Dogs and Cats Online website (DACO)

Since 1 July 2018, all dog and cat owners are required to register their dogs and cats online directly to the Dog and Cat Management Board via the Dogs and Cats Online website (DACO).

DACO is a central database for all microchipped, desexed, registered dogs and cats in South Australia and used for breeder registrations.

All revenue derived from dog registration is used for the administration and enforcement of the Act.



Achievements

The achievements from our previous Dog and Cat Management Plan 2017 - 2022, can be summarised as follows:

- Successfully held a 6-month greyhound off-leash trial at West Torrens Dog Park. Every event was booked to capacity and supported by greyhound owners from all over South Australia.
- Employed a dedicated Animal Management Officer, who won South Australia's Animal Management Officer of the Year 2022.
- Obtained a custom vehicle for the Animal Management Officer, which allows the officer to safely secure larger dogs and dogs with health issues into the vehicle.
- Revamped educational signage in dog parks. This new signage is being used as an model for other councils.

An increase in dog registrations due to DACO, reduction in dogs Wandering at Large in 2017 - 2018 (349) and in 2021 - 2022 (166).

- 110 dogs returned as a result of DACO information, tags and microchip scanning. 2021 - 22.
- Management of Control Orders - 63 orders were issued; this helps reduce the risk of further dog attacks and ensures that dogs that pose a risk to the community are monitored.
- Promotion of the off-leash area at West Beach, including through Council's website, social media and signage.
- Three chipblitz events held on the 2 June 2018, 25 August 2018 and 16 March 2019 where approximately 1,326 animals were microchipped.
- A new Council impound holding facility was opened on May 2021, which contains 6 modern holding cells with 24 hour camera surveillance.
- Obtained a grant from the Dog and Cat Management Board to further develop breeder education.



What is the role of an Animal Management Officer?

The City of West Torrens has a team of 4 Community Safety Officers and one dedicated Animal Management Officer, responsible for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Acts.

The role of our Animal Management Officer is broad and busy as they manage all aspects of animal control from dogs and cats to pigeons, roosters and more.

Every day is different and can change in an instant. Below is a list of some of the duties our Animal Management Officer undertakes:

- Investigating dog attacks, harassments and barking issues.
- Investigating cat and other animal nuisances.
- Seizing dogs that are wandering at large.
- Seizing dangerous dogs.
- Ensuring found dogs are registered.
- Ensuring found dogs and cats are microchipped and desexed.
- Monitoring dog off-lead parks and local beaches.
- Administering additional dog permits.
- Undertaking Dog Control Order inspections
- Providing education to pet owners and our general community about responsible pet ownership.



Image: Dog and Cat Management Board

Cat Management: Objectives and Strategies

In South Australia, cat details, including microchip numbers, must be registered with Dogs and Cats Online (DACO). Not all councils charge cat registration fees. All cats must be microchipped before sale and those born after 1 July 2018 must be desexed before 6 months of age.

What we found

Survey data showed:

- 31.9% of respondents owned cats in the City of West Torrens.
- 70.6% of cat and non-cat owners would like to see cat restrictions within the City of West Torrens.

Cats can wander onto neighbouring properties and may cause a nuisance to others. Cat management issues are currently investigated under the *Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016*. No animal is allowed to cause an adverse effect on an amenity value or unreasonably with the enjoyment of the area.

To continue to address cat management issues, the following objectives and strategies have been developed.

OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES
<p>Mandatory microchipping, desexing and identification Educate cat owners on mandatory microchipping, desexing and identification requirements for cats.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use DACO data to identify non-compliant cat owners in the City of West Torrens and send information to inform of and encourage compliance with the legislation. • Provide microchipping days at a reduce fee for residents, potentially in partnership with neighbouring councils. • Promote local clinics that offer desexing and microchipping. • Use Council's website and social media to educate the community on mandatory requirements.
<p>Enforce compliance with mandatory microchipping, desexing and identification requirements for cats.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake appropriate enforcement with cat owners whose animals are not microchipped, desexed and/or suitably identified.



<p>Feral or unowned cat control</p>	<p>Minimise the number of feral or unowned cats in the local area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to offer a cat cage hire service to assist with the trapping of unidentified cats. • Continue the agreement with the Animal Welfare League (AWL) to ensure that captured cats are assessed for rehoming.
<p>Cat confinement</p>	<p>Promote to cat owners the benefits of keeping cats indoors or in a properly designed outdoor cat enclosure, consistent with the Dog and Cat Management Board's information on their website and resources for owners.</p> <p>Minimise cats causing a nuisance in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information to the community on the benefits of and correct way to contain cats at home via Council's website, social media and direct mail out to cat owners. • Disseminate up-to-date information from the Dog and Cat Management Board on keeping cats indoors as it becomes available. • Use DACO to record alleged complaints of cats causing a nuisance. • Educate owners on any changes to legislation relevant to cat confinement. • Promote the availability and use of catteries. • Investigate the potential for Council to introduce a cat curfew via a by-law.



Dog Management: Objectives and Strategies

Key legislative requirements of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* include desexing, microchipping and registration. A number of other rules and by-laws are also in place to ensure dogs are not a nuisance or danger to the community. The City of West Torrens currently has 7 appointed authorised persons under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* who have powers to issue expiations, request certificates, records or dogs for inspection, request someone to provide their name, address or identification, seize or detain dogs, collect evidence, give directions and investigate nuisance complaints. The City of West Torrens By-law 5 - Dogs establishes a policy on limits of dogs in private premises, dog exercise areas, dog on-leash areas, dog prohibited areas and dog faeces removal.

What we found

Survey data showed:

- 61.3% of residents were unaware the City of West Torrens had an off-leash beach.
- 61.9% said our signage was clear.
- Only 51.1% of residents feel comfortable attending off-leash beaches - mainly because of other beach users; no effective control of animals; dog fights; dog aggression; dogs running up to residents; and reactive dogs.
- What people like about off-leash beaches - dog owners; fun; time socialising; owners showing effective control; happy dogs; freedom; exercise; and a way to meet new people.
- Other issues about off-leash areas in general.
- Only 29.2% of residents take their dog regularly to a dog park.
- 70% of dog owners have a dog park within an easy distance from home.
- 33.9% residents felt we do not have enough dog parks, while 28.6% thought we did.
- Council can help dog owners by providing: training (either free or reduced cost); dog parks; a lead beach; puppy school; dog-friendly activities and community events; and a local dog club.
- Only 1.5% residents own greyhounds, however 49.8% supported greyhound off-leash sessions.

To continue to address dog management issues, the following objectives and strategies have been developed.



OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES
<p>Off-lead exercise areas</p> <p>Educate residents on off-lead dog exercise areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Council's website, social media and 'Talking Points' to proactively promote off-lead dog exercise areas located in the City of West Torrens. • Update and consolidate signage located within off-lead dog exercise areas. • Our Animal Management Officer will regularly visit off-lead dog exercise areas and engage with dog owners to encourage and enforce effective control.
<p>West Beach off-lead area</p> <p>Facilitate the safety of and enjoyment for dog owners and other beach users at the West Beach off-lead dog exercise area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review compliance signage at West Beach and review, update, and consolidate old signage. • Our Animal Management Officer will regularly visit West Beach off-lead dog exercise area and engage with dog owners to encourage and enforce effective control. • Create new signage which clearly stipulates off and on lead dog areas. • Use Council's website, social media and 'Talking Points' to educate residents, visitors and dog owners on the West Beach off-lead dog exercise area.
<p>Dog faeces management</p> <p>Educate dog owners on their obligations to pick up after their dog.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review current signage around the Council area on owners' obligations to pick up dog faeces. • Install new signage outlining owners' obligations to pick up dog faeces at high dog traffic areas within the City of West Torrens. • Use Council's website, social media and 'Talking Points' to educate dog owners on their obligations to carry a dog bag and pick up faeces. • Enlist volunteers to help Council refill dog bag dispensers. • Review the adequacy of the number and placement of dog bag dispensers in the City of West Torrens area. • Provide free dog bags to the community. • Educate and encourage dog owners to place collected dog faeces in organics bins.
<p>Enforce compliance with Council's by-law on dog faeces.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Animal Management Officer to regularly visit reserves and beaches and enforce Council's dog faeces by-law.





<p>Dog parks</p> <p>To provide and promote designated dog parks and encourage their safe enjoyment for all users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to maintain current dog parks. • Use educational signage to educate and promote our dog parks. • Investigate staging community 'dog owner' events at local dog parks. • Organise greyhound events at a local dog park. • Seek community feedback on updates to dog parks. • Evaluate the need for, and suitable location of, an additional dog park. • Encourage small and big dog areas be used for their designated purpose. • Our Animal Management Officer to regularly visit dog parks and engage with dog owners to encourage effective control. 	
<p>Socialisation of dogs</p> <p>Support appropriate and safe socialisation of dogs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage dog owners to use the dog parks safely, including encouraging small and big dog areas be used for their designated purpose. • Educate and enforce effective control of dogs. • Investigate the opportunity to have a presence at Council-staged events (i.e. Summer Festival) to provide information to pet owners. • Investigate the use of Council's website and social media to promote local dog clubs • Investigate the use of Council's website and social media to promote local puppy and dog training schools 	
<p>Greyhounds</p> <p>Provide opportunities for owners to exercise their greyhounds off-leash and to socialise safely.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan, promote and hold greyhound-specific events, including receiving Dog and Cat Management Board approval. • Provide other residents with notice of greyhound-specific events to facilitate safety. 	



<p>Mandatory microchipping</p>	<p>Increase the microchipping rate in dogs in our Council area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use DACO data to identify non-compliant dog owners in the City of West Torrens. • Send letters and information pamphlets to dog owners to encourage compliance with the legislation. • Provide microchipping days at a reduce fee for residents. • Promote local clinics that offer microchipping. • Use Council's website, social media and 'Talking Points' to educate the community on mandatory requirements for microchipping of dogs. • Use SMS, emails and letters to update and educate residents on mandatory requirements for microchipping of dogs. • Undertake appropriate enforcement with owners of dogs found to not be microchipped. • Pursue un-microchipped dogs and cats on DACO
<p>Mandatory Desexing</p>	<p>Increase the desexing rate in dogs in our council area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use DACO data to identify non-compliant dog owners in our area. • Send letters and information pamphlets to dog owners to inform of and encourage compliance with the legislation. • Promote local clinics that offer desexing. • Use Council's website and social media to educate the community on mandatory requirements for desexing of dogs. • Use SMS, emails and letters to update and educate residents on mandatory requirements for desexing of dogs. • Undertake appropriate enforcement with dog owners whose animals are not microchipped, desexed and/or suitably identified.



<p>Responsible dog ownership</p>	<p>Educate dog owners on responsible dog ownership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote microchipping and desexing as above. • Provide information booklets on Barking Dogs to residents and dog owners as needed. • Educate people via our website, social media and 'Talking Points' about barking dogs and what steps owners and neighbours can take to rectify issues. • Educate dog owners and enforce legislative requirements regarding dog breeders. • Educate dog owners and enforce legislative requirements regarding seller requirements. • Where possible, educate before expiating dog owners who are first time offenders. • Promote and encourage dog owners on appropriate and safe dog containment.
<p>Enforce compliance with duties relating to dogs under <i>the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995</i>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate complaints and undertake appropriate enforcement relating to dog attacks, chase and harassments. • Investigate complaints and undertake appropriate enforcement relating to dogs barking. • Investigate complaints and undertake appropriate enforcement relating to dog wandering at large.



Dog controls

Dog on-leash areas

Your dog must be kept on a leash when being walked:

- on roads and streets
- in public places (other than parks and reserves)
- on any park or reserve during times when organised sport is being played.

Dog off-leash areas

Provided your dog is under effective control, you can exercise your dog off-leash in the following areas:

- West Torrens beach
- Public parks and reserves (unless sign posted)
- River Torrens Linear Park (unless sign posted)
- Pooch Park, Rowells Road Flinders Park
- West Torrens Dog Park, Moss Avenue Marleston
- Clifford Street Dog Park, Torrensvile.

Dog prohibited areas

- Clifford Street Community Garden and Playground.
- Fenced playgrounds.

Dogs must always be under effective control.

Effective control means:

- the dog is close to its owner at all times
- the dog responds to all verbal commands
- the dog can be seen by its owner at all times.

Keep your dog under effective control

Effective control:

- Dog is close to owner at all times.
- Dog can be seen by owner at all times.
- Dog responds to verbal commands.



Not effective control:

- Dog runs away from owner.
- Dog jumps on, or runs at, other animals and people.
- Dog does not respond to verbal commands.



Your dog may be off lead in this area, provided it is under effective control.

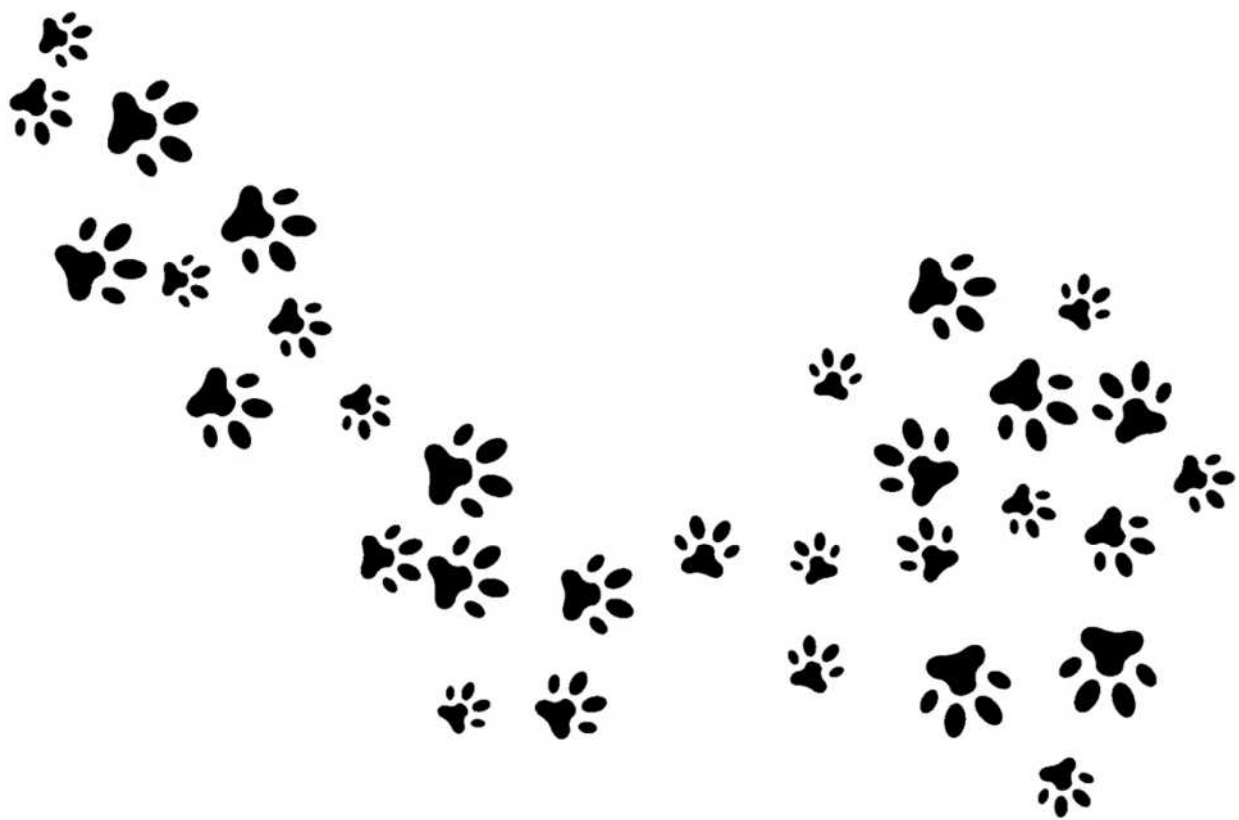




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11.2 Final draft Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy 2023-2027

Brief

The report presents an overview of community feedback received on the initial draft *Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy 2023-2027*, and seeks approval of the final Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that:

1. Having taken into consideration the public feedback on the *Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy 2023-2027*, as detailed in this report, it be approved.
2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make changes of a minor or formatting nature to the Strategy prior to its finalisation.

Introduction

At its meeting on 16 August 2022, Council approved the draft Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy 2023-2027 (the Strategy) to proceed to the community consultation phase, which has now been undertaken.

This report provides an overview of the Strategy and the feedback received through the consultation process, and also seeks Council approval to finalise and adopt the Strategy (**Attachment 1**).

Background

As a result of our changing climate, we anticipate hotter, drier conditions, with more heatwaves and intense rainfall events and associated flooding. These impacts can affect the community as well as Council's assets, operations and delivery of services. Changing conditions will have an impact on the growth of Council's trees in parks and along streets. More extreme weather may result in flash flooding, which may see damage to infrastructure and property, erosion and poor water quality, interruptions to transport, business trade and even loss of livelihoods. Heat affects our health, productivity and our economy. Vulnerable people such as the young, the elderly and those with health conditions are particularly at risk, especially in regards to health. Others may need to take time off from work, while business hours and services may be interrupted, and the cost of living may rise as more energy and water is consumed.

These risks are exacerbated by the increase in infill development, which is resulting in more impervious surfaces and creating more runoff contributing to flash flooding and the creation of heat islands which amplify intense heatwave effects. The impacts of climate change are mounting much faster than estimated a few years ago and so the time for action is now. It is recognised that Council plays an important role in planning for, and responding to, a changing climate, and supporting the community to do the same.

The Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy 2023-2027 aims to provide direction for the City of West Torrens to mitigate and adapt to our changing climate and provide leadership and support for our community to do the same, and in doing so build resilience to address the impact of current and future events.

Development of the draft Strategy

The City of West Torrens has undertaken a significant amount of work to understand its vulnerability to the changing climate, to develop tools and build information to assist in decision-making, as well as to lead and support our community.

Council recognises that climate change affects the way we plan, maintain, and manage our operations, assets and deliver our services. It is important that we continue working to meet the aspirations of our community and contribute to the global effort on tackling climate change by reducing emissions, creating shady, green and cool suburbs, fostering a climate resilient and informed community, transitioning to a low carbon lifestyle and building assets and infrastructure that are climate ready.

This new Strategy builds on the earlier work and importantly sets out a framework for Council to continue to implement actions that help to mitigate (actions that reduce emissions) and adapt (actions that build resilience) to our changing climate.

Development of this Strategy is also guided by the vision of the State Government, adjacent councils and key stakeholder bodies.

The process of developing the Strategy, and where we are in that process is outlined below:



Development of this Strategy has tapped into the expertise, knowledge and experience of key staff across the organisation. It also takes into consideration feedback received from the community on climate issues over time, as well as information from the community on what matters most to them. For example, surveys completed by the community repeatedly identify climate change and adaptation should be a high priority for Council. The community recognises climate change as a risk to the future liveability of our community and for future generations; they are keen to see more work undertaken to address these issues, such as mitigating and/or adapting to increased urban heat.

More recently, the draft Strategy was released for community consultation and the feedback from that process has helped to refine the Strategy, to ensure it is meeting the needs and expectations of the community.

Community consultation program

Community consultation on the draft Strategy was undertaken from 4 October 2022 to 9 November 2022.

Electronic versions of the draft Strategy and feedback form were made publicly available on Council's 'Your Say' platform. Project information spaces were created at the Civic Centre and the Hamra Centre Library, with hard copies of the draft Strategy and feedback forms available at these locations.

The consultation program was advertised on Council's website and social media to encourage people to provide feedback. Posters were also placed at Council's community centres and hubs to publicise the consultation and to encourage feedback. In addition, the consultation was publicised at the recent 'Grow It Local' community event on Saturday 8th October 2022 with staff available to discuss the Strategy with those present.

Community feedback

General feedback

The project's webpage had 129 'views', the consultation material had 44 downloads by interested people and 11 feedback forms were submitted by respondents. Approximately 55% of the feedback expressed full support of the Strategy, and 27% were somewhat supportive with some changes, and the remaining 18% did not support the strategy.

Respondents identified the following as important issues/items for Council to address:

- Increase greening to cool urban heat
- Protect trees and expand the tree canopy cover across the city
- Minimise any loss of green cover
- Protect the mature trees at Kings Reserve
- Plant more native species that will be resilient to climate change
- Install public recycling bins

The table below provides a summary of the key issues raised by the community, and explains how this feedback has been considered in developing the Strategy.

General feedback received	Consideration/ changes to the Strategy
Need to add the word 'mitigation' to the title of the Strategy, otherwise suggests the focus is only on adaptation.	<i>The word 'mitigation' is now added to the Strategy title.</i>
It's everyone's responsibility, start implementing actions now.	<i>Noted. Shared responsibility is already acknowledged in the Strategy, and Council encourages and supports the community to mitigate emission and adapt to climate change.</i>
Concern for loss of trees and green space, and a need to set targets.	<i>Noted. Additional initiatives have been added to set targets for reducing emissions and/or renewable power (Objective 3) and a target to increase tree canopy cover (Objective 5). Additional initiatives added to minimise impact of Council works on trees/green cover, and to require an offset to replace any unavoidable loss of green cover (Objective 5).</i>
The objective "A Green and Cool City" was considered the most important objective.	<i>Noted.</i>

Objectives	Feedback and consideration for finalisation of the Strategy	
Objective 1: Strong Climate Governance and Organisational Culture	Generally, 60% of respondents are supportive of the initiatives to achieve this objective, while the remaining 40% are somewhat supportive but think the initiatives could do more.	
	Need to increase tree canopy to cool urban heat.	<i>Noted. This is already covered in the goal of Objective 5, and initiatives to cool urban heat are addressed in Objective 2, 4, and 5. Setting a target to increase tree canopy cover has been added to Objective 5 to reiterate this important issue.</i>
	Introduce environmental management requirements for contractors and leases/licences to minimising energy and water consumption, reducing waste, protecting trees and other green cover.	<i>These issues are already covered in our achievements to date under Objective 1.</i>
	Any unavoidable loss of green cover while undertaking works requires a net increase in green space or tree canopy cover elsewhere.	<i>Objective 5 has been changed to incorporate comments.</i>
Objective 2: Community Resilience	Generally, 60% of respondents are supportive of the initiatives to achieve this objective, while 1% are somewhat supportive but think the initiatives could do more, and the remaining 1% do not think the initiatives will achieve this objective.	
	Support initiatives that focus on mitigation, not just adaptation	<i>The title of the Strategy will be modified to include the word 'mitigation' to avoid confusion. The Strategy already has initiatives that focus on mitigation, as well as adaptation.</i>
	Need to increase green open spaces, such as property acquisition and plantings.	<i>This is already addressed in Objective 2 and 5. This is also covered in Council's Open Space Plan.</i>
Objective 3: A Low Carbon City	Generally, 80% of respondents are supportive of the initiatives to achieve this objective, while 1% are somewhat supportive but think the initiatives could do more to achieve this objective.	
	Implement actions now	<i>Noted. The need for action now is acknowledged in the Strategy.</i>

Objective 4: A Water Sensitive City	Generally, 40% of respondents are supportive of the initiatives, while another 40% are somewhat supportive but think the initiatives could do more, and the remaining 20% do not think the initiatives will achieve this objective.	
	Need more water sensitive urban design applied to new developments.	<i>This is already addressed in Objective 4.</i>
	Need more greening along drainage corridors.	<i>This comment is now covered in Objective 5.</i>
	Supportive of the initiatives but need to match the pace and scale of changes and climate impacts already being experienced.	<i>Noted. The need for action now is acknowledged in the Strategy.</i>
	Need to increase tree canopy and stormwater detention, such as at the Thebarton Oval precinct.	<i>Stormwater management opportunities are already covered in Objective 4, but do not specify Thebarton Oval. Increasing tree canopy is covered in Objective 5, but does not specify Thebarton Oval. Comments to be sent to relevant Council departments.</i>
Objective 5: A Green and Cool City	Generally, 20% of respondents are supportive of the initiatives, while 40% are somewhat supportive but think the initiatives could do more, and another 40% do not think the initiatives will achieve this objective.	
	Need to increase tree canopy cover, encourage greening of verges, and protect existing green space.	<i>Objective 5 has been changed to incorporate comments.</i>
	Need more native vegetation species planted that are resilient to climate change, and not be dependent on irrigation.	<i>Noted. A mix of species is included in Objective 5. A mix of native and exotic species with some irrigation is considered to be a good method to create cooling and greening outcomes.</i>
	Concerned about loss of greening due to urban development.	<i>This issue is acknowledged in the Strategy and Objective 5 includes initiatives that aim to enhance canopy and green space. Additional initiatives added to minimise impact of Council works on trees/green cover, and to require an offset to replace any unavoidable loss of green cover (Objective 5).</i>

	Council's projects and infrastructure need to assess the potential impacts to tree canopy and green space, and seek offsets to ensure no net loss occurs.	<i>Objective 5 has been changed to incorporate comments.</i>
	Concerned about loss of trees and open space at Thebarton oval precinct.	<i>Noted. Protecting and enhancing tree canopy is covered in Objective 5, but not specific to Thebarton Oval. Comments to be sent to relevant Council departments.</i>
Objective 6: A Circular Economy	Generally, 40% of respondents are supportive of the initiatives, while 40% are somewhat supportive but think the initiatives could do more, and another 20% do not think the initiatives will achieve this objective.	
	Achievements to date are a good start.	<i>Noted.</i>
	Need to encourage recycling more strongly and educate the public more.	<i>Noted. Comments to be provided to Council's Waste Team.</i>
	More community gardens needed.	<i>Noted. Comments to be provided to Council's Community Development Team and its Horticulture Team.</i>
	Transforming from a linear to circular economy requires a shift in behaviour, culture and structure.	<i>Noted. Comments to be provided to Council's Waste Team.</i>

Discussion

Overview of the Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy 2023-2027

The Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy has been developed with consideration of the community feedback, as well as building upon the achievement of Council's earlier work and its ongoing range of programs and services. The Strategy will guide our pathway for reducing emissions and adapting to climate change. The Strategy primarily focuses on Council's own facilities and operations; however it includes objectives to support the community to take action as well.

A copy of the Strategy is attached to this report, however in summary, the Strategy includes key objectives that focus on climate mitigation and adaptation, addressing both mitigation (actions that reduce emissions) and adaptation (actions that build resilience). These will be delivered through a range of long term and short term initiatives and a continual improvement approach to how we govern, plan, operate and deliver services.

The six key objectives are outlined below:

- **Strong Climate Governance and Organisational Culture**

Governance plays an important role in increasing staff awareness of climate change issues, embedding climate considerations into organisational structures, processes and projects, and managing organisational risks and opportunities that climate change poses.

- **Community Resilience**

Council strives to support positive health and wellbeing of our community. Building the community's resilience to the effects of climate change is important, particularly those more vulnerable members, and Council can continue to play a role in facilitating this.

- **A Low Carbon Council**

Without decarbonisation, the global climate will become increasingly unsafe, unstable and extreme, posing risks for all. We strive to become a low carbon council by reducing emissions, improving energy efficiency, sourcing renewable electricity and through our governance and procurement practice.

- **A Water Sensitive City**

To ensure we have a liveable and sustainable city, we need our urban water systems and landscapes to be resilient to the impacts brought on by our changing climate and extreme weather conditions. A water sensitive city represents an aspirational future state for water management to achieve that outcome.

- **A Green and Cool City**

Increased temperatures and reduced rainfall associated with climate change can cause heat and water stress on the environment and people. Trees, parks and gardens provide much needed shading and cooling, reflect heat and actively cool and clean the air. Supporting the health and wellbeing of residents and the environment through the greening and cooling of our suburbs are critical elements in building resilience to climate change.

- **A Circular Economy**

A circular economy uses less natural and raw materials, keeping products in use longer and designing out waste and pollution. A transition to a circular economy is an important element in reducing emissions and mitigating the effects of climate change.

Next steps

Once approved by Council, the Strategy will be finalised and made available on Council's website to demonstrate to the community Council's approach to mitigation and adaptation.

Progress on delivering the Strategy will be reported on regularly such as via Council Committee reports, departmental activity reports, and other reporting mechanisms.

Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

The Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy will assist Council and the West Torrens community to lower emissions (mitigate), build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.

Conclusion

This report presents the Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy 2023-2027 for recommendation to Council for approval.

Attachments

1. **Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy 2023-2027**

Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy 2023 - 2027

Our pathway for reducing emissions and adapting to our changing climate

February 2023



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Kaurna Acknowledgement

The City of West Torrens is located on the Traditional Homelands of the Kaurna Nation of People, the first Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Adelaide Region.

It is important to recognise that, while colonisation has resulted in the dispossession and dislocation of the Kaurna Meyunna, their Spiritual, Cultural Heritage and relationship with their Country is enduring. Kaurna's Connection and obligation to their Ancestral Lands the (Yarta) is still as important to the living Kaurna people today. The Kaurna people have lived on their lands for more than 50,000 years and developed strong and enduring spiritual, social, economic and governance systems that are still relevant for Aboriginal Title and are recognised within the 1836 Letters Patent.

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Document history

Version	Date	Details
1.0	August 2022	Draft for consultation
2.0	February 2023	Final draft



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Message from the Mayor

Our changing climate is one of the most important emerging issue for all of us - our communities, economic sectors and, of course, governments. On a local level, climate change poses many issues for councils as it challenges infrastructure, services, economy, environment and lifestyles of our varied communities.

The City of West Torrens is leading by example by providing support to our community, protecting our environment, mitigating and adapting to our changing climate and in doing so, helping to build resilience to address the impact of current and future events.

We recognise that we play an important role in planning for, and responding to, a changing climate.

A significant amount of work has already been undertaken to understand our vulnerability to the changing climate. We are developing tools and information to assist in decision making and ongoing management. Valuable work has included urban heat mapping to identify hot spots, sustainability initiatives within Council and for our community, as well as collaboration with other agencies and community-based organisations. We have also partnered with neighbouring councils in the regional climate change adaptation planning project 'AdaptWest' and the Western Zone Emergency Management Committee, which both aim to address issues associated with a changing climate in our western suburbs.

This Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy is Council's response to the challenges we face as a community with climate change. It has been developed to provide us with direction so we can prepare for, mitigate and adapt to the effects of a changing climate and to report on progress. Importantly, it also sets out a framework for us to continue our work on mitigation (reducing greenhouse gas emissions) and adaptation measures (being able to adapt to the effects of a changing climate as they occur).

Your Council is committed to the implementation of this Strategy in order to address the impacts of climate change on our community.

Michael S. Coxon

Mayor, City of West Torrens



Introduction

Scientific evidence shows that our world is rapidly heating. This is due to the excessive amount of greenhouse gases entering the Earth’s atmosphere from human activity.

While the earth’s climate has changed throughout history, recent warming is happening at a rate much faster than previous climatic changes. Average global temperature has risen by 1.1°C since before the Industrial Revolution, and although this does not sound like a lot, that represents a massive amount of extra heat and energy.

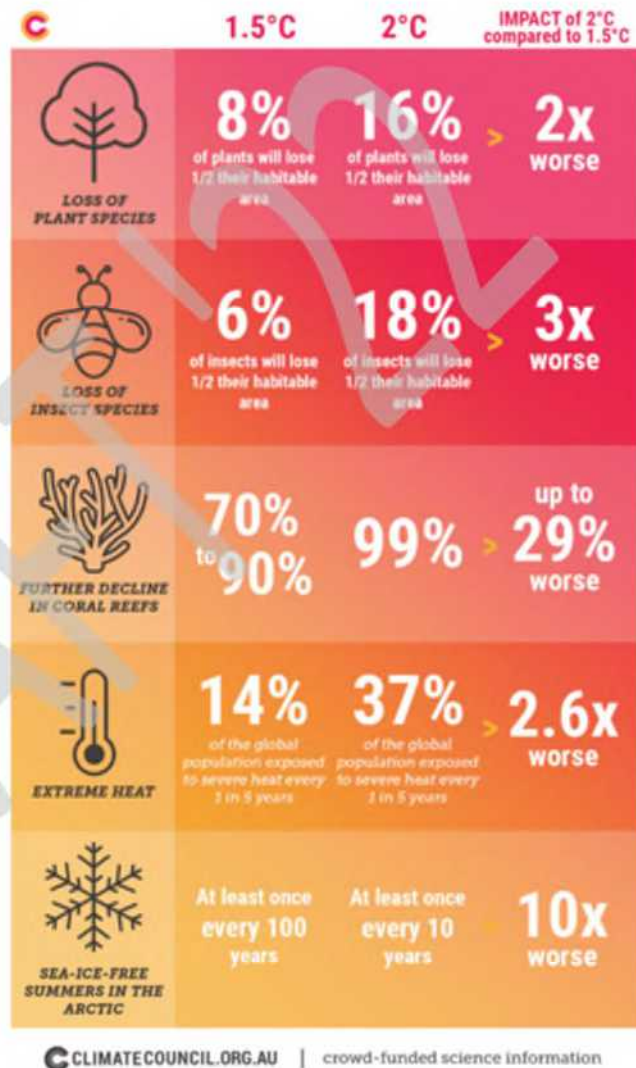
The impacts of climate change are mounting much faster than estimated a few years ago and so the time for action is now.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warns of the dire consequences we face if we fail to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5°C. The types of impacts arising from increasing global temperature are outlined in this infographic:

Climate change projections of Australia’s future climate are delivered at a national level through the *Climate Change in Australia* website. Specific climate projections for South Australia are delivered by the [Government of South Australia](#) through the [SA Climate Ready](#) initiative. These sources of information also provide information on risk assessments based on a range of climate scenarios.

The outlook for South Australia is increased temperatures and more frequent extreme weather (including heatwaves, floods and storms) and these will impact the built and natural environments and communities.

Vulnerable members of the community are particularly susceptible, such as low-income households, elderly, the very young, those with underlying health conditions and those in remote or vulnerable coastal communities.



Shared responsibility

Mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and building our capacity to adapt to our changing climate is a shared responsibility and governments at all levels, businesses, communities and individuals have important roles to play.

According to the IPCC, the impacts of climate change are mounting much faster than estimated a few years and so the time for action is now. Governments and organisations around the world are ramping up their approaches to addressing greenhouse gas emissions and adaption strategies.

Purpose of this Strategy

This *Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy 2023-2027* (Strategy) is the City of West Torrens' framework to both *mitigate* and *adapt* to our changing climate. Responsibilities for implementation will be shared across the organisation and these will also complement the work already undertaken, and the collaboration we have with others across the region, such as the western region of council's climate adaptation program 'AdaptWest' and the Western Adelaide Emergency Management Committee. In doing so, this Strategy will support those efforts and identify local opportunities that we as a Council may be able to influence.

This Strategy primarily focuses on Council's own facilities and operations, while also supporting the community to take action.

Development of the Strategy

Council regularly receives feedback and ideas from the community on what matters most to them and how well we are providing services. This has been a source of valuable information for preparing this Strategy. For example, surveys completed by the community repeatedly identified the changing change and adaptation should be a high priority for Council. The community recognises climate change as a risk to the future liveability of our community and for future generations; they are keen to see more work undertaken to address these issues, such as mitigating and/or adapting to increased urban heat.

Development of this Strategy responds to this feedback, as well as building on the work and initiatives undertaken so far, and is guided by the vision of the State Government, adjacent councils and key stakeholder bodies.

The process of developing this Strategy involved the following key phases, as outlined below:



Strategic alignment

This Strategy sits under our overarching strategic document; the Community Plan 2030.

The Community Plan reflects our community's vision for 'West Torrens - committed to being the best place to live, work and enjoy life'. It presents our support for community health and well-being through community cohesion and connections and our commitment to protect and conserve the natural environment. It proposes strategic objectives and identifies trends and opportunities to guide the operations, investment and decisions of Council.

During consultation on our Community Plan, it was clear that the community think tackling climate change is an important role for Council.

This Strategy responds to that community feedback as well as supporting key focus areas and strategic objectives within the Community Plan:

Environment and sustainability -

Focus: We protect and conserve the natural environment, reuse and recycle resources, support biodiversity and respond to climate change. *Strategic objective:* Prepare for and respond to the challenges of a changing climate.

Built environment -

Focus: We ensure housing, urban development and infrastructure contribute to attractive and safe neighbourhoods, and how we travel in and beyond our area. *Strategic objective:* Infrastructure that meets the needs of a changing city and climate.

Community life -

Focus: We support diversity, health and well-being, community cohesion and connections, and create opportunities to learn and enjoy the local area. *Strategic objective:* A resilient community through community involvement, social connections and life-long learning; facilitation of community health, wellbeing and safety.

Prosperity -

Focus: We support jobs, businesses and industries to generate local economic growth and activity. *Strategic objective:* A diverse, resilient and competitive economy, including small business, tourism and export sectors.



Linkages with Council plans and strategies -

The Strategy has linkages and supports other Council plans and partnerships:

AdaptWest Climate Change Adaptation Plan - developed collaboratively by the Cities of West Torrens, Port Adelaide Enfield and Charles Sturt, this Plan provides a regional response for climate adaptation.

'Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy' - West Torrens is a member of this group which comprises leaders across the world in raising awareness of, and addressing, climate change issues.

Adelaide National Park City - Council recently signed the Adelaide Charter to join the campaign to make Adelaide the next 'National Park City' which aims to raise awareness of the benefits of connecting people to nature, and by doing so enhance the liveability of the greater Adelaide region.

Cities with Nature - Council joined the Cities with Nature program, an international online platform aimed at sharing information on the benefits of nature in cities and initiatives to enhance nature.

Urban heat mapping - a mapping tool that displays urban heat and 'hot spots' which can be used to inform strategies aimed at cooling and greening our city.

Water Management Action Plan - guides Council's water management activities with the aim of improving our sustainability performance.

Waste Strategy - *currently in development* - Council is currently developing its Waste Strategy which will highlight the importance of a circular economy, thus supporting the objectives of this Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy.

Community Needs Analysis (2020) - community feedback on emerging issues, opportunities and directions for Council to consider when developing or reviewing its plans and strategies.

Public Health Plan - sets the framework to assist health providers and partners in supporting a healthy and inclusive community.

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan - facilitates opportunities for people with disability to fully participate in all aspects of society, such as by improving access to programs, services and facilities.

Asset Management Plans - Council's suite of Asset Management Plans.

Tree Strategy - provides a framework for the ongoing management of trees in streets and parks.

Open Space Plan - highlights the importance of creating a greener and cooler movement network.

Design guidelines for 'Street Trees in Challenging Spaces' - a collation of best practice approaches for planning and planting street trees in confined spaces.

Public Realm Design Manual - provides direction for high quality, recognisable and environmentally sustainable streetscapes that support integrated, safe and appealing neighbourhoods.

Strategic risk register - Council's register of risks includes issues associated with climate change.

Western Adelaide Zone Emergency Management Framework - includes actions for each Council within the region and the State government to mitigate the effects of climate change such as increased storm events, inundation, coastal erosion, and heatwaves.

Linkages with State Government -

This Strategy sits within the following State Government framework:

South Australian Government Climate Change Action Plan 2021-2025 - goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 50% by 2030 and achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

SA's 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide - sets out targets for greening neighbourhoods, among other objectives.

SA's Planning and Design Code - provides a consolidated set of rules for urban development in South Australia, replacing Development Plans of individual councils.

SA's Electric Vehicle Action Plan - the State Government aims to facilitate the transition to EVs, including charging stations.

Green Adelaide - aims to create 'Green streets and flourishing parklands' and is currently preparing a Green Strategy for Adelaide.

Urban Heat and Tree Canopy Mapping Viewer - An online mapping tool showing urban heat, tree canopy and social vulnerability across the Adelaide region.

Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007 - the SA Minister for Environment and Water prepares progress reports on the operation of the Act including information on South Australia's greenhouse gas emissions.

Environment Protection Act 1993

Western Adelaide Zone Emergency Management Committee - provides oversight with regard to the identification and mitigation of risks by all three councils, SES, and other government agencies including those associated with climate change.

Metropolitan Seaside Councils Committee - a collaboration of metropolitan coastal councils that advocate and facilitate improved coastal planning and management, including issues associated with climate change.

Our city and community

West Torrens comprises 37 square kilometres of Adelaide's western metropolitan area and is situated between the Adelaide Central Business District and Gulf St Vincent. As a result, its location makes it a sought after place to live.

The region, its plants, animals and waterways, including the River Torrens (Karrawirra Pari) have continuing cultural and spiritual significance to Kurna people. The river is not only a special place for Kurna, but is also valued for its natural landscape appeal, biodiversity and open space and recreation activities.

West Torrens has a strong European heritage as it played a key role in the early days of the Colony of South Australia being established. Today approximately 30% of our community was born overseas, such as from India, United Kingdom, China, Greece, and Italy.

Around 61,000 residents live in West Torrens and the population is rising. The influx of people to our city means that the need for services and amenities are always changing and, as a result, a large portion of Council's annual budget is earmarked for upgrades and maintenance, as well as the development of new infrastructure and provision of services.

West Torrens is well-known for its shopping facilities including Harbour Town, Ikea, Brickworks Marketplace and Mile End Homemaker Centre. Adelaide Airport is a central part of our city and together with 5,000 individually owned businesses in the area provides considerable employment and economic opportunities.



A changing climate in West Torrens

West Torrens is vulnerable to the effects of a changing climate such as hotter, drier conditions, with more heatwaves and intense rainfall events.

Heat affects our health, productivity and our economy. Even the smoke and haze from bushfires happening elsewhere can affect the health and wellbeing of our community. Vulnerable people such as the young, the elderly and those with health conditions are particularly at risk, especially with regards to health. Others may need to take time off from work, business hours and services may be interrupted, and the cost of living may rise as more energy and water is consumed.

Average rainfall is anticipated to decrease by up to 20%, while rainfall intensity will increase. Changing conditions will have an impact on the growth of our street and park trees. More extreme weather may result in flash flooding, which may see damage to properties, erosion and poor water quality, interruptions to transport, business trade and even loss of livelihoods.

These risks are exacerbated by the increase in infill development, which is resulting in more impervious surfaces and creating more runoff contributing to flash flooding and the creation of heat islands which amplify intense heatwave effects. These impacts can affect the community as well as Council's assets, operations and delivery of services.



Council's achievements in adapting to a changing climate

Council recognises that climate change affects the way we plan, maintain, and manage our operations, assets and services delivered by our organisation. We are working to meet the aspirations of our community and contribute to the global effort on tackling climate change by reducing emissions, creating shady, green and cool suburbs, fostering a climate resilient and informed community, transitioning to a low carbon lifestyle and building assets and infrastructure that are climate ready. It is committed to continuing these efforts.

A dedicated Standing Committee has been established that meets every month to discuss and report upon climate change issues. Progress on implementing this Strategy will be provided to that committee.

Council has undertaken substantial work in climate mitigation and adaptation, such as the following examples:

- A partner council in the western region climate adaptation project called 'AdaptWest' with the Cities of Charles Sturt and Port Adelaide Enfield as well as State Government. This includes delivery of the AdaptWest Climate Change Adaptation Plan focusing on adaptation at a regional scale.
- The development of a risk management plan by Council's Western Zone Emergency Management Committee which identifies heat and storm inundation as hazards for mitigation and adaptation responses.
- Participation in the Metropolitan Seaside Councils Committee.
- On-going monitoring of emissions and water consumption.
- Tree planting to green and cool our neighbourhoods.
- Waste minimisation and recycling initiatives.
- Commenced the transition of our fleet to electric vehicles.
- Urban heat and tree canopy mapping across the West Torrens area to prioritise activities.
- Continual improvements to stormwater management and to reduce flood risk.
- Community engagement and awareness raising activities.
- Provision of community rebate programs and planting programs to encourage people to adopt environmentally friendly practices, such as rainwater tank rebates, native plant giveaways and community planting days.
- Ongoing collaboration and information sharing with other councils.

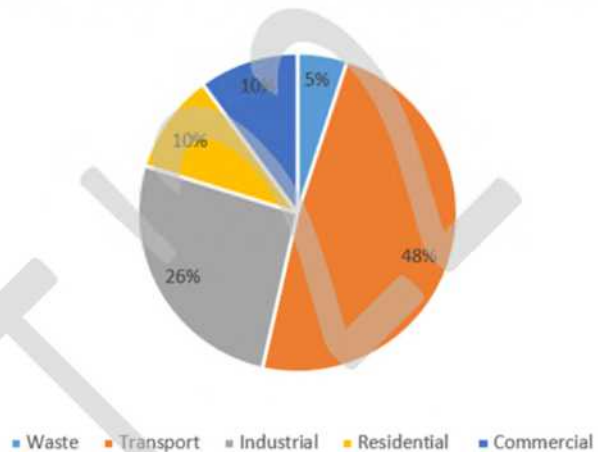
Emissions profile in West Torrens

Community emissions

The carbon footprint of the City of West Torrens' community is estimated to be more than 1.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂-e) per annum. Transport is by far the highest greenhouse gas emitter in West Torrens (48%) due to flights in and out of Adelaide Airport (pre-COVID-19). Aviation accounts for nearly half of the emissions associated with transport. The next highest sector is industry (26%), followed by commercial (10%), and residential (10%). Council's operational activities account for approximately 0.3% of the total emissions for the municipality.

The West Torrens' community emissions profile is presented in the adjacent diagram (as at 2019-20). Please note that this data was provided by Ironbark Sustainability's Snapshot Tool and was accurate as of January 2021. The data may be subject to minor changes as the data analysis techniques of this tool improve via the ongoing research and development.

City of West Torrens Community Emissions Profile

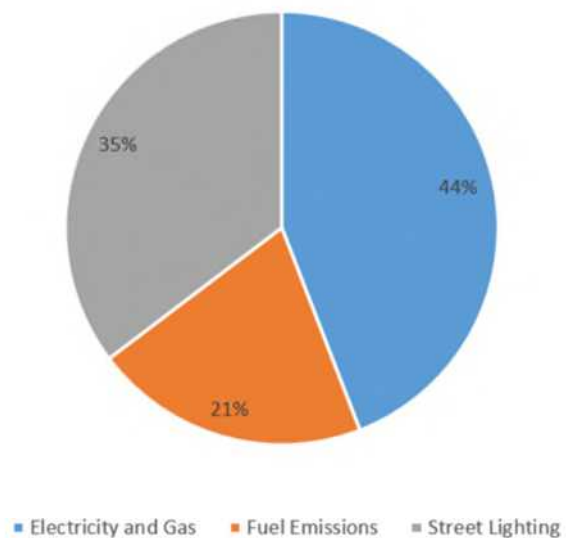


Council corporate emissions

Council's activities generate more than 3,000 tCO₂-e per annum. This equates to 0.3% of the overall emissions in the West Torrens area. Purchased electricity is the largest source of emissions (79%) and this includes energy used in street lighting, Council buildings, parks and Council's sporting facilities. Street lighting contributes to almost half of the city's electricity consumption. We have invested in LED street lighting which has enabled us to reduce energy consumption, reduce emissions and reduce our power costs. The remaining 21% of Council's emissions are generated by fuel combustion from our plant and fleet vehicles.

Our corporate emissions for the same period of the community wide emissions profile (2019-20) is presented here.

Corporate Emissions Profile



Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy - framework

Scope

The changing climate is a global, national and local issue. While we recognise that local government has an important role in both mitigation and adaptation, we also recognise that many strategies for mitigation and adaptation are outside of the statutory responsibility or influence of local government.

The scope of this Strategy is the geographical boundary of the City of West Torrens, and predominantly focuses on the roles and responsibilities of Council as a local government authority; it also seeks ways to influence and support the community.

Managing changing climate requires a dual approach:

- Mitigation - reduce or prevent greenhouse gas emissions to minimise the severity of impacts from our changing climate; and
- Adaptation - taking action to ensure the city is prepared and able to adapt to the current and future impacts of climate change that we are already locked into. This will help to build resilience, ensuring that our community can respond positively to the challenges and opportunities presented by a changing climate.

Mitigation and adaptation efforts work hand in hand. While mitigation addresses the causes of climate change, adaptation addresses the effects of climate change. The more mitigation that occurs i.e. reduction of emissions, the less severe the climate change and the less adaptation will be required. Some efforts can actually achieve both objectives.

This Strategy aims to identify actions that we can deliver locally.

Planning and investing in our future

Developing the Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy helps to plan and invest in future activities by:

- Providing direction for our climate change mitigation and adaptation activities.
- Recognising and building upon our achievements in mitigating emissions and in undertaking adaptation actions.
- Setting out strategies to enable our Council, the environment and our community to be more resilient, better prepared and better able to adapt to future climatic conditions.
- Identifying mitigation and adaptation opportunities that can also result in indirect benefits such as cost savings.
- Enabling Council to lead by example in both climate change mitigation and adaptation and help build our community's resilience.

Climate Mitigation and Adaptation - objectives and initiatives

Our pathway for reducing emissions and adapting to climate change

Key objectives have been developed for climate mitigation and adaptation, addressing both mitigation (actions that reduce emissions) and adaptation (actions that build resilience).

These will be delivered through a range of long term and short term initiatives and a continual improvement approach to how we govern, plan, operate and deliver services.

Six key objectives are outlined below:

1. **Strong Climate Governance and Organisational Culture** - a focus on mitigation by reducing emissions and adaptation to increase our adaptive capacity.
2. **Community Resilience** - a focus on mitigation by reducing emissions and adaptation to increase our adaptive capacity.
3. **A Low Carbon Council** - a focus on mitigation by reducing emissions.
4. **A Water Sensitive City** - a focus on adaptation to build resilience.
5. **A Green and Cool City** - a focus on adaptation to build resilience.
6. **A Circular Economy** - a focus on mitigation by reducing emissions.



Climate Mitigation and Adaptation - objectives and initiatives

Objective 1: Strong Climate Governance and Organisational Culture

The effects of our changing climate represents the most important environmental challenge of our time. Strong governance and organisational culture are critical for directing and guiding the attitude and behaviour of people to address climate change in a meaningful way.

Governance plays an important role in increasing staff awareness of climate change issues, embedding climate considerations into organisational structures, processes and projects, and managing organisational risks and opportunities that climate change poses.

As part of strong governance, Council has established a committee dedicated to climate change issues and is a key partner in 'AdaptWest' which sets priorities for action across the region. This is also achieved through our participation on the Western Zone Emergency Management Committee, further demonstrating our commitment to climate mitigation and adaptation.

Organisational culture also plays a role in climate change as it reflects our values, beliefs and behaviour. A strong culture based on a collective vision, shared goals and responsibilities is much more likely to effectively implement climate-related strategies compared to a weak culture that operates in a 'silo' approach.

Staff awareness and active involvement are central to mitigating and adapting to our changing climate so we can build a more resilient community and organisation.

Our achievements to date

The City of West Torrens has been working on creating strong climate governance and a positive organisational culture in relation to addressing climate change. Some examples are provided below:

- A partner council in the western regional climate adaptation program: AdaptWest, which recently won awards for its adaptation event called 'AdaptNow!' from the 2022 Resilient Australia Awards, and from the Planning Institute of Australia.
- Established a Standing Committee for climate change governance and reporting.
- Undertook a 'Climate Risk and Governance Assessment' to understand how climate adaptation is incorporated into our corporate processes and frameworks and identify climate risk exposure for our operational, financial and reputational resilience.
- Initiated waste management practices that lower our carbon footprint such as banning single use plastics.
- Signed the 'Adelaide Park City Charter' to support Adelaide as a National Park City.
- A partner in the Western Zone Emergency Management Committee.
- A member of ICLEI's 'Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy' program which seeks to collaborate and share information on climate issues.
- Joined ICLEI's 'Cities with Nature' program as a Pioneer Council to develop a network for collaborating and sharing information to facilitate urban greening.
- Established an internal Major Projects Group to ensure Council's strategic and corporate plans are considered in the delivery of major projects.
- Introduced an environmental management clause into all new Council executed lease/licence agreements to highlight responsibilities and obligations to minimise energy and water consumption and reduce the amount of waste disposal to landfill.

Objective 1: Strong Climate Governance and Organisational Culture

GOAL: *Climate action through strong leadership*

Initiatives to reach our goal

A range of short term and long term initiatives will be explored such as the following:

Building strong climate leadership and governance -

- Embedding objectives and goals of this Strategy into corporate and community activities, decision making, our Major Projects Working Group meeting agenda, long term financial planning, asset management, operations and procurement.
- Adopt a climate change policy to demonstrate our commitment and to drive climate change mitigation and adaption.
- Corporate and strategic plans will support and deliver the goals set out in this Strategy, and items included in our Strategic Risk Register and Plan.
- Reporting annually on implementation of this Strategy.

Raising staff and community awareness of the Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy -

- Raising awareness of the goals of this Strategy through the staff induction process and via workshops to assist staff integrate mitigation and adaption to their area of work.
- Ongoing promotion of this Strategy within the organisation and the wider community, such as frequent messages on the importance of reducing emissions and ways to adapt.



Climate Mitigation and Adaptation - objectives and initiatives

Objective 2: Community Resilience

Climate change has been described by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as the biggest threat to our health and wellbeing in the 21st century.

We will continue to be affected by heat waves, intense storm events, flooding and bushfires, etc. These conditions can have a detrimental impact on the quality of our local environment, our day-to-day lives, and place added pressure on our mental and physical health. For example, during heat waves, ambulance call outs, presentations to emergency departments and hospital admissions are known to significantly increase.

Climate change may also impact certain parts of the economy with increased unemployment, financial stress, food insecurity and rising social inequalities.

Some people are more vulnerable to the effects of climate change than others, and it is important that these people are supported through community programs, services and infrastructure. Consequently, building the community's resilience to the effects of climate change is important and Council can continue to play a role in facilitating this.

Achievements to date -

Our Council strives to have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of our community and build resilience to climate change.

Key projects, programs and initiatives undertaken:

- Partner with organisations to mitigate and adapt to climate change - such as AdaptWest.
- Mapping of urban heat and tree canopy cover across West Torrens to help prioritise cooling strategies and targeted tree planting.
- Community resilience programs to help the community be prepared for events such as storms, flood inundation, and heatwaves.
- Community information packs to assist with adapting and coping with heat.
- Red Cross Climate Ready Champions Program - raising awareness of the effects of climate change on our lives, what action can be undertaken, and how to be better prepared.
- Community event held by AdaptWest: 'AdaptNow! Changing for Climate Change' to share knowledge and experiences.
- Council's annual Environment Grants program, financial rebates for rainwater tanks and raingardens for the community, and solar panel rebates for community groups.
- Approving new tree incentive rebates to encourage the planting of trees and maintenance of regulated and significant trees on private property.
- Native Pant Giveaway and community planting days to increase awareness of the benefits of native plants and increase greening.
- Advocacy in the State's planning system to ensure retention and increase of tree canopy, green open spaces and reduction of impacts resulting from infill development.

Objective 2: Community Resilience

GOAL: *Enhance the community's resilience to the effects of climate change*

Initiatives to reach our goal

A range of short term and long term initiatives will be explored and undertaken to reach our goal and overarching objective, such as:

- Continue to provide informative resources and other support to assist the community mitigate emissions and adapt to climate change.
- Enhancing accessibility to quality green open spaces and cool refuges to maximise community health and wellbeing.
- Seeking opportunities to create age friendly places that are resilient to a changing climate.
- Continuing to offer financial support to the community for actions that build resilience to climate change, such as through environmentally related rebates and grants.
- Exploring emerging opportunities, trialling new technology and developing programs to support our businesses and residents to better care for our land and adapt to a changing climate.
- Continuing to undertake hazard planning and emergency management planning.
- Encouraging and supporting sustainable forms of transport such as walking and cycling, public transport, electric vehicles and charging stations.
- On-going participation in AdaptWest and the Metropolitan Seaside Councils Committee.
- Continuing to influence the Planning and Design Code to reduce the climate impact of the built environment.
- Continuing to collaborate with the State Government and the Local Government Association on programs and funding opportunities as they arise.



Climate Mitigation and Adaptation - objectives and initiatives

Objective 3: A Low Carbon Council

Without decarbonisation, the global climate will become increasingly unsafe, unstable and extreme, posing risks for all. Greenhouse gases are emitted via the energy and fuel consumed by Council's assets, operations and in the delivery of community services. So too does the fuel and energy consumed by residents and businesses going about their daily life.

The South Australian Government has set goals to reduce the state's greenhouse gas emissions by more than 50% below 2005 levels by 2030 and to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. It has also recently declared a Climate Emergency.

Nearly half of the emissions in the West Torrens area arises from transport related activities. A large area of West Torrens is dedicated to the Adelaide Airport (Commonwealth land) and we do not have control over its activities or carbon management measures, other than advocacy in terms of decreasing the overall carbon footprint in West Torrens. Despite the large area of Airport land being in West Torrens, the actions taken by us via this Strategy will contribute towards mitigating emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

Transitioning to lower carbon lifestyles through the use of renewable energy sources, energy efficient public lighting, reliable public transport options, active travel, diverse employment options within close proximity to home and sustainable home and garden designs will contribute to mitigating the impact of a changing climate.

Reducing carbon emissions from our corporate operations provides a range of direct and indirect benefits to us and our broader community. Reducing emissions also supports regional, national and international commitments in working towards mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change.



Our achievements -

The City of West Torrens has implemented a number of actions aimed at reducing emissions and enhancing our sustainability performance, as outlined below:

- Ongoing monitoring of emissions from Council buildings and operations.
- Installed LED lighting in streets and public spaces.
- Installed 28 solar systems on 20 Council-owned buildings, providing renewable energy to our buildings and abating greenhouse gas emissions every year.
- Installed 11 solar hot water systems on Council owned properties.
- Transitioning Council's vehicle fleet to low carbon vehicles such as hybrid and electric vehicles and exploring options for public charging stations for electric vehicles.
- Electric bicycles available for staff use.
- Developing a new Transport and Movement Strategy with a focus on active transport and reducing emissions.

Objective 3: A Low Carbon Council

GOAL: *Reduce greenhouse gas emissions*

We can become a low carbon council by reducing emissions, improving energy efficiency, sourcing renewable electricity and through our governance and procurement practice.

Initiatives to reach our goal -

- Explore options to set a target to reduce emissions and/or to adopt renewable power.
- Deliver a program of works to reduce Council's greenhouse gas emissions.
- Monitor and report annually on emissions to track performance and to identify opportunities for improvement.
- Transition to 'climate smart' buildings and assets by improving water and energy efficiencies, implementing capture and storage technology for renewable forms of energy, and using alternative sources of water where possible.
- Explore options to increase green power purchase for electricity for Council-owned buildings.
- Continue the rollout of LED efficient public lighting and solar lighting.
- Develop a Council electric vehicle transition plan to reduce vehicular emissions.
- Establish a network of public electric vehicle charging stations.
- Encourage walking and cycling and use of public transport and facilitate through new and/or upgraded infrastructure.
- Encourage community climate-friendly behaviour and practice.



Climate Mitigation and Adaptation - objectives and initiatives

Objective 4: A Water Sensitive City

To ensure we have a liveable and sustainable city, we need our urban water systems and landscapes to be resilient to the impacts brought on by our changing climate and extreme weather conditions. A water sensitive city represents an aspirational future state for water management to achieve that outcome.

Water helps maintain the environmental and recreational values of our parks and ovals, streetscape appeal and supports community health and wellbeing. In addition, a passive evaporative cooling effect is created through watering outdoor spaces, thereby reducing urban air temperatures. It is important to apply water in our landscape to achieve multiple outcomes that a liveable and sustainable city depends on, such as cool and green places.

Reducing dependency on mains water supplies is important. We have adopted water efficiency measures and use water from a range of sources such as recycled water (from the Glenelg to Adelaide Parklands Recycled Water Pipeline (GAP)) to irrigate many of our parks and reserves, as well as using bores and stormwater.

There is a renewed focus on improving water efficiency within Council buildings through capturing and reusing rainwater and grey water and by installing water efficient fixtures and fittings to reduce mains water usage.

Reducing flood risk is an important aspect of addressing a changing climate and in supporting a water sensitive city, and we will continue to address these risks.

Moving forward there will be a focus on encouraging residents to keep their gardens green and cool through periods of hot weather, while using water efficiently and sustainably.

Achievements to date -

- West Torrens is a state leader in applying Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD), e.g. raingardens, street tree inlets, bioretention basins, permeable pavers and wetlands. These are found in our parks and streets to create cooler and greener and more sustainable places.
- West Torrens collaborated with SA Water on the cooling benefits of well-irrigated spaces, and developed a webpage to help the community find a cool park/ playground.
- Provide rebates to residents for rainwater tanks to encourage sustainable living.
- Improved water efficiencies for turf with all irrigation systems at parks and reserves upgraded to Irrigated Public Open Space (IPOS) Code of Practice standards.
- Installed data loggers on water meters for new irrigation systems to closely monitor irrigation water and detect issues such as leaks immediately.
- Developing a stormwater management plan for local drainage across West Torrens.

Objective 4: A Water Sensitive City

GOAL: Use water efficiently and effectively to build resilience to a changing climate

Initiatives to reach our goal -

- Undertaking an Optimal Water Mix Study to improve water security and inform targets for water use efficiencies and conservation.
- Implementing Council's Water Management Action Plan to support the delivery of actions focusing on water use efficiencies, water quality and water consumption.
- Identifying opportunities to improve water use efficiencies in Council's buildings and use alternative water sources when possible.
- Continuing to use a range of water sources to reduce reliance on the mains potable supply, such as rainwater tanks, and expand the use of GAP water to irrigate ovals and reserves.
- Exploring options to harvest and reuse stormwater.
- Installing data loggers on irrigation meters and in Council owned buildings to identify issues more promptly and to effectively manage water consumption.
- Exploring options to use water as a mechanism to create healthy and cool spaces.
- Continuing to implement Council's stormwater management plans to mitigate flood risk, improve water quality and reuse opportunities.
- Adopting best practice stormwater management in Council projects and Development Applications, such as WSUD.
- Advocating for refinement of state planning policy to raise the profile of WSUD.
- Continuing to offer rebates to the community for actions that support a water sensitive city.
- Encouraging the community to adopt sustainable water practices, such as water efficient devices, rainwater tanks and watering gardens to create a cooling effect in hot weather.



Climate Mitigation and Adaptation - objectives and initiatives

Objective 5: A Green and Cool City

Increased temperatures and reduced rainfall associated with climate change can cause heat and water stress on the environment and people. Trees, parks and gardens provide much needed shading and cooling through our suburbs, reflect heat and actively cool and clean the air by evapotranspiration. They are therefore very important elements in building resilience to climate change by supporting the health and wellbeing of residents and the environment.

Tree canopy and other forms of green cover are at risk due to urban infill replacing trees and backyards, as well as a drier and hotter climate making growing conditions unfavourable for some species and loss of habitat. The replacement of greening with impervious surfaces also creates more stormwater, putting stress on the drainage network.

By enhancing the greening across the city, and encouraging the community to do the same, we are supporting the State Government's target of increasing green cover by 20% by the year 2045.

Urban design and selection of building materials and colours can have an impact on urban heat temperatures. Dark coloured roofs and paving can create urban heat islands. This can be largely avoided by retaining green cover and by selecting alternative materials and treatments, such as lighter coloured roofs and roads.

Climate resilient buildings, spaces and places can play a significant role in creating an urban environment that is amenable and comfortable for residents and visitors and contribute to a healthy community.



Achievements to date

The City of West Torrens has undertaken many greening and cooling activities such as:

- Supporting the successful campaign to make Adelaide a National Park City and working with State Government on the metro-wide Greening Strategy.
- Mapping of urban heat and tree canopy across the council area.
- Council's Tree Strategy - informs the management and planting of trees on Council land.
- Tree audit - gathered information on tree species, their location and health status, etc.
- Using 'Forestree' software - a tree inventory and management tool for an urban forest.
- 'Trees in Challenging Spaces' project - a collation of best practice planting techniques to grow healthy, vibrant trees in confined spaces and enhance tree canopy.
- Community education, stewardship and incentive programs such as Native Plant Giveaway, community planting events, dune revegetation, and 'Tree Tags' highlighting benefits of trees.
- Cities with Nature - an international program aimed celebrating nature in our cities.
- AdaptWest - implementation of the regional climate change adaptation plan.
- Council's Open Space Plan - recognises the importance of greening and cooling.
- Successfully applied for external grant funding for tree planting activities.

Objective 5: A Green and Cool City

GOAL: *Enhance tree canopy and cool urban heat*

Initiatives to reach our goal -

We will enhance greening and cooling on land managed by Council by:

- Setting a target to increase tree canopy cover and measuring cover over time.
- Encouraging the greening of verges.
- Implementing our Tree Strategy including using a mix of tree species to optimise greening and cooling, understanding species' resilience to climate change, and planting trees in areas of low canopy coverage, high urban heat and social vulnerability.
- Increase greening along drainage corridors.
- Using water to cool public open spaces - such as irrigation, fountains and misters.
- Seeking opportunities to provide shading for Council's playground equipment.
- Investigating opportunities to acquire land for open space and tree planting.
- Collaborating on regional and metro-wide projects such as further mapping of urban heat and tree canopy.
- Investigating opportunities for our roads, carparks and buildings to absorb less heat, thereby alleviating urban heat island.
- Minimising the impacts of Council's projects and infrastructure on tree canopy cover and green space, and requiring an offset to replace any unavoidable loss of green cover.
- Identifying and applying for relevant funding opportunities when available.

We will support the community in planting and caring for trees/green cover by:

- Offering rebates for the community to enhance greening on their property.
- Encouraging the community to green road verges and water street trees and care for their gardens during hot weather.
- Encouraging the community to retain trees through the planning and development process.
- Continuing the Native Plant Giveaway program for residents and community planting days.



Climate Mitigation and Adaptation - objectives and initiatives

Objective 6: A Circular Economy

Climate change, waste and material use are closely linked. Greenhouse gas emissions are released during the extraction, processing and manufacturing of goods to serve our needs.

Waste in landfill emits greenhouse gases and even the vehicles that collect our household waste emit greenhouse gases (unless sourced by renewable power). The decomposition of household organic waste emits greenhouse gases and so tackling food waste is vital to reducing carbon emissions.

Manufactured goods use natural resources such as water, fuel, metal and timber in their production and this process emits greenhouse gases. Therefore, rubbish sent to landfill can represent a significant amount of greenhouse gases.

A transition to electric vehicles using renewable power is another way of reducing emissions.

Lowering consumption, reducing waste and reusing materials will help reduce pressure on the natural resources while reducing emissions.

A circular economy is based on using less natural and raw materials, keeping products in use longer and designing out waste and pollution. A transition to a circular economy is an important element in reducing emissions and mitigating the effects of climate change.

Achievements to date

- A dedicated Council Committee established to focus on waste management initiatives.
- Desktop mini bins provided to staff to foster a culture of waste minimisation and reuse.
- Waste separation bins in Council's kitchens to prevent contamination of waste streams.
- Paper recycling bins in Council's photocopy rooms.
- Reuse of soft and hard plastics, crumb rubber and used printer toners for road construction.
- Reuse of green waste such as for mulching.
- Provision of battery recycling containers to enable people to dispose of batteries in an environmentally friendly manner.
- RecycleSmart - a free home collection service for recyclable items for our residents.
- Introduced soft plastic recycling in Council offices to divert more waste from landfill.
- Eliminating single use plastics and banned the release of helium balloons at Council events.
- Encourage stall holders at non-Council events to use compostable products.
- Provide information and resources for schools and the public on waste and recycling topics.

Objective 6: A Circular Economy

GOAL: *Reduce waste to landfill and increase the reuse of materials*

Initiatives to reach our goal -

A range of initiatives will be explored to develop a circular economy, such as the following:

- Finalise and implement Council's Waste Strategy.
- Embed circular economy principles into our procurement policy and practices.
- Further reduce corporate paper use.
- Seek opportunities to increase the use of materials with recycled content such as:
 - Office stationary/paper.
 - Park furnishings and fixtures.
 - Construction materials.
 - Compost.
- Improve waste segregation and management and at council-owned facilities.
- Encourage 'waste-free' public events.
- Encourage the reduction of food waste.
- Advocate for being a city free of single use plastics including reducing single use plastic water bottles.
- Continue to implement waste reduction and recycling initiatives within the organisation and the community.
- Continue to collaborate with other levels of government and external organisations on waste and recycling initiatives to support a circular economy.



Consultation on the Strategy

Community consultation on the draft Strategy was undertaken from 4 October to 9 November 2022.

Electronic versions of the draft Strategy and feedback form were made publicly available on Council's 'Your Say' platform. Project information spaces were created at the Civic Centre and the Hamra Centre Library, with hard copies of the draft Strategy and feedback form available at these locations.

The consultation program was advertised on Council's website and social media to encourage people to provide feedback. Posters were also placed at Council's community centres and hubs to publicise the consultation program and to encourage feedback. In addition, the consultation program was publicised at the recent 'Grow It Local' community event on Saturday 8th October with staff available to discuss the Strategy and answer questions with the audience.

Community consultation on the draft Strategy helped to confirm the issues and objectives, and were used to refine the initiatives under each objective.

Submissions received from the community identified the objective "A Green and Cool City" as the most important objective, and reiterated the importance of increasing greening to cool urban heat, protecting trees and expanding tree canopy cover, and minimising impacts of infrastructure and other activities on green cover.

Once approved by Council, the final Strategy will be made available on our website for public access.



Implementation and reporting

Progress on delivering the Strategy will be reported on regularly such as via Council Committee reports, departmental activity reports, and other reporting mechanisms.

11.3 AdaptWest in Action - Program Update

Brief

This report provides an update on AdaptWest in Action, a climate adaptation program being implemented across the Western Adelaide Region in partnership with the cities of Charles Sturt and Port Adelaide Enfield.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that the AdaptWest in Action report be received.

Introduction

The AdaptWest region comprises critical local, state and federal infrastructure and is home to more than 21,000 businesses and 300,000 residents.

The *AdaptWest Climate Change Adaptation Plan* was approved by Council in October 2016, as well as by the partner councils. The *AdaptWest Climate Change Adaptation Plan* seeks to ensure that the communities, environment and businesses and industries of the Western Adelaide Region remain productive and can respond positively to the challenges and opportunities presented by a changing climate.

The *AdaptWest Climate Change Adaptation Plan* outlines key priorities for the region including:

- Enhancing open and green spaces to cool the urban environment;
- Managing stormwater to protect and enhance where people live and work;
- Increasing the resiliency of transport and essential services;
- Improving residential dwellings to be resilient to climate change;
- Building strong and connected communities;
- Preparing businesses and industry to be aware and resilient; and
- Protecting coastal assets and environment.

Discussion

The AdaptWest in Action Plan 2019-2022 (Plan) was developed to oversee the delivery of actions that address priorities in the AdaptWest Climate Change Adaptation Plan (2016). The Plan also formed the basis of work plan, which is implemented by the Regional Coordinator with oversight by the Working Group and Steering Committee, which has representatives from Management and Executive Management across the three partner councils.

Following completion of the AdaptWest in Action Plan 2019-2022, a new action plan will be required to guide the next phase of work in conjunction with our regional partners. Due to timing of the 2022 Local Government elections, a 1-year interim plan was developed to cover the 2022/23 financial year and maintain momentum in its implementation, rather develop a 3-year plan. The succeeding plan will provide an important opportunity to engage with the new Council and facilitate input into the next phase of the program.

Progress reports for AdaptWest in Action are provided to Council on a quarterly basis. A summary of progress on key projects for the 2022/23 financial year to date are included in **Attachment 1**.

In addition to this, Table 1 outlines key milestones and initiatives achieved for AdaptWest in Action over the life of the program.

Table 1: Key milestones and initiatives

2010/11	Commonwealth Natural Disaster Resilience funding received for preparation of AdaptWest Climate Adaptation Plan
2012 - 2016	Stakeholder workshops / Integrated Vulnerability Assessments
2016	AdaptWest Climate Change Adaptation Plan adopted by all partner councils
2017	Coastal and Inundation Modelling report undertaken
2017	Western Adelaide Urban Heat Mapping Project undertaken
2018	Regional Coordinator appointed (0.8 FTE)
2018	2018 LiDAR / heat map correlation undertaken by State Government
2019	Macquarie University - <i>Urban trees and people's yards mitigate extreme heat in Western Adelaide</i> delivered
2019	AdaptWest website created https://www.adaptwest.com.au/
2020	Residential Building Retrofit for Climate Adaptation
2020	Climate Change Risk and Governance assessments undertaken by all partner councils
2020 - 2021	Red Cross Climate Champions work undertaken across region
2021	AdaptWest community survey
2021 - 2022	<i>AdaptNow! Changing for Climate Change</i> project delivered to the region
2022	<i>My Cool Home</i> project delivered

Resilient Australia Awards

On behalf of the three partner councils, the AdaptWest Regional Coordinator attended an awards ceremony for the 2022 Resilient Australia Awards in Hobart where AdaptWest won the Local Government category for the National Resilient Australia Awards. This award follows winning the State Award in the same category and the Planning Institute of Australia Planning Excellence Award for Climate Change and Resilience. These awards celebrate and promote initiatives that build whole of community resilience to disasters and emergencies around Australia and recognise collaboration and innovative thinking across all sectors.

AdaptNow! Changing for Climate Change was held in October 2021 in partnership with the Cities of Charles Sturt and Port Adelaide Enfield as part of the AdaptWest regional program partnership. Building upon a number of events, activities and information sessions held to support climate change adaptation throughout the Western Adelaide Region, AdaptNow examined a hypothetical scenario of hot weather, which explored the cascading impacts of heatwaves, bushfire smoke, power outages and flood risk in our community. The event explored important considerations around climate change and resilience, and sought to prepare communities for these extreme weather events.

Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

Council's participation in the AdaptWest Climate Change Adaptation Program provides positive outcomes for addressing climate change across the Western Adelaide Region and the City of West Torrens in partnership with our regional supporters. It seeks to improve the resilience of our community to climate change, and provide a forward plan to address the identified issues.

Conclusion

This report provides an update on key information relating to AdaptWest in Action.

Attachments

- 1. AdaptWest in Action - Progress summary**

**AdaptWest in Action
Progress Report - February**

AdaptWest in Action Implementation Plan 2022/23	Progress comments
My Cool Home	<p>Leveraging the Regional Climate Partnerships and discussions with national body RENEW, Resilient East, Resilient South and Resilient Hills and Coast are scoping a series of online forums to be delivered to our community focusing on energy transition and climate resilient housing. These sessions will be delivered throughout the 23/24 FY.</p> <p>Topics proposed for delivery include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buying Green Power (SA focused) • All-Electric Homes • Winter Energy Efficiency for Renters SA focused & including solar • Winter Energy Efficiency (general SA focused) • Electric Vehicles (6 months apart to counter for changes in market/ policy) • Solar and Batteries - For those without, but interested • Solar and Batteries - For those already with solar • Sustainable Design 101 • Summer Energy Efficiency for Renters SA focus and including solar • Summer Energy Efficiency (general). <p>Further content has also been added to the reporting function of the My Cool Home tool to explain star rating efficiency standards, and provide a call to action/ next steps for the user.</p> <p>Workshop scheduled with West Torrens Development Team to demonstrate <i>My Cool Home</i> and support better outcomes for the built environment.</p>
My Cool Yard	<p><i>My Cool Yard</i> will be integrated under the <i>My Cool Home</i> banner to describe links between household energy / comfort / climate resilience and garden spaces around the home.</p> <p>Initial feedback was that development of a separate garden tool was outside the remit of AdaptWest as it is a sector-based tool that should be led by State Government. Discussions have been held with Green Adelaide regarding this, and there is interest in how this can inform planning outcomes.</p> <p>Further to the development of the My Cool Home platform a decision was made to enhance the 3D walk-through by including garden spaces. This will involve the capture of various garden types that illustrate outcomes and approaches to best practice greening and cooling around the home. This part of the 3D walk-through will be designed as an online brochure to deliver information to the community.</p>
Asset Team Forum	Preliminary work undertaken
Planning for next phase of AdaptWest in Action	Preliminary discussions and scoping next phase of AdaptWest in Action – next 3-year action plan.
Active Transport in a Changing Climate	Decision has been made to defer this project pending another opportunity with external stakeholder looking at the potential to green and cool active transport corridors within Adelaide. Additional work will need to be done to coordinate stakeholder requirements. Potential project partners include Green Adelaide, DIT, Wellbeing SA, and the councils adjacent to AdaptWest.

11.4 Regulatory Services Activity Report

Brief

This report provides information on the activities of the Regulatory Services Department for the six months to 31 December 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that the Regulatory Services Activities report be received.

Introduction

Details are provided each quarter on activities of Regulatory Services for the information of Council.

Discussion

Parking Enforcement

A total of 1,859 parking expiation notices were issued in the December quarter, bringing the total number of parking expiation notices issues for the year to 3,237 (4,561 YTD in 2021/22).

The tables below show details of parking fines that were waived; educative warnings issued; and parking reviews upheld or withdrawn to 31 December 2022.

Parking Enforcement Report					
Fines Waived and Warnings Issued					
2022/23 Financial Year					
Grounds	1 Jul - 30 Sep 2022	1 Oct - 31 Dec 2022	Year to Date Total 22/23	Year to Date Total 21/22	%
Parking Fines Waived					
- Compelling humanitarian grounds	18	18	36	63	17.2
- Unavoidable offence	12	24	36	58	17.2
- Technical, trivial or petty	20	43	63	128	30.1
- Defective notice	32	32	64	116	30.6
- Administrative error	1	0	1	3	0.5
- Other	1	8	9	11	4.3
Totals	84	125	209	379	100.0
Reason	1 Jul - 30 Sep 2022	1 Oct - 31 Dec 2022	Year to Date Total 22/23	Year to Date Total 21/22	%
Warnings Issued					
- Proximity to intersection - minor	5	1	6	6	2.9
- Not angle/parallel park; Footpath/Verge	3	2	5	9	2.4
- Part driveway/ramp blocked	4	2	6	18	2.9
- Permits Incorrectly Displayed	0	2	2	4	1.0
- Motorist moved on	12	5	17	22	8.1
- Other	5	3	8	19	3.8
Totals	29	15	44	78	100.0

Parking Reviews 2022/23 Financial Year					
	1 July - 30 Sept 2022	1 Oct - 31 Dec 2022	Year to Date Total 22/23	Year to Date Total 21/22	%
Parking Reviews					
- Upheld	116	198	314	228	60.04
- Withdrawn	84	125	209	379	39.96
Total Received	200	323	523	607	100

Animal Management

On 1 November 2022 the Community Safety Administration generated 546 expiations for unregistered dogs. The number of requests for reviews received was 93.

Fire Danger Season

On 1 October 2022, 359 fire letters were sent to property owners to advise them of the upcoming fire danger season and to ask them to maintain their property.

On 12 November 2022, three Community Safety Officers completed 441 fire inspections resulting in 75 105F Notices and 13 warnings being issued. In addition, 23 expiation notices for failing to comply with an order were also issued.



Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

There is no direct climate impact consideration in relation to this report

Conclusion

This report provides an overview of the key activities of the Regulatory Services Department, Community Safety and Environment Health Teams, for the second quarter of the 2022/23

Attachments

1. Regulatory Services Activities Report



Attachment 1

COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM 2022 – 2023 Year to Date Works Requests Dog Management



Commentary:

- Dogs number of dogs on property**

Dog registration fees are due on the 30 August and after that date, we receive a report showing addresses where they have extra dogs on property and the owners, which are in breach of Council By-Law No. 5 – where no more than one dog in a small dwelling or more than two dogs in premises other than a small dwelling.

- Not Registered**

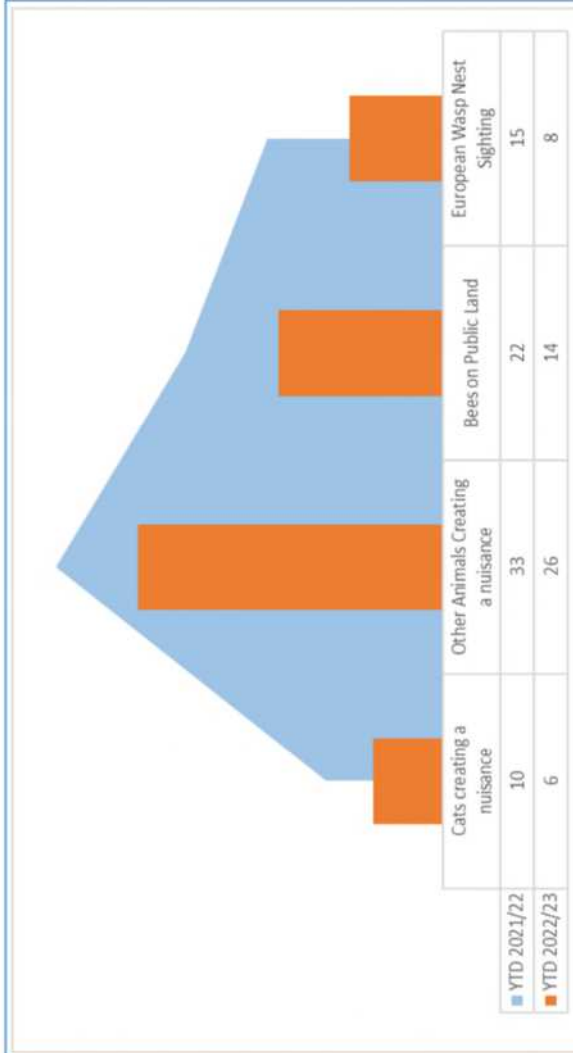
Animal Management Officer when picking up dogs that have been found wandering at large or other investigations e.g. dog barking, the dogs do not have a current registration.

Dogs Work Requests

	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
Attack on Animals	3	5	1	1	6	2
Attack on Humans	1	2	2	1	1	0
Wandering at Large	12	22	20	16	6	16
Barking Dogs	9	11	4	7	8	9
Not Desexed	2	0	0	0	0	0
Not Registered	2	3	2	3	2	5
Not Microchipped	2	2	0	0	0	0
Harrass Animals	1	1	0	1	0	1
Harrass Humans	0	0	1	1	0	1
Create Nuisance	7	4	2	4	3	2
Dog number of dogs on property	11	4	0	3	1	1
Dog Control Orders - Inspection	0	1	0	0	0	0



Other Animals



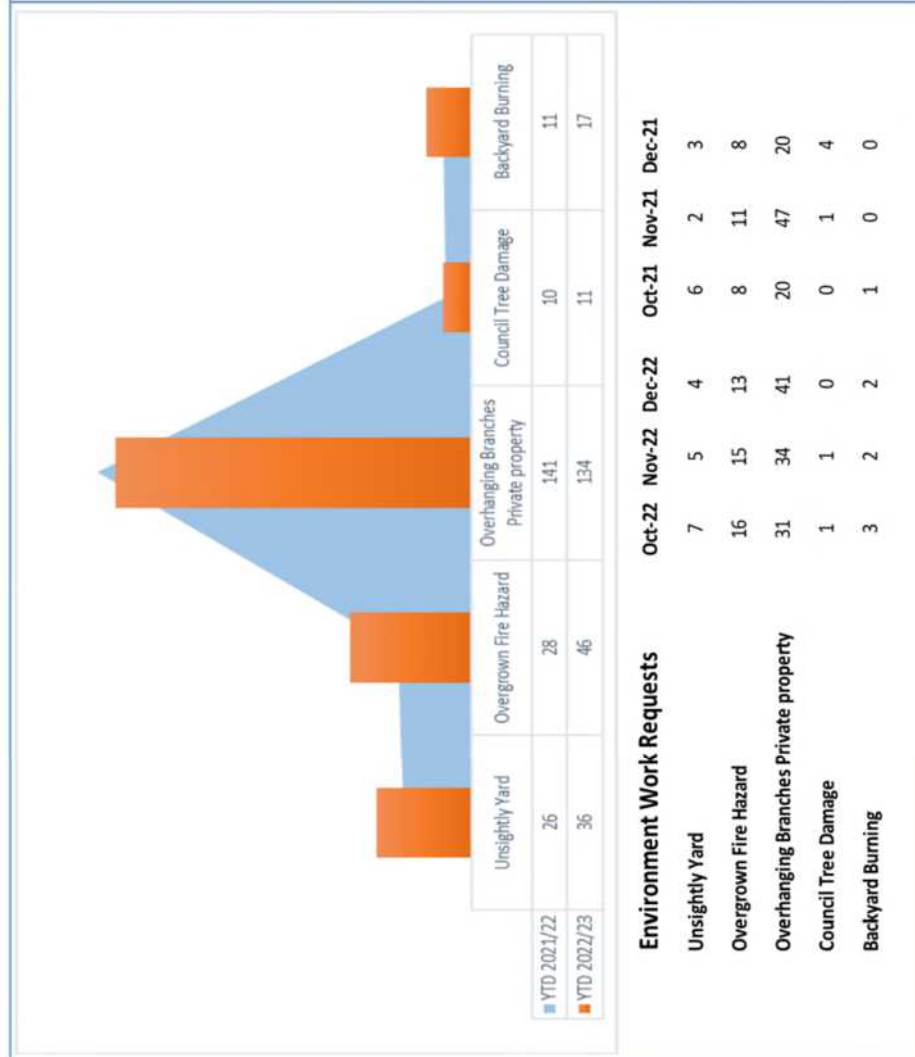
Other Animal Work Requests	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
Cats creating a nuisance	2	2	0	1	4	0
Other Animals Creating a nuisance	6	7	2	9	5	3
Bees on Public Land	10	2	2	14	3	1
European Wasp Nest Sighting	1	3	2	3	2	7

Commentary:

- Other Animals**
 Relates to mainly people feeding wild pigeons and roosters crowing.
- Bees and European Wasps**
 A contractor undertakes the removal or eradication of swarms and nests.
 - European Wasps on private land and public areas.
 - Bees in public areas.



Environment



Commentary:

- **Overhanging Branches**

Overhanging branches from trees and bushes on private land overhanging into the public area. Council receives complaints from the community that vegetation is obstructing the footpath area. There is a requirement for the owner of the land to cut back the trees and/or bushes to the property boundary and to the height clearance of 2.5 metres.

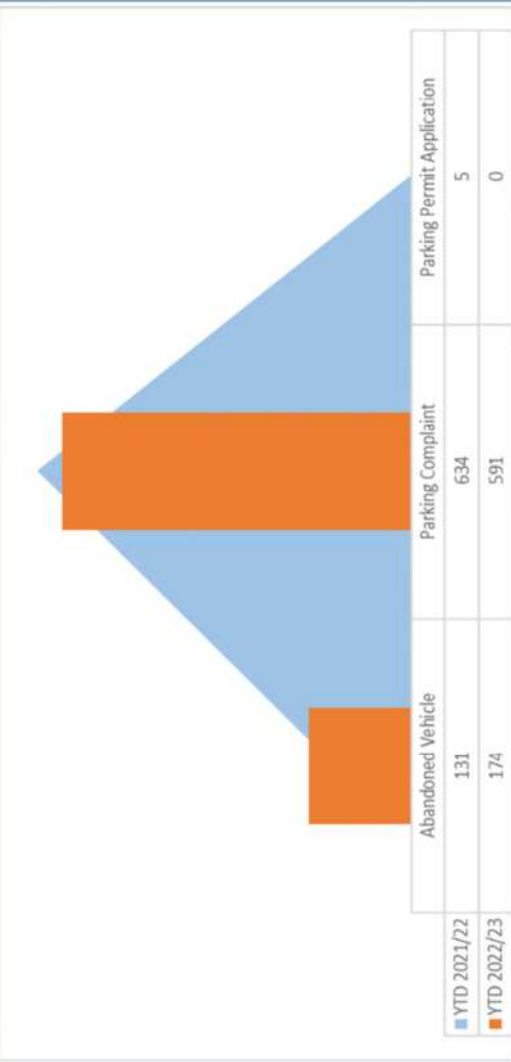
- **Overgrown Fire Hazard**

On private land, an owner must take reasonable steps to prevent or inhibit the outbreak of fire on their property.

Prior and during the fire danger season the Officers undertake processes from October to April. Which includes notification by letter and inspections.



Parking



Parking Work Requests	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
Abandoned Vehicle	37	31	29	16	31	26
Parking Complaint	105	109	78	93	141	118
Parking Permit Application	0	0	0	0	0	0

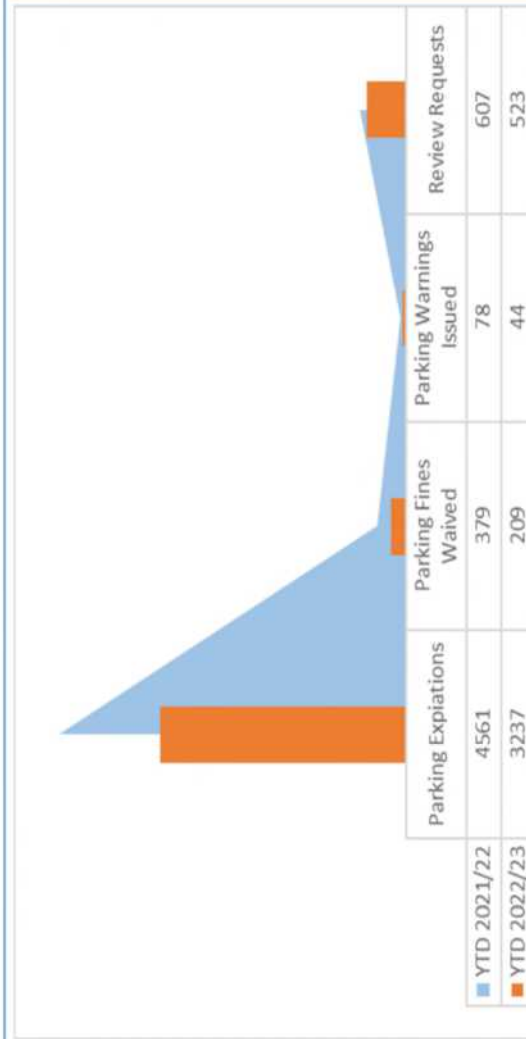
Commentary:

- Parking Complaint**

Example of complaints received – vehicles overstaying the time limit, vehicle parked outside their home, parked near their driveway etc.



Parking Expiations



	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
Parking Expiations						
Parking Expiations	698	616	545	744	814	712
Parking Fines Waived	22	57	46	46	59	65
Parking Warnings Issued	8	6	1	11	12	13
Review Requests	77	140	106	76	106	65

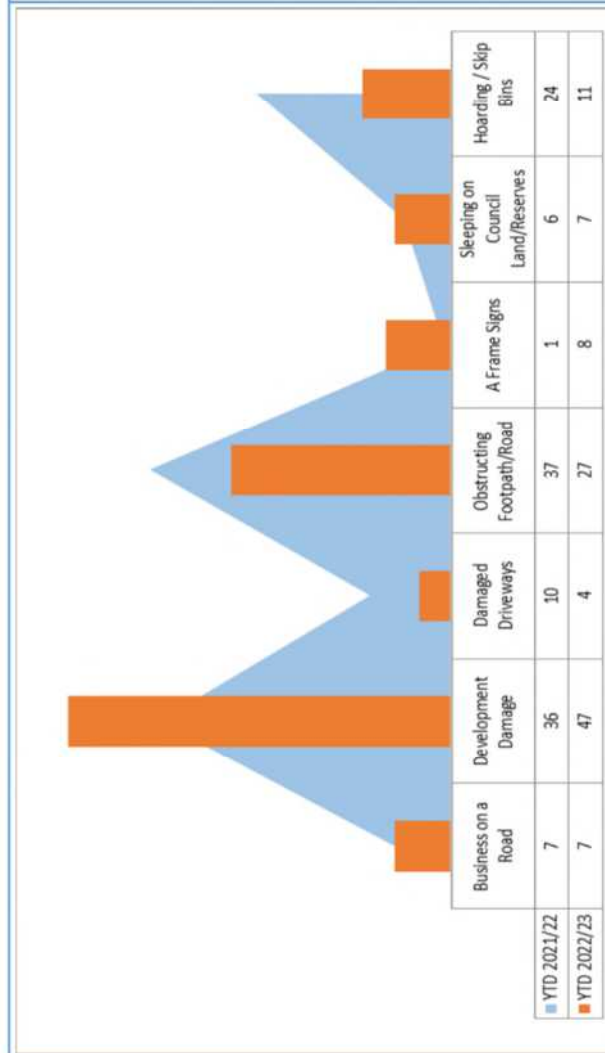
Commentary:

- Parking Expiations**

Staff vacancies and training of new Community Safety Officers



Roads and Footpaths



Roads and Footpaths Work Requests

	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
Business on a Road	3	0	0	2	1	3
Development Damage	5	3	9	16	9	4
Damaged Driveways	0	0	0	2	3	1
Obstructing Footpath/Road	4	15	4	14	7	3
A Frame Signs	1	0	1	0	1	0
Sleeping on Council Land/Reserves	0	2	2	0	0	1
Hoarding / Skip Bins	2	0	2	6	7	6

Commentary:

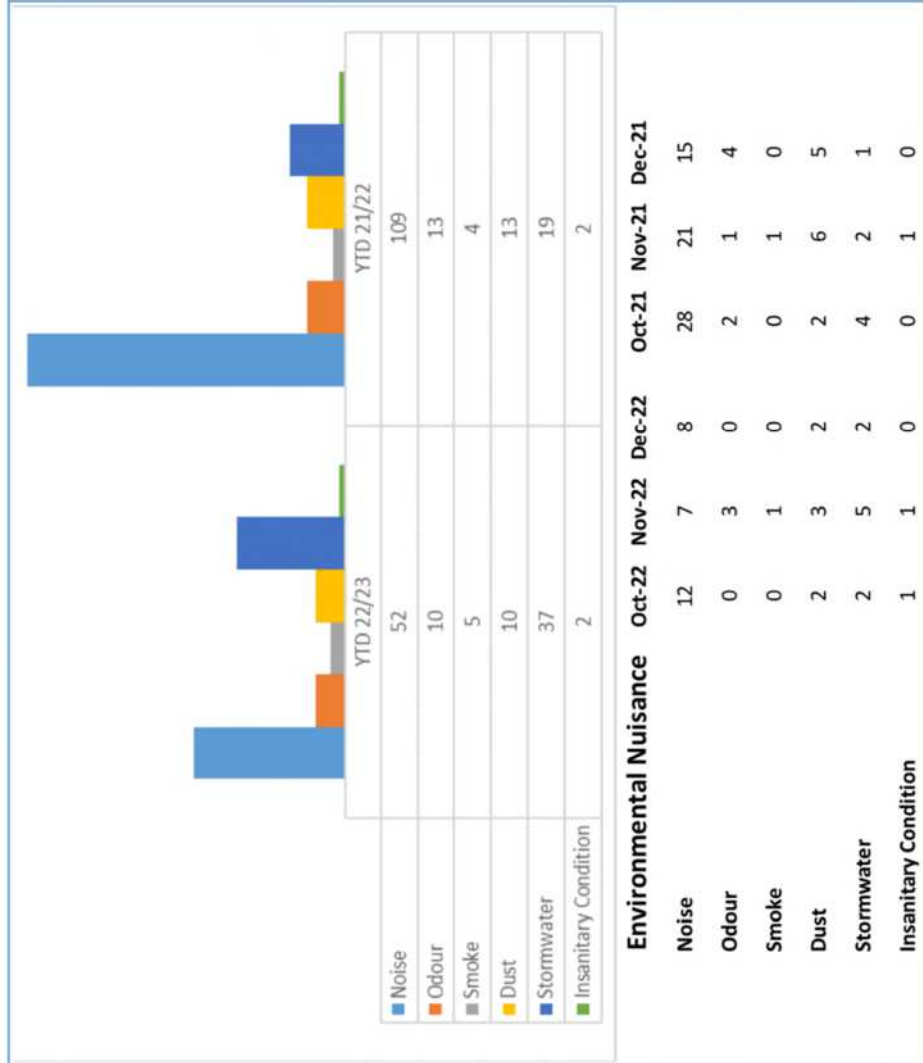
- Obstructing Footpath / Road and Hoarding / Skip Bins**

Is due to an increase in land divisions and building developments.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TEAM

Environmental Nuisance



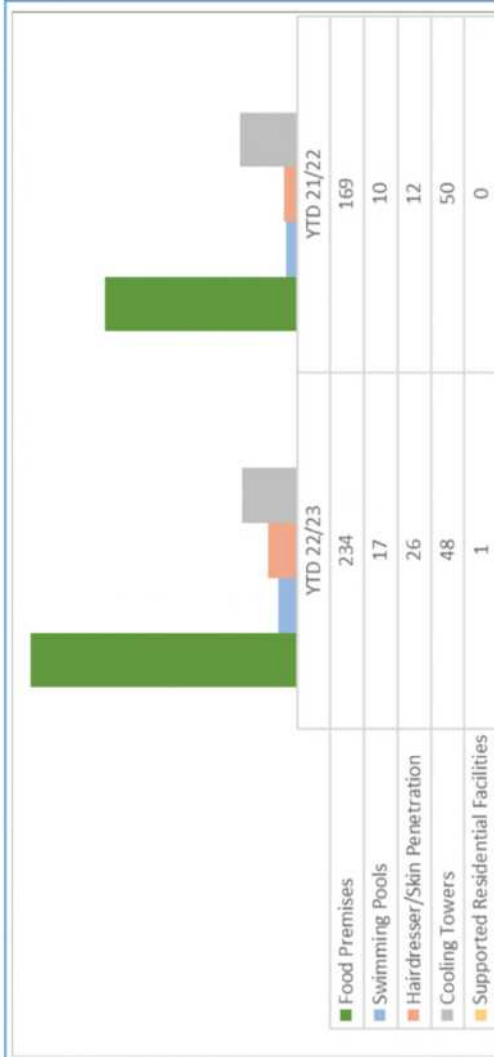
Commentary:

- Stormwater**

An increase in the number of stormwater complaints is in regards to mud drag out from construction sites. This is a result of the ongoing wet weather and sites not having appropriately constructed exit points to minimise drag out.



Routine Inspections



Routine Inspections	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
Food Premises	40	32	44	29	28	24
Swimming Pools	4	8	1	0	1	2
Hairdresser/Skin Penetration	8	4	1	3	2	0
Cooling Towers	24	20	0	16	24	10
Supported Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0

Commentary:

- Food Premises**

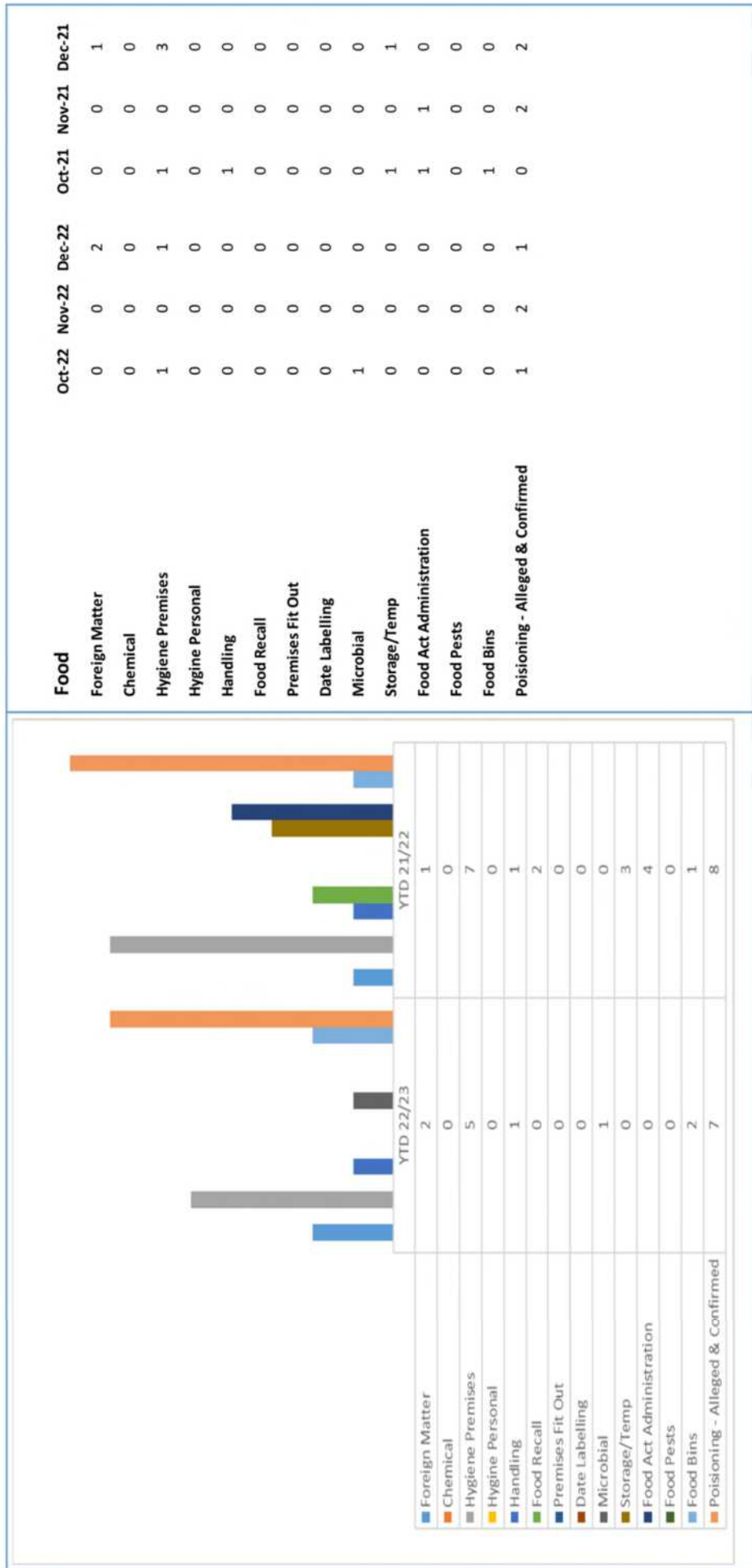
Increase in food premises inspections of a reflection of coming out of the working from home arrangement and return to the office – overdue inspection.

- Hairdressers / Skin Penetration**

The increase in Hairdressers/Skin penetration premises are required to undertake inspections every 2 years. The inspection cycle is higher for 22/23.

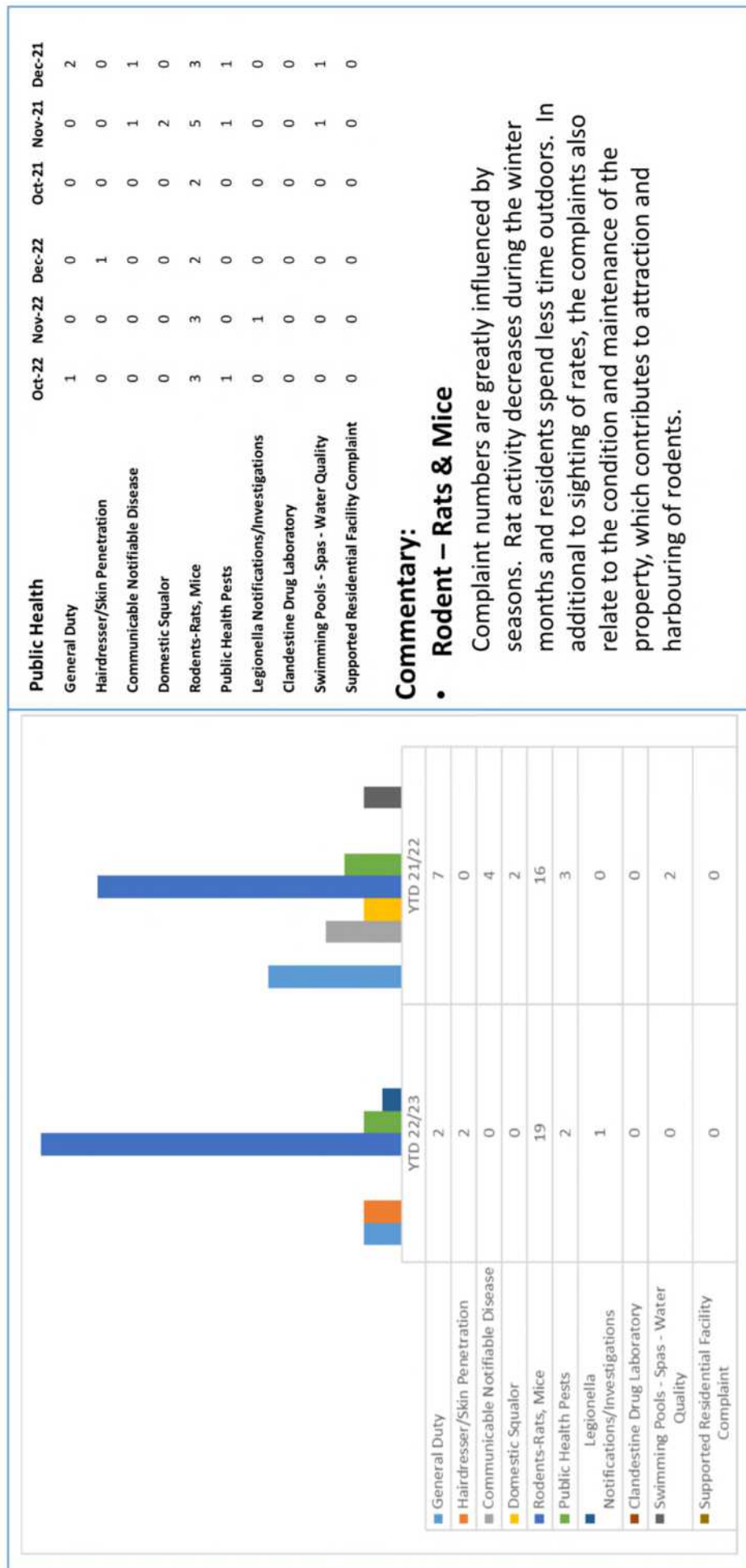


Food





Public Health



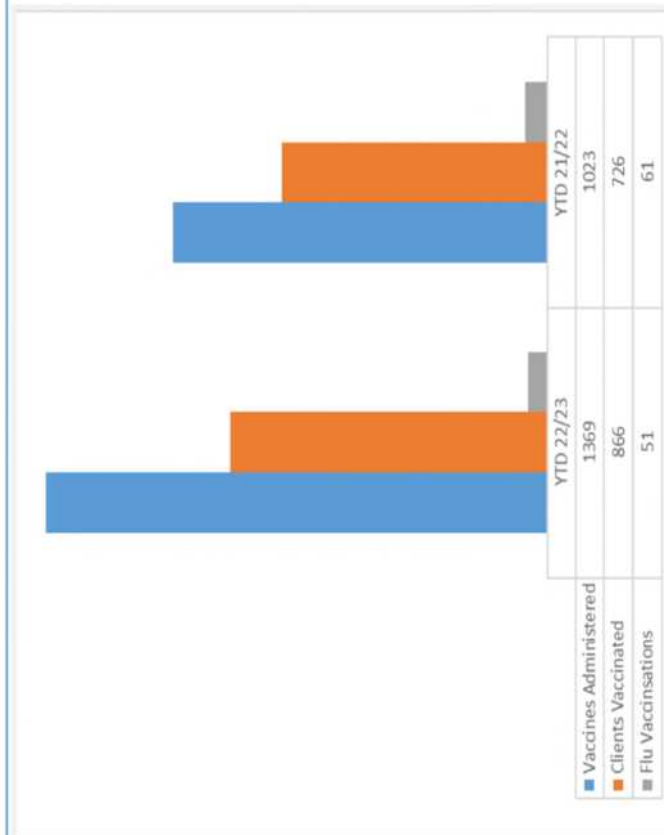
Commentary:

- Rodent – Rats & Mice**

Complaint numbers are greatly influenced by seasons. Rat activity decreases during the winter months and residents spend less time outdoors. In addition to sighting of rates, the complaints also relate to the condition and maintenance of the property, which contributes to attraction and harbouring of rodents.



Total Vaccines



Total Vaccines	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
Vaccines Administered	322	255	110	218	185	105
Clients Vaccinated	213	163	42	154	185	44
Flu Vaccinations	8	1	1	6	5	3

Commentary:

- Vac Admin and Clients**

School vaccination clinics and public numbers are comparative.

11.5 Service Centre Activities Report - Second Quarter 2022/23

Brief

This report provides an overview of the key activities of the Service Centre for the second quarter of the 2022/23 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that the report be received.

Introduction

The Service Centre team currently provides customers with multiple ways to contact us; these include telephone, face-to-face, web chat, email, SMS, CityWatch and Social Media and the demand for our online services and self-serve options continue to rise in popularity.

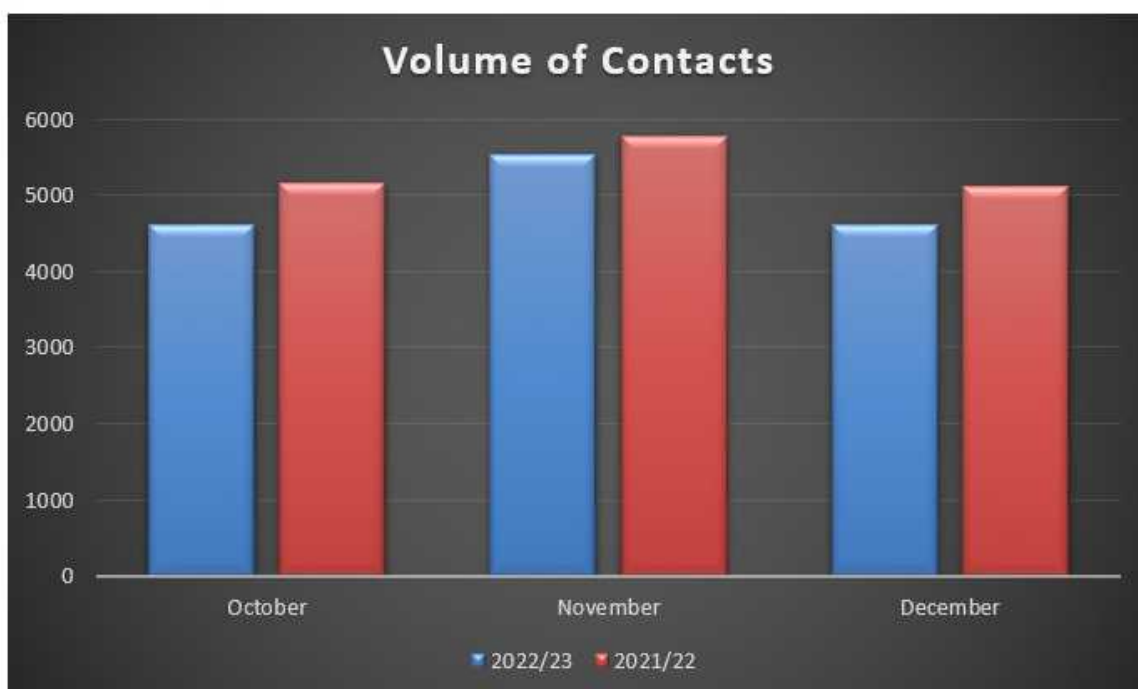
We manage around 80,000 contacts per annum via the various channels and, as a key stakeholder who responds to various enquiries on behalf of most departments across the organisation, our service provision contributes to the quality, brand and reputation of CWT.

Our objective is to put our customers and community at the heart of everything we do through providing a quality customer experience for our customers and community in a responsive, consistent, convenient and caring way.

Discussion

The volume of interactions received this quarter decreased by (8 percent) in comparison to the same time last year. The team responded to 14,771 enquiries overall for the quarter and still achieved a great First Call Resolution of 74% (KPI - enquiries that are managed from initiation to resolution) which is a significant achievement given we had second quarter rates due along with inclement weather in November.

The graph below shows the comparison for the same time in the previous year, however please note this does not include front counter or social media enquiries as they are not able to be reported on accurately.



The Service Centre processed 2,759 customer requests, this represents 62 per cent of the overall total of requests generated. Some of the top requests for service that were generated for our community by the Service Centre include:

- Parking Complaint (305)
- Trees - Fallen/Branches (225)
- Trees - Pruning (191)
- Road Sweeping (163)

The Service Centre processed 2,557 receipts this quarter, representing only 8.05% of the total 31,758 receipts processed.

Total Receipts

Advam Credit Card	BANK CHEQUE	CASH PAYMENT	DIRECT DEBIT	EFTPOS	ePathway	Journal	LIBRARY CARD PAYMENT	ON-LINE SERVICES	CHEQUE	Total
1251	4	298	1797	451	4176	18	152	23210	401	31758

Customer Service Receipts

Advam Credit Card	BANK CHEQUE	CASH PAYMENT	EFTPOS	LIBRARY CARD PAYMENT	CHEQUE	Total
1251	4	298	451	152	401	2557

Customer Service Percentage of Total Receipts

8.05%

Customer Experience

After Call Surveys

The second quarter of our external customer surveying has resulted in a total of 225 responses (inclusive of Sep-Dec 22). These surveys are sent to customers once a Pathway request has been 'actioned' in the system. Our Net Promoter Score (NPS) is sitting at **30**, which is a good result and up from the first quarter, which was **16**.

NET PROMOTER SCORE (NPS) ANALYSIS



Live Chat Surveys

Customers continue to engage with CWT via Live Chat, we received 168 live chat survey responses, an increase of 76% from last quarter. Of the 168 responses received, 21 were positive (scores of 4 and 5 out of 5). Some of the positive verbatim comments include:

- Thank you to Nick for being so helpful and sympathetic in this sorrowful time.
- Excellent support and quick response well done city of West Torrens.
- Donna helped me organise an extra bin collection. Absolute legend! Thanks so much. 😊
- Excellent service being able to provide live chat, thank you.
- I am relocating from NSW so it was a great help.
- Got exactly the information I needed. Thanks, Robyn.

From time to time customers also provide us with additional feedback, sometimes constructive. It is forwarded to the relevant department for follow up. Some of the verbatim comments include:

"My question wasn't able to be answered but they were going to send a message and have someone to ring me."

"I was satisfied that your chat operators did their best to answer my question but it is unfortunate that this problem had not been brought to their attention already."

*"I typed my query in and there was only one button to push and that was end chat??
Not sure if I have done something wrong but had no chat"*

When feedback is received with a rating experience of 1-3 we contact the customer (if we have their details) to seek further insight regarding their experience and work towards improving their future experiences at first contact.

Of the 168 responses in relation to Live Chat, 11 responses were received with ratings of 1-3. Of these, four (4) had included contact details and were responded to.

Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

There is no direct climate impact in relation to this report.

Conclusion

This report provides an overview of the key activities of the Service Centre for the second quarter of the 2022/23 financial year.

Attachments

Nil

11.6 Community Services Activity Report - January 2023

Brief

This report details the activities of the Community Services Department for January 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that the Community Services Activity Report - January 2023 be received.

Introduction

The Community Services department (Department) provides a report to each City Services and Climate Adaptation Standing Committee meeting detailing the status of key projects and activities for the preceding month.

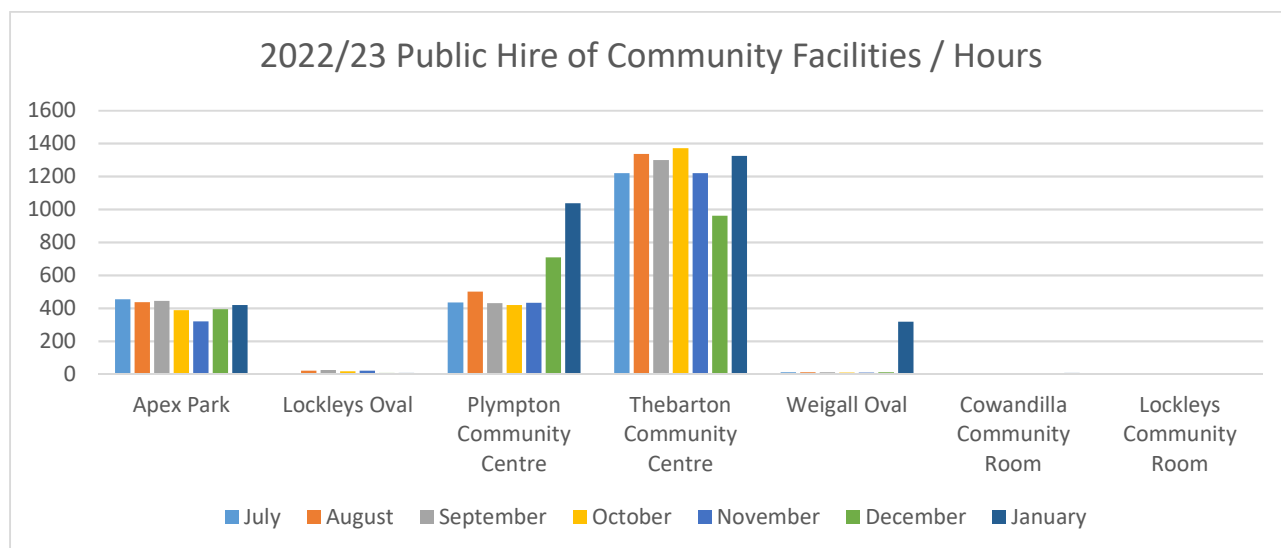
Discussion

The key projects and activities undertaken by the Department during the month of January 2023 are as follows:

Community Centres

The usage statistics for all the community centres/facilities for January 2023 are as follows:

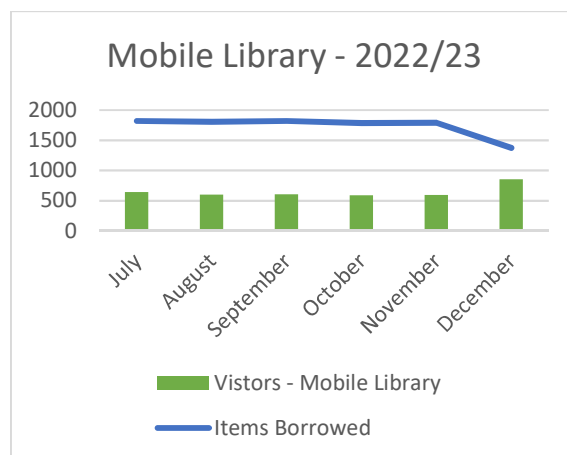
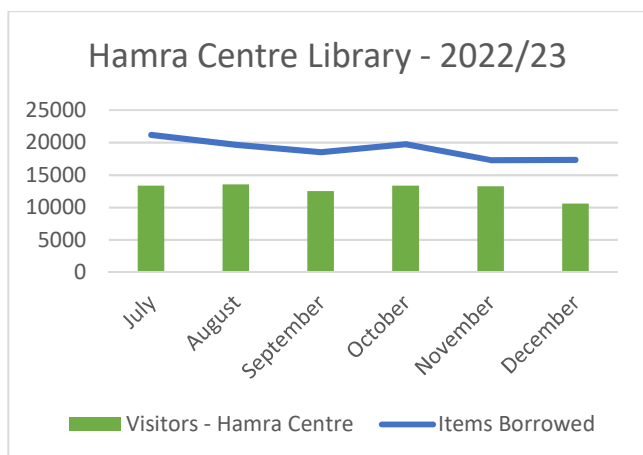
Facility	# Groups	Hours used	Notes
Apex Park Community Facility	29	421	
Cowandilla Community Room	1	8	
Lockleys Community Room	-	-	Closed - Capital works
Lockleys Oval Sporting Facility	4	8	Meeting Rooms only
Plympton Community Centre	16	1038	
Thebarton Community Centre	57	1325	
Weigall Oval Sporting Facility	5	319	
Total	112	3119	
Average per day	4	122	



Facility types: arts and gardens			Notes
Auditorium Gallery	No. exhibitions avail.	No. exhibitions used	Wall-use exhibitions only
	1	1	
Plympton Community Garden	No. plots avail.	No. plots used	Current wait list = 2
	16	16	
Clifford St. Community Garden	No. plots avail.	No. plots used	Current wait list = 4
	19	19	
Netley Community Garden	No. plots avail.	No. plots used	Site is in development ETA June 2023
	-	-	

Library Statistics

Library Visitor and borrowing statistics - December 2022	Average per day	
Total Number of visitors to the Hamra Centre	10,595	408
Total Number of items checked out from the Hamra Centre	17,345	667
Total Number of visitors to the Mobile Library <i>(includes 425 at Christmas Fare events)</i>	856	42
Total Number of items checked out from the Mobile Library	1,374	81



Community Gardens

A new propagation station has been installed at the Plympton Community Garden. Following feedback from our resident gardeners, seeking a way to better propagate new seed and give smaller seedlings a fighting chance, this new shade-covered station has been installed. This is a shared-use plot and is available for all gardeners.

Conceptual plans have begun for the new community garden to be set up in Netley on Beare Avenue.



Arts and Place Activation

This month the Hamra Centre Auditorium hosted the 2022 SA Refugee Week Student Poster Exhibition. This was a visual exhibition of posters by young artists from South Australian primary, secondary and tertiary education institutions. Schools based in the City of West Torrens who participated included Richmond Primary School, Thebarton Senior College and Underdale High School. As part of a contribution to Australian & SA Refugee Week & International World Refugee Day students created posters to express their ideas about refugees in the Australian context. The poster project was coordinated by MRC Arts on behalf of the SA Refugee Week Committee and in partnership with the Adelaide Festival Centre Children’s ArtSpace. The project is supported by the Office of the Minister for Education.



Library Services

A new collection named the 'Memory Collection' has been developed for customers who are carers of people living with dementia and/or memory loss. The collection includes a variety of books at different reading levels and can also be searched as a collection on the digital catalogue.

School Holiday Program

The school holiday program was packed with activities for pre-school and school aged children and families this month. Some popular activities included 'book tasting', 'sensory play', 'make and create with clay', 'Kindergym', 'digital skills workshops', 'circus workshops', 'clothes upcycling workshop', 'come and try chess', 'sewing workshops', 'come and try squash', 'escape rooms', 'embroidery and sewing workshops' and 'Rube Goldberg Challenge'. The first E-Sport challenges were a success with over twenty children competing in Mario Kart Tournaments.



Active Ageing

Active Ageing programs were on a break during most of January so a weekly social drop-in session was organised on Tuesdays at Plympton Community Centre. This was an opportunity for people to come together and share a coffee/tea, socialise and play some pool. Approximately twenty people turned up each week, including new residents who were keen to find out more about the regular programs starting back in February.

Local History

The team worked with the West Torrens Historical Society (WTHS) on a project to introduce Plympton Primary School Children to local history. The following is a summary of the project by Graham Parry from the WTHS.

"The WTHS wanted to stimulate and arouse interest in local history among the younger generations and decided that one avenue of approach was through senior students in primary schools in the West Torrens area. The aims were twofold. Firstly, the Society wanted to make young people more aware of the history of the area and events of the past, and secondly, the Society was looking for a flow-on effect through the families in the area to increase its profile and stimulate interest in the Society.

Plympton Primary School Year 6 teacher Gabrielle Aujard intimated that she was keen on the idea and agreed to conduct a History Project with her senior primary students by integrating it into their History Curriculum. They chose to do research on local residents, especially former Plympton School students who enlisted as soldiers in World War 1. They focused not only on their war service, but also highlighted their subsequent recognition in the area by way of street names and other focal points.

The students presented the results of their research at a school assembly on November 18th. The WTHS chose to recognise the students' efforts by donating \$500 to the school library for the purchase of history books. The cheque was presented to the school librarian Sandi at the final assembly on December 16. The Society also awarded Certificates of Merit, and Certificates of Participation to all students involved in the project.

The WTHS was actively supported in the project by the City of West Torrens Hamra Library. Graham Parry from the WTHS and Thomas Campbell from the City of West Torrens attended the final assembly to present the cheque and congratulate the students on their efforts."



Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

All Community Services programs have, when relevant, implemented climate adaptation strategies.

Conclusion

This report provides details on the key activities of the Community Services Department for the month of January 2023.

Attachments

1. Community Services Activities - February 2023

Community Services Activities and Events - February 2023

Date	Time	Activity/Event	Location
Wed 1/2	10.30am-12.30pm	Learn English Reading Group: post beginner to pre-intermediate	Hamra Centre
	10.30am-12.30pm	Book Club	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	10.30am-11.30am	Story Time: 5 years & under	Hamra Centre
	11am-2pm	Lifestyles Program: Sewing Studio	Plympton Community Centre
Thu 2/2	8am-9am	Lifestyles Program: Almond Tree Walkers	Kurralta Park
	9am	Fulham Shopping Bus Run	Fulham Gardens Shopping Cnt
	10am-12pm	West Torrens Seniors 8 ball Group	Plympton Community Centre
	10am-1pm	Rewire Tech Help One-to-One session	Hamra Centre
	10.30am-11am	Baby Time: 0-18 months	West Torrens Auditorium
	11.15am-11.45am	Toddler Time: 18 months-3 years	West Torrens Auditorium
	10.30am-1pm	Craft & Art Space	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	6pm-8pm	Book Club 1	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
6.15pm-8pm	Book Club 2	Hamra Centre	
Fri 3/2	9am	Brickworks Shopping Bus Run	Brickworks Marketplace
	10am-12pm	Lifestyles Program: Knit & Natter Knitting Group	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	10am-12pm	Active Ageing: Movers & Shakers	Plympton Community Centre
	10.30am-11.30am	Story Time: 5 years & under	Hamra Centre
	12pm	Kurralta Park Shopping Bus Run	Kurralta Park
	1pm-4pm	Rewire Tech Help Drop-in Session	Hamra Centre
3pm-5pm	Book Club	Hamra Centre - Sun Room	
Sat 4/2	9.30am-1.30pm	Summer Festival: Touch-a-truck	Kings Reserve Torrensville
	10am-1pm	Rewire Tech Help Drop-in Session	Hamra Centre
Sun 5/2			
Mon 6/2	8am-9am	Lifestyles Program: Almond Tree Walkers	Kurralta Park
	10am-12pm	Lifestyles Program: Yarn Knitting Group	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	10.30am-12.30pm	Learn English Reading Group: intermediate to advanced	Hamra Centre
	3pm-5.30pm	Craft & Art Space	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	3.30pm-5pm	Lego Club: school aged children	West Torrens Auditorium
	6pm-9pm	Lifestyles Program: Sewing Studio	Plympton Community Centre
Tue 7/2	9am-3pm	Historic Cummins House tour	Cummins House - Novar Gdns
	9am	Active Ageing: Coffee, Tea and Me	Plympton Community Centre
	10am-12pm	Rewire Tech Help One-to-One session	Hamra Centre
	10.30am-11am	Baby Time: 0-18 months	West Torrens Auditorium
	11.15am-11.45am	Toddler Time: 18 months-3 years	West Torrens Auditorium
	1pm-3pm	Learn English Class with free crèche	Hamra Centre
	2pm	Baby & Toddler Time Facebook Live	
3pm-4pm	Active Ageing: Fit Ball Drumming	Plympton Community Centre	
Wed 8/2	10.30am-12.30pm	Learn English Reading Group: post beginner to pre-intermediate	Hamra Centre
	10.30am-11.30am	Story Time: 5 years & under	Hamra Centre
	11am-2pm	Lifestyles Program: Sewing Studio	Plympton Community Centre
	4.30pm-5.30pm	Young Writers' Group: ages 12-25	Hamra Centre
Thu 9/2	8am-9pm	Lifestyles Program: Almond Tree Walkers	Kurralta Park
	9am	Brickworks Shopping Bus Run	Brickworks Marketplace
	10am-12pm	West Torrens Seniors 8 ball Group	Plympton Community Centre
	10am-1pm	Rewire Tech Help One-to-One session	Hamra Centre
	10.30am-11am	Baby Time: 0-18 months	West Torrens Auditorium
	11.15am-11.45am	Toddler Time: 18 months-3 years	West Torrens Auditorium
	10.30am-1pm	Craft & Art Space	Hamra Centre - Sun Room

Date	Time	Activity/Event	Location
Fri 10/2	9am	Hilton Shopping Bus Run	Hilton Plaza Shopping Centre
	10am-2.30pm	Lifestyles Program: Orange Tree Quilters	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	10am-12pm	Active Ageing: Movers & Shakers	Plympton Community Centre
	10.30am-11.30am	Story Time: 5 years & under	Hamra Centre
	12pm	Kurralta Park Shopping Bus Run	Kurralta Park
	1pm-4pm	Rewire Tech Help Drop-in Session	Hamra Centre
Sat 11/2	10am-1pm	Rewire Tech Help Drop-in Session	Hamra Centre
	1.30pm-3.30pm	Rewire Feature Class: TV/Movie Streaming	Hamra Centre
	5pm-10pm	Summer Festival: The King's Fork	Kings Reserve Torrensville
Sun 12/2			
Mon 13/2	8am-9am	Lifestyles Program: Almond Tree Walkers	Kurralta Park
	10am-12pm	Lifestyles Program: Yarn Knitting Group	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	10.30am-12.30pm	Learn English Reading Group: intermediate to advanced	Hamra Centre
	3pm-5.30pm	Craft & Art Space	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	6pm-9pm	Lifestyles Program: Sewing Studio	Plympton Community Centre
Tue 14/2	10am-12pm	Rewire Tech Help One-to-One session	Hamra Centre
	10.30am-11am	Baby Time: 0-18 months	West Torrens Auditorium
	11.15am-11.45am	Toddler Time: 18 months-3 years	West Torrens Auditorium
	12pm-2pm	Active Ageing: Share-A-Table	Plympton Community Centre
	1pm-3pm	Learn English Class with free crèche	Hamra Centre
	3pm-4pm	Baby & Toddler Time Facebook Live Active Ageing: Fit Ball Drumming	Plympton Community Centre
Wed 15/2	10.30am-12.30pm	Learn English Reading Group: post beginner to pre-intermediate	Hamra Centre
	10.30am-11.30am	Story Time: 5 years & under	Hamra Centre
	11am-2pm	Lifestyles Program: Sewing Studio	Plympton Community Centre
Thu 16/2	8am-9am	Lifestyles Program: Almond Tree Walkers	Kurralta Park
	9am	Fulham Shopping Bus Run	Fulham Gardens Shopping Cnt
	10am-12pm	West Torrens Seniors 8 ball Group	Plympton Community Centre
	10am-1pm	Rewire Tech Help One-to-One session	Hamra Centre
	10.30am-11am	Baby Time: 0-18 months	West Torrens Auditorium
	11.15am-11.45am	Toddler Time: 18 months-3 years	West Torrens Auditorium
	10.30am-1pm	Craft & Art Space	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
6.30pm	Chinese New Year Celebration	West Torrens Auditorium	
Fri 17/2	9am	Brickworks Shopping Bus Run	Brickworks Marketplace
	10am-12pm	Active Ageing: Movers & Shakers	Plympton Community Centre
	10.30am-11.30am	Story Time: 5 years & under	Hamra Centre
	12pm	Kurralta Park Shopping Bus Run	Kurralta Park
	1pm-4pm	Rewire Tech Help Drop-in Session	Hamra Centre
Sat 18/2	10am-1pm	Rewire Tech Help Drop-in Session	Hamra Centre
Sun 19/2			
Mon 20/2	8am-9am	Lifestyles Program: Almond Tree Walkers	Kurralta Park
	10am-12pm	Lifestyles Program: Yarn Knitting Group	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	10.30am-12.30pm	Learn English Reading Group: intermediate to advanced	Hamra Centre
	3pm-5.30pm	Craft & Art Space	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	3.30pm-5pm	Lego Club: school aged children	West Torrens Auditorium
	6pm-9pm	Lifestyles Program: Sewing Studio	Plympton Community Centre
	9am	Active Ageing: Coffee, Tea and Me	Plympton Community Centre
	10am-12pm	Lifestyles Program: Adventure Walkers	Underdale
	10am-12pm	Rewire Tech Help One-to-One session	Hamra Centre

Date	Time	Activity/Event	Location
Tue 21/2	10.30am-11am	Baby Time: 0-18 months	West Torrens Auditorium
	11.15am-11.45am	Toddler Time: 18 months-3 years	West Torrens Auditorium
	1pm-3pm	Learn English Class with free crèche	Hamra Centre
	2pm	Baby & Toddler Time Facebook Live	
	3pm-4pm	Active Ageing: Fit Ball Drumming	Plympton Community Centre
Wed 22/2	10.30am-12.30pm	Learn English Reading Group: post beginner to pre-intermediate	Hamra Centre
	10.30am-11.30am	Story Time: 5 years & under	Hamra Centre
	11am-2pm	Lifestyles Program: Sewing Studio	Plympton Community Centre
Thu 23/2	4.30pm-5.30pm	Youth Book Club: ages 12-17	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	8am-9am	Lifestyles Program: Almond Tree Walkers	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	9am	Fulham Shopping Bus Run	Fulham Gardens Shopping Cnt
	10am-12pm	West Torrens Men's Social 8 Ball Group	Plympton Community Centre
	10am-1pm	Rewire Tech Help One-to-One session	Hamra Centre
	10.30am-11am	Baby Time: 0-18 months	West Torrens Auditorium
	11.15am-11.45am	Toddler Time: 18 months-3 years	West Torrens Auditorium
Fri 24/2	10.30am-1pm	Craft & Art Space	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	7pm	Movie Night: Downton Abbey - A New Era (PG)	West Torrens Auditorium
	9am	Hilton Shopping Bus Run	Hilton Plaza Shopping Centre
	10am-12pm	Active Ageing: Movers & Shakers	Plympton Community Centre
	10am-2.30pm	Lifestyles Program: Orange Tree Quilters	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	10.30am-11.30am	Story Time: 5 years & under	Hamra Centre
Sat 25/2	12pm	Kurralta Park Shopping Bus Run	Kurralta Park
	1pm-4pm	Rewire Tech Help Drop-in Session	Hamra Centre
Sun 26/2	10am-12pm	Poetry Workshop with Julie Wright	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	10am-1pm	Rewire Tech Help Drop-in Session	Hamra Centre
Mon 27/2			
	8am-9am	Lifestyles Program: Almond Tree Walkers	Kurralta Park
	10am-12pm	Lifestyles Program: Yarn Knitting Group	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	10.30am-12.30pm	Learn English Reading Group: intermediate to advanced	Hamra Centre
	3pm-5.30pm	Craft & Art Space	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
Tue 28/2	6pm-9pm	Lifestyles Program: Sewing Studio	Plympton Community Centre
	10am-12pm	Rewire Tech Help One-to-One session	Hamra Centre
Tue 28/2	10.30am-11am	Baby Time: 0-18 months	West Torrens Auditorium
	11.15am-11.45am	Toddler Time: 18 months-3 years	West Torrens Auditorium
	12pm-2pm	Active Ageing: Share-A-Table	Plympton Community Centre
	1pm-3pm	Learn English Class with free crèche	Hamra Centre
	2pm	Baby & Toddler Time Facebook Live	

11.7 Urban Services Activities Report - February 2023

Brief

This report provides Elected Members with information on activities within the Urban Services Division.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that the Urban Services Activities Report for February 2023 be received.

Discussion

This report details the key activities of the City Assets, City Operations, City Property, and City Development departments.

Special Project Work	
Street Lighting - LED transition (Stage 2)	<p>SAPN and Enerven have advised that they will commence the transition in late January/early February 2023 with an estimated completion date of end of April 2023.</p> <p>Investigation and preliminary design works are continuing for the upgrade of the Council owned streetlights (transition to LED) in Novar Gardens.</p>
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	<p>The Administration is currently negotiating a contract with the preferred supplier.</p>
Stormwater Management Plan - West Torrens	<p>Community consultation on the draft Stormwater Management Plan has closed and is currently being reviewed.</p> <p>The overall document will be updated based on internal review and consultation inputs and presented for Council and other stakeholders for final approval.</p>
Packard Street, Stormwater Drainage - North Plympton	<p>Construction works commenced on 5 September 2022 and are expected to be completed in late February 2023.</p>
Camden Park and North Plympton Stormwater Upgrade Investigations	<p>Physical site works on the Morphett Road development drain have been completed.</p> <p>Detail design has commenced on future drainage systems from within the study area. Engineering survey and investigations for some of these will soon be undertaken.</p>
Ashley Street, Stormwater Upgrade	<p>Design consultants have provided a preliminary design report for the scoping the works necessary to improve existing stormwater concerns in this location.</p> <p>This scoping has determined that a greater extent of drainage upgrade will be required to service this location than was originally being considered.</p> <p>The consultants are continuing with detail design of all the required works, with the intent to stage the implementation of these works over coming years (including works within the current financial year in alignment with allocated existing budget).</p>

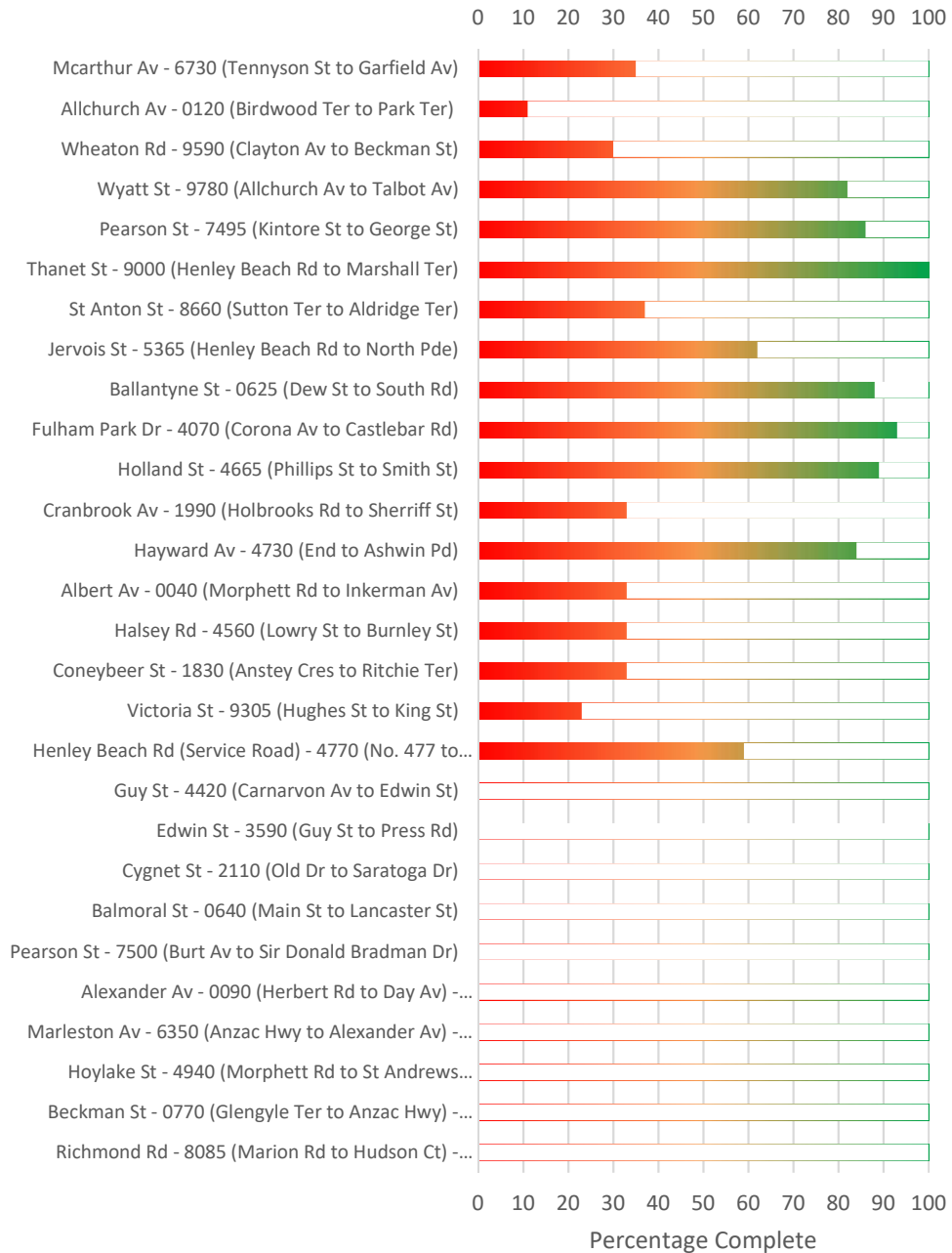
Kurralta Park Stormwater Upgrade Investigations	Design consultants have provided a preliminary design report for scoping the works necessary to improve existing stormwater concerns in this area, and determining likely alignments for future drainage upgrades. Engineering survey is currently being undertaken along these desired alignments to enable detail design of the upgrades to be undertaken.
Jervois Street, Torrensville	Design and tender documentation is being finalised for construction of the works and tenders will be called during the first quarter of 2023.
McArthur Avenue, Plympton	Design and tender documentation is being finalised for construction of the works and tenders will be called during the first quarter of 2023.
Wheaton Road, Plympton	Community Consultation on the proposed works is currently open.
Beare Avenue and Watson Avenue Bridge Upgrade	This Project is to be delivered by Brown Hill Keswick Creek Project (BHKCP). These works are ongoing.
Linear Park shared path (Port Road to South Road)	Following receipt of a \$4M grant from the State Government, the Administration are currently undertaking preliminary scoping of the project to identify the area of land that will need to be acquired from various landholders to deliver this project.

Capital Works

Road Reconstruction Works

The progress of works associated with the 2022/2023 Road Reconstruction Program are as follows:

Road Reconstruction Program 2022/23



Construction works are currently in progress for the following projects:

- Holland Street, Thebarton (Phillips Street to Light Terrace)
- Ballantyne Street, Thebarton (Dew Street to South Road)
- Fulham Park Drive, Lockleys (Corona Avenue to Castlebar Road)

Due to gas infrastructure works in Holland Street, the road pavement works have been rescheduled to be completed after the completion of the gas works in early February.

Traffic Projects and Parking Management	
Richmond/ Mile End LATM	<p>The detailed design of the speed humps project has been completed and the Administration are currently developing tender documentation.</p> <p>Consultation material is currently being prepared for the proposed traffic calming in Hounslow Avenue and Bagot Avenue.</p>
State Government Grant for Plympton International College - Traffic and Parking initiatives	<p>The Administration recently met with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and key personnel from Plympton International College to discuss the recent State Government election commitment for Plympton International College.</p> <p>The following local traffic improvements were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised Intersection Platform at Errington Street / Gardner Street with localised stormwater improvements • Koala Crossing Upgrade (with potential road geometry realignment) • New Footpath across the reserve to Myer Avenue (2m wide - 45m length) • Missing footpaths to connect to Whelan Avenue (2m wide - 45m length) • Footpath upgrades along Errington Street (3m both sides - 220m length) • Thornber St / Whelan / Ave Meyer Ave intersection delineation upgrade (line marking and pavement bars) • Signs and Line marking for School Zone and parking extensions • New Kiss and Drop Facility with new footpaths and road reseal and realignment <p>Council is currently in discussions with DIT to finalise the required traffic projects in relation to the scope of projects for construction and available funding dedicated to the traffic and parking projects.</p>
Marleston/ Keswick/ Kurralta Park/North Plympton/ Ashford LATM	<p>At its meeting on 6 September 2022, Council resolved to adopt Option 2 - Full Closure of Moss Avenue, as the preferred option for the upcoming Black Spot submission for the Moss Avenue road closure project. The Administration has submitted a Blackspot Application based on this option.</p> <p>Administration are currently assessing the impact of the changes to the draft LATM for the precinct based on the revised Torrens to Darlington reference design.</p>

<p>Proposed Road Safety Projects on Barwell Avenue</p>	<p>In June 2022, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), through its Community Infrastructure Grants Program offered the City of West Torrens a grant-funding offer of \$1,000,000 to upgrade the pedestrian crossing on Barwell Avenue at the Kurralta Park Kindergarten and to implement a range of local area traffic management improvements on Barwell Avenue to improve road safety.</p> <p>The proposed traffic projects on Barwell Avenue are tabled below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harvey Street/Barwell Avenue and Bice Street/Barwell Avenue Speed Humps 2. Koala Crossing (with flashing signals) and protuberance upgrade 3. Anstey Crescent/Barwell Avenue roundabout upgrade 4. Wombat crossing upgrade at Westside Bikeway 5. Ritchie Terrace/Barwell Avenue/Clifford Avenue protuberance upgrade 6. Mid-block section protuberances and/or parking bay linemarking. <p>Consultation with the residents in the vicinity of Barwell Avenue closed on 23 December 2023. Administration are currently undertaking detailed design.</p> <p>The Koala Crossing is currently being installed and scheduled to be completed by early February 23.</p>
<p>Traffic and Parking Review</p>	<p>Over the years, the long-term parking around the Adelaide Airport area has been attributed to the activity from the adjacent Adelaide Airport site including both employee parking and individuals travelling abroad.</p> <p>The Administration have undertaken an assessment of the existing parking conditions in the streets identified below and proposed a suitable precinct wide parking controls to eliminate the identified long-term parking in the following streets:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clifford Street (from Sir Donald Bradman Drive to Lipsett Tce) 2. Kennedy Street (full extent) 3. Fewings Avenue (full extent) 4. Byrnes Street (full extent) 5. Airport Road (east side between Sir Donald Bradman Drive to Lipsett Terrace) <p>The Administration have distributed the consultation letters to the residents and have proposed 3 Hour Limit, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Mon - Fri parking control.</p> <p>The feedback forms will be received by the middle of February 2023.</p>
<p>Pearson Street and Formby Street, Hilton</p>	<p>Council has received requests to review parking control along these streets, as there are high saturation of all day parking. The Administration will conduct a parking survey and assessment during February.</p>

Capital Works

The following graph lists the streets scheduled for the 2022 to 2023 Kerb and Gutter Program

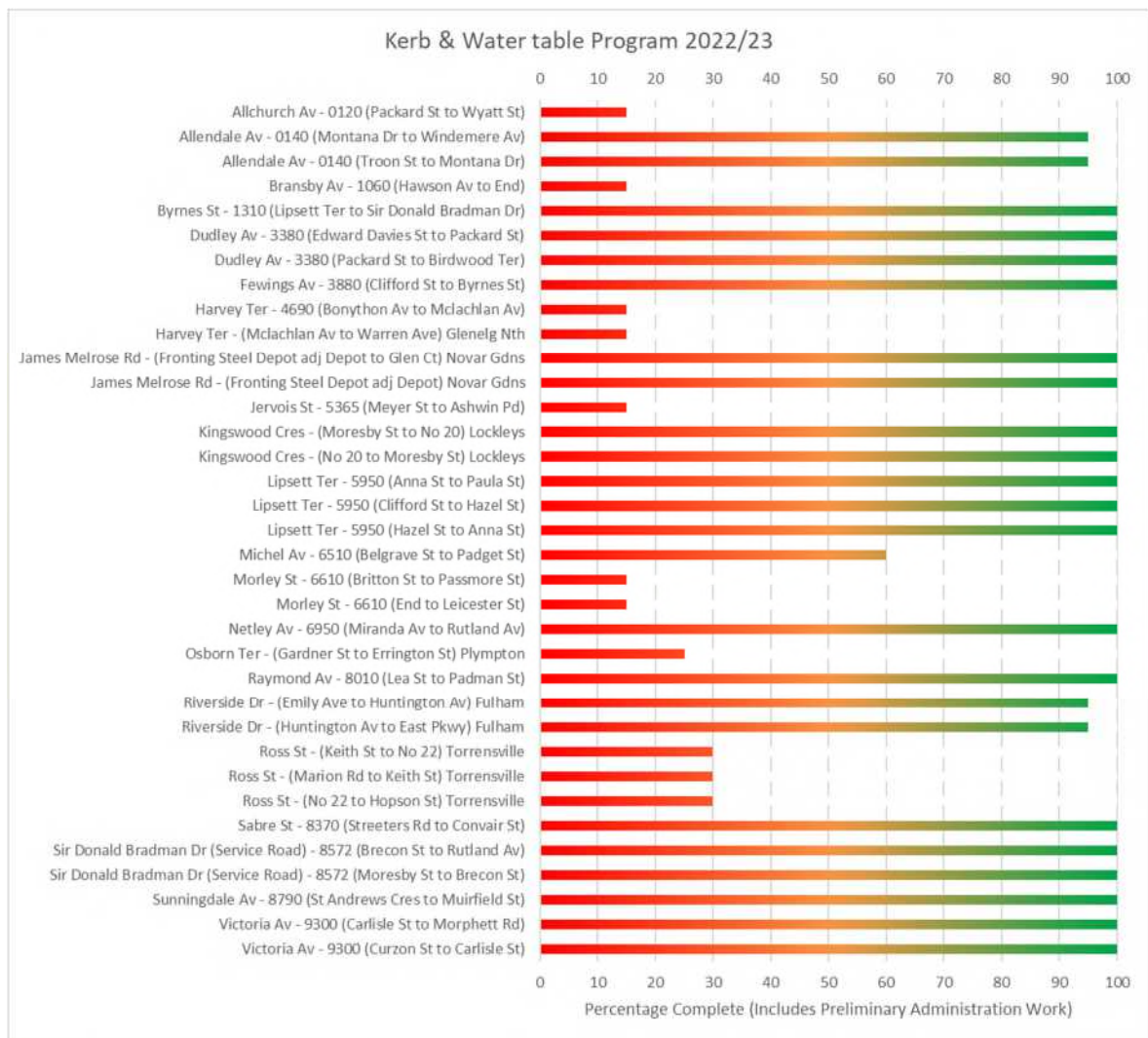
Construction works completed as of December 2022:

- Sunningdale Avenue - 8790 (St Andrews Crescent to Muirfield Street)
- Sabre Street - 8370 (Streeters Road to Convair Street)
- James Melrose Road - (Fronting Steel Depot adj. Depot) Novar Gardens
- James Melrose Road - (Fronting Steel Depot adj. Depot to Glen Ct) Novar Gardens

Construction works commenced as of December 2022:

- Ross Street - (No 22 to Hopson Street) Torrensville
- Ross Street - (Marion Road to Keith Street) Torrensville
- Ross Street - (Keith Street to No 22) Torrensville
- Riverside Drive - (Huntington Avenue to East Parkway) Fulham
- Riverside Drive - (Emily Avenue to Huntington Avenue) Fulham
- Michel Avenue - 6510 (Belgrave Street to Padget Street)
- Allendale Avenue - 0140 (Troon Street to Montana Drive)
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Kerb and Gutter Program 2022/2023

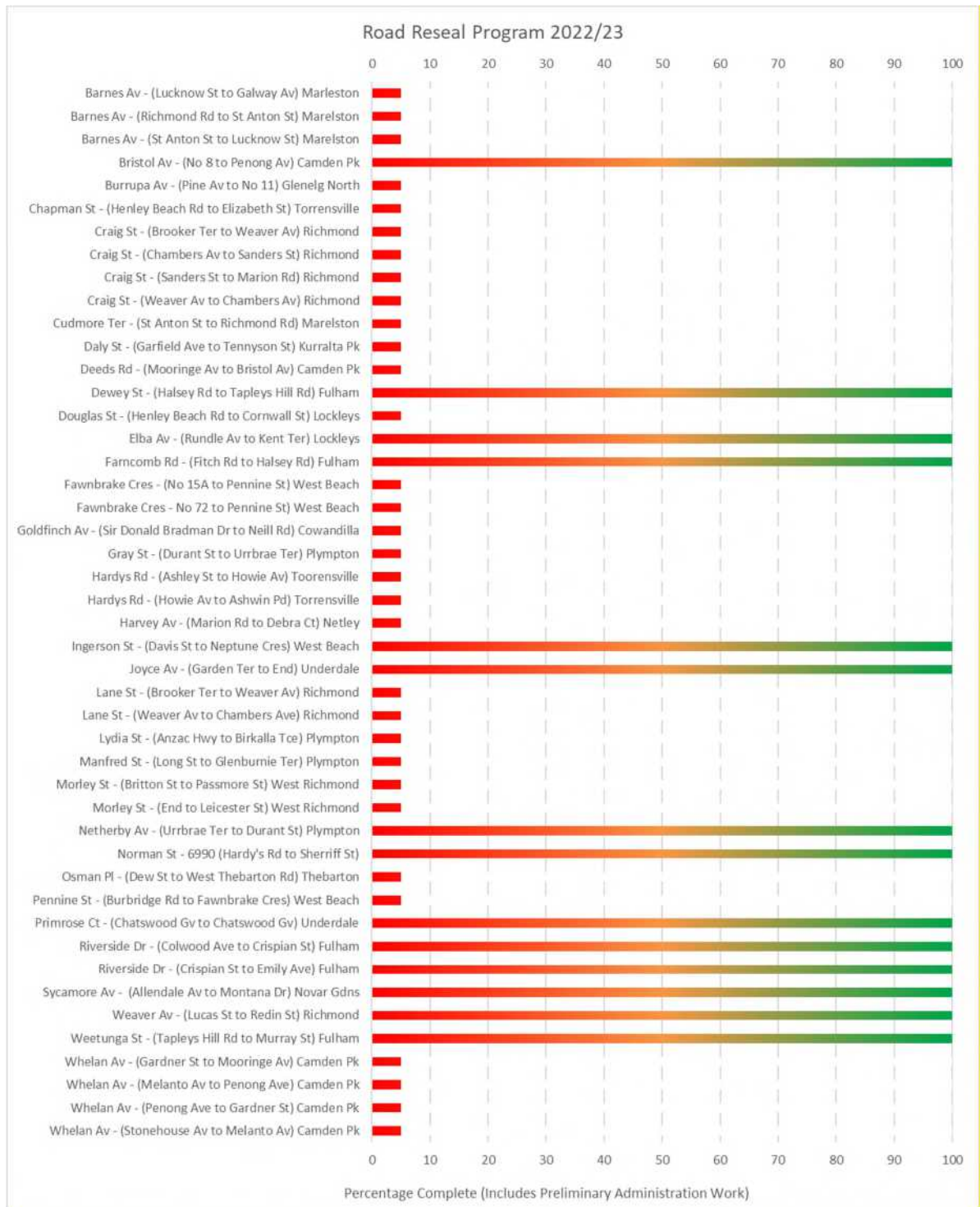


The following graph lists the streets scheduled for the 2022 to 2023 Road Reseal Program

Construction works completed December 2022:

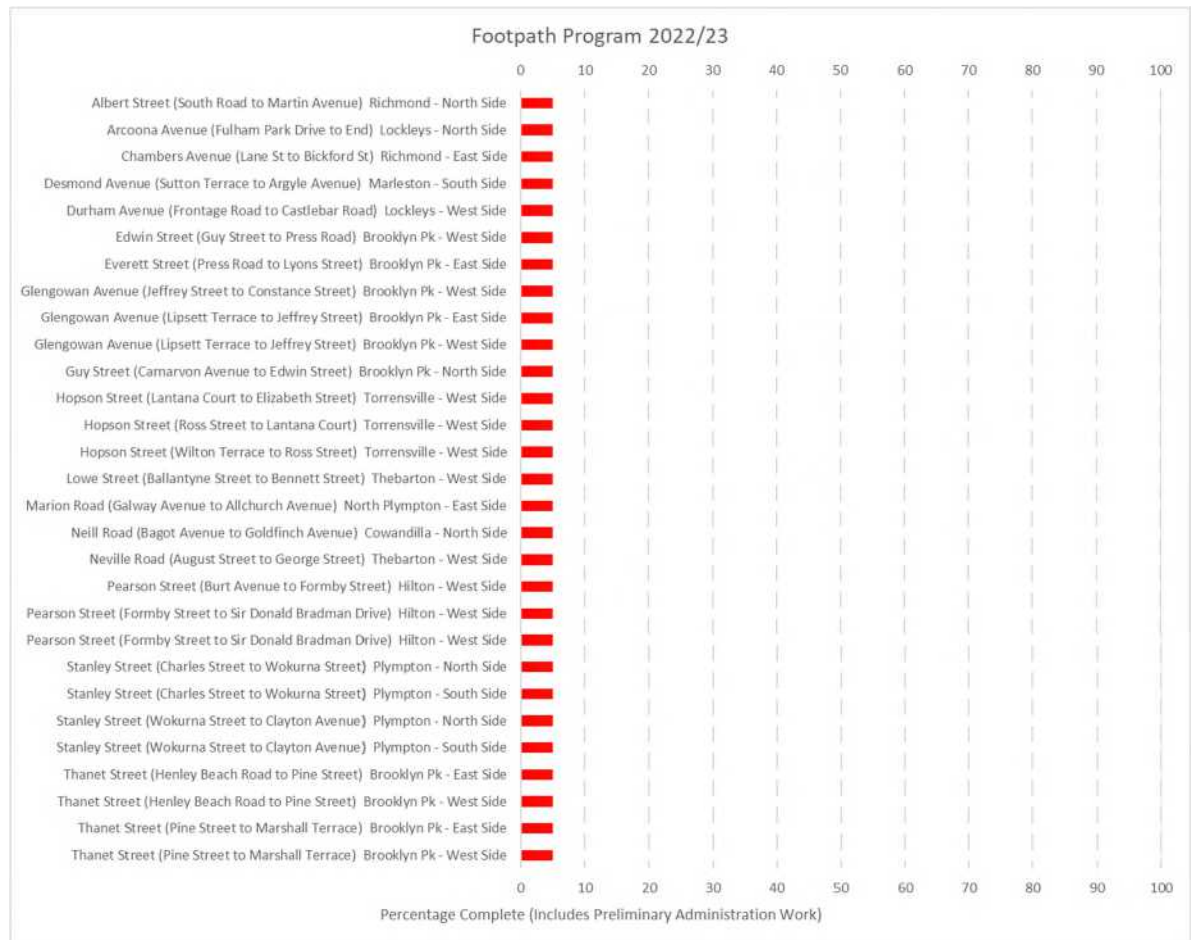
- Weaver Avenue - (Lucas Street to Redin Street) Richmond
- Joyce Avenue - (Garden Terrace to End) Underdale
- Ingerson Street - (Davis Street to Neptune Crescent) West Beach

Surface Reseal Program 2022/2023



The following graph lists the streets scheduled for the 2022 to 2023 Footpath Program.

Footpath Program 2022/2023



The following is an update on the progress of the playground(s) upgrade / replacement program:

Playground Upgrades 2022/2023

- Mile End Common, Mile End. Project is scheduled to commence in mid-February 2023.

The 2022/2023 playground replacement program is listed below:

- St Georges Reserve, Glandore;
- Coast Watchers Park - Ashburn Avenue / Coral Sea Road, Fulham; and
- Beare Avenue Reserve, (corner with Ramsey Street), Netley.

Playground consultation closed on the 2 January 2023. The Administration is currently reviewing/evaluating the feedback and will be commencing/undertaking procurement through March/April/May period for the replacement of playgrounds.

Playground Upgrades 2022/2023 (continued)

The following is an update on the new / replacement of outdoor fitness equipment:

- Replacement of the existing outdoor fitness equipment located on the Westside Bikeway (Long St, Plympton) is scheduled for March 2023; and
- New outdoor fitness equipment is planned for Lindfield Reserve, Novar Gardens. Consultation has now closed and the Administration is reviewing the feedback. Further consultation will be necessary will adjoining property owners.

The following is an update of the current reserve and irrigation upgrades projects:

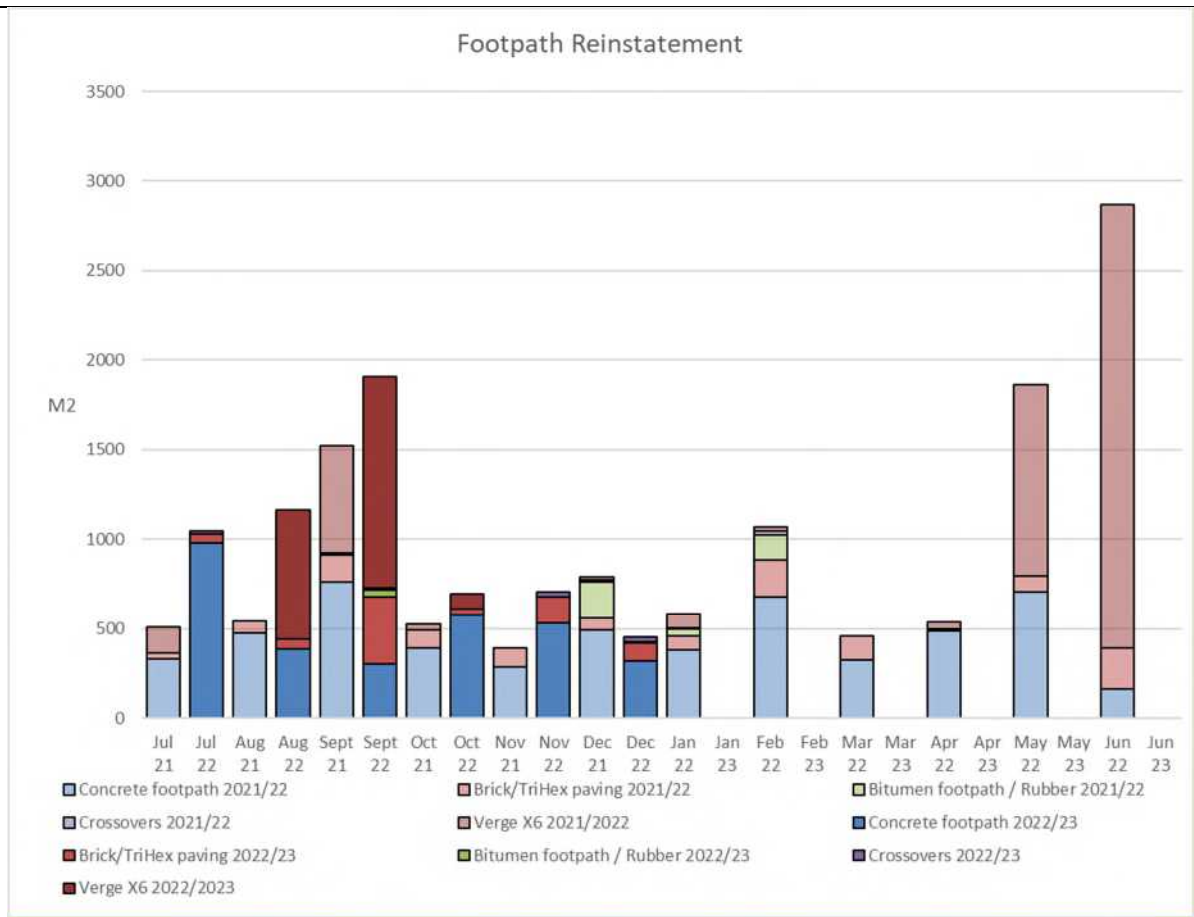
- Brownhill Creek / Adelaide Airport - Captain McKenna Bikeway (sections by bikeway). Works are scheduled to commence in March.
- Memorial Gardens, Hilton - Irrigation replacement and landscaping / garden beds rejuvenation. The project will be completed in combination with landscape and lighting upgrades within the Civic Centre. Procurement is now underway for both the upgrade of the lighting and the new irrigation system. Works will now be scheduled to commence after Anzac Day 2023.

The reserve locations listed below are scheduled for irrigation and reserve upgrades for the 2022/2023 program.

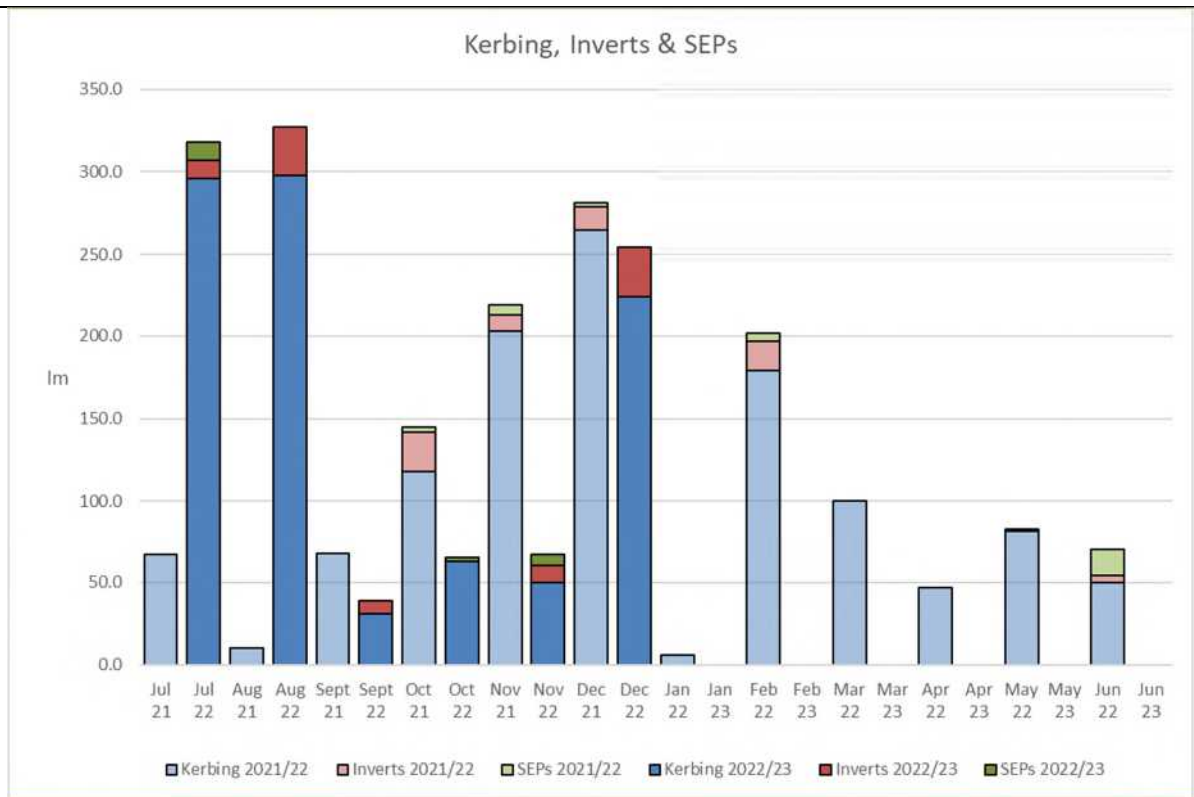
The program is as follows:

- Kandahar House), North Plympton; Draft concepts have been developed for new (landscaping / garden beds and irrigation. Consultation to occur with facilities user and adjoining properties.
- Grallina Street (traffic island - irrigation), Lockleys; Irrigation design has been commenced and works are scheduled for March / April.
- Beare Avenue Reserve, (corner with Ramsey Street), Netley; Works will be scheduled / arranged on the completion of the playground replacement.
- Errington Street Reserve, Plympton; Irrigation and landscaping/garden beds works are scheduled to be completed in March.
- River Torrens Linear Park (sites in Lockleys/Fulham); Scoping and design works are underway.

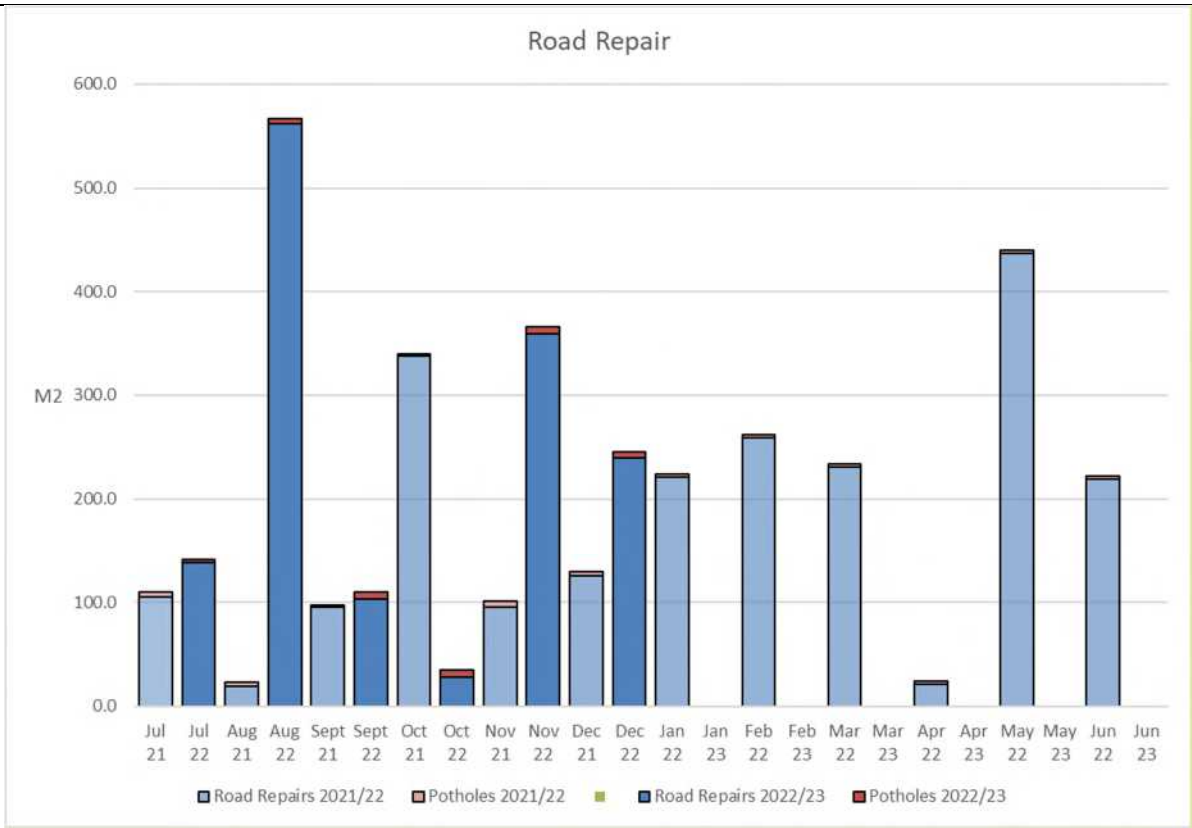
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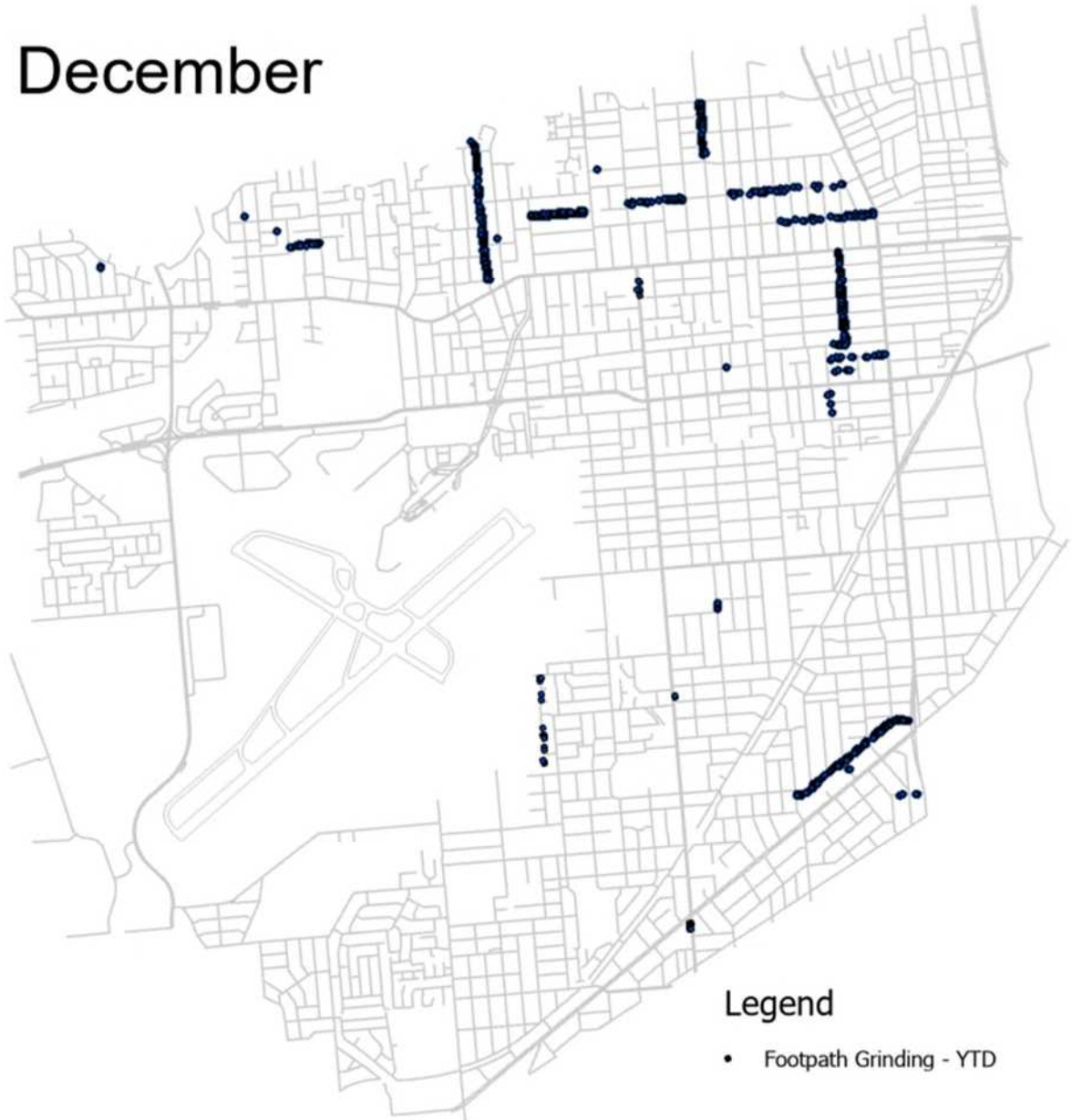


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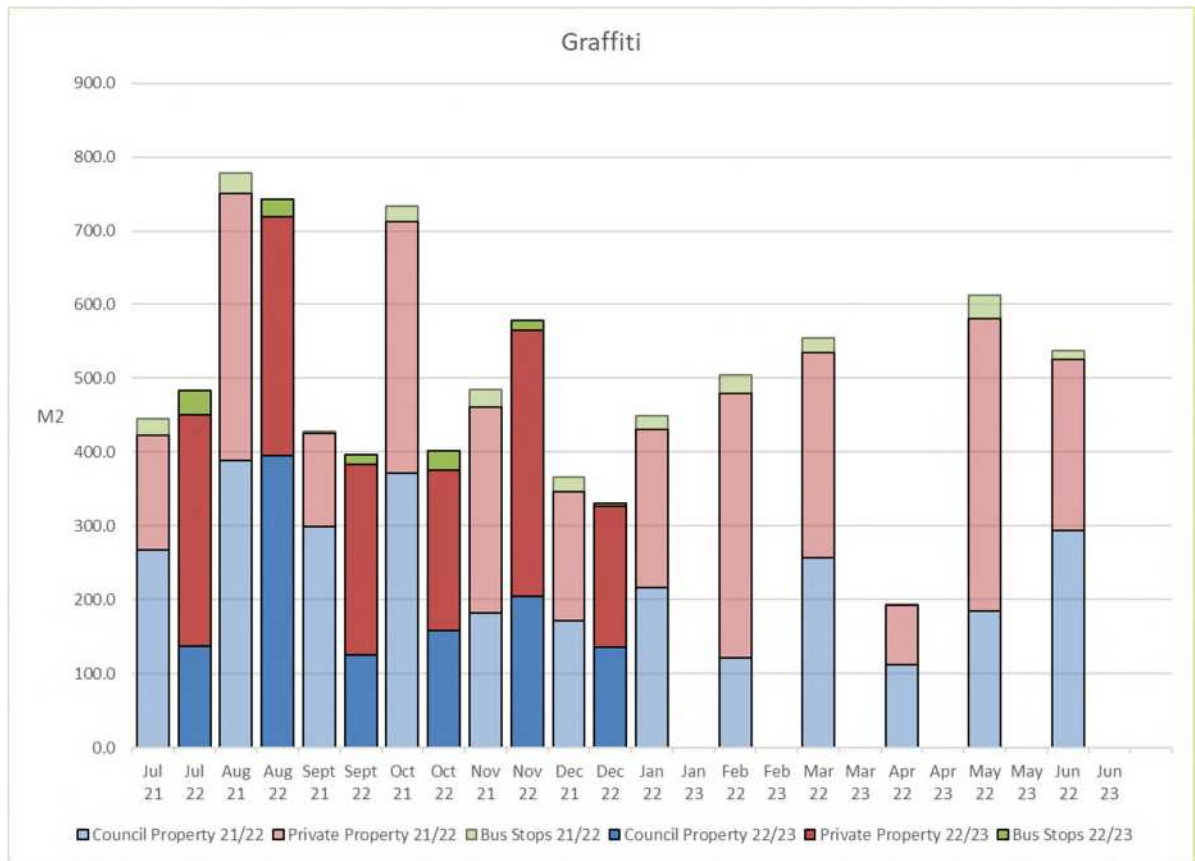


Footpath Grinding Program

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Graffiti Removal



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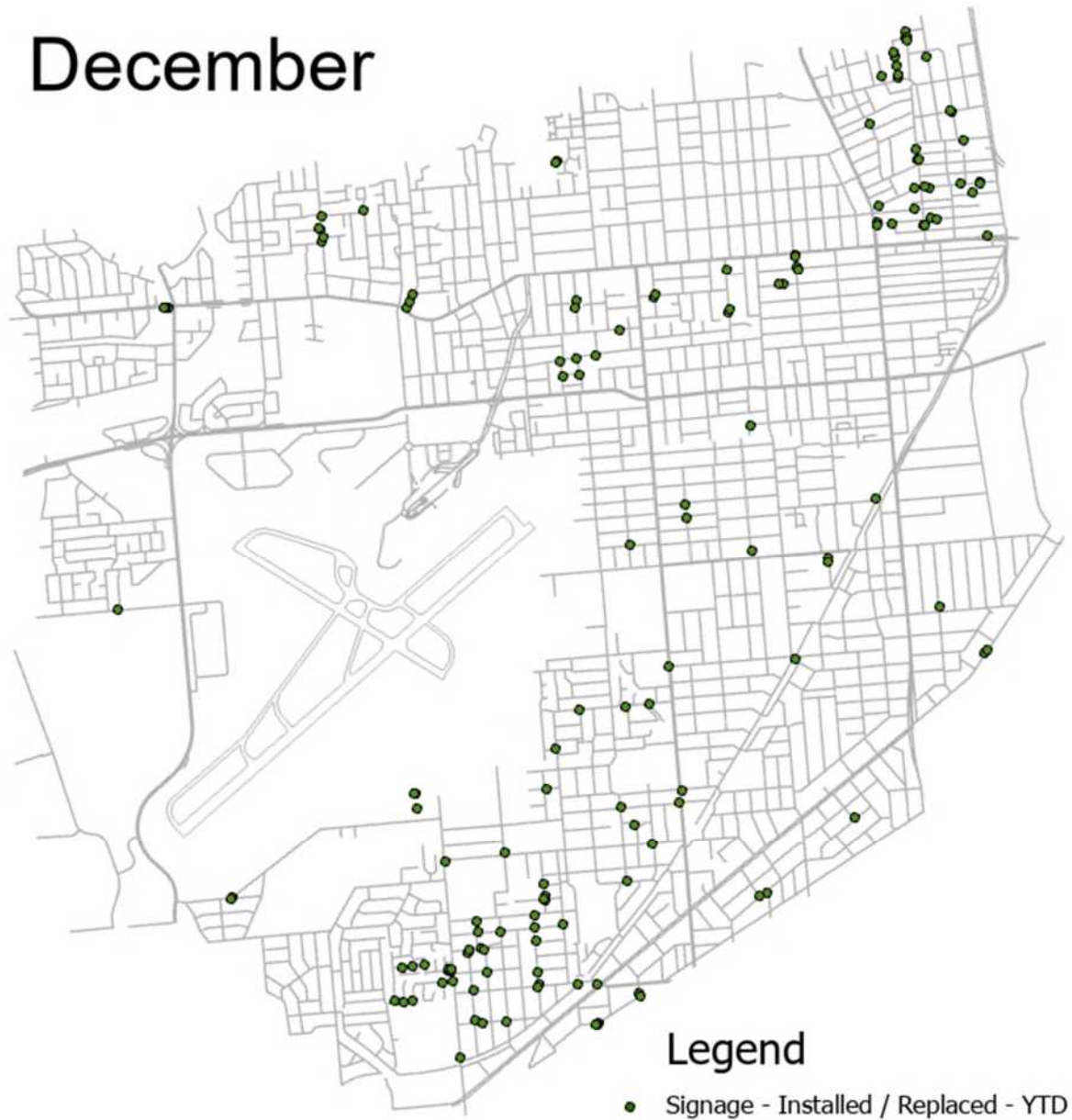


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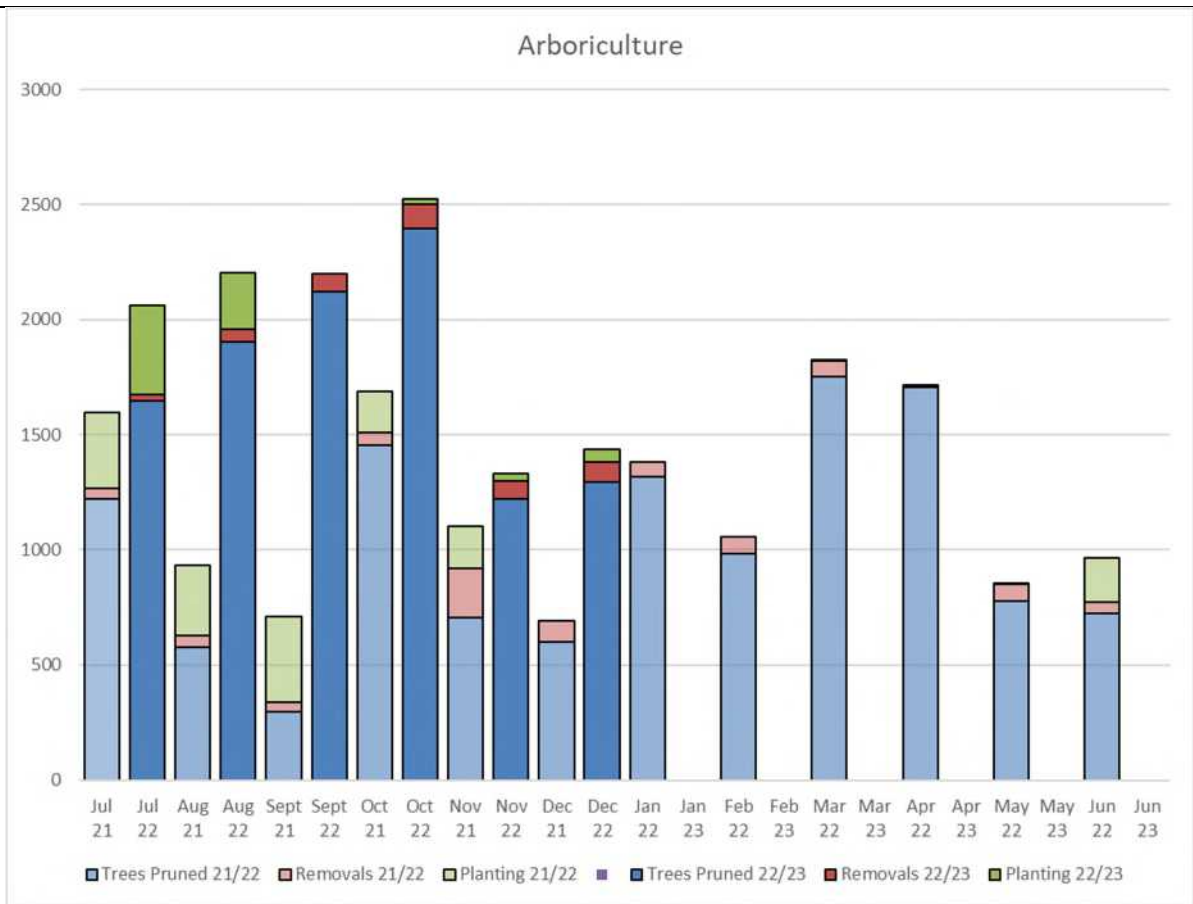
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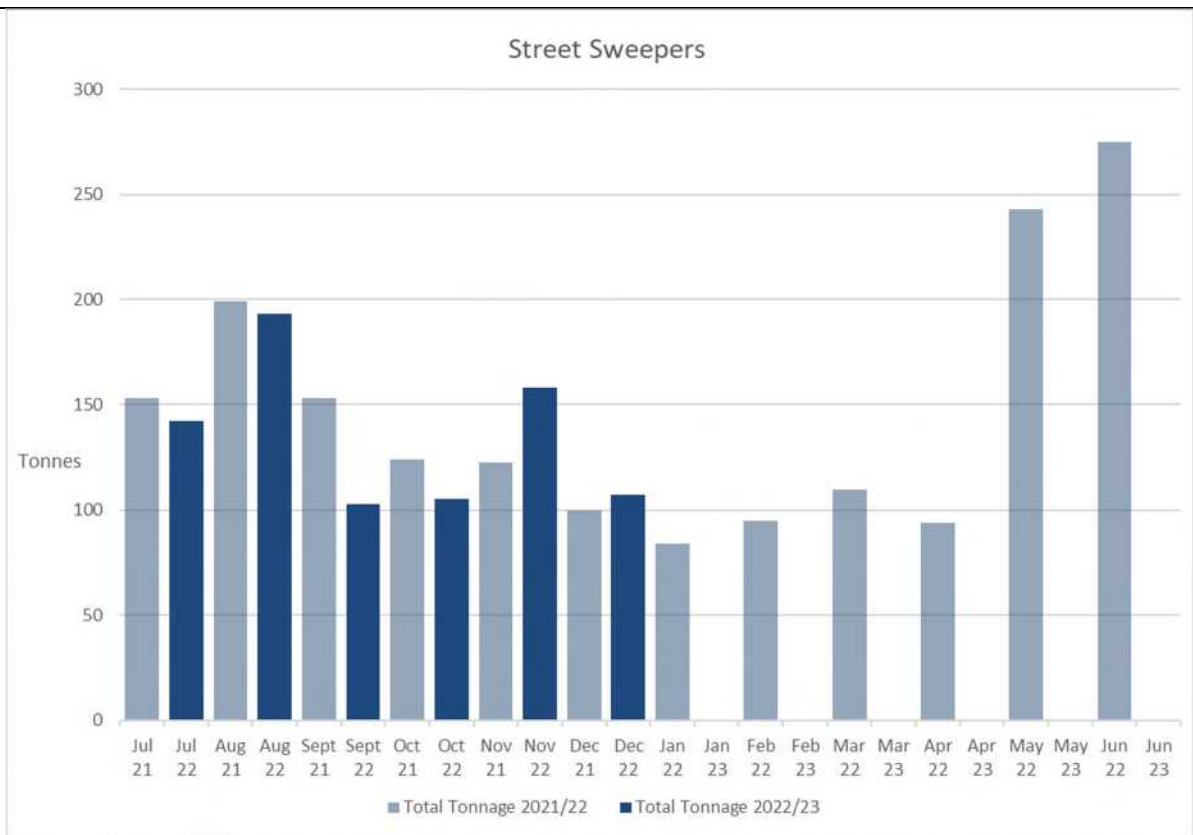
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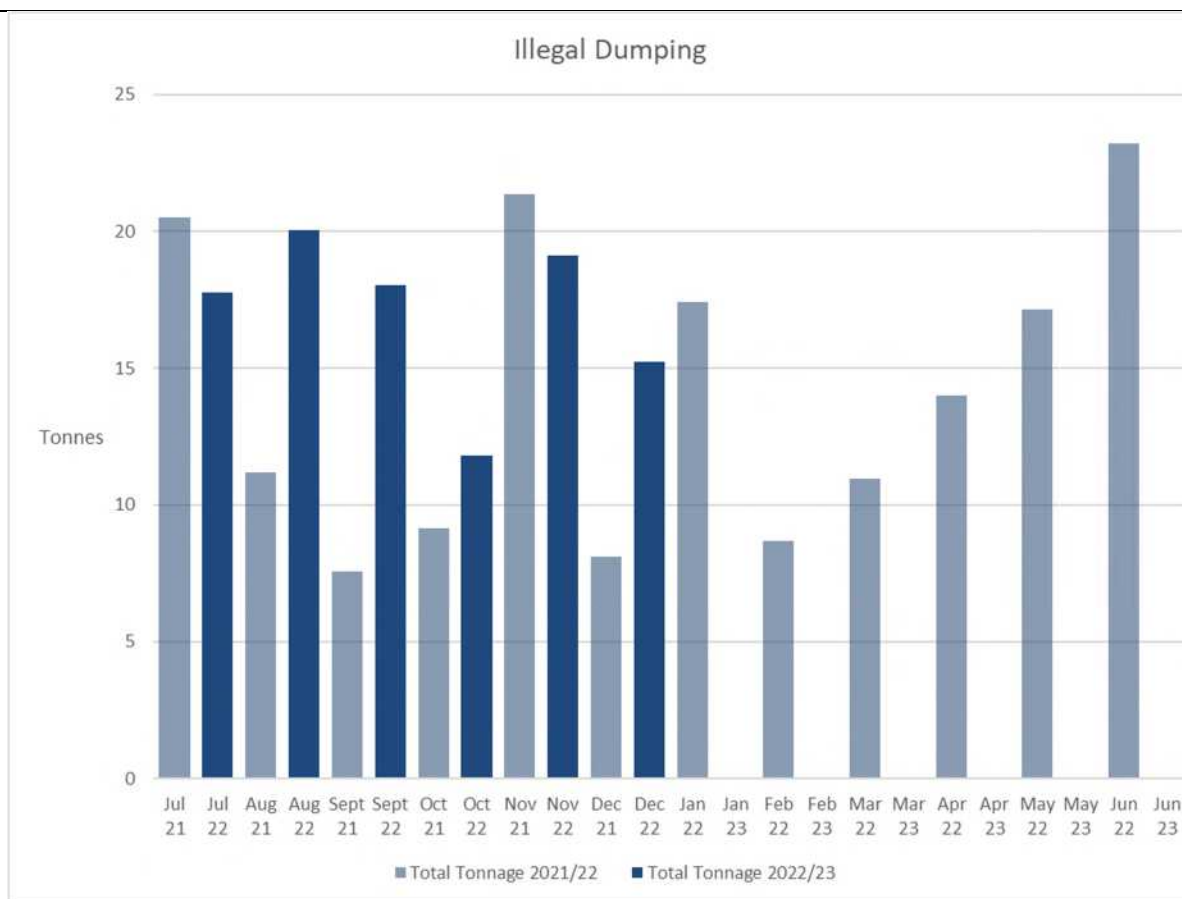
Arboriculture



Street Sweeper



Street Rubbish Collection



Contract Weed Spraying

Summer weedspray program is scheduled to commence in January 2023.

Property and Facilities

Apex Park Redevelopment Stage 2

Stage 2 works aims to remove weed species and dense vegetation on the northern edge of Apex Park as well as formalise the edge of the wetland / stormwater detention basin and improve recreational and event elements across the site. Funding was received through the State Government Open Space Fund with Council required to match the grant allocation.

The Administration has received confirmation from the funding body that the change of scope and time frame has been approved for the Stage 2 works. The scope of works and timeframe for the project required alteration due to the original submissions received through the procurement process being significantly over the allocated budget. As such, a number of elements were removed from the scope including shelters, picnic seating and components of the event infrastructure. The BMX area and access paths across the site have been retained. Funding for the removed elements, such as the new playground for the northern side of the wetland / stormwater detention basin, will be proposed in the 2023/2024 budget submission to Council.

The works are now scheduled to commence in mid to late February 2023.

Kesmond Reserve, Keswick - Redevelopment	<p>The Administration through its consultants continues to finalise the design for the redevelopment of the recreational component of the reserve. Procurement for the project is expected to shortly commence and is to be completed by late 2023. Grant funding for the open space component of the redevelopment was received through the Open Space Fund of the State Government with Council contributing matching funding for the project.</p> <p>Preliminary design documentation is nearing completion for the proposed new joint community facility for the Hilton RSL Sub-branch / National Servicemen Association. On completion of the draft design documents and endorsement of the design from both the Clubs a further update report will be provide to Committee/Council to progress the development at Kesmond Reserve.</p>
Thebarton Theatre Redevelopment	<p>Members are reminded the Administration has been continuing with the development of the design and documentation of the redevelopment of Thebarton Theatre as part of the \$4 Million grant funding received from the Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program. Council has also contributed matching funding for the project.</p> <p>It is expected a detailed report will be provided at the next Council Meeting on 21 February 2023.</p>
Thebarton Oval & Kings Reserve Precinct - Proposed Development by the Adelaide Football Club	<p>The Administration continues to meet with representatives from the Adelaide Football Club (AFC) to progress the development of the draft masterplan for the next stage of consultation for the precinct and the draft agreement to lease.</p> <p>AFC will lead the consultation which is expected to commence in the next week with the launch of the website and the online survey. Community drop-in sessions will be scheduled for late February and early March and will be held within the precinct.</p> <p>Further information of the consultation will be provided to Members prior to the release of the documentation.</p> <p>The Administration has also commenced development of the preliminary draft concepts for the new Community Centre within the precinct. Further information will be provide to Members as concepts are developed.</p>

Please refer to the City Facilities and Waste Recovery Standing Committee Agenda for a more detailed update on projects, property and facility management.

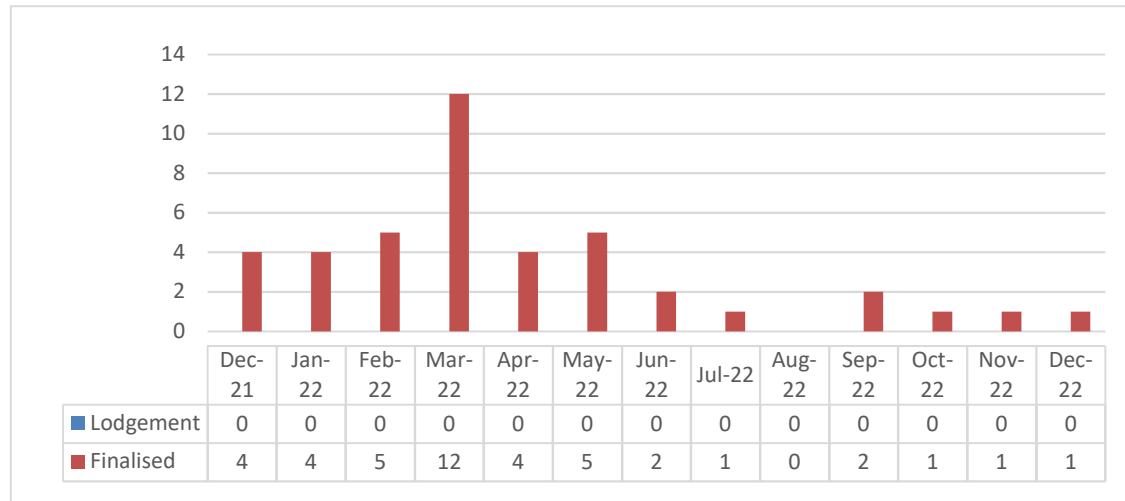
Development Applications

Lodgments and Decisions

As at 16 January 2023, a total of 2,477 applications had been submitted in the PlanSA Portal in the City of West Torrens area under the *Planning, Development and Instructure Act 2016* (PDI Act). Of these 2,192 have completed the lodgement (verification) process. The approved applications have an estimated development cost of \$336.07 million.

Note: At this time the PlanSA Portal does not allow for accurate monthly reporting on lodgements and decisions information. Therefore a time series chart has not been provided at this time.

One application was finalised in December 2022 under the *Development Act 1993*.



Note: 'Lodgement' relates to the number of new development application lodged during the month which is represented by the number of new development application numbers issued (including variation applications). 'Finalised' relates to the number of decision notification forms issued during the month and may including decisions relating to development plan consent, land division consent, building rules consent and development approval. This includes consents issued by both Council and private certifiers.

Planning Assessment

Assessment ERD Court Appeals

There are two ongoing appeals since last month's report.

- An appeal against an against the Council Assessment Panel's decision for DA21028599 for "Demolition of existing dwellings and associated structures, and construction of three (3) warehouses with associated office and storage space, two retail tenancies with associated offices along with associated carparking landscaping and freestanding pylon signage" at 239 & 241-243 Richmond Road, Richmond.

A conference is scheduled to be held on 27 February 2023.

There is one (1) finalised appeal since last month's report.

- An appeal against an against the Assessment Manager's decision for DA22013657 for "Construction of two (2) single storey detached dwellings" at 3 Lowry St, Fulham.

A full hearing was held on 1 & 2 December 2022. The ERD Court judgement was published on 18 January dismissing the appeal and upholding the decision to refuse the application.

There are no ongoing appeals against SCAP decisions within the City of West Torrens area.

Building Rules Assessment

Building Rules Consent issued By Relevant Authority

Three hundred and sixty-four (364) building consents have been assessed by Council under the PDI Act since March 2021.

Note: At this time the PlanSA Portal does allow for monthly reporting on building rules consent information. Therefore a time series chart has not been provided at this time. Building Rules Consents are assessed by Council or private assessors known as Private Certifiers, these privately certified assessments still need to be registered and recorded with Council.

Council has no further building rules consent applications to assess under the Development Act 1993.

PDI Assessment Timeframes

PDI Assessment Timeframes (March 2021 - 16 January 2023)

Consent	Pathway	Average days
Building Consent	Accepted	3
	Deemed to Satisfy	4
	Performance Assessed	6
Planning Consent	Accepted	9
	Deemed to Satisfy	6
	Performance Assessed	20
Land Division Consent	Deemed to Satisfy	4
	Performance Assessed	38
Planning and Land Division Consent	Deemed to Satisfy	17
	Performance Assessed	40

Note: At this time the PlanSA Portal does not allow for monthly reporting on assessment timeframe information and does not provide this data for specific relevant authority. The accuracy of this information is currently unable to be verified as the raw data is not made available to Council.

Community advice and education

Pre-lodgement advice

Rostered Duty Planner and Duty Building Officers are available to answer preliminary pre-lodgement and general enquiries during Service Centre opening hours. Advice is provided to the general public and applicants via the phone, email, video conference and in person at the Service Centre.

The Duty Planner availability was reduced temporarily to a 'morning' only service in late 2022 due to reduced team resourcing. From 9 January 2023, the service was returned to a 'full day' service with the Duty Planner available during all Civic Centre hours.

The Administration participates in DPTI's Pre-lodgement case management service for development five storeys or more in height within the Urban Corridor Zone.

PDI Act Public notification

Ten (10) applications for planning consent were notified in December 2022 under the PDI Act 2016.

Note: At this time the PlanSA Portal does not accurately capture all applications that have commenced public notification, and this data is compiled manually. Therefore a time series chart has not been provided at this time.

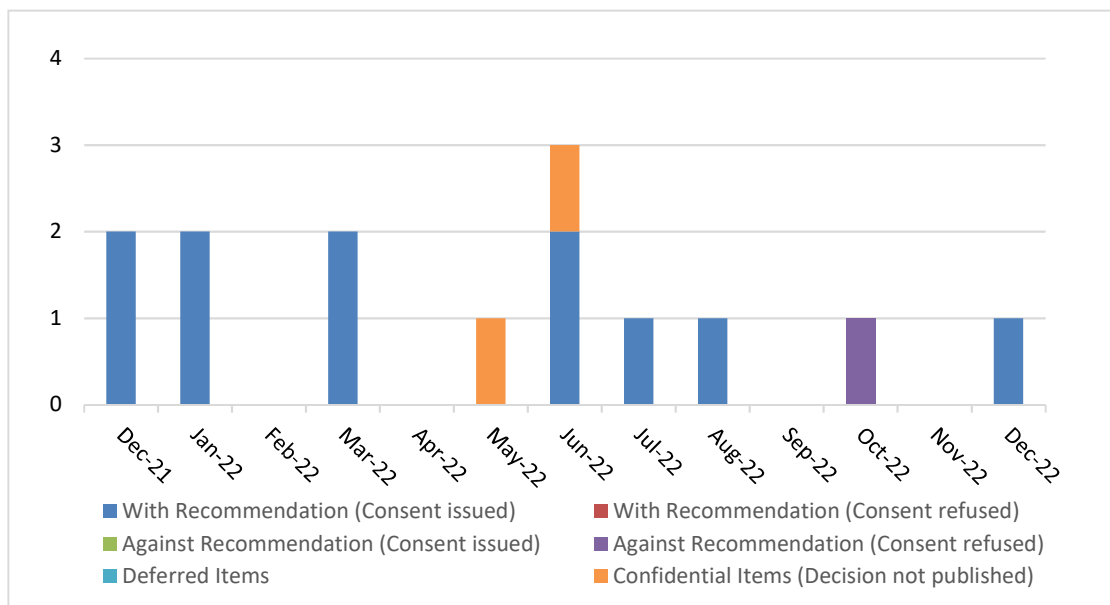
Council Assessment Panel

The December CAP meeting was held on Tuesday 13 December 2022.

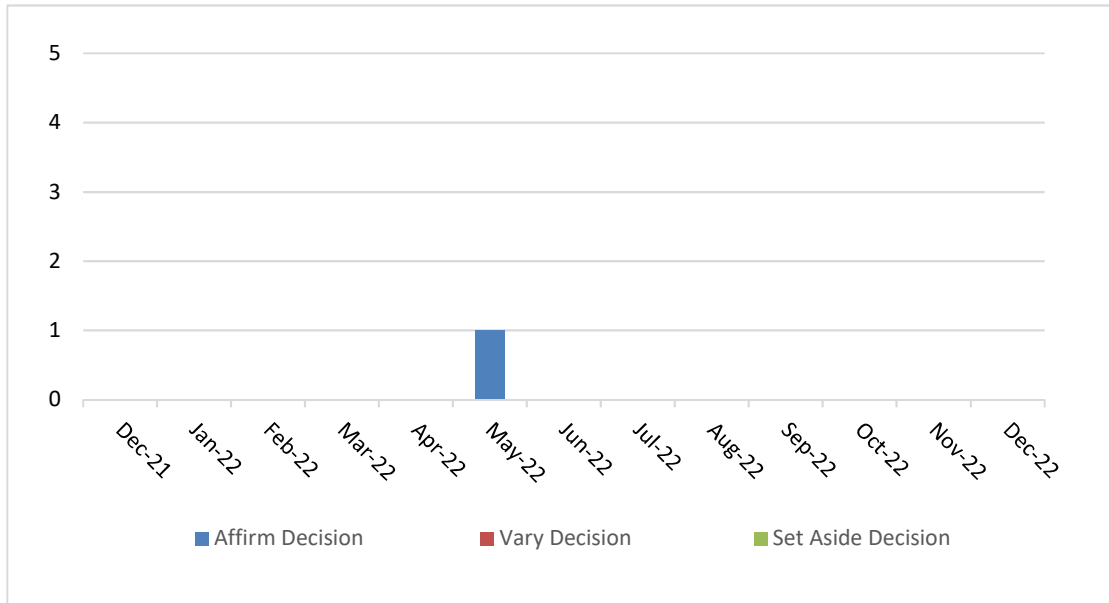
The January CAP meeting was cancelled.

The next CAP meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 14 February 2023.

Council Assessment Panel Decisions on Planning Consent Applications



Council Assessment Panel Decisions on Review of Assessment Manager Decisions (PDI Act)



Note: For planning consent applications where the Assessment Manager is the relevant authority, the PDI Act introduces a new avenue of appeal for applicants as an alternative to appealing to the ERD Court. Applicants may seek a review of a prescribed decision of the Assessment Manager by the Council Assessment Panel.

The CAP has adopted a [Review of Decision of Assessment Manager Policy](#) to guide this process. The CAP consider applications for review at its monthly meetings.

Referrals from other statutory agencies

Council is a statutory referral agency for some applications that are assessed by other agencies, including State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP), Minister for Planning, Governor of South Australia (under the former *Development Act 1993*) and Adelaide Airport Limited (*Airports Act 1996*).

Council is also referred applications for development five storeys or more in height within the Urban Corridor Zone that are assessed by SCAP.

Please refer to the Assessment Appeals section for a SCAP appeal currently before the ERD Court.

Service improvements

Work has continued on a suite of business improvement initiatives including:

- City Development staff have implemented a new Liquor Licencing referral process to assist Consumer and Business Services (CBS) in the assessment of liquor licence applications.
- City Development staff have recently reviewed the Development Mailbox process, internal weekly reporting and mandatory documentation request process.
- City Development staff continue to participate on external working groups with PlanSA on process and reporting improvements for the PlanSA Portal, and report process issues and enhancements to the PlanSA Service Desk.
- City Development staff have participated in workshops with PlanSA on reporting and inspections in the Portal.

Development compliance

Twenty-eight (28) new development compliance requests were received in December 2022. Eighteen (18) development compliance requests were resolved within the month and four (4) requests were resolved from a previous month in December 2022. At the end of December there were forty-two (42) ongoing development compliance requests.

Compliance Requests

Month/Year	No of Requests Received	Requests resolved within the month	Requests resolved from previous months	Total Ongoing Actions
Dec 2021	20	18	3	35
Jan 2022	16	13	4	25
Feb 2022	23	15	6	31
Mar 2022	17	16	6	26
Apr 2022	15	8	1	32
May 2022	22	16	1	31
June 2022	20	15	2	32
July 2022	8	5	1	36
Aug 2022	19	10	5	40
Sept 2022	30	17	0	40
Oct 2022	17	17	1	31
Nov 2022	23	12	4	38
Dec 2022	28	18	4	42

Note: Compliance actions include investigating potential use of properties for activities that haven't been approved, approval conditions that may have been breached or buildings being constructed without the required approvals.

Zero (0) enforcement notices were issued in December 2022. Zero emergency orders were issued in December 2022.

There is one ongoing appeal since last month's report.

- An appeal against an against a Enforcement Notice relating to development without approval at 1 Kenneth Avenue, Underdale.

A conference was held on 15 December 2022 and a further conference will be held on 9 February 2023.

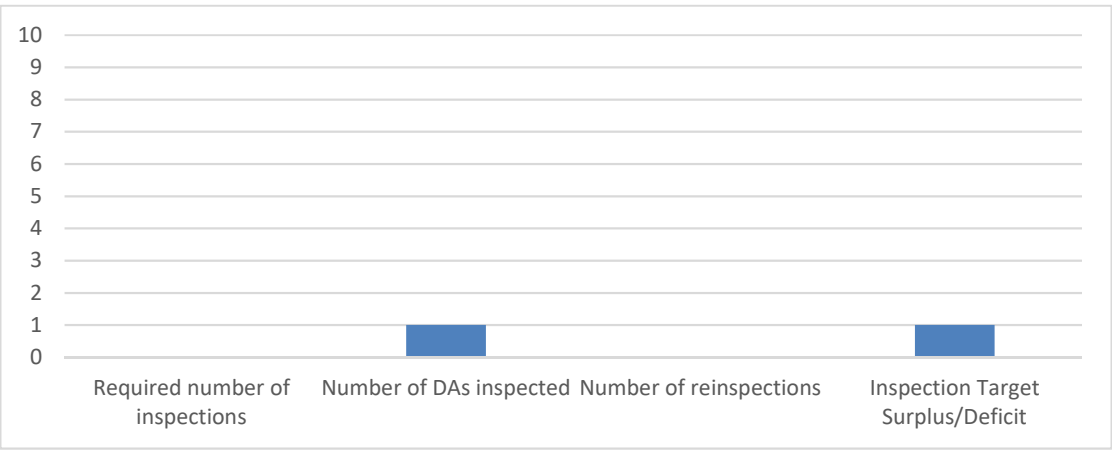
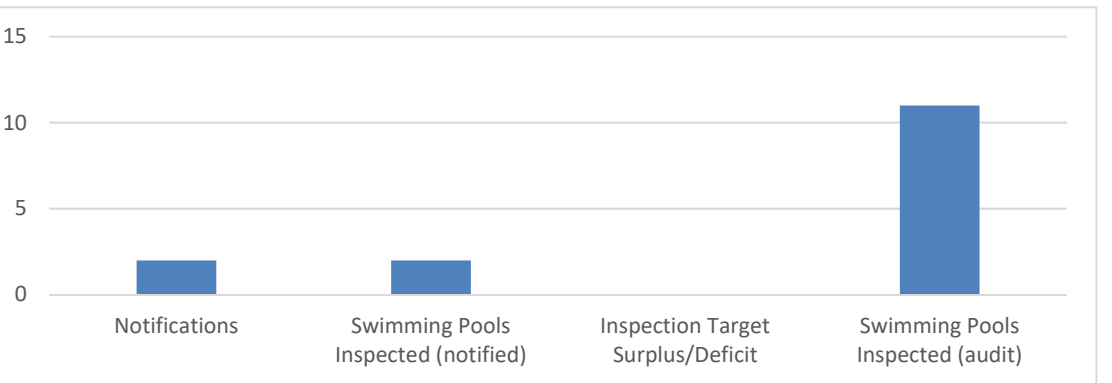
There were no new or finalised court matters as at 16 January 2023.

Enforcement Action

Month/Year	Enforcement Notice Issued	Emergency Order Issued
Dec 2021	1	1
Jan 2022	-	-
Feb 2022	-	-
Mar 2022	-	-
Apr 2022	-	1
May 2022	-	-
June 2022	-	1
July 2022	1	1
Aug 2022	-	-
Sept 2022	-	-
Oct 2022	-	-
Nov 2022	-	-
Dec 2022	-	-

Note: Section 213 enforcement notices are the first stage of prosecution for unapproved development. Section 155 emergency orders are the first stage of prosecution for unsafe buildings.

Building compliance inspections

	<p>Council's Building and Swimming Pool Inspection Policy sets out the minimum number of inspections required to be undertaken during the year.</p>										
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City of West Torrens Building Fire Safety Committee

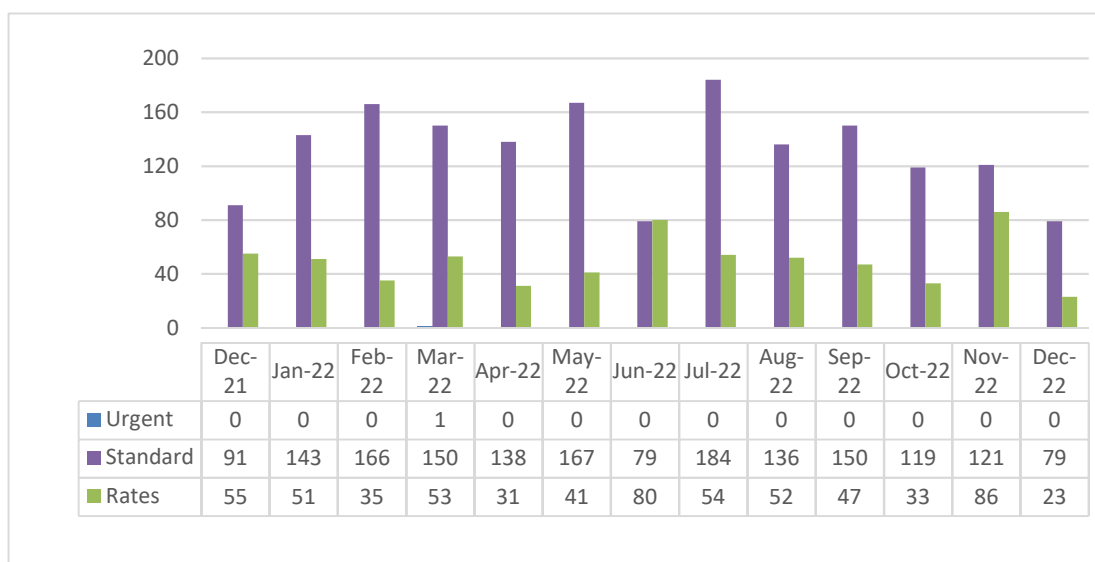
BFSC Meetings

A Building Fire Safety Committee (BFSC) meeting was held on 8 December 2022.
 The next ordinary BFSC meeting will be held on 6 March 2022.
 There are no new, ongoing or finalised appeals since last month's report.

Property and land information requests

Property Searches

Seventy-nine (79) standard search requests. Twenty-three (23) rates search requests were received in December 2022.



Note: When a property is purchased, the purchasers are provided with a Form 1 (commonly known as cooling off paperwork) Council contributes to this Form 1 with a Section 12 Certificate, the certificate provides the potential purchaser with all relevant known history for the property. Prior to settlement on the property the relevant Conveyancer will also request a Rates statement from Council to ensure the appropriate rates payments are made by the purchaser and the vendor (seller).

Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

There is no direct climate impact consideration in relation to this report.

Conclusion

This report details the key activities of the City Assets, City Property, City Operations and City Development departments.

Attachments

Nil

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1 MEETING OPENED

2 PRESENT

3 APOLOGIES

Apologies

Committee Member:

Cr Sam Whiting

4 DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Committee Members are required to:

1. Consider Section 74, 75 and 75A of the *Local Government Act 1999* and determine whether they have a conflict of interest in any matter to be considered in this Agenda; and
2. Disclose these interests in accordance with the requirements of Sections 75B and 75C of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Facilities and Waste Recovery General Committee held on 26 July 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

6 COMMUNICATION BY THE CHAIRPERSON

7 OUTSTANDING REPORTS / ACTIONS

Nil

8 REPORTS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

8.1 Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 - 2032

Brief

This report outlines the draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 - 2032 that has been developed for the City of West Torrens. The draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 - 2032 is a 10-year plan that will guide the future of waste and resource recovery for Council.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that the draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 - 2032 be adopted.

Introduction

The draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 - 2032 (draft Strategy) provides the direction for Council to deliver effective and sustainable waste and resource recovery management. The draft Strategy has been developed to address future and changing needs of waste management, identify opportunities to improve resource recovery and assist Council to provide an innovative, sustainable and efficient waste management service.

The draft Strategy is a 10-year overarching vision document supported with a separate five-year implementation plan. The implementation plan is an operational framework, which outlines actions, roles, responsibilities and timeframes to help us deliver the priorities and initiatives in the draft Strategy. The vision for future waste and resource recovery in West Torrens is:

Continuous improvement and innovation in waste management and resource recovery to protect the environment, contribute to the local economy and support our community.

The Administration seeks the adoption of the draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 - 2032.

Discussion

Waste and resource recovery are important responsibilities for the City of West Torrens. In 2021 - 2022 Council managed the collection of kerbside bins from 29,616 premises, received 8,957 hard waste bookings, issued 2,043 waste vouchers, provided ongoing service for 471 street litter bins and investigated 504 reports of illegal dumping. Council's budget for the provision and management of waste management services in 2021-2022 was \$7.75 million.

The draft Strategy in conjunction with the operational implementation plan have been designed to ensure that Council meets the needs and expectations of our community to deliver effective, efficient and sustainable waste management services.

Throughout the development process, Elected Members, key Council staff and community stakeholders were consulted to ensure the draft Strategy was best placed to meet our city's future expectations and needs.

The table on the next page documents the steps taken to develop the draft Strategy.

Stage	Outputs
1. Research	January 2022 - March 2022
Research and information gathering on current practices, data analysis, State policy and opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of West Torrens internal departments consulted to inform the draft Strategy and identify internal opportunities for collaboration and efficiencies. • Desktop review of local, national and international references to inform the draft Strategy including waste strategies, guidelines, policies and legislation.
2. Pre-consultation survey	March 2022 - May 2022
Develop key themes and initial consultation feedback.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-consultation survey released to capture early feedback to inform the draft Strategy with 589 responses received. • Consultation with 3 neighbouring councils to identify cross-council collaboration opportunities. • Five priority areas for the draft Strategy were developed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Circular economy 2. Continuous improvement 3. Education and engagement 4. Innovation 5. Policy and framework
3. Draft Strategy developed	May 2022 - August 2022
Develop a draft Strategy document.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged an external consultant to conduct a final review of the draft Strategy. • West Torrens Executive team and Elected Members engaged and consulted on the draft Strategy. • Draft Strategy adopted at the City Facilities and Waste Recovery Committee on 26 July 2022. • Draft Strategy endorsed to be released for community consultation.
4. Consultation	August 2022 - September 2022
Community consultation of the draft Strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community consultation conducted from 11 August 2022 - 9 September 2022 with three responses received, all in support of the draft Strategy. • Engaged City of West Torrens internal departments with editing and minor changes identified. • Feedback reviewed and minor changes incorporated to the draft Strategy for adoption (Attachment 1).

Once adopted, the Strategy (**Attachment 1**), will be published on Council's website and printed versions made available on request.

Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

Improvement to waste and resource recovery can reduce emissions through the diversion of waste from landfill, reusing and recycling resources and use of alternative collection vehicles and technology such as emission-free hydrogen fuelled or electric vehicles. By increasing resource recovery, West Torrens can help to protect the environment, preserve resource, reduce waste management cost and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Conclusion

Waste and resource recovery is one of the most valued services we provide to our community. We have endeavoured to incorporate feedback to develop a Strategy that will meet the expectations of our community. This report seeks endorsement of the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy and endorsement for the Strategy to be publically available.

Attachments

- 1. Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 - 2032**

Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 - 2032

December 2023



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Kurna acknowledgement

The City of West Torrens is located on the Traditional Homelands of the Kurna Nation of People, the first Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Adelaide Region.

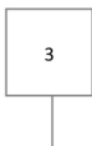
It is important to recognise that, while colonisation has resulted in the dispossession and dislocation of the Kurna Meyunna, their Spiritual, Cultural Heritage and relationship with their Country is enduring. Kurna's Connection and obligation to their Ancestral Lands the (Yarta) is still as important to the living Kurna people today. The Kurna people have lived on their lands for more than 50,000 years and developed strong and enduring spiritual, social, economic and governance systems that are still relevant for Aboriginal Title and are recognised within the 1836 Letters Patent.

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Document history

<i>Version</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Details</i>
1.0	July 2022	Draft for internal review
2.0	July 2022	Draft approved by City Facilities and Waste Recovery General Committee for consultation
3.0		Draft for review and adoption by Elected Council



Community Plan 2030

Vision - Committed to being the best place to live, work and enjoy life.

Our five focus areas for delivery of our vision are:



We support diversity, health and well-being, community cohesion and connections, and create opportunities to learn and enjoy the local area.

We ensure housing, urban development and infrastructure contribute to attractive and safe neighbourhoods, and how we travel in and beyond our area.



Council ensures its services lead to quality outcomes and exceptional experiences for our community.

We protect and conserve the natural environment, reuse and recycle resources, support biodiversity and respond to climate change.



We support jobs, businesses and industries to generate local economic growth and activity.

Message from our Mayor

Waste, recycling, resource recovery and renewable energies are important to our community as we plan for the future.

As a Council, the City of West Torrens is continually looking at ways to improve waste and recycling processes, reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and provide our community with options to help us move to a low-waste society.

To help guide us on our journey, we have drafted our Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 - 2032.

Our vision for waste and resource recovery in West Torrens is one of continuous improvement and innovation; one that protects our environment and will contribute to the local economy and support our community. We understand that caring for our environment is more than just waste and recycling and, as such, this Strategy works in conjunction with numerous other Council strategies, policies and plans that are looking to drive environmental change.

This Strategy is a 10-year plan that focuses on:

- circular economy
- continuous improvement
- education and engagement
- innovation
- policy and framework.

All these priority areas align with our overarching Community Plan 2030, which outlines the vision for West Torrens as being the best place to live, work and enjoy life; waste and resource recovery can certainly play a role in our mission towards a healthy and liveable city.

Our Council has the opportunity to be a leader and innovator in the way we manage and plan the future of waste and resource recovery for residents, businesses, industries and visitors.

As a precursor to this Strategy, we asked our community its views on waste and recycling and the results showed that people are very passionate about this topic. More than 1,200 people visited our online community consultation platform Your Say to learn more about our ideas, with more than half of those giving us direct feedback.

This Strategy is currently in its draft format as we undertake a second round of community engagement to hear your views. Before we finalise this Strategy, we want to ensure that we're headed in the right direction as waste, recycling and reuse affects everyone.

Michael S. Coxon

Mayor, City of West Torrens



Our city and community

Who we are, where we are and where we are heading are all important factors in relation to our Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 - 2032 (Strategy).

West Torrens comprises of 37 square kilometres of Adelaide's western metropolitan area and is situated between the Adelaide Central Business District and Gulf St Vincent.

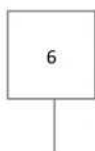
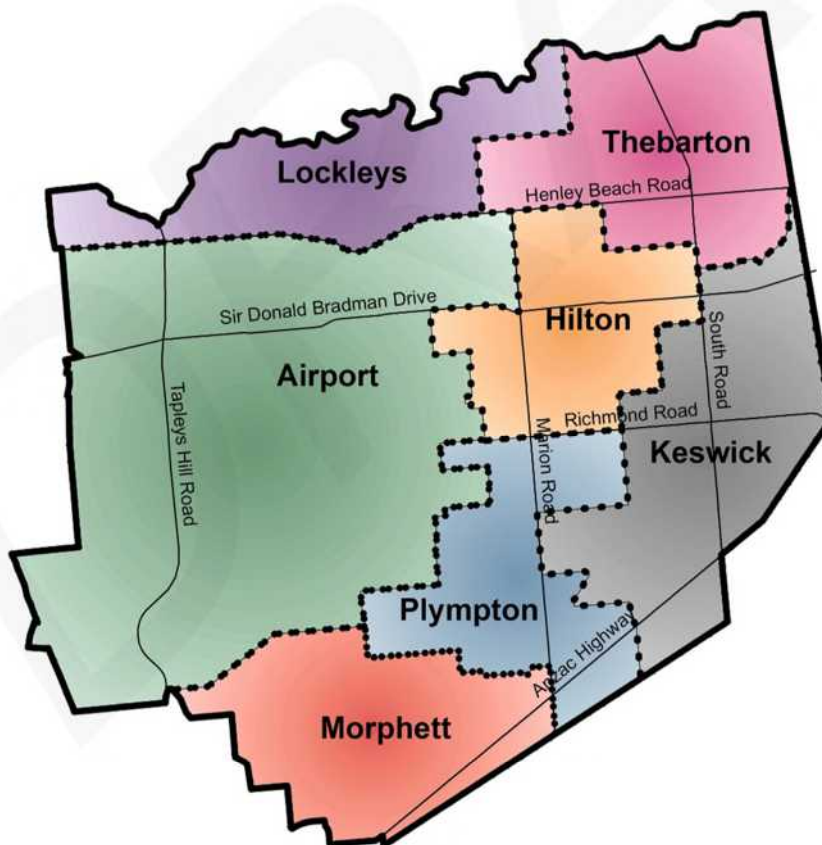
The city, its plants, animals, and waterways, including the River Torrens (Karrawirra Pari), have continuing cultural and spiritual significance to Kaurna people. The river is not only a special place for Kaurna, but is also valued for its natural landscape appeal, biodiversity and open space and recreation activities.

West Torrens has a strong European heritage, which played a key role in establishing the Colony of South Australia.

Around 61,000 residents live in West Torrens and the need for residential properties increases each year. The influx of people to our city means that the need for services and amenities are always changing and, as a result, a large portion of our annual budget is earmarked for upgrades and maintenance, as well as the development of new infrastructure and provision of services.

West Torrens is well-known for its shopping facilities including Harbour Town, Ikea, Brickworks Marketplace and HomeCo. Mile End. Adelaide Airport is a central part of our city and with 5,000 individually owned businesses in the area, West Torrens is often a hub of traffic and people.

City of West Torrens ward map



What this Strategy contains

The Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy is a 10 year plan for West Torrens and will guide the future of waste and resource recovery.

The Strategy will:

- Strive to meet the needs and expectations of our community for effective, efficient and sustainable waste management services.
- Recognise and incorporate current and expected legislative requirements for the provision of waste management services.
- Be flexible enough to:
 - Adapt and meet the needs of our community.
 - Identify and address future opportunities.
 - Innovate in providing efficient waste management services.

It has been designed to:

- Introduce to our community why waste management is a critical service for West Torrens residents.
- Explain why a Strategy is important.
- Describe how we developed this Strategy.
- Provide our waste and resource recovery priority areas for the next 10 years.

The Strategy identifies 5 priority areas for the next 10 years and is underpinned by a separate 5 year implementation plan containing the activities and programs within each priority area.

This Strategy, in conjunction with the internal implementation plan, will provide a clear and structured framework to achieving our vision.

Priorities	Initiatives
Circular economy	Initiative 1: Implement waste hierarchy principles in decision making. Initiative 2: Implement circular and sustainable procurement. Initiative 3: Waste management supporting local economic development.
Continuous improvement	Initiative 4: Keep up-to-date on alternative waste disposal initiatives. Initiative 5: Innovative alternative options for waste material. Initiative 6: Encourage correct disposal behaviour to our community.
Education and engagement	Initiative 7: Develop a strategic approach to community education. Initiative 8: Improve the correct use of kerbside bin systems. Initiative 9: Support community-led initiatives.
Innovation	Initiative 10: Innovative alternative options for how we collect waste. Initiative 11: Improve our efficiency in how we operate. Initiative 12: Explore technology advancement in waste management and resource recovery.
Policy and framework	Initiative 13: Support our community with consistent waste management services. Initiative 14: Review internal policy documentation relating to waste management and resource recovery. Initiative 15: Advocate for change through Government requirements. Initiative 16: Foster research and development.

Our waste profile

Each year the City of West Torrens' waste and resource recovery contractor collects waste and recyclables from 28,165 households, parks, Council-owned facilities, businesses and other public areas and organisations for its disposal or recycling.

Each year¹ Council:

- Empties more than 2.5 million kerbside bins, disposing of 12,000 tonnes to landfill and diverting 12,600 tonnes to recycling and composting.
- Receives more than 8,700 hard waste bookings and issues almost 2,000 tip vouchers annually to residents.
- Responds to in excess of 2,000 customer requests relating to waste.
- Provides residents access to an opt-in rebate program to subsidise home composting systems including worm farms and compost bins.
- Services 471 street litter bins in parks and public spaces.
- Investigates around 530 reports of illegal dumping, resulting in 190 incidents being removed by the identified perpetrator and the remaining 340 cleaned up by Council.
- Budgets \$6.5 million for waste management, or nearly \$222 per household.

¹ Data is based on the performance data of West Torrens waste management services for the financial year 2020 - 2021.

Why waste and resource recovery is important

Waste disposal, recycling and litter management are important responsibilities for the City of West Torrens. How we manage these responsibilities can affect:

- How beautiful our city is.
- The impact we have on the environment (including greenhouse gas emissions).
- The amount of rates residents pay.
- How we plan new developments.
- The design of our roads and the construction of other infrastructure.
- Associated traffic congestion on these roads.
- Businesses that operate in our area.
- How our community feels about its contribution towards protecting the environment.

Waste and recycling collection is one of the most valued services we provide to our residents and ratepayers. Figure 1 documents the results of the West Torrens pre-consultation survey conducted in May 2022 demonstrating that our community is engaged and feel educated on waste and recycling.

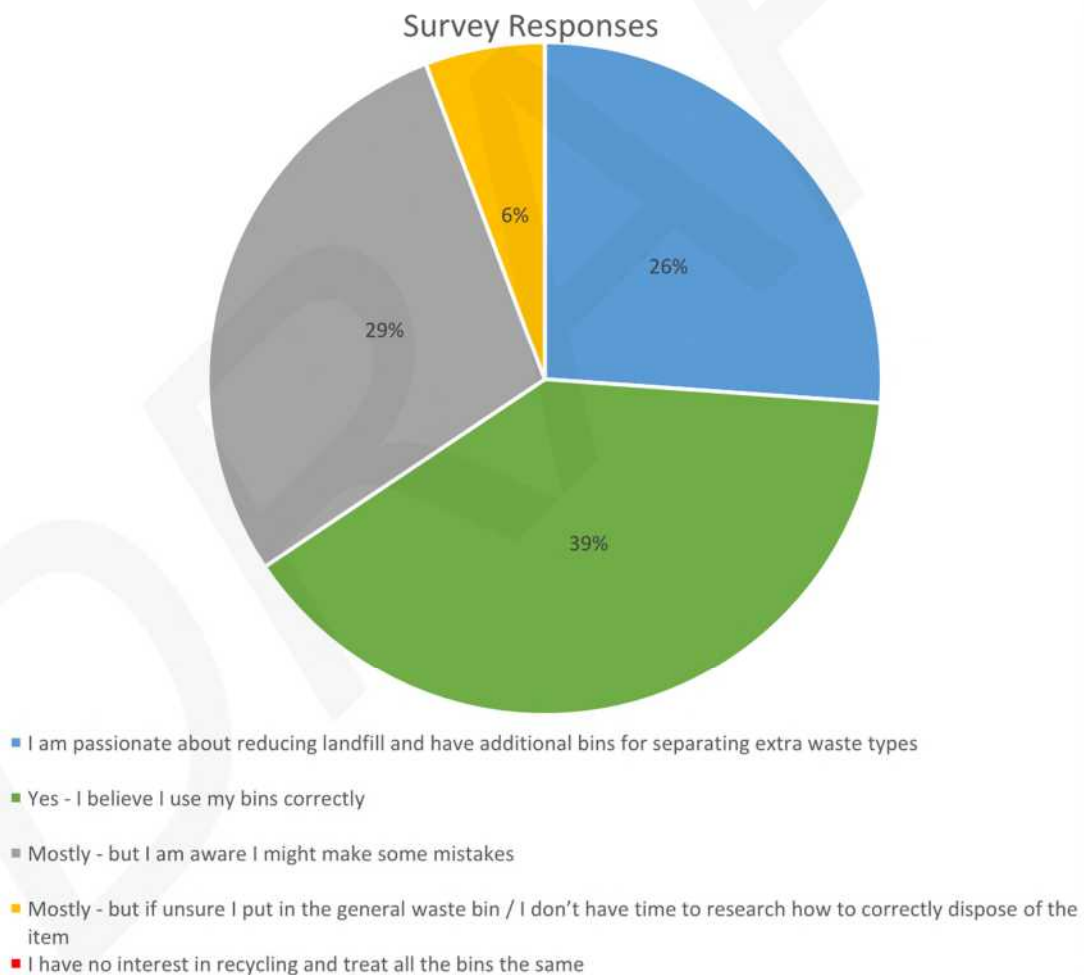


Figure 1 – Data from the City of West Torrens pre-consultation survey in May 2022 found that over 90% of residents reported that they feel confident in knowing how to use their kerbside bins correctly for recycling with very few not interested in recycling.

Why do we need a Strategy?

There are many reasons why our Council needs a Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy. Among these is our legal responsibility to provide waste management to residents and ratepayers. As figure 2 indicates, the number of waste services provided is continuing to increase, which impacts costs associated with the collection and disposal of material.



Figure 2: General waste kerbside collection services provided by West Torrens from October 2018 - February 2022.

There are many others factors too, which are driven by different needs and expectations of our community to deliver effective, efficient, financially responsible and sustainable waste management services.

Importantly, how we think about and interact with waste is evolving. The circular economy has joined the waste hierarchy as a key aim in the South Australian State Waste Strategy 2020-2025 to guide reductions in waste generation and higher value uses for recovered materials. The trend towards a circular economy is transitioning our thinking and operations towards an economy that aims to keep materials and energy circulating as long as possible. Figure 3 and 4, sourced from Green Industries SA, are visual representation of the waste hierarchy and circular economy.

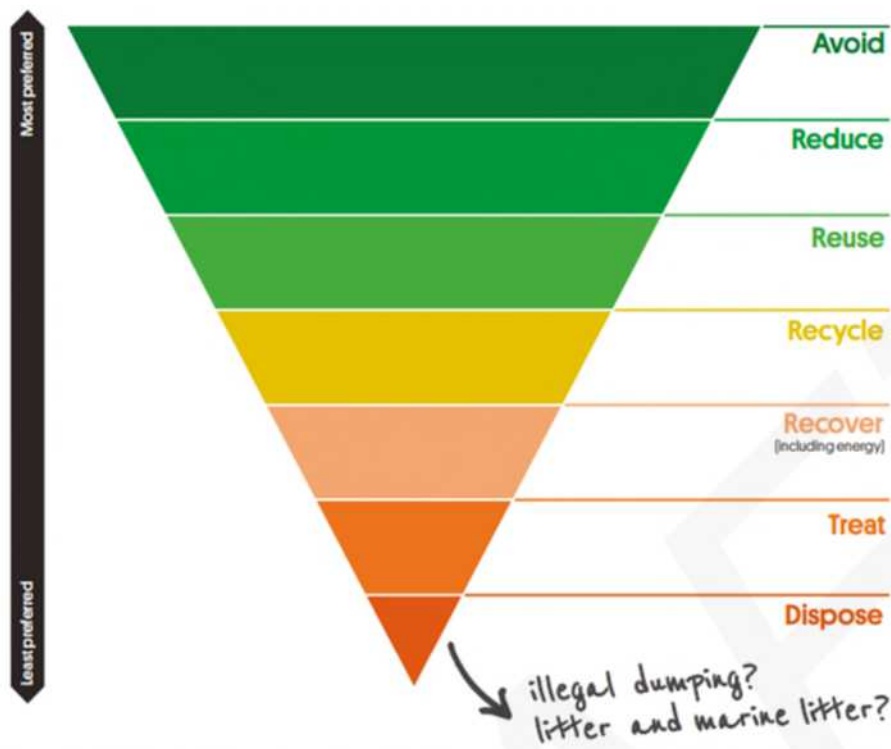


Figure 3 - The Waste Management Hierarchy. Source Supporting the Circular Economy: South Australia's Waste Strategy 2020 - 2025. Image - Green Industries SA.

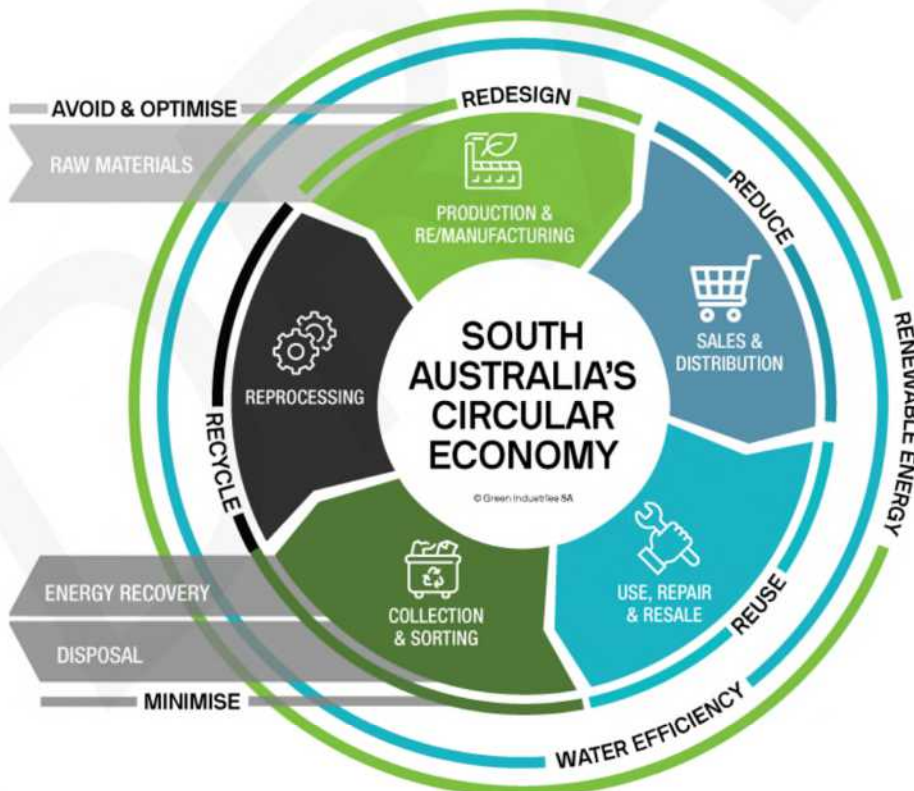


Figure 4 - The Circular Economy. Source Supporting the Circular Economy: South Australia's Waste Strategy 2020 - 2025. Image - Green Industries SA.

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Commitments by the Australian Government to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 require us to change how we collect and dispose of waste to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. To achieve net zero emissions, a balance between the production and removal of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere is required.

We recognise that challenges and opportunities of the ever evolving waste and resource recovery sector need to be considered and planned for.

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Challenges and opportunities

Challenges	Opportunities
Waste generation and disposal	
It's expensive to manage and deliver waste management services. Nearly 40% of kerbside waste that is sent to landfill could instead be composted avoiding the Solid Waste Levy charge applied to every tonne.	Increasing resource recovery helps protect the environment, preserve resources and reduces waste management cost and greenhouse gas emissions.
Legislative requirements	
Council has a legal responsibility to provide waste management services to residents.	Knowledge and professional development of staff to be abreast of all legislative and regulatory waste management requirements.
Kerbside collections	
Council's kerbside collection service is our most accessed service by residents. Challenges include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased urban infill and high density developments not suited to standard kerbside collection. Lack of flexibility in the current kerbside service model. Bin presentation impacted by increased street parking and limited verge space. Contamination and hazardous materials disposed in the kerbside bin system. 	Create a flexible kerbside system with the ability to be tailored to suit our residents' individual needs, including high density developments. Provide convenient service models for items that are hard to recycle to reduce contamination of the kerbside system.
Innovation	
The sector is rapidly changing and evolving, with new ideas and technologies requiring investigation and analysis for suitability.	New ideas can re-shape how we manage waste services. Digital technologies and tools can measure and report performance, analyse data and improve efficiency.
Litter and illegal dumping	
Incidents of litter and illegal dumping impact on the natural environment and have financial impacts through investigations, compliance enforcement and clean ups.	A multi-faceted approach to reducing incidents may include compliance, infrastructure improvements, review of hard waste provisions and educational campaigns.
Hard waste collection	
Annual hard waste provisions per residential premises include 2 at-call collections and one tip voucher. Wait times vary based on demand for at-call collection services and tip vouchers require a car and/or trailer.	A review of the hard waste service; including collection models, provisions for our community and avenues to reuse recovered materials including charitable causes.
Reducing emissions	
Governments in Australia and numerous businesses have committed to achieving 'net zero emissions by 2050'.	Improvements to waste management can reduce emissions through diversion of waste from landfill, reusing and recycling resources and use of alternative collection vehicles such as emission-free hydrogen fuelled or electric-powered.
Circular economy	
The circular economy has joined the waste hierarchy as a key aim in the South Australian State Waste Strategy 2020-2025 to guide future thinking for the reduction of waste generation and higher value uses for recovered materials.	Transition our thinking and operations towards a circular economy, which aims to keep and reuse materials and energy in the economy for as long as possible.
Contingency planning	
Waste management services can be impacted by disasters, incidents and pandemics. Business continuity plans ensure essential services can continue.	Continuity planning is required at an industry level to ensure business and service continuity for collection, transport and processing.
Collaboration - external stakeholders	
Routinely engage with community, local businesses, service providers, other councils and policy makers.	Collaboration on services, technology and programs can share or reduce waste management costs, increase knowledge and support community initiatives.
Collaboration - internal stakeholders	
To stay at the forefront, we need motivated, well-trained and capable people willing to innovate and engage with key stakeholders.	Invest in our people to ensure our Council is prepared for future changes in waste management, with a focus on continuous improvement in performance and services.

Development of the Strategy

To develop the 10 year Strategy for West Torrens the following steps were taken:

- We reviewed how well we perform our current responsibilities and what future changes may occur.
- We undertook consultation with our community, businesses, industry service providers and internal stakeholder.
- We used this knowledge and feedback to shape the vision for our Strategy and priorities.

Throughout the process, Elected Members, key Council staff and community stakeholders were consulted to ensure the Strategy was best placed to meet our city's future expectations and needs.

Development process

Stage	Outputs
1. Research	January 2022 - March 2022
Research and information gathering on current practices, data analysis, State policy and opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal Council departments consulted to inform the draft Strategy and identify internal opportunities for collaboration and efficiencies. • Desktop review of local, national and international references to inform the draft Strategy including waste strategies, guidelines, policies and legislation.
2. Pre-consultation survey	March 2022 - May 2022
Develop key themes and initial consultation feedback.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-consultation survey released to capture early feedback to inform the draft Strategy with 589 responses received. • Consultation with 3 neighbouring councils to identify cross-council collaboration opportunities.
3. Draft Strategy developed	May 2022 - August 2022
Develop a draft strategy document.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Torrens Executive team and Elected Members engaged and consulted on the draft Strategy. • Draft Strategy to be approved by the City Facilities and Waste Recovery Committee • Draft Strategy endorsed by Council to be released for public consultation.
4. Consultation	August 2022 - September 2022
Formal public consultation of the draft Strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal public consultation required. • Feedback reviewed and final changes to the Strategy incorporated.
5. Finalised and released	2023
Preparation of final Strategy for adoption.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy to be approved by the City Facilities and Waste Recovery Committee. • Final Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy presented to Council for adoption. • Adopted Strategy published on Council's website and printed versions available on request.

Council's responsibilities

Strategic alignment

Our vision for West Torrens is **committed to being the best place to live, work and enjoy life** and has 5 focus areas.

Waste and resource recovery can play a role in delivering on these 5 focus areas to support this commitment.

Focus area	How waste management can contribute
 <p>Community life</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep our natural environment, streets and parks clean and well presented. • Improve air quality and reduce noise impacts from waste collection and disposal. • Connect people through a shared purpose and interest in resource recovery and the waste hierarchy.
 <p>Environment and sustainability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement sustainable procurement practices. • Investigate ways to increase diversion and minimise landfill disposal. • Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from waste collection and disposal to help reach net zero emissions by 2050. • Prevent contamination of land and waterways and protect the natural environment from illegal dumping and litter.
 <p>Prosperity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep waste management costs and its impacts on rates as low as possible. • Encourage economic development by facilitating property investment, supporting existing businesses and/or attracting or creating new business through services, procurement and/or future circular economy opportunities. • Help the community maximise the highest value resource recovery in line with the waste hierarchy. • Partner with others to provide expertise, new knowledge, innovative technology and share services and costs.
 <p>Built environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure new property development allows for effective and efficient waste and recycling collection and disposal. • Remove potential barriers for the use of recycled materials in city infrastructure. • Encourage more sustainable building materials and waste and recycling outcomes in new homes, commercial buildings, and city infrastructure.
 <p>Organisational strength</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Align our waste management and resource recovery goals with community aspirations as represented by our Elected Members. • Develop our people to become experts in waste management and resource recovery. • Build organisational resilience, continuity and stakeholder confidence in our knowledge, expertise and practices through well-balanced, easily understood, transparent and effective policies. • Restore confidence in recycling.

Legislative context

Collection of household waste is a legislated responsibility for the City of West Torrens². This responsibility is affected by many different government laws and policies introduced by the State and Australian Governments.

For instance, these can include, but are not limited to:

- The Solid Waste Levy, which in the 2021 - 22 financial year was \$146 per tonne to dispose of material to landfill. The Levy is a financial mechanism to encourage resource recovery.
- Obligation for councils to provide a weekly kerbside collection service for residual waste.
- Requirement to provide recycling and organic kerbside collection to avoid additional costs of landfill disposal.
- Product stewardship schemes and other laws affect how councils and residents can dispose of some waste items (Australian Packaging Covenant, e-waste) and what can be accepted in our kerbside bins.
- Laws to minimise noise nuisances impacting on how we schedule waste collections³. These same laws make councils responsible for litter control and management.
- The South Australian State Waste Strategy, which sets targets for councils to achieve a 75% diversion rate by 2025⁴.
- Commitments by the Australian and State Governments to reduce waste (e.g. through the Kyoto Protocol) and even achieve net zero emissions by 2050, which influence how Council should manage waste and reduce greenhouse gas emissions it can cause.

In addition, the City of West Torrens has its own by-laws and a Waste Minimisation and Recycling Services Policy to guide it towards fulfilling these responsibilities.

² Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010

³ Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016

⁴ Supporting the Circular Economy: South Australia Waste Strategy 2020-2025

The following table sets out relevant legislative and policy framework:

International	State
<p>Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, Basel, 1989.</p> <p>Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework convention on climate change 1998</p> <p>Transforming our world: The 2030 agenda for sustainable development, United Nations.</p>	<p><i>Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007.</i></p> <p><i>Environment Protection Act 1993 (EPA).</i></p> <p>Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010.</p> <p><i>Green Industries Act SA 2004.</i></p> <p><i>Local Government Act 1999.</i></p> <p><i>Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016.</i></p> <p>Planning and Design Code.</p> <p><i>Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016.</i></p> <p><i>Plastic shopping bags (Waste Avoidance) Act 2008.</i></p> <p><i>Single-use and other plastic products (Waste avoidance) Act 2020.</i></p> <p>South Australian Better Practice Guide for Waste Management in Residential and Mixed Use Developments 2014.</p> <p>Supporting the Circular Economy - South Australia's Waste Strategy 2020-2025.</p> <p>Thermal Energy from Waste (EfW) activities - Position Statement.</p> <p>Valuing our food waste: South Australian Strategy to reduce and divert household and business food waste 2020-2025.</p> <p>30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide 2017 Update.</p>
National	West Torrens
<p><i>Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011.</i></p> <p>Employment in Waste Management and Recycling 2009.</p> <p><i>Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989.</i></p> <p><i>National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007.</i></p> <p>National Food Waste Strategy - Halving Australia's Food Waste by 2030.</p> <p>National Waste Policy Action Plan 2019.</p> <p>National Waste Policy: less waste, more resources 2018.</p> <p><i>Recycling and Waste Reduction Act 2020.</i></p> <p>Review of the <i>Product Stewardship Act 2011</i>, including the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme - Consultation Paper.</p>	<p>AdaptWest Climate Change Adaptation Plan.</p> <p>By-Law No 2 - Local Government Land.</p> <p>By-Law No 4 - Moveable Signs.</p> <p>City of West Torrens Community Plan 2030.</p> <p>CWT Buildings Asset Management Plan 2021.</p> <p>CWT Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2021-2025.</p> <p>CWT Recreation and Open Space Asset Management Plan 2021.</p> <p>CWT Roads Asset Management Plan 2021.</p> <p>CWT Vehicles (Fleet), Plant and Equipment Asset Management Plan 2021.</p> <p>CWT's Verge Management Policy.</p> <p>Economic Development Plan 2020 - 2025.</p> <p>Tree Strategy 2018 - 2025.</p> <p>Waste Minimisation and Recycling Services Policy.</p>

The Strategy

Our vision

Council's vision for future waste and resource recovery in West Torrens is:

Continuous improvement and innovation in waste management and resource recovery to protect the environment, contribute to the local economy and support our community.

This vision:

- Reflects our aim for continuous improvement by understanding future opportunities.
- Acknowledges the key outcomes from waste and resource recovery and the benefits for West Torrens, its residents, local businesses and other stakeholders by:
 - protecting the environment,
 - supporting the community, and
 - providing economic opportunity.
- Embraces new ideas and innovations as a key enabling mechanism towards achieving these outcomes.

Our priority areas

1. Circular economy.
2. Continuous improvement.
3. Education and engagement.
4. Innovation.
5. Policy and framework

<p>Priority area 1: Circular economy Objective: Embed the waste hierarchy, product stewardship and circular economy principles into decision making across council.</p>	
<p>Initiative 1: Implement waste hierarchy principles in decision making.</p>	
<p>Why it is important</p> <p>Following the waste hierarchy principles the community, businesses and Council can identify options for waste avoidance, reduction, reuse, repair, recycling and recovery which provide environmental, social and economic benefits over landfill.</p>	<p>How will we achieve it</p> <p>Transitioning Council towards waste hierarchy principals may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the community to determine suitable models and the appetite for repair or fixing programs. • Providing systems to facilitate sharing, hiring and leasing of items and materials. • Advocating for extended producer responsibility schemes for product design, allowing for reparability and recyclability. • Advocating (when feasible) for product stewardship frameworks to be extended to a broader range of items. • Promoting and communicating Council achievements that support the waste hierarchy principles and circular economy thinking.
<p>Initiative 2: Implement circular and sustainable procurement</p>	
<p>Why it is important</p> <p>Government's purchasing and procurement can influence the demand for products and services. Environmental considerations to consider may include recycled content, reusable products, carbon miles, certified sustainability and ethical supply chains.</p>	<p>How will we achieve it</p> <p>Increasing circularity and sustainability during the procurement process will require considerations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of the current procurement process to identify opportunities to improve sustainability performance. • Promoting case studies demonstrating circular and sustainable procurement. • Investigating options for internal monitoring and reporting mechanisms for sustainable procurement. • Identifying goods and services to consider aspects such as whole of life costs, improved resource efficiency, use of recycled content and environmental sustainability. • Understanding current emissions and opportunities for improvements in waste management and resource recovery.
<p>Initiative 3: Waste management supporting local economic development</p>	
<p>Why it is important</p> <p>The waste and resource recovery industries provide economic development opportunities including job creation, new business prospects and advancements in the sector which may support the local economy.</p>	<p>How will we achieve it</p> <p>Council may support local economic development by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigating and identifying purchasing opportunities to support local markets that utilise locally processed recyclables. • Investigating the establishment of networks between Council, businesses and other stakeholders to work together to attract new businesses that support growth in the local waste management sector. • Identifying investment, research and development opportunities for items and materials currently hard to recycle. • Identifying opportunities for the expansion of end markets for processed kerbside materials such as compost and recyclables.

<p>Priority area 2: Continuous improvement Objective: Best practice in our current suite of (business as usual) services relating to waste management and resource recovery.</p>	
<p>Initiative 4: Keep up-to-date on alternative waste disposal initiatives</p>	
<p>Why it is important</p> <p>Increasing resource recovery rates requires improvements across all of Council's waste disposal services. There are emerging processing and disposal options to increase the recovery of materials. West Torrens is home to a transfer station, Adelaide Waste and Recycling Centre at Plympton, allowing future opportunities to be explored.</p>	<p>How will we achieve it</p> <p>The processing of our kerbside system currently entails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling processed at a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). • Food and garden organics processed at a composting facility. • Residual waste sent to landfill. <p>New and emerging processing and disposal options in line with the waste hierarchy. Emerging opportunities to be reviewed could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy from waste opportunities for disposal of residual waste. • Technology advancement and high performing resource recovery infrastructure. • Infrastructure for anaerobic digestion and incorporating bioenergy recovery.
<p>Initiative 5: Innovative alternative options for waste material</p>	
<p>Why it is important</p> <p>Innovative and alternative options for waste material refers to opportunities to reuse or repair material before recycling or landfill is considered. This supports the higher orders of the waste hierarchy.</p>	<p>How will we achieve it</p> <p>To explore innovative and alternative options for materials generated as waste Council can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review how we dispose of hard waste and illegally dumped materials and divert materials in a reusable condition to charities for reuse. • Investigate opportunities to create networks between food relief organisations and local food businesses to divert edible food to support at risk community, reduce disposal volumes and in-turn reduce disposal costs. • Research opportunities for our street litter bins to segregate 10c bottles and containers for recycling.
<p>Initiative 6: Encourage correct disposal behaviour to our community</p>	
<p>Why it is important</p> <p>Our community is the key stakeholder for the success of our Strategy. The community interacts with waste management through the kerbside bin systems, hard waste service, street litter bins, visiting facilities and events. These opportunities allow increased awareness on correct bin usage.</p>	<p>How will we achieve it</p> <p>Encouraging the correct disposal of materials may be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community education and engagement projects which help reduce contamination and increase correct utilisation of the kerbside three bin system. • A review of Council owned, operated and leased facilities to transition to best practice in infrastructure, waste education resources and behaviour by facility managers and visitors. • Investigation of the potential impacts and outcomes of waste minimisation guidelines, bin systems, resources and support for Council-staged events. • Supporting the current enforcement measures of the <i>Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016</i> with education and engagement campaigns designed to reduce litter and illegal dumping.

<p>Priority area 3: Education and engagement Objective: Provide education and engagement while supporting community-led activities</p>	
<p>Initiative 7: Develop a strategic approach to community education</p>	
<p>Why it is important Education and engagement is critical to our Strategy. An education and engagement strategy can provide a structured and measurable approach to how we engage with our community for positive waste and resource recovery change.</p>	<p>How will we achieve it Stakeholders play various roles in education, from project ideation to utilisations of resources and services, they include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents - including property owners and tenants. • Businesses and industry - operating and/ or supporting the region. • Visitors to West Torrens. • Councillors and Administration - Elected Members, staff, volunteers and contractors. • Government - Australian Government, State Government, neighbouring councils and other South Australian councils. <p>Education and engagement may involve developing, trialling, monitoring, reporting and updating aspects such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging business and residents to implement best practice waste management behaviours. • Developing education programs and campaigns for the education sector and community groups. • Developing programs such as resource recovery process, reducing contamination, managing hard to recycling items and programs with waste management as a secondary message. • Investigating resources that are inclusive, engaging and reach our Culturally And Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities. • Improving household access to internal bin systems such as the kitchen caddies and compostable bags. • Reviewing and updating educational, promotional and marketing initiatives. • Communicating our waste and resource recovery performance to the community.
<p>Initiative 8: Improve the correct use of kerbside bin systems</p>	
<p>Why it is important The kerbside systems generate significant volumes of materials across all 3 streams. Our residents have the greatest opportunity to increasing resource recovery rates.</p>	<p>How will we achieve it Education and engagement programs can contribute to the kerbside bin system. Through data collection, such as scheduled kerbside audits and disposal tonnages. It may be possible to monitor and track the success of programs in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced contamination in kerbside bins. • Increased participation in food waste systems. • Increased volumes of organics and recyclables and decreased volumes of landfill materials generated.

Initiative 9: Support community-led initiatives	
Why it is important	How will we achieve it
<p>There has been increased interest, activity and action by the community within waste and resource recovery.</p>	<p>We may assist our community to be leaders in this area by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting community-led initiatives, projects, events and ideas. • Developing frameworks for volunteer programs such as 'bin buddies' at events. • Encouraging waste free events. • Investigating opportunities to expand our involvement with community organisations and not-for-profit groups for waste reduction programs. • Supporting reuse facilities such as men's sheds, maker spaces and repair cafes.

<p>Priority Area 4: Innovation Objective: Develop and implement innovative new solutions to improve service efficiency and material recovery.</p>	
<p>Initiative 10: Innovative alternative options for how we collect waste</p>	
<p>Why it is important</p> <p>The standard kerbside system for eligible residential properties is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x 140L landfill bin (collected weekly) • 1 x 240L recycling bin (collected fortnightly) • 1 x 240L organics bin (collected fortnightly) <p>A flexible collection service for our community may allow for alternative or tailored kerbside systems to meet the varying needs of our community.</p>	<p>How will we achieve it</p> <p>Council may explore and pilot how we manage waste, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of the service model for kitchen caddies and compostable bags to support food waste diversion. • A review of entitled properties, as per our Waste Minimisation and Recycling Services Policy and kerbside bins allocated. • Investigating and trialling alternative bin infrastructure and collection models for high density developments and small business precincts. • Investigating and trialling alternative collection frequency for kerbside bins whilst adhering to legislative requirements. • Reviewing alternative residential bin configurations and systems including different bin sizes and bin quantities. • Investigating opportunities to increase resource recovery for street litter bins. <p>Council is not obligated to provide waste management services to businesses. However, businesses can access the kerbside system to manage lunchroom staff waste. Council may explore opportunities to provide a holistic approach for embedding sustainability practices into businesses.</p>
<p>Initiative 11: Improve our efficiency in how we operate</p>	
<p>Why it is important</p> <p>Council manages the collection of kerbside bins, hard waste, illegal dumping and street litter bins. Reviewing collection models could alter how we provide services and transition to more convenient and efficient options for our community.</p>	<p>How will we achieve it</p> <p>Providing efficient collection models may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracts to bridge current gaps and improve services with technology advancements and changes to service models. • Utilisation of technology to monitor and report incidents and hazards during waste collections, such as damaged bins, bins not presented, parked cars, contamination and/or hazardous materials in bins or hard waste. • Promotion of public drop off locations within West Torrens, including hazardous waste streams. • Provision of a convenient collection model for residents to dispose of hard to recycle items. • Understanding emerging problematic waste issues and creating networks with industry and institutes to investigate and develop solutions.
<p>Initiative 12: Explore technology advancement in waste management and resource recovery</p>	
<p>Why it is important</p> <p>Investigation of the suitability of emerging technologies that will shape future services to further support our community and waste management requirements.</p>	<p>How will we achieve it</p> <p>The use of technology may include investigations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology advancements and inclusions into future contracts for improved services and resource recovery. • New waste collection technologies and strategies that can support increased resource recovery. • High density developments waste management designs such as incorporating technology, adequate bin storage, collection areas and opportunities for cross-development collection services. • Alternative street litter bin systems including compaction bins, recycling options and underground bin systems. • Options for online platforms and dashboards for our community to live-track services.

<p>Priority Area 5: Policy and framework Objective: Collaborate with key stakeholders, strategies and guidelines to support Local Government to transition to a consistent approach in waste management and resource recovery.</p>	
<p>Initiative 13: Support our community with consistent waste management services</p>	
<p>Why it is important</p> <p>The management and delivery of waste services to communities varies across the state. South Australia's Waste Strategy 2020-2025 has implemented measures and actions to transition to a consistent approach to waste management.</p>	<p>How will we achieve it</p> <p>A consistent approach to waste management services for our communities will provide efficiencies in developing and delivering resources and services to our community. West Torrens may support a consistent approach by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring kerbside bins adhere to AS4123.7-<i>Mobile waste containers colours, markings and designation requirements</i>. • Advocating for consistency of accepted materials at kerbside processors for recyclables and organics in South Australia. • Reporting the results of pilots and trials that may influence future waste management services in South Australia, such as alternative collection frequencies of kerbside bins. • Supporting State Government education campaigns, such as the current 'Which Bin' campaign.
<p>Initiative 14: Review internal policy documentation relating to waste management and resource recovery</p>	
<p>Why it is important</p> <p>Waste impacts many departments across Council. Reviews of internal documentation may identify synergies, collaboration and operational efficiencies.</p>	<p>How will we achieve it</p> <p>A review of internal documents includes policies, guidelines, standards, strategies and/or standard operating procedures. Analysis of these documentations can determine if Council is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adhering to regulatory requirements. • Executing decisions and operations effectively across Council and recognising synergies. • Supporting targets and actions of State and National waste management strategies.
<p>Initiative 15: Advocate for change through Government requirements</p>	
<p>Why it is important</p> <p>Government is working towards long term sustainable outcomes for waste and resource recovery. Trialling new initiatives and pilots can support continuous improvement.</p>	<p>How will we achieve it</p> <p>Council will endeavour to support current initiatives and advocate for future changes by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigating and applying for grant funding that will benefit our community, reduce impacts and inform future policies. • Advocating for legislation changes to allow a flexible approach to trials and services. • Advocating for a consistent state-wide reporting system and framework for councils to report waste data. • Responding to relevant consultation papers, policies and strategies that may influence changes in the sector.
<p>Initiative 16: Foster research and development</p>	
<p>Why it is important</p> <p>Collaboration with industry, academics and government can contribute to innovative solutions to support resource recovery.</p>	<p>How will we achieve it</p> <p>The waste sector is evolving and adapting to changes. To support changes, council may investigate opportunities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging and providing support for university research projects to address emerging issues in the sector. • Identifying partnerships to support local development of technologies and processes for challenging waste streams. • Encouraging collaboration between researchers, industry and government for innovation in the sector.

Strategy implementation and reporting

The Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 - 2032 is a 10-year guiding document for the delivery of waste management services to our community. A separate 5 year Implementation Plan, which will outline detailed actions, roles, responsibilities and timeframes, will be developed to help us deliver the priorities and initiatives identified in this Strategy. The progress of these will be reported to Council on a regular basis.

The delivery of the Implementation Plan will be dependent on available budget and resourcing requirements.

The City of West Torrens is committed to implementing appropriate strategies and processes that identify, analyse and manage the risks associated with its activities, as a means of minimising impact of undesired and unexpected events on our business activities and to facilitate potential opportunities. Risk assessments and management processes will be integrated into activities and projects within the Implementation Plan.

The Council policy 'City of West Torrens Council Policy - Enterprise Risk Management' (westtorrens.sa.gov.au) outlines how Council will achieve risk management objectives.

Acknowledgements

The City of West Torrens recognises the contributions from:

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- Green Industries South Australia for its financial contribution through the Council Modernisation grant funding to assist with the Strategy development.
- Our community for insight and feedback during the community consultation phase.
- Neighbouring councils for collaboration during the first consultation phase.

Further information

The Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 - 2032 and the current Implementation Plan can be accessed via our website, westtorrens.sa.gov.au or a copy can be provided upon request, email info@wtcc.sa.gov.au, SMS 0429 205 943 or phone 8416 6333 during office hours.

8.2 Proposed reusable cloth nappy and reusable sanitary items rebate

Brief

This report outlines the proposal to expand the waste and recycling rebate program to include reusable cloth nappies and reusable sanitary items.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that the waste and recycling rebate program be expanded to include reusable cloth nappies and reusable sanitary items, subject to funding being provided in the 2023/24 Financial Year to support this initiative.

Introduction

Council provide a waste and recycling rebate program consisting of:

- Compost bin/system or worm farm - up to 50 per cent of the cost (maximum \$50); or
- Kitchen caddy and roll of compost bags - up to \$20 for residents opting to purchase their own products and not access the free kitchen caddy and compostable bags available from Council.

These items support food waste recycling both at home and via the green bin. The proposal to expand the current grant scheme will introduce products that can replace the single use landfill items being nappies and sanitary items. The intent of expanding the rebate program is to support our residents to reduce waste sent to landfill and reduce the ongoing financial requirement to purchase the single use disposal options.

The Administration seeks endorsement for the waste and recycling rebates to be expanded to include the additional items of reusable cloth nappies and reusable sanitary items.

Discussion

The current waste and recycling rebates support residents to recycle food waste for their own use at home or to divert appropriate materials to the organics kerbside bin. By providing a rebate on the purchase of a compost bin, worm farm or other home composting systems residents can utilise the end product thereby creating a circular economy. It is important to note that residents can access a kitchen caddy and roll of compostable bags from Council at no cost. However, if they purchase their own kitchen caddy or compostable bags, a rebate to the maximum value of \$20 is available.

Currently, one metropolitan Council in South Australia offer rebates for reusable cloth nappies and reusable sanitary items. This program has generated enquires from the West Torrens community for the City of West Torrens to provide similar rebate options.

The inclusion of reusable cloth nappies and reusable sanitary items would provide a financial incentive for residents to purchase and utilise reusable products. The intent of expanding Council's current rebate scheme is to reduce waste sent to landfill and reduce the ongoing financial cost associated with the purchase of single use disposal items.

The proposed expansion of Council's waste and recycling rebate program supports the City of West Torrens' Community Plan 2030's Environment and Sustainability goals to "Sustainably manage our resources through reuse, recycling and circular economy" and the draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 - 2032:

Initiative 4: Keep up-to-date on alternative waste disposal initiatives through reducing waste generation and,

Initiative 9: Support community-led initiatives.

The CSIRO estimate that 1.5 billion disposal nappies are sent to landfill each year in Australia and estimate that they take up to 500 years to decompose. Choice estimates that a baby will use approximately 6,500 nappies from birth to toilet training at a cost varying from \$1,800 - \$3,000 per child. The cost to utilise reusable nappies varies depending on brand and products. The items can be used for multiple children. The prices listed below are from the Victorian company Darlings Downunder to purchase reusable nappy packs that can be used for multiple children. These figures do not take into energy and water consumption associated with washing. Items that can be included in the reusable nappies rebate would include reusable cloth nappies and accessories.

REUSABLE NAPPIES: BUDGET OPTION - FULL-TIME NAPPY PACKAGE	
24 reusable cotton prefold nappies at \$4 each	\$96.00
10 overnight boosters	\$38.00
24 reusable nappy liners: pack of 4 at \$6.00ea	\$36.00
20 reusable nappy wipes: pack/5 at \$10.95ea	\$43.80
10 nappy covers at \$18 each	\$180.00
Laundry costs over 2.5 years (see calcs below)	\$146.98
Total cost full time cloth nappies	\$540.78
REUSABLE NAPPIES: ONE SIZE NAPPY OPTION - FULL-TIME NAPPY PACKAGE	
24 reusable one size nappies (\$26 each)	\$624.00
10 overnight boosters	\$38.00
24 reusable nappy liners (pack of 4 at \$6.00)	\$36.00
20 reusable nappy wipes at (pack of 5 at \$10.95ea)	\$43.80
Laundry costs over 2.5 yrs (see calcs below)	\$146.98
Total cost full time fitted pocket nappies	\$888.78

Clean Up Australia estimate that each individual that menstruates will use between 5,000 to 15,000 pads and tampons, which are then sent to landfill. These items take between 300 - 500 years to decompose. Items that would be included in reusable sanitary item rebates would include cloth pads, period underwear, menstrual cups and accessories.

Financial Considerations

Council's current waste and recycling rebates provide financial assistance for residents to purchase a compost bin or worm farm and for kitchen caddies and compostable bags. In 2020-2021 financial year a total figure of \$1,748.50 in rebates were issued and in the 2021-2022 financial year a total of \$1,549.15 in rebates were issued.

If the expansion of the rebate scheme is endorsed, the Waste Management team will request an additional \$2,000 in the 2023-2024 proposed budget to cover the additional rebate scheme items.

The Administration proposes that the waste and recycling rebate scheme be expanded to offer the following:

Item	Rebate provided by Council
Compost bin/ system or worm farm	Up to 50% of the cost (maximum rebate \$50)
Kitchen caddy and roll of compostable bags	Up to \$20
Reusable cloth nappies	Up to 50% of the cost (maximum rebate \$50)
Reusable sanitary items	Up to 50% of the cost (maximum rebate \$50)

The additional \$2,000 budget allocation will enable an additional 40 residents to receive rebates for the reusable cloth nappies and reusable sanitary items for the initial year and allow Council to test uptake. Successful endorsement of the proposed expansion will see the program updated in 2023-24.

Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

It is estimated that Australia send 1.5 billion disposable nappies to landfill each year and an individual consumes between 5,000 to 15,000 sanitary items in a lifetime. The expansion of the current waste and recycling rebates to include cloth nappies and reusable items is intended to assist residents to reduce their consumption and in turn reduce disposal of single use items to landfill.

Conclusion

The rebate scheme will support residents to reduce waste sent to landfill and the ongoing financial requirements to purchase single use items. This reports seeks endorsement for the Waste and Recycling rebates to be expanded to include reusable cloth nappies and reusable sanitary items.

Attachments

Nil

8.3 Waste Management Activity Report

Brief

This report provides information on waste management activities undertaken between September and November 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that the report be received.

Introduction

Information is provided in this report on waste management activities undertaken between September and November 2022.

Discussion

The Bedding Industry Stewardship Webinar - 1 September 2022

Waste staff attended a webinar presented by the Bedding Industry Stewardship; *Model: What's changed and how you can participate.*

Foodie demonstration - 1 September 2022

As part of the WMRR Waste Educators Network, waste staff were invited to attend a site tour of Enpro Envirotech to observe a Foodie unit in operation. Foodie is a rapid food composting unit that converts food and organic material into a compost like material in 24 hours to reduce the volume by 80 to 90 per cent.

Waste Education: CAWRA recycling tour - 1 September 2022

The Waste team supported Community Development's Adult Learners Week program by arranging and facilitating a tour of CAWRA for 12 members of the community.

Planet Ark Webinar: Toothpaste tubes recyclability - 7 September 2022

Waste staff attended a webinar to understand the changes to brand specific packaging to allow certain toothpaste tubes to be recycled through kerbside collection services.

Meeting with CAWRA - 14 September 2022

Waste staff were invited to attend a meeting hosted by CAWRA to consider a soft plastic recycling trial through kerbside recycle bins.

Waste Education: Emmaus Early Learning Centre - 15 September 2022

Waste staff delivered waste and recycling education sessions to two classes at Emmaus Early Learning Centre:

- Session 1: 4-5 year olds (23 in attendance)
- Session 2: 3 year olds (25 in attendance)

Census 2021 data trends presentation - 15 September 2022

Waste staff attended a presentation on the 2021 Census data and trends.

Online meeting with PhD student from Queensland University - 16 September 2022

The City of West Torrens participated in an online interview conducted by a PhD student from Queensland University as part of research on household food waste interventions in Australia.

IWS Wingfield and Dublin Tour - 20 September 2022

Integrated Waste Services (IWS), invited staff from the City of West Torrens to a site tour of the IWS transfer station and landfill sites. The site tour showcased services and programs beyond collection, transport and disposal of waste material.

Waste Education: Nova Systems - 21 September 2022

Waste staff conducted a business focused waste education session to 93 staff at Nova Systems.

Spring Open Day: Community Garden Workshop - 24 September 2022

Waste staff supported Community Development's Spring Open Day initiative at Clifford Street Community Garden to deliver two workshops facilitated by Port Adelaide Food and Gardening:

- Seed harvesting and plant propagation
- Butterfly attracting gardens

Waste Management also operated a stall to promote compost and worm farm systems and Council's rebate program. Approximately 50 residents attended.

WMRR SA Branch Meeting - 29 September 2022

Waste staff attended WMRR Branch meeting.

WMRR Young Professional National Meeting - 5 October 2022

Council's representative attended the National WMRR Young Professional Group (YP).

WMRR Webinar: Social Licence to Operate - 11 October 2022

Waste staff attended a webinar discussing principles surrounding obtaining social licence from the community. The webinar was hosted by Mark Gifford, Principal Waste and Environment Consultant from Talis Consultants.

WMRR Young Professional: Site tour - 13 October 2022

Council's representative attended site tours in Nurioopta hosted by WMRR Young Professional Group.

- Father's Farm is a community led initiative providing social and environmental solutions to the region through their e-waste recycling program.
- Mobius Farm is a start-up business that uses food waste to support production of a high quality insect protein based products suitable for pet, aquaculture and livestock feed.

Waste Education: Cowandilla Learning Centre - 19 October 2022

A follow up meeting was held with Cowandilla Learning Centre to finalise the proposed waste curriculum and set dates for Waste staff to deliver waste education to students and staff.

WMRR SA Branch Meeting - 20 October 2022

Waste staff attended WMRR Branch meeting where it was announced that the City of West Torrens' Waste and Recycling Project Officer, Amy Henshaw has been appointed Chair of WMRR Young Professional Committee for two years.

Waste Expo - Melbourne, Victoria - 26 - 27 October 2022

Council staff and Elected Members attended the two day national Waste Expo in Melbourne.

Waste Innovation and Recycling Awards - 26 October 2022

Council representatives attended the Innovation Awards as part of the Waste Expo where the City of West Torrens were listed as finalists in two categories:

- Outstanding WARR Project (Metro) - RecycleSmart Pilot
- WARR Workplace of the Year - Regulatory Services

Meeting with eBottli - 1 November 2022

Waste staff met with start-up business eBottli who provide traceability solutions for assets such as kerbside bins.

National Recycling Week 2022 - 7 - 12 November 2022

As part of National Recycling Week, the Waste team delivered a series of community workshops and school education sessions across the week:

Date	Description	Attendees
7 November 2022	Op Shop Tour The Op Shop Tour utilised the community bus to transport residents to a variety of Op Shops to promote purchasing second hand items.	15
8 November 2022	Declutter your home Council engaged Rebecca Mezzino to facilitate a two-hour workshop, with the aim to teach attendees the skills to make decisions about what stays and what goes and how to effectively declutter and downsize.	27
9 November 2022	DIY cleaning and personal care products In partnership with KESAB Environmental Solutions, this hands-on workshop demonstrated how to make cleaning and personal care products with simple ingredients. The program highlighted how to reduce the use of plastic and chemicals in your home while saving money.	18
10 November 2022	Thebarton Secondary College Council staff conducted four (4) waste and recycling education sessions and additionally conducted a site inspection to provide opportunities to improve waste management across the college.	106
10 November 2022	Zero waste cooking event Council engaged Jessica James to facilitate a workshop with recipes that you can cook to reduce packaging waste commonly found in lunchboxes. The sessions involved a hands-on experience for making bliss balls and sushi.	18
11 November 2022	Immanuel OSHC Education Council staff presented a waste and recycled presentation and waste relay for the attendees at the OSHC.	22
12 November 2022	Waste free lunch boxes Learn how to make bliss balls, sushi and other nutritious food for kids lunches - without the use of packaging	17

Waste Education: Netley Acacia - 15 November 2022

Waste staff facilitated a waste and recycling education session to the residents at Netley Acacia retirement village and 25 residents attended the session.

Meeting with Cardia - 23 November 2022

Waste staff met with Cardia, a manufacturer and supplier of compostable bags.

WMRR SA Branch Meeting - 24 November 2022


Waste staff attended WMRR branch meeting.

Meeting with Green Industries SA - 29 November 2022

Waste staff met with Professor Ian Overton, Chief Executive of GISA to discuss the future direction of waste management and future opportunities to collaborate.

Additional Updates

Project: Improving Source Separation at Multi-Unit Developments

Date	Project Updates
1 September 2022	Letters hand delivered to selected multi-unit developments to advise of the upcoming trial and changes residents will see with the kerbside bin systems.
8 September 2022	Site meeting with residents at one of the two participating multi-unit dwellings. An outcome from the letters delivered.
21 September 2022	Letters hand delivered to advise of the start date of the trial and the date new kerbside bins would be delivered and base packs delivered.
29 September 2022	<p>Delivery of the new kerbside bins and base packs to the two multi-unit dwellings participating.</p> 
30 September 2022	Council staff met on site with residents to discussion opportunities to develop additional educational resources to promote the use of the kerbside system, hard waste system and the Adelaide Waste and Recycling Centre.
4 October 2022	Commenced weekly visual inspections of kerbside bins presented for collection to document the number of bins presented, fullness of bin and contamination. The visual inspection program will operation for 3 months to ensure residents have adequate bin volumes.
15 December 2022	Letters hand delivered with updates on the program, any common issues with the bins and an order form for residents to receive additional kitchen caddy, compostable bags, recycling box, user guides and bin stickers.

Project: RecycleSmart Trial

With a soft launch in June 2022, the RecycleSmart project commenced officially in July 2022 with the official launch taking place on 28 July 2022. Feedback from residents has been positive with RecycleSmart advising that West Torrens has the most engaged residents across the councils that they work with.

Collection data from June 2022 to November 2022 was as follows:

Month	Booked Collections	Bags Collected	Weight (kg)
June	15	29	40
July	82	149	242
August	179	344	542
September	255	435	643
October	259	500	739
November	262	478	853
TOTAL	1,022	1,935	3,059

Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

There is no direct climate impact in relation to this report.

Conclusion

This report provides information of waste management activities between September and November 2022.

Attachments

1. **Waste Management Activity Report - Period Ending Nov 2022**



Waste Management Activity Report Period Ending November 2022

<p>New Services</p> <p>YTD 2022/23 227</p> <p>YTD 2021/22 410</p>	<p>Comments: Reduced requests for new services due to less properties completing construction.</p>
<p>Cancelled Services</p> <p>YTD 2022/23 96</p> <p>YTD 2021/23 78</p>	<p>Comments: Reduced requests for cancellation of services due to less properties commencing construction.</p>



Waste Management Activity Report Period Ending November 2022

<p>Lost and stolen bins</p> <p>YTD 2022/23 355</p> <p>YTD 2021/22 333</p>	<p>Legend: Previous (Green shaded area), Current (Blue line)</p>
<p>Failure rate</p> <p>Repairs and replacements</p> <p>YTD 2022/23 705 (0.21%)</p> <p>YTD 2021/22 1,005 (0.30%)</p>	<p>Legend: Previous (Green shaded area), Current (Blue line)</p>
<p>Comments: Recent increase in customers using lost/stolen bin instead of new bin request form and increased issues with bin theft.</p> <p>Comments: Ongoing proactive bin replacement program has resulted in reduced failure rate.</p>	



Waste Management Activity Report Period Ending November 2022

<p>Bins missed for collection Missed and half emptied bins</p> <p>YTD 2022/23 666</p> <p>YTD 2021/22 827</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Comments: Reviews with service provider yielding improved service consistency.</p>
<p>Presentation issues Bins left on verge, late put-out, contaminated, overfull/overweight and obstructed bins</p> <p>YTD 2022/23 2,135</p> <p>YTD 2021/22 1,465</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Comments: Increase in overweight organics bins due to increased rainfall.</p>



Waste Management Activity Report Period Ending November 2022

<p>Tonnages collected kerbside</p> <p>YTD 2022/23 General waste = 4,890.68 t Recycling = 1,972.01 t Organics = 4,103.23 t</p> <p>YTD 2021/22 General waste = 5,014.7 t Recycling = 1,866.11 t Organics = 3,702.13 t</p>	<p>Comments: Weather has resulted in increased green waste volumes.</p>
<p>Diversion from landfill</p>	<p>Comments: Following the recommendation from Auditor General's report, diversion target set by the State has been included for performance tracking.</p>



Waste Management Activity Report Period Ending November 2022

<p>Hard waste bookings</p> <p>YTD 2022/23 3,582</p> <p>YTD 2021/22 3,781</p>	<p>Comments: No significant variance</p>
<p>Illegal dumping</p> <p>YTD 2022/23 302</p> <p>YTD 2021/22 476</p>	<p>Comments: Proactive monitoring has resulted in decreased opportunities for dumping activity.</p>



Waste Management Activity Report Period Ending November 2022

<p>Food waste rebates Worm farms, worms, accessories and compost bins</p> <p>YTD 2022/23 20</p> <p>YTD 2020/21 19</p>	<p>Comments: Increasing urban infill and reduced garden size likely contributing to decrease demand in home composting systems.</p>
<p>Kitchen caddies</p> <p>YTD 2022/23 249</p> <p>YTD 2020/21 235</p>	<p>Comments: September increase due to distribution to households participating in project to improve source separation in multi-unit dwellings.</p>

8.4 Frank Norton Reserve Draft Masterplan / Concept Plan - Consultation Report

Brief

This report provides an update to Members on the consultation undertaken regarding the recently developed draft masterplan / concept plan for Frank Norton Reserve, (Rankine Road), Torrensville.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that:

1. The report be noted.
2. The draft masterplan / concept plan for Frank Norton Reserve be refined and updated based upon feedback received through the 2022 community consultation period, and the Administration be authorised to undertake a second round of public consultation on the updated plan. Should significant adverse feedback be received through the consultation period, a further report will be presented to Council outlining the feedback and further refining the masterplan / concept plan.
3. The Administration to include funding to implement and deliver this Masterplan reserve project at Frank Norton Reserve, Torrensville. This project funding is to be considered by Council as part of the deliberations for the 2023/2024 draft budget.

Introduction

At its meeting held 4 October 2022, Council was advised that a master planning exercise had been undertaken for Frank Norton Reserve. Members were further advised that a period of public consultation was underway to seek feedback from the community regarding the concept plan developed by consultants.

A survey was available via the 'Your Say' from late September until early November and face to face consultation was scheduled at the Reserve on 13 and 20 October 2022. The first community consultation day was held during school holidays, and it coincided with a 'Little Day Out' event which took place from 11am until 1pm on the reserve. The second community consultation day was held from 5pm until 6pm, to allow those residents who work during the day to attend and provide feedback. Consultants and staff (and the Ward Councillors) were available to discuss the proposed redevelopment with attendees (residents).

Council was informed that notification signage was installed on the reserve promoting the consultation period and face-to-face sessions, and surrounding residents received a letter outlining the proposed concept plan and encouraging feedback through the survey or consultation day.

The Administration reported to Council that following this period of consultation, the feedback received would be reviewed and the draft concept plan would be updated to reflect main areas of concern (if any). A summary of the consultation report is now presented to Members for consideration, and subject to Council approval, funding will be sought through the 2023/2024 budget process to undertake the redevelopment of Frank Norton Reserve.

Background

Frank Norton Reserve is located on Rankine Road, Torrensville. The valuable piece of open space features a large open turf area, playground, barbecue, shelter and a number of mature fig trees planted in honour of the relationship between West Torrens and Elders of the African Community Organisation. The reserve is well utilised by families, dog walkers, people undertaking fitness, people utilising the barbecue area, a local soccer group and a food swap group.

Analysis of the types of dwellings that feature in Torrensville shows that 70% of all dwellings were separate houses in 2021 compared to 62% in Greater West Torrens meaning over two-thirds of dwellings in the Torrensville area feature a home with some level of front and/or back yard. There are less dwellings in Torrensville considered medium (28%) and high (1.5%) high density dwellings, compared with Greater West Torrens (33% and 3.8% respectively).

The demographics of the local area (Torrensville) reveal a similar percentage of 0-4 year olds and 5-11 years olds as the greater West Torrens area, yet a *larger* percentage of those aged 25-34 years' (20.5% compared to 18.1%) and aged 50-59 years (12.6% compared to 11.8%). There is also a *smaller* percentage of seniors aged 70-84years (8.0% compared to 9.8%) in the area.

Additionally, there are a larger percentage of people with Greek (14.8%) and Italian (13.3%) ancestry living in the area compared to the wider City of West Torrens (8.2% and 8.8% respectively).

Discussion

Frank Norton Reserve is scheduled for a future upgrade/redevelopment and funding has been allocated within the 2022/2023 budget to undertake a master planning process for the reserve. Consultants have been engaged and developed a draft concept masterplan which aims to highlight the significant character of the reserve and improve the facilities on the site. The draft concept for the upgrade was subject to a period of public consultation and the feedback received has been summarised below.

Eighty eight (88) responses were received by the public consultation closing date through the 'Your Say' web page and approximately fifty [50] people were engaged through the face-to-face consultation sessions on 13 and 20 October 2022. Full details of the survey results are attached for Members information, (**Attachment 1**).

Attendees of the drop-in sessions were asked to add a green sticker to elements they would like to see within the reserve and red stickers to those they disagreed with, as well as provide comments. Most attendees were in favour of the addition of the public toilet (however not in its current proposed location), update to the playground, improved paths and barbecue area as well as increasing native vegetation. Many attendees did not support the community garden in its current form and would prefer fruit trees or herb gardens, and also did not support the turf mounds as they are seen to impact the kick-about space.

Most online survey respondents lived in close proximity to the reserve, and of the survey respondents, 34% attend the site a couple of times a week; 23.9% attend the reserve daily and 14.8% attend the reserve a couple of times per month.

The survey respondents were asked what ages/reasons do they attend the reserve with and the responses were:

- 42 respondents attend with under 4 year olds
- 32 respondents attend on their own for fitness or personal reasons
- 25 respondents attend with 5-8 year olds
- 22 respondents attend with 19+ year olds
- 19 respondents attend with their dogs
- 16 respondents attend with 9-11 year olds
- 11 respondents attend with 12-14 year olds and
- 2 respondents attend with 15-18 year olds.

Almost 50% of respondents are of the opinion that the current reserve somewhat caters to the age groups/reasons for attending the reserve.

Overall, the majority of participants generally supported the proposed concept for the redevelopment of Frank Norton Reserve (81.8% of survey respondents), and it was evident from the comments and the face-to-face consultation that there is a strong sense of community linked to the Reserve, which should be further strengthened with the redevelopment.

Respondents to the online survey were asked to select two elements of the current reserve that were valued the most and also to choose their three most preferred elements within the new concept plan. A summary of the elements which received the greatest support can be found below:

- 65 respondents valued the existing open lawn area the most
- 49 respondents valued the existing playground the most
- 16 respondents valued the existing drinking fountain the most.
- 59 respondents preferred the adventure playspace in the new concept plan
- 40 respondents preferred the public toilet in the new concept plan
- 31 respondents preferred the community garden in the new concept plan
- 26 respondents preferred the central seating hub and bbq area in the new concept plan
- 24 respondents preferred the open irrigated lawn in the new concept plan and
- 23 respondents preferred the lawn mounds for play within the new concept plan.

Many people who completed the online survey as well as those who attended the face-to-face consultation supported the need for a public toilet on the site as a number of respondents commented that they had witnessed some park users urinating within the reserve. However, there was significant discussion from residents through the consultation as to the best location for the amenity, most not wanting the toilet to be located directly in front of an adjacent house.

Further, a number of attendees of the face-to-face consultation session as well as those who completed the online survey felt that perimeter fencing would be an important addition to the reserve to keep children and dogs safe from traffic. There was not agreement however as to the extent of the fencing. Some respondents and residents would like to see the playground fully fenced to protect children from cars and dogs, whilst others enjoyed the open nature of the reserve and only wanted fencing along Rankine Road. A number of residents attend the reserve with their dogs which was evident from the face-to-face consultation sessions where at least twenty [20] dogs were in attendance across both sessions. Ensuring dogs continue to be welcome at the reserve was an important consideration for most respondents.

The online and face-to-face consultation results were combined and depending on the decision of this Committee report, the Administration and consultants are currently preparing to revise the masterplan / concept plan to reflect the feedback received and the information included within this report.

Key changes to the masterplan / concept plan will include:

- fencing along Rankine Road and a planted buffer / footpath to Torrens Road;
- Public toilet in a new proposed location, (opposite Grey Street);
- Removal of community garden raised planter boxes from plan – replaced with fruit trees and future herb garden area;
- Deletion of turf mounding
- Increased shade to playground, (natural & physical);
- Inclusion of adult fitness equipment
- Removal of the sandpit and replacement with suitable play equipment e.g. flying fox or additional nature play elements;
- Consideration of accessible play (accessible paths, equipment);
- Increased seating / bins / bike parking;
- More tree planting (Torrens Rd);
- More native planting / biodiversity;
- Pedestrian linkages through the reserve, (including improvements to the linkage with cul-de-sac of Fairfax Tce - note, an Administration comment).

The Administration proposes that the updated masterplan / concept plan be provided to the community to ensure support for the final design through a further *YourSay* survey available online. In addition, a further face-to-face consultation session be planned for **Thursday 16 February 2023** (*please note, this time is only tentative*) **from 5pm until 7pm**. Once confirmed, this will be promoted to the local community.

Following this second period of consultation, and should there be no significant adverse feedback received, it is recommended that funding be allocated within the 2023/2034 budget to undertake the proposed redevelopment. Should further feedback be received through the second period of consultation that requires consideration within the updated masterplan / concept plan, a further report will be presented to Council outlining the community concerns and suggested changes.

Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

The development of the masterplan / concept plan for Frank Norton Reserve will consider best practices to reduce the climate / environmental impact for the development of the new facilities and improve the open space areas on the reserve.

Conclusion

Frank Norton Reserve is scheduled to be upgraded within the coming year(s) and a draft masterplan / concept plan was developed for the reserve redevelopment. Community consultation has taken place to ascertain the level of support for the proposed upgrade. Consultation included an on-line survey and face-to-face drop in sessions.

Following the period of consultation, the concept plan is being refined to take into consideration the feedback received. The Administration now seeks approval from Council to undertake further community consultation on the updated masterplan / concept plan and, subject to no significant adverse feedback being received, funding be allocated within the 2023/2024 budget to undertake the project.

Attachments

- 1. Frank Norton Reserve Redevelopment - Consultation Report (December 2022)**

Frank Norton Reserve Master Plan Concept plan feedback

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

10 October 2022 - 04 December 2022

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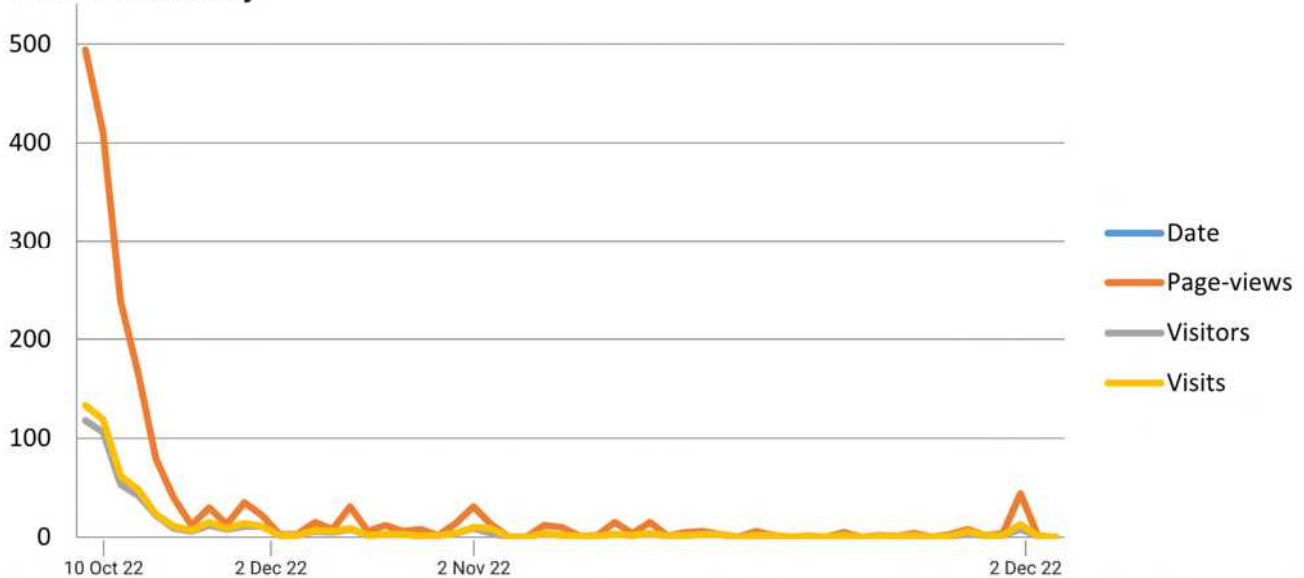
Frank Norton Reserve Master Plan



Frank Norton Reserve Master Plan

Project overview

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Project highlights	
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Visitors to survey	103	Contributors	84	Contributions	88
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Q1 What street do you live on?

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10/10/2022 01:58 PM

Fairfax Terrace

Anonymous
10/10/2022 02:22 PM

Ballantyne street

Anonymous
10/10/2022 03:07 PM

Ruddock ave

mopozda
10/10/2022 03:08 PM

Hounslow Ave (around the corner from the park)

Anonymous
10/10/2022 04:36 PM

East Street

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10/10/2022 05:34 PM

Roebuck Streer

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Tarragon Street

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Stephens Ave

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North parade

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Roebuck

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Hawson Avenue

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10/11/2022 08:39 AM

Tarragon Street

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Sam Whiting 10/11/2022 06:04 PM	Fisher Place
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Carley Frost

Hardys Rd

10/12/2022 04:21 PM

Anonymous

Fisher Place

10/12/2022 06:40 PM

janb

Basnett St

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Anonymous

Blackburn Ave

10/12/2022 08:56 PM

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Anonymous

51 Hounslow Ave

10/13/2022 08:59 AM

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Torrens street

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Grey St

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Anonymous

Rankine Road

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Anonymous

Torrens Street

10/13/2022 12:52 PM

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Hounslow Ave

10/13/2022 01:00 PM

Anonymous

Rankine

10/13/2022 01:01 PM

Anonymous

Cowra Street

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Anonymous Torrens Street

12/02/2022 03:50 PM

Anonymous Rankine Road

12/02/2022 04:01 PM

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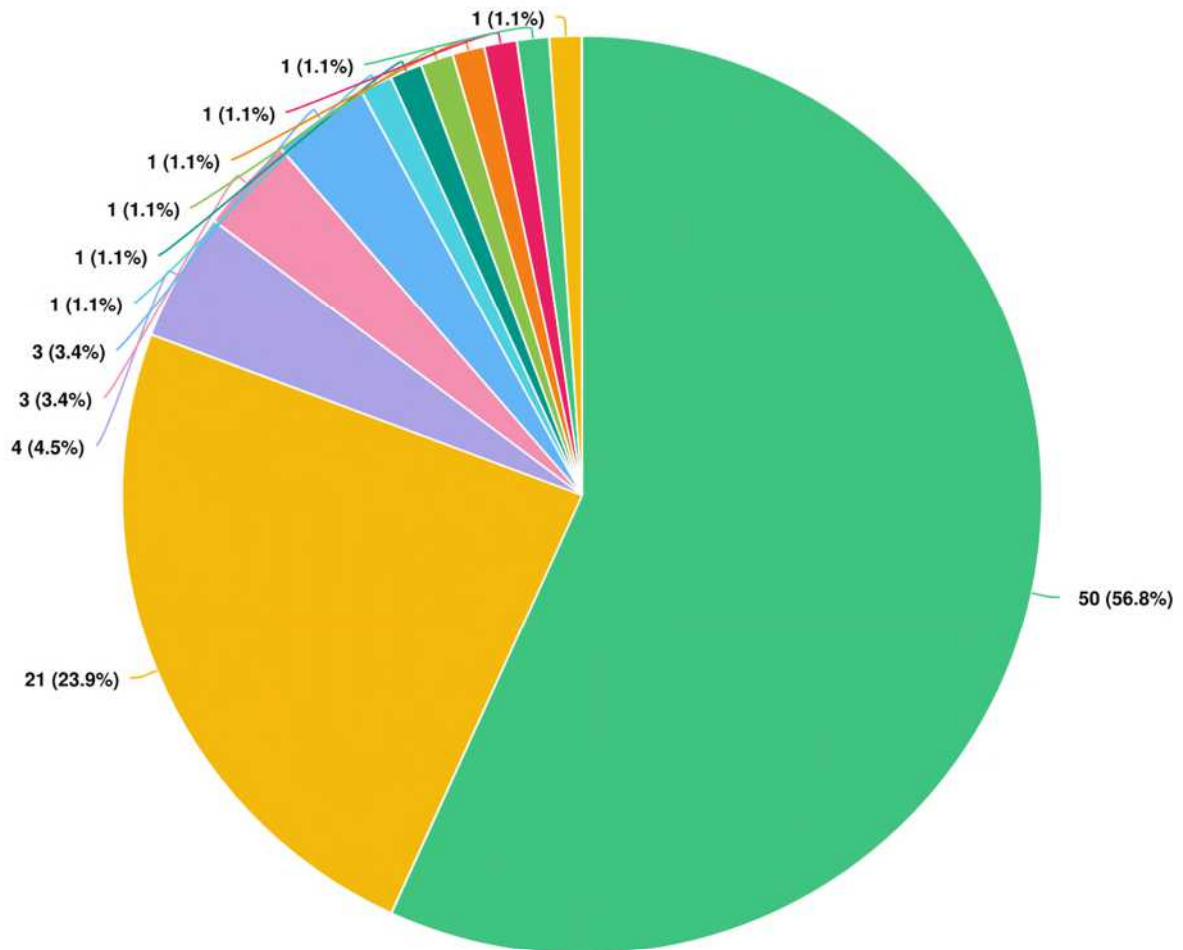
Anonymous Torrens Street

12/02/2022 05:00 PM

Mandatory Question (88 response(s))**Question type:** Single Line Question

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Q2 What suburb do you live in?



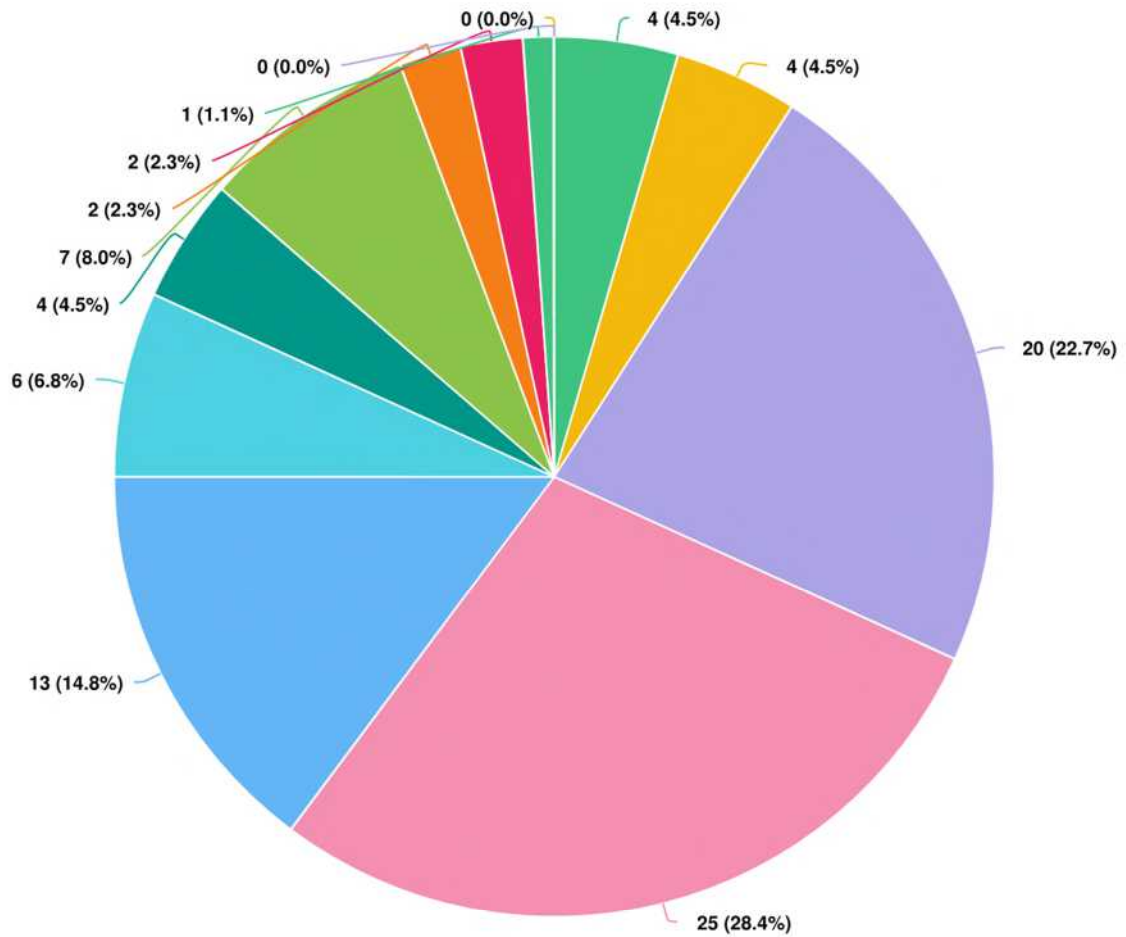
Question options

- TORRENSVILLE, SA
- MILE END, SA
- COWANDILLA, SA
- THEBARTON, SA
- HILTON, SA
- PLYMPTON, SA
- BROOKLYN PARK, SA
- NORTH PLYMPTON, SA
- UNDERDALE, SA
- KURRALTA PARK, SA
- LOCKLEYS, SA
- MILE END SOUTH, SA

Mandatory Question (88 response(s))
 Question type: Region Question

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Q3 What is your age bracket?



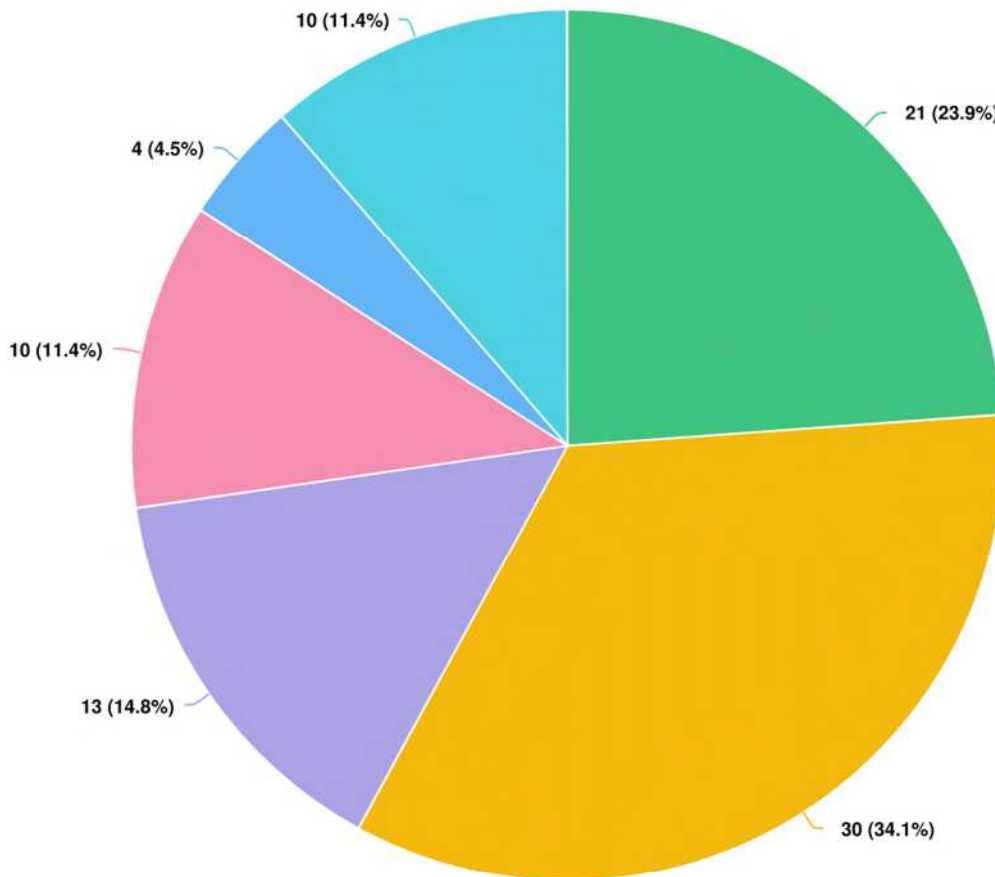
Question options

- Under 18
 24 to 29
 30 to 34
 35 to 39
 40 to 44
 45 to 49
 55 to 59
 60 to 64
- 65 to 69
 70 to 74
 75+
 18 to 23
 50 to 54

Mandatory Question (88 response(s))
 Question type: Radio Button Question

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Q4 How often do you attend Frank Norton Reserve?



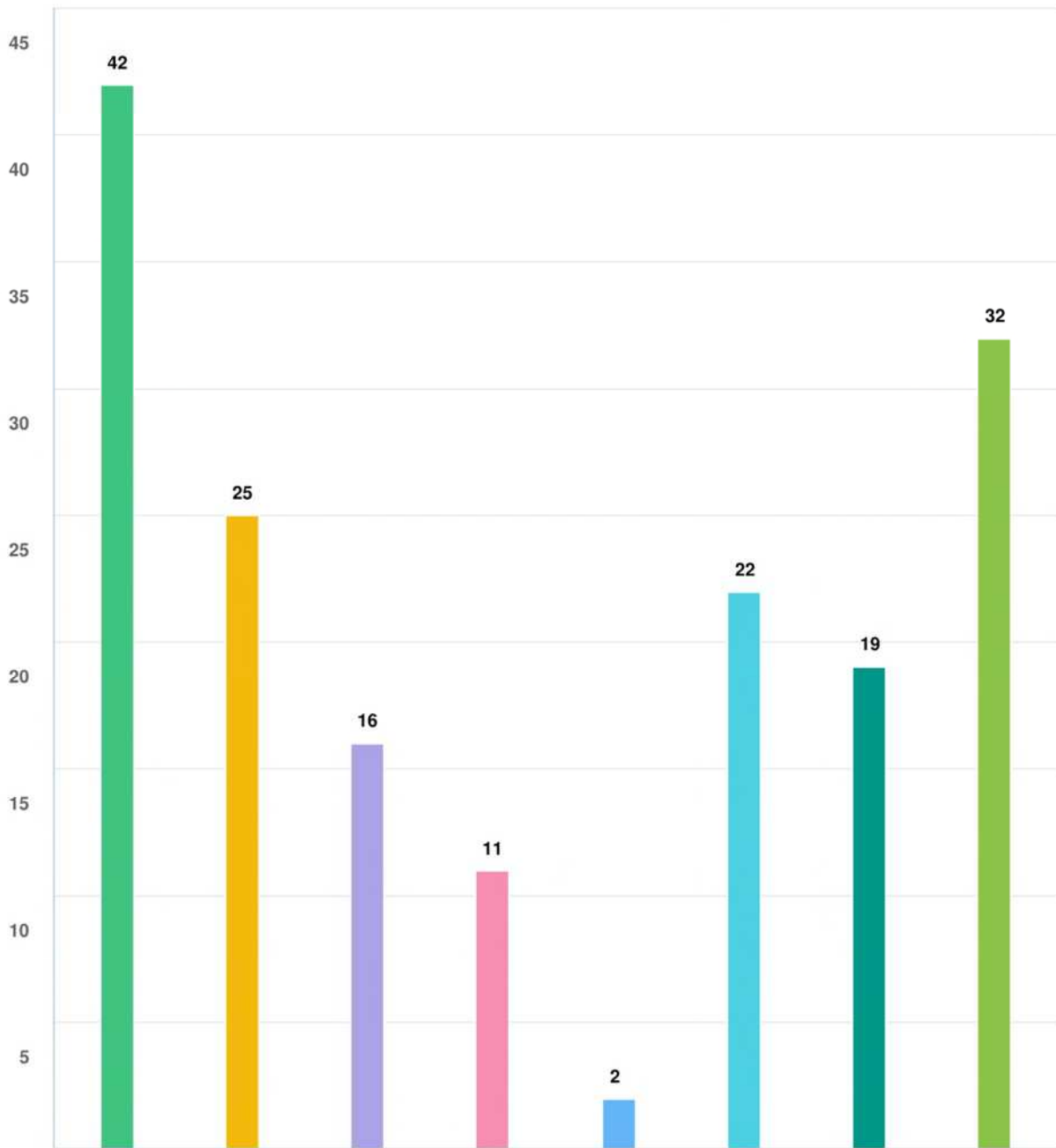
Question options

- Daily
- A couple of times a week
- A couple of times a month
- Once a week
- Monthly
- Only occasionally

Mandatory Question (88 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

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Q5 What ages/reasons do you attend Frank Norton Reserve with?



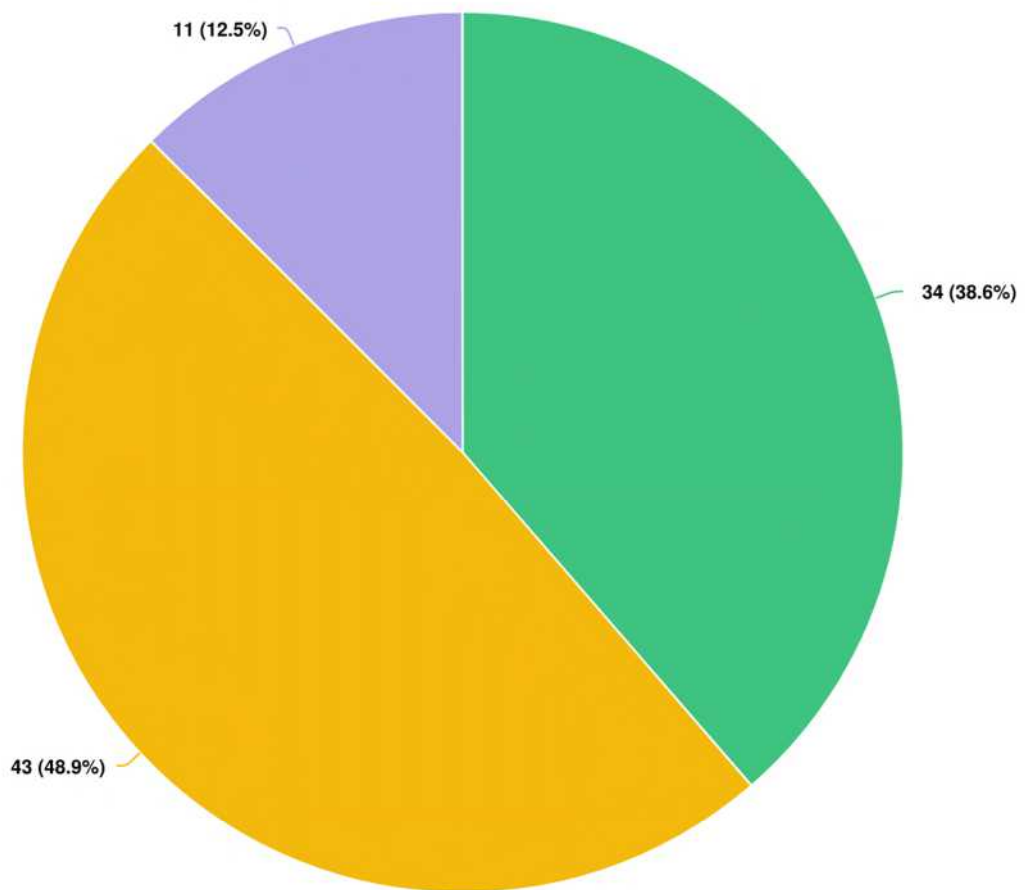
Question options

- 4 and under
- 5 to 8
- 9 to 11
- 12 to 14
- 15 to 18
- 19+
- I use the reserve with my dog(s)
- I use the reserve for personal activities/exercise/walking

*Mandatory Question (88 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question*

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Q6 Do you feel like the age groups/other reasons you attend the reserve are well catered for?



Question options

- Yes
- Somewhat
- No

Mandatory Question (88 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

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Q7 How could this be improved?

Anonymous

10/10/2022 02:22 PM

Bike track, basketball, interactive play equipment and fitness equipment.

Anonymous

10/10/2022 03:07 PM

More toddler friendly activities. Fences (that road is quiet busy when there are toddlers running around)

mopozda

10/10/2022 03:08 PM

Expanded playground, shade over playground, water play area, public toilets, fencing

Anonymous

10/10/2022 04:36 PM

More toddler friendly play equipment. Monkey bars are always a hit with school age children.

Anonymous

10/10/2022 05:53 PM

Basketball court, skate ramp = something for the teenage age groups

Anonymous

10/10/2022 05:56 PM

Need fenced off dog area

Anonymous

10/10/2022 08:02 PM

Current playground has limited options for toddlers. Less steep drops/holes to fall through would be good. Better swing/stairs

Anonymous

10/10/2022 08:26 PM

More play equipment suitable for younger children.

Anonymous

10/10/2022 11:28 PM

More than one slide is needed at all parks. One toddler/young child friendly and one for the older kids. No design seems to encompass everything that's needed, even though we pay so much in council rates. There is no reason why every new park can't be massive and have many things, including multiple slides and swings (the two most popular items).

Anonymous

10/11/2022 08:39 AM

Mixed ages of equipment, lack of fencing around play equipment mean hard to supervise two young children

Anonymous

10/11/2022 11:09 AM

-I see a few potential issues with the sandpit. It looks too big, kids get bored with sand pretty quickly unless there is also a water pump.

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Even if the pump is provided I feel like it takes up too much space. Its location is also a bit problematic. There are lots of people who use the reserve to exercise their dogs and many of the dogs are poorly trained. I have personally witnessed large dogs jumping all over kids. Placing the sandpit right next to the grassy area will mean that the smallest kids will be the ones trampled on. Another problem with the location is that there is a huge problem with people not picking up after their dogs and the mature plane trees produce an incredible amount of leaf litter. I feel like the the sandpit will become one giant litter box. Fencing of the playground would help with these issues, otherwise a smaller sandpit tucked in a more sheltered position further North would be better. -Playground redesign would really benefit from a Flying Fox. I have never been to a playground where the flying fox is not utilised. it would cater for a large range of age groups too including pre teens/teens. Perhaps a flying fox instead of the hammock? -Basketball is becoming extremely popular with young kids locally. Local primary school has multiple basketball teams across the year levels. it would be great to include a basketball hoop. This together with the flying fox would cater for older kids and teens.

Anonymous

10/11/2022 12:11 PM

Shaded playground areas

Anonymous

10/11/2022 03:52 PM

More like play space for teens

Anonymous

10/11/2022 05:05 PM

Multi-age consideration. The new plan looks to cover this well.

Jennifer&at

10/11/2022 05:36 PM

Play space contained by fence. Liberty swing. Toilets. Water fountain.

Sam Whiting

10/11/2022 06:04 PM

An off-leash dog park would be an excellent addition, along with all of the other proposed upgrades.

Anonymous

10/11/2022 07:16 PM

Toilets would be great

Anonymous

10/11/2022 10:59 PM

Things for younger kids

Anonymous

10/12/2022 12:21 AM

Soccer goals, toilets, play equipment that is more challenging

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Anonymous

10/12/2022 08:53 AM

Play equipment could be fenced and shaded

Carley Frost

10/12/2022 04:21 PM

More toddler-friendly play equipment - e.g. small slides, baby-swing, small 'cubby' playspaces that don't have steep drop-offs, low wooden benches, etc. For the 4 year old - monkey bars.

Anonymous

10/12/2022 08:56 PM

The inclusion of some logs for balancing on or stepping stones would be excellent.

Anonymous

10/13/2022 08:27 AM

We were very pleased to find out that a master plan has been released for Frank Norton Reserve, as it was on our list of things to do to contact the council regarding an upgrade of the reserve. We live directly overlooking Frank Norton Reserve so we are very invested in this becoming a welcoming space for those that live in the surrounding community. Our initial concern was regarding the playground, as it is outdated and required a facelift. We are expecting a child in early 2023 and hope to live in the area for years to come, so a nature playground was at the forefront of our minds. We also have several friends in the community that bring their children to this playground on a regular basis.

Anonymous

10/13/2022 11:17 AM

Improved shade

lukenuttall

10/13/2022 01:00 PM

There is no shade or sun protection at the moment. We can't really use the playground on rainy days or during the day in summer.

Anonymous

10/13/2022 03:01 PM

Enclosed area for dogs would be really good.

Anonymous

10/13/2022 08:31 PM

There is not enough activities for children, however in the summertime the current equipment gets quite hot. The planned improvements seem suitable. But remember the summer heat can make some play equipment not suitable

Anonymous

10/14/2022 03:12 PM

Fenced off playground area. Take away the stress of children running onto busy Rankine Road

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Anonymous

10/15/2022 12:00 PM

Only a small section of equipment and too much open grass space

Anonymous

10/15/2022 05:33 PM

While I no longer go with kids, I think the playground is currently very uninviting.

Anonymous

10/19/2022 10:03 AM

As the area have a lot of dog lovers, it would be great if there could be a small inclosed dog park.

Anonymous

10/19/2022 04:52 PM

In Brisbane where I used to live, some of the park or reserve, they have off leash dog area for dogs. As the number of dogs are increasing in these areas, and it is unsafe and annoying that people are having their dogs running freely on the reserve. So, it would be great that if we can adopt some of the off leash dog areas for the dogs, that would be great! In addition, it would be great that if there is a public toilet or washroom, that would be awesome too! Sometimes when people are in the middle of the BBQ and the felt like to use the toilet, it would be really inconvenient for them to look around for a toilet even if people can access in nearby shopping centers. However, just imagine that if you are doing a BBQ on a lovely weekend evening about 6.30 in late Nov or early Dec, and you urgently need to access the toilet but cannot find a toilet nearby.

Anonymous

10/20/2022 05:45 PM

A toilet /infant changing facilities so that people using the park/playground can have access to a hygienic toilet/change area. Shade for any playground equipment. In this climate it is essential that shade is provided.

Anonymous

10/20/2022 05:48 PM

Fencing around perimeter of the reserve. No internal fencing - it's too small to be compartmentalised. Please DO NOT expand the childrens play area - it takes up ENOUGH space. The equipment is still serviceable and is a low priority to be upgraded - it's not all about kids... Get rid of the plane trees!!!

Anonymous

10/21/2022 02:53 PM

Frank Norton Reserve is in desperate need of: - toilets - fencing around the play area - update playground with adequate shade - ensuring safety of children from the road (back to my comment about fencing) - ensuring safety from dogs using the park - functional barbeques and additional picnic tables - improved interpretation (who is Frank Norton?)

Anonymous

A fence along Rankine Road and Torrens Street would make the

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10/23/2022 09:16 AM	space considerably safer for children and relaxing for parents (knowing that the kids are less likely to access the fairly busy road). Our 5 year old almost ran onto Rankine Road chasing a Frisbee the other day. Lots of people use the park for ball sports.
Anonymous 10/23/2022 01:22 PM	Perimeter fence; playground fence
Anonymous 10/23/2022 01:25 PM	Exercise equipment
Anonymous 10/24/2022 04:32 PM	Fence around kids playground (to stop young kids running off) Improved greenery/shade on Northern boundary beside playground Succession planting on Western boundary to ensure very tall shade giving him trees are replaced
Anonymous 10/25/2022 01:15 PM	A small area fenced off for dogs is need, similar to Clifford Street dog park.
Anonymous 10/25/2022 05:10 PM	Safer swings for infants on the playground and having the playground fenced in
Anonymous 10/31/2022 06:27 PM	More plants and opportunity to enjoy gardening.
Anonymous 11/01/2022 08:25 PM	A dog park would be good.
Anonymous 11/05/2022 11:01 AM	Appropriate play equipment, fenced in play area to keep small children and dogs separated
Anonymous 11/10/2022 12:09 PM	Toilet. Playground upgrade/update. Smooth riding surface/track.
Anonymous 11/11/2022 10:14 AM	Increase in Gym equipment, and increased playground equipment for children of all ages (including under 4)
Anonymous 11/11/2022 06:14 PM	Community Garden

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Anonymous

11/29/2022 09:30 PM

Exercise - basic chin up and dip system, like that at Victoria Park or at the Hallet Cove Boardwalk Kids' play - exploration, different textures and levels, shading

Anonymous

12/02/2022 04:17 PM

loves the big green space, also like the idea of new playground.

Anonymous

12/02/2022 04:50 PM

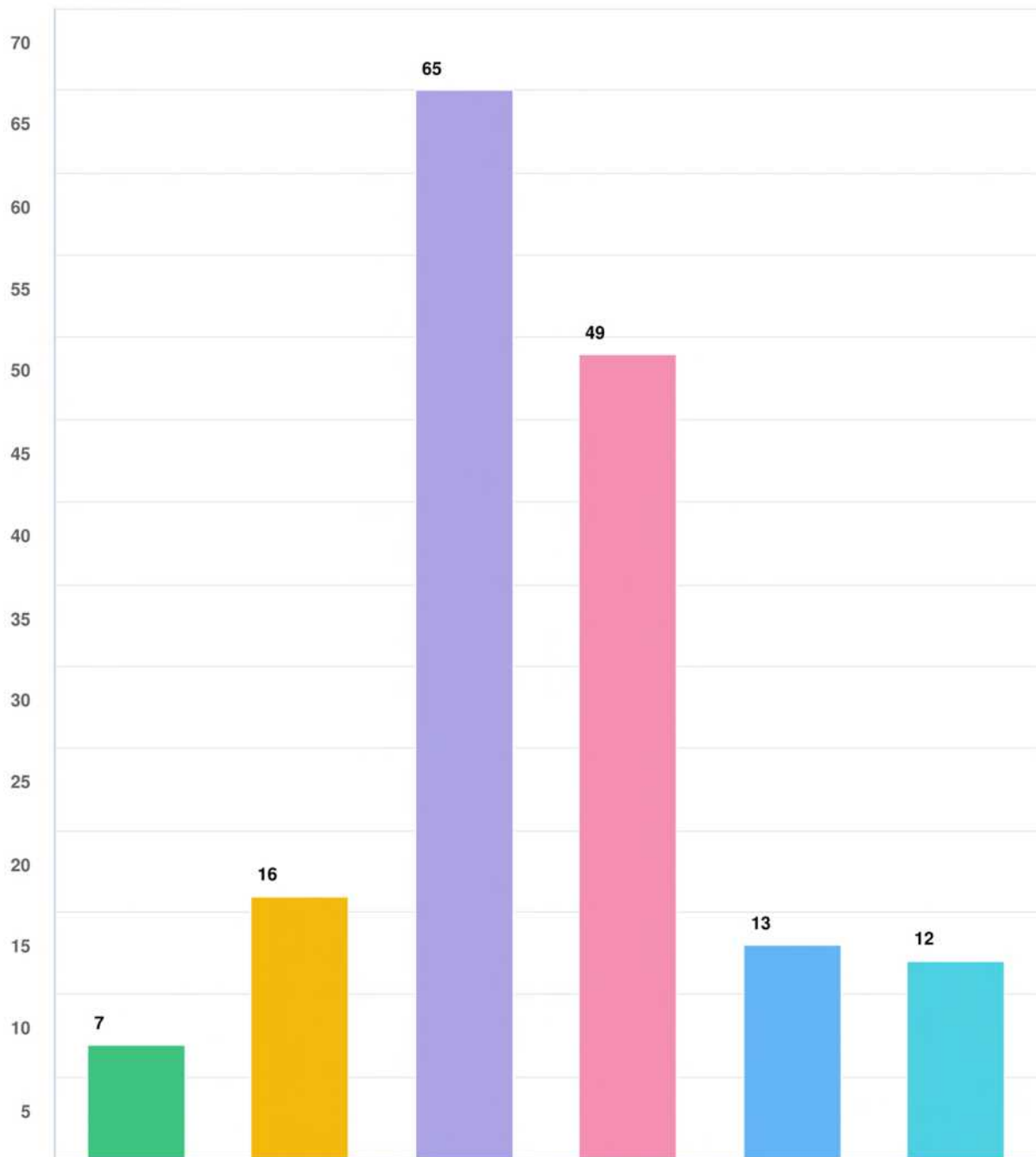
Secondary space to be considered for use by small groups of people up to 6 people. The park can feel somewhat isolated once another group is using the rotunda.

Optional question (50 response(s), 38 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

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Q8 What elements within the current reserve do you value the most? Please select TWO options only.



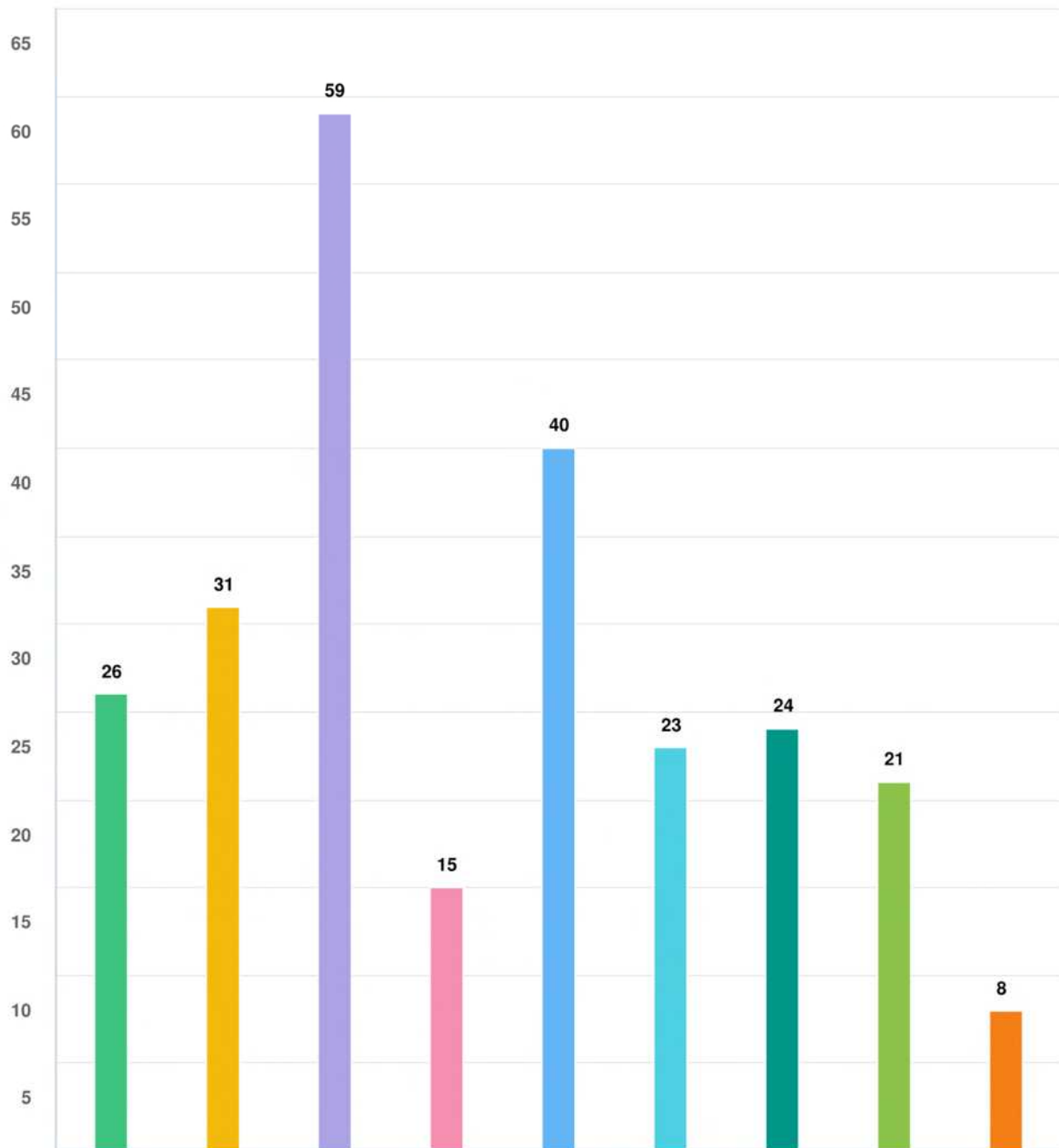
Question options

- Barbecue
- Drinking fountain
- Open lawn area
- Playground
- Picnic table
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (88 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

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Q9 What are the THREE elements you like most about the Frank Norton Reserve Concept plan?



Question options

- Central hub with seating and BBQs
 ● Community garden
● Adventure playspace
● Fitness equipment
- Public toilet
 ● Lawn mounds for play
● Open irrigated lawn area
● Landscaping
● Other (please specify)

*Mandatory Question (88 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question*

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Q10 Do you have any comments to add about to add to your above answer?

Anonymous

10/10/2022 01:58 PM

My dog and I really love all the green space. Please don't remove too much of the open lawn areas

Anonymous

10/10/2022 03:07 PM

With the play space please ensure the rocks to the slippery dip aren't too high from one another. The ones at the Hamra library are too high for kids to do themselves

mopozda

10/10/2022 03:08 PM

Great to have toilets. We'd really love to see an area fenced off for dogs to run - maybe in the back lawn area? Otherwise it would be good to fence the play area to keep kids safe.

Anonymous

10/10/2022 05:34 PM

I think community garden could be bigger!

Anonymous

10/10/2022 05:53 PM

There is plenty of space and the landscaping is already nice but more activities for older kids so they don't get bored at a park aimed for young kids and adults

Anonymous

10/10/2022 05:56 PM

Need more plans for dogs - lots of people with dogs use this park!!

Anonymous

10/10/2022 08:02 PM

Community garden a great idea, like the improved playground apart from the rock slide (worried about injury)

Anonymous

10/10/2022 09:42 PM

Community garden should come with instructions on how best to harvest the produce (scan QR code for video). Playspace could benefit from being fenced.

Anonymous

10/11/2022 11:09 AM

some concern on how the addition of the toilet might impact on the use of the reserve and what impact this might have on parking/extra traffic in adjoining streets. It feels like if the toilet is added some extra parking would be needed. Perhaps 45 degree parks along the Rankine Road side (sacrifice the verge to gain more parking)?

Anonymous

10/11/2022 12:11 PM

Toilets are a must! Shaded playground areas for the little ones

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Anonymous

10/11/2022 03:06 PM

How often will public toilet be cleaned..?

Anonymous

10/11/2022 05:05 PM

I also think effective landscaping will add to this. It is wonderful to understand this park I have been attending since childhood grows with the local community.

Sam Whiting

10/11/2022 06:04 PM

Public toilets and the BBQs are a definite if we want to encourage residents to utilise the space more

Anonymous

10/11/2022 08:43 PM

Public toilet is a huge plus, we currently use the park sparingly due to a lack of toilets (and shade)

Anonymous

10/12/2022 08:53 AM

Toilets will make the bbq facilities etc more usable (currently makes it difficult to spend extended times at the park without facilities)

Anonymous

10/12/2022 10:38 AM

Public toilet is essential. Little children go to the toilet so often. The new play space will make the park a more appealing attraction for families. Landscaping will help achieve a sense of privacy, aesthetically improve the area, if done well.

Carley Frost

10/12/2022 04:21 PM

I would really like to encourage more shade being included - the lack of shade at most playgrounds in West Torrens means that these will mostly be empty in the height of summer as the direct sun is unbearable during peak-UV times. I have experienced this first-hand, children will happily play under equipment covered by shade sail or large trees but avoid those that aren't. Given that there aren't many large trees for shade-cover, please consider installing some large shade-sail structures similar to those at the Ashley St playground or Mile End Common.

janb

10/12/2022 06:42 PM

N/a

Anonymous

10/12/2022 08:56 PM

The concept overall looks excellent and the inclusion of a public toilet will mean the space can be used to host birthday parties and gatherings.

Anonymous

We are very positive about the proposed adventure play space,

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10/13/2022 08:27 AM

including the equipment, layout and nature aspects. However, we would prefer to see the lawn mounds for play situated around this play space, rather than the open irrigated lawn area, as we know this space is utilised by children/kids playing soccer and other sports. Or if this could perhaps be fashioned in a way that is more continuous, such as a half-moon shape around / in the vicinity of the play space area. We love the idea of a community garden area and would very much like to be involved if this becomes a feature in the reserve. The surrounding community love gardening and sharing our produce and tips with one another. Excellent. We value the open irrigated lawn area, for quiet time, picnics, kids playing social sport and also for the aesthetic of the reserve. We overlook the reserve and love have the view of the green lawns out our window. Please refer to the comment above about the lawn mounds.

Anonymous

10/13/2022 08:59 AM

As a parent of small children a fenced off playground would be beneficial to stop children running onto Rankine. The existing fence is good but ideally a fence around the playground would keep children safe and dog owners wont have to worry about small people running up to their pets using the park for exercise.

Anonymous

10/13/2022 08:59 AM

Yes, I do not want any trees cut down. I don't really want the community garden too close to the back fences as it is going to imagine the peace of my backyard

Anonymous

10/13/2022 12:44 PM

Not a fan of fitness equipment

Anonymous

10/13/2022 12:52 PM

Fences would be very good for separating playground from dogs and fences to keep kids, dogs and balls from entering the sometimes busy traffic on Rankine Road and Torrens Street. If you are going to include raised garden beds, place them in the dead zone (between end of Fairfax and the playground) or incorporate them into the boundary fence. The best feature is the big open lawn areas are multi-purpose and can be used by everyone for anything. Toilet is a great feature, some people may be concerned that it may attract a bad element but this possible issue is greatly outweighed by the utility it brings to such a popular family spot.

lukenuttall

10/13/2022 01:00 PM

Shade and rain protection would be great. We usually walk to the park and we have to rush to the barbecue area if it rains. It's also hard to use these playground until evening in summer.

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Anonymous
10/13/2022 03:01 PM

Lots of people with dogs use the part let's make it more friendly for dogs.

Anonymous
10/13/2022 08:31 PM

Can the adults have swings to sit on whilst they monitor their kids?

Alex M
10/15/2022 10:44 AM

We really like the park the way it is. I could see a toilet being a nice feature for people who drive to use the park.

Anonymous
10/17/2022 09:36 AM

I believe if there's a public toilet can be settled will be great, saw some children went wee in the bush area which could impact local residents hygiene

Anonymous
10/19/2022 10:03 AM

I love that there is a toilet in the plan. We love just that "too far" from the park to require a toilet. Speaking to other locals who live closer don't have the issue but it is a big one. Speaking to people who live very close seem to think it's ok to just use the bushes to go to the toilet. I however do not want to use bushes and love that there is a toilet planned. I do NOT like the location of the toilet as it is right in sight which is a big eyesore. Maybe if the toilet could be moved to a more private area along a side. There are a lot of people who set up for all day sports at the oval so having a toilet available without having to go in a busy or behind a tree is perfect. How dirty allowing this. I'm sure it happens currently but with a toilet this won't happen. In recent I wanted to use the park for a family gathering, however had to resort to a different park because I wanted toilets closely available for guests to use and my house was just too far to head home. Despite the fact that closer residents don't like the idea of a toilet because it will "encourage" graffiti (which if you see other parks with toilets it hasn't), I 100% agree and love that there are plans for toilets in this space. Well done!

Anonymous
10/20/2022 05:45 PM

Toilets are a necessity so that parents and children and other park users using the park have access to a hygienic toilet. The open spaces are essential to be maintained as they are at the moment as those areas cater for the widest possible usage ie dog exercise, sport usage , picnics ,ball activities by adults and children.

Anonymous
10/20/2022 05:48 PM

The community garden will fall into disrepair and neglect very quickly - it will also end up being a place that cats shit as will the sandpit. I would like to see more locally native plants planted in a demonstration/display style - show people how versatile they are for cottage, formal and rustic gardens - I encourage you to google

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zanthorrea nursery in perth for ideas. A native bee hotel! The adventure play space is too large and we need more green.

Anonymous

10/20/2022 06:07 PM

Add a flying fox

Anonymous

10/20/2022 06:07 PM

A place for all ages, times to relax, play or do some fitness.

Anonymous

10/21/2022 02:53 PM

Upgrading the bbqs to ones that work is important. Retaining existing trees is also important. Additional shade over play equipment is welcome. MOST of all, bring on the toilets please - we visit at least once every weekend plus during the week - the toilets is the biggest hassle.

Anonymous

10/22/2022 03:54 PM

ts amazingly detailed for such a small park

Anonymous

10/23/2022 09:16 AM

If fitness equipment is being installed then please consider a standard chin up bar and dip bars. They are probably the cheapest pieces of gym equipment but some of the most useful. The chin-up bars along the running track in Victoria park are frequently used. The gym frame installed in the Mile End Common is rarely used, (it has no convenient place to do standard chin-ups and you already have to be fit as hell do to most of the activities suggested on the info board).

Anonymous

10/23/2022 01:22 PM

No

Anonymous

10/23/2022 01:25 PM

Reserve needs fencing all round

Anonymous

10/23/2022 03:13 PM

More alot more shaded area for the playspace area. shade should cover the entire play area

Anonymous

10/23/2022 08:42 PM

Slightly concerned about proposed placement of public toilets.

Anonymous

10/24/2022 04:32 PM

I'm not fussed about a community garden - I'm not sure who will maintain it, though am happy to be proven wrong. I am very, very keen for the retention and addition of tall native trees to provide

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habitat for indigenous fauna. There is so much tree canopy loss in our suburb, so I would love to see more of this at Frank Norton. The tall gum on the western boundary near Fairfax Terrace is a wonderful feature late on a hot afternoon.

Anonymous

10/25/2022 01:15 PM

I would like to see a small fenced dog area

Anonymous

10/25/2022 05:10 PM

We enjoy having dogs around the park but would like them to remain on leash

Anonymous

10/31/2022 06:27 PM

Fitness equipment is greater too.

Anonymous

11/01/2022 01:29 PM

Will there be fencing around sections or areas fully fenced?

Anonymous

11/01/2022 08:25 PM

in my opinion - a community garden would not be well utilized. Those that I have seen usually end up unkept and dried up. Who will maintain it when interest wanes? - adventure play space should be fully fenced for the safety of children. - a public toilet will only attract paedophiles and drug addicts. And is the entrance to a park and right next to a children's playground really a good place for it? - the back open lawn area is usually utilized by dogs and their owners for safety reasons. It keeps them safe from the idiots speeding down Rankine Road. Why not make it a fenced in dog area? - a few more seats and some shade would be good. Only so many people can fit under the rotunda when the weather is fickle.

Anonymous

11/02/2022 09:33 PM

I think it would be good to consider adding water play element to the play space. Considering shade on and near the playground also- this could include ensuring tables and chairs are near the play space are shaded for supervising adults to utilise- so important during summer

Anonymous

11/05/2022 11:01 AM

Unsure the play space is appropriate for a variety of ages, but it certainly looks better than the current play equipment.

Anonymous

11/10/2022 12:09 PM

A public toilet is essential for any park/reserve attracting families. The current playspace is old and tired and uninspiring. The reserve is in desperate need of some landscaping attention. It can look untidy and untidy spaces seem to draw poor behaviour. The surrounding residents need more screening from vegetation too.

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Anonymous

11/10/2022 08:17 PM

Please consider removing the pine trees that drop pine needles everywhere. Our cars are covered, our garden and veggie patch, our washing line and clothing, we are constantly having to pick them out of our dogs fur. It's extremely frustrating having to sweep up every single day. They are a pest. They will be a hindrance to any new landscaping and the proposed community garden.

Anonymous

11/11/2022 10:14 AM

Increased lighting and security cameras will be required - particularly if the area is to have a central hub of tables and public toilets to ensure the area remains family friendly and doesn't attract loitering at night.

Anonymous

11/11/2022 06:14 PM

Current BBQ does not work, would be great to have this operation for the festive season

Anonymous

11/14/2022 11:24 AM

I am open to the redevelopment plan, but want to ensure the health of the space is maintained. It is important to maintain the vegetation including the grasses, the trees and moderate vegetation. The availability of green spaces creates refuge for all organism levels and ensures the health of the area for public benefit (physically and mentally). Please ensure green spaces do not become constricted.

Anonymous

11/29/2022 03:50 PM

Landscaping is a priority. I would like to see subtle changes in elevation, in addition to the play mounds. Also, more trees would be good.

Anonymous

11/29/2022 09:30 PM

It would be good to know that children or adults with a disability / different abilities could also access the park and playground (universal design principles - you can speak to Julia Farr / Purple Orange for more information about this!)

Anonymous

12/01/2022 01:57 PM

I hate the idea of a public toilet. A public toilet may attract the wrong type of people in the form of sex offenders, drug addicts and the homeless. My first child is due to arrive in 3 months time and living close by to a park with a wonderful playground and a huge lawn area for them to run around in as they grow up is perfect. But if a toilet was to be installed that would take that all away due to concerns. If a public toilet were to attract any of the above mentioned a child would feel extremely unsafe around anyone homeless, drug addicts bring with them drug paraphernalia in the form of needles and sex

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offenders for the obvious reasons. Frank Norton Reserve has always been for the local community and anyone who lives locally has a toilet at home.

Anonymous

12/02/2022 11:39 AM

There are good aspects to the draft plan, as above - the trees and green open space make the reserve feel like a beautiful, informal, natural space. It is currently functioning very well as a mixed-use space, for play, BBQs, dogs, soccer, veggie swap and simply walking and enjoying the birds. Local people and neighbours meet and chat here, our dog walkers are a friendly crowd. Even the resident magpies have names and known personalities. I believe major elements of the proposed plan would have a negative impact on the existing social and environmental values of the reserve and could completely change its character. The design would introduce far too much hard/ non-green surface and dominating man-made structures. The new paved central hub (1) is too large and does not need to surround the big central gum (doesn't the planned paving impact its root zone?). The existing BBQs and shelter are fine. The paved entry zone (7) and nearby, ugly fitness equipment unnecessary. I can see that a toilet could be useful, however there is too much concrete around it. Do paths need to be 1.5 m wide? Is this the standard for access? (My mother-in-law gets round in a wheelchair each morning with current paths just fine). I can see that the new path round the western end through the community garden would help with wheelchair access and the community gardens would complement the existing character of the reserve (and veggie swap community). Fruit trees are a good idea too. Public/ community art that complements the character of the reserve is very welcome. I also strongly support the addition of WSUD features, which are mentioned, and shaded seating (not mentioned, that I can see), although some small brown rectangles along 'plane tree walk' might be benches - in which case, they need to be repositioned to optimise tree shade. It is not clear whether any existing benches are retained - I hope they are. The proposed lighting is not needed - not aesthetic and an unnecessary expense financially and environmentally. I would much rather see more resources allocated so our valued Council parks and reserves team could do more to maintain and enhance the native plantings at the reserve.

Anonymous

12/02/2022 12:16 PM

There are people who uses the park at night and leave rubbish. bottles and cigarettes butts everywhere. Adding a toilet to the park, will give this people one more reason to stay. The park is used by dog walkers, children and groups that come for picnic and to play games / sport. I don't think the fitness equipment will bring much to the park, what we need is lawn space. We also don't need a vegie bed, but trading events to swap vegies and fruit that most people have on their

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own backyards. I will be happy to coordinate these trading days if you like.

Anonymous

12/02/2022 12:53 PM

I like that you are keeping all the beautiful trees, especially the gum trees, which are so important to keep our city cooler with climate change, as well as being important for the birds, and for people just to look at and sit under. And for our children to grow up around. The green spaces in the reserve are very important too, and the plan encroaches on them too much. There is too much new concrete and paving - please reduce this to the minimum eg. the central hub isn't needed. The current pergola and BBQs work fine. Green surfaces like grass are much better than hard surfaces for keeping things cool, even though it uses water to maintain them. I like the community gardens and I like the fruit trees too. They seem quite big though. In my experience, community gardens take a lot of work. They could be expanded later if there is demand. We certainly don't need up lighting for the trees, a waste of energy. I don't think we need a toilet or fitness equipment, though I suppose the toilet might be useful for kids playing soccer and using playground. These are all things that make the space more 'built up' instead of keeping its lovely natural feel. I also oppose the sandpit being built where proposed, reducing the green space even more. Please do implement the WSUD aspect of the plan. It is also important the park goes on being dog-friendly. I walk my dog here every day, and most of the dog owners are very responsible and friendly.

Anonymous

12/02/2022 03:50 PM

The reserve is a small reserve which is closely surrounded residential homes. It's used predominantly by locals who live in close proximity to the area. Any changes made should consider the impact they would have on the rate payers who live immediately adjacent or behind the reserve.

Anonymous

12/02/2022 04:01 PM

I am 90 years old, rather deaf and have very reduced vision. I really enjoy my morning 'walk' (I am pushed in a wheelchair) every day around the park. Particularly on a sunny day, I can see the big, beautiful, green trees with my peripheral vision. I love the feel of the open green space stretching around me. I cannot see the detail of the concept plan, but it has been described to me. There are too many built things suggested that will intrude on the green space of the park. The existing BBQ and shelter are fine, we don't need it to be bigger. We do not need more paved areas, a toilet or gym equipment. Having lighting is a waste of money. A small wheelchair accessible path around the section of park near Fairfax Terrace might be nice, but is it really needed? I am happy being pushed along Fairfax Terrace - I would rather the money was spent on this being easier for

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a wheelchair. I enjoy going to the park with our dog. The dog walkers in the park are very friendly and I would like the park to go on being a nice place for them and their dogs to run freely, as long as their dogs are well behaved (which they generally are).

Anonymous

12/02/2022 04:50 PM

PLANE TREES - Please no more plane trees - consider succession planting with non asthma triggering trees. Reinforcement of plane tree avenue not considered a high priority and would rather see more diverse mix, potential to relocate the smaller more recently planted plane trees for more diverse approach.

<https://amp.abc.net.au/article/11635846> . TREES - PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE - Plant more natives where possible even more big figs and eucalypts, non fruiting melia, kurrajong, brachychitons, for shade-flowering trees. Or consider dry climate oaks instead of planes.

Generally more diversity for bird life. - The big figs and river reds are a real asset in this area generally as there is little open space and opportunity to plant big trees. Use the park as an opportunity to plant some more. The park lost a big gum in a storm and now the park is starting to appear dominated with plane trees. LIGHTING - No uplights to trees (habitat and dark sky reasons). - Very selective lower level path lighting OK however will be another obstacle in the way.

Carefully consider positioning to keep path as clutter free as possible. Include a sensor so these switch off after hours or when not in use. -

We don't consider the mounds in the main open lawn area necessary. There is not really space to do these properly and they compromise flat kick around space that is highly uses and almost feels small enough as it is. They are harder to maintain too and can look a bit tired. Kids will ride bikes on them. Keep any mounding consolidated within the playspace area. PARK EDGES - The street edges could be better considered. More trees along the edge and possible better separation of park from the road (Rankine). Improved footpaths on the park edges - people walk and run laps of the park for exercise. TOILET Strongly not supportive of any toilet here. It is drawn on plan as a small box but in reality it would likely be a bigger footprint? Funds could be better spend on other park improvements, also high ongoing maintenance cost. Other issues such as antisocial behaviour and location in close proximity to young children's playspace certainly not ideal. FITNESS EQUIPMENT Isolates/clutters this part of the park and personally wouldn't use them. There should be enough opportunity for passive fitness through other means. If people really wanted them, consider good quality ones that won't look tired in time and locate somewhere else maybe far west near veggie.

The location on the main pathway by the shelter is a little awkward and wouldn't work if there was a group of people having a bbq right next door. GARDENS - Consider native demonstration garden on western side near big river red (where the trolleys currently get dumped) - gravel paths that you can walk through the gardens and

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that has breakout spaces for informal sitting and picnic table, maybe some rock seats. - Generally just a couple more spots to sit to enjoy the park. Good quality furniture. 1-2 more Seats around edges of main lawns. PLAZA SHELTER AREA - What is happening with the existing rotunda? If there is a new one? if so design to be considered. Consider a contemporary designed rotunda as the 'meeting place' but could be a spot for small activity setup. Existing one is awkward to use because of the surrounding balustrades. - Suggest one bigger bbq rather than 2 separate ones? better separated and not under a shelter which is probably better to sit under. There are not enough spots for multiple groups. Is there is too much focus on the central spot. Large paved area not in shade. PLAYSPACE -Nature style play space is great with natural looking equipment. Not in favour of a shade sail. Use trees for shade. Can the sand pit be contained closer to the playspace - dogs will use this sand pit. Consider fringe of low native buffer planting between existing path and playspace VEGGIE BEDS -veggie planters and fruit trees are great as long as someone takes some care with them. In reality there are probably too many shown on plan though but really depends on how many people are keen for them. PUBLIC ART Opportunity for cultural layering of kaurua and of Frank Norton and how the reserve came about. Opportunity to build public art into the play space- fencing, shelter. Something enduring. No murals or plonk art! Preserve the very local community atmosphere the park has. It doesn't need to be over developed or over cluttered with 'stuff'. It needs to be maintained a flexible for all sorts of activities and occasions. Thanks for the opportunity to comment, we'd be interested in participating in further consultation as more detailed plans evolve.

Anonymous

12/02/2022 05:00 PM

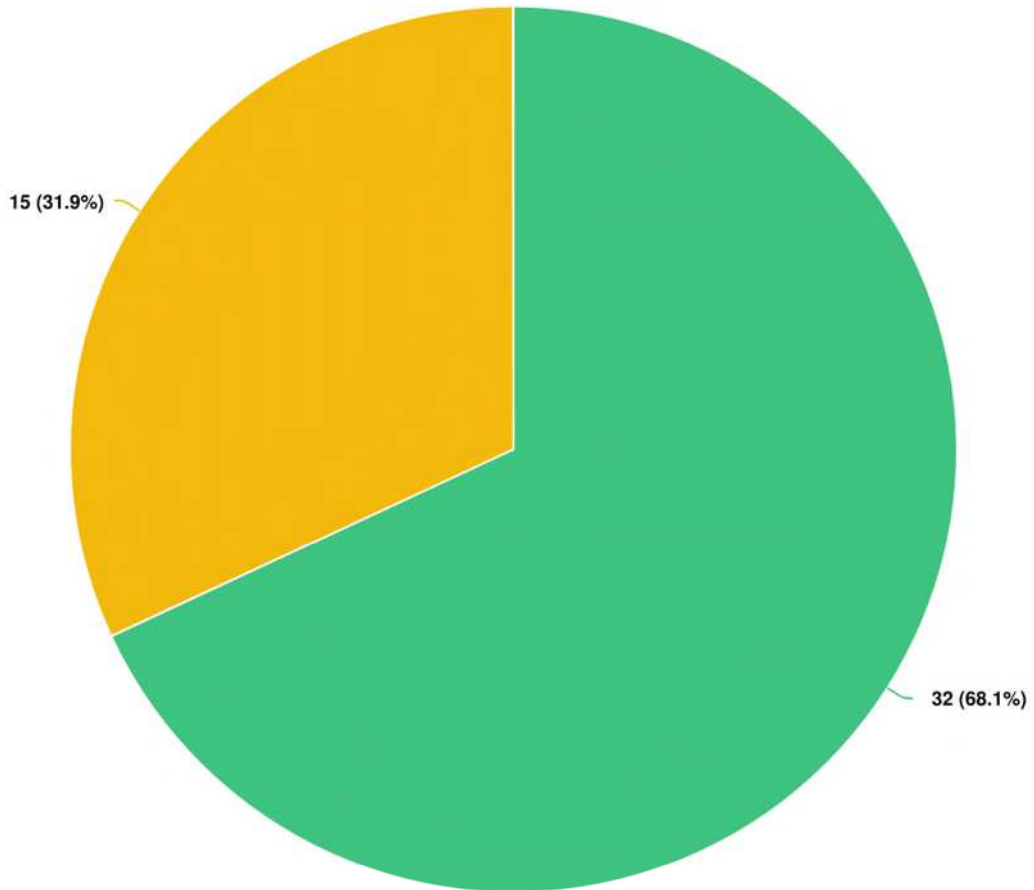
Strong support for more native plantings. Prefer these to be indigenous to the local area, and designed to support small native birds.

Optional question (64 response(s), 24 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

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Q11 Do you want to comment on the playspace concept plan?



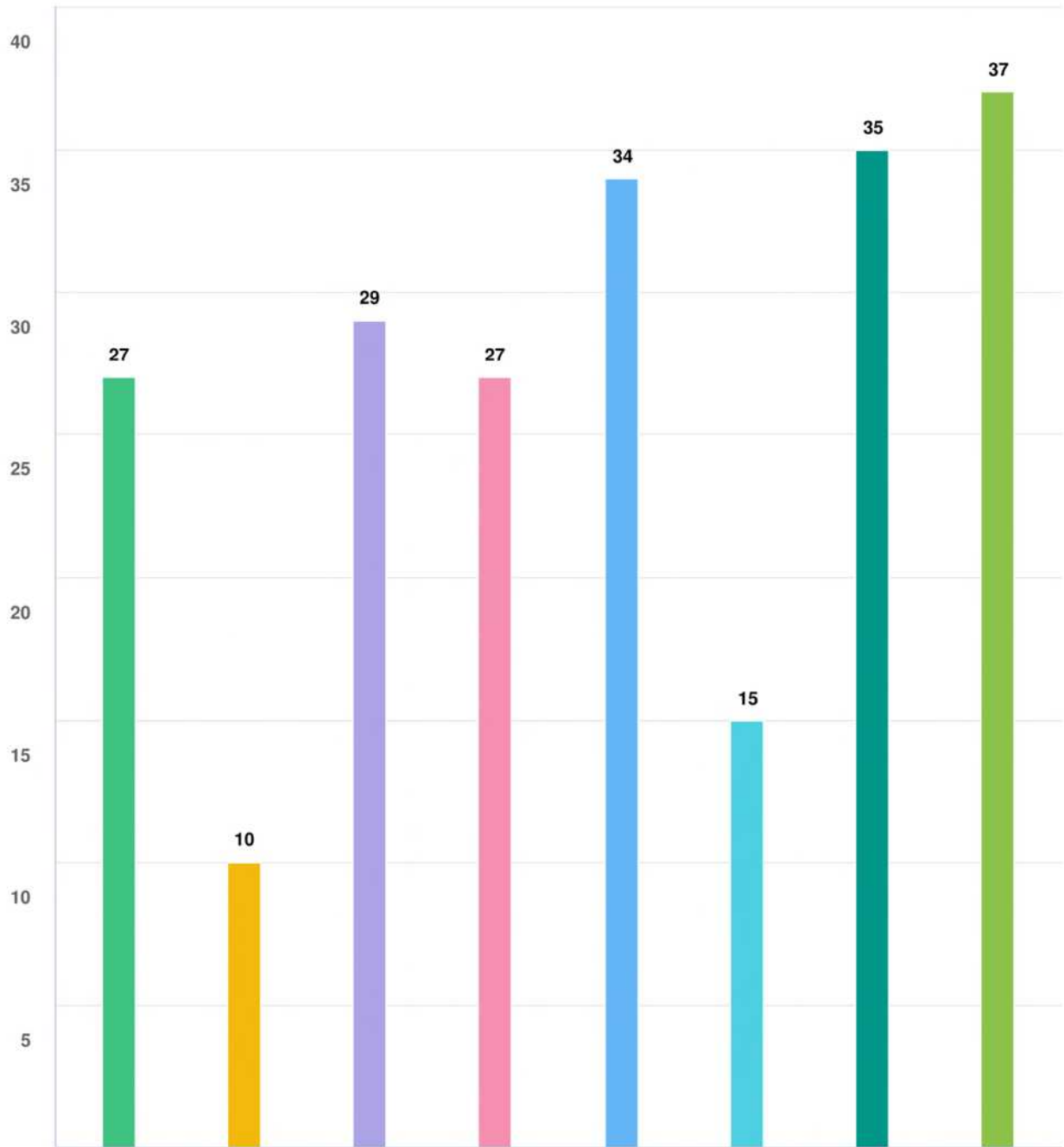
Question options

- Yes
- No

*Mandatory Question (47 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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Q12 What are the THREE elements you like most about the proposed playspace concept plan?



Question options

- Hamster wheel
- Sandpit
- Slide
- Rope climb
- Swings
- Hammock
- Log climb
- Trampoline

Mandatory Question (73 response(s))
 Question type: Checkbox Question

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Q13 Do you have any comments to add about to add to your above answer?

Anonymous

10/10/2022 03:07 PM

It would be good for the sandpit to have little dip trucks (the ones that are built in)

mopozda

10/10/2022 03:08 PM

Would love to see a water play area in the playground for the kids when it's warm (love the pump at the playground next to West Torrens library). Will there be shade over the play area? It's unusable when it's hot at the moment as the equipment gets burningly hot under the sun. Please please please consider this issue.

Anonymous

10/10/2022 04:36 PM

Monkey bars!

Anonymous

10/10/2022 05:53 PM

Somewhere to lock bikes to would be a great addition

Anonymous

10/10/2022 08:26 PM

It would be lovely to have some water play also included in the play space.

Anonymous

10/11/2022 11:09 AM

It would be good if some more shading can be provided in the playground area. Also as per above could a flying fox please be incorporated?

Anonymous

10/11/2022 03:06 PM

All of it - least fav would be sand pit.

Anonymous

10/11/2022 03:52 PM

Addition of a flying fox would be good

Anonymous

10/11/2022 05:05 PM

Smaller, younger children love the trampolines. Older kids love the log-climb. It is hard to select three with three age groups in mind. Understand three children in one family is unusual but these considerations makes all the difference.

Anonymous

10/11/2022 05:48 PM

It all looks good but we did this for Kings Reserve and it wasn't implemented and then the reserve was given to the AFL. I like the proposal but know that in a couple of years time Mr Coxon with give it to the crows

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Anonymous

10/11/2022 07:16 PM

Thank you for upgrading this space

Anonymous

10/11/2022 08:43 PM

I feel that a sun shade and fencing are critical to safe enjoyment of the playspace (eg fencing to protect from cars and shade protecting the equipment from extreme heat) especially if the slide is metal it's unusable for a good portion of the year (issue at the Hamra reserve and falcon Avenue)

Anonymous

10/12/2022 12:21 AM

Please make sure there is fencing all around the play area for safety. When my children were younger I could never relax properly at the playground here for lack of fencing to stop children running on to Rankine Road. Please keep the lovely large oval area!!! Our favourite activities are running and kicking the soccer and football

Anonymous

10/12/2022 08:53 AM

If the slide is made of metal it will become unusable in the sun without shade also being erected. I'm recent years the council have installed several metal slides in the area and they are very impractical.

Anonymous

10/12/2022 10:38 AM

I don't think the sandpit is necessary, can attract feral cats and spread illness. I think it's far too big if it is retained. Some water play element may add to its usability. Swings, slides and tramps are fundamental events of a playground these days.

Carley Frost

10/12/2022 04:21 PM

These playground elements clearly seemed geared towards older children - is that intentional? I would like to understand more about the decision-process council uses for playground development - does it look at demographics of local residents? The children that I mostly see walking around in the local area tend to be in a younger age group and the older children are well catered for with other playground facilities nearby.

janb

10/12/2022 06:42 PM

N/a

Anonymous

10/13/2022 08:27 AM

We like all the aspects of the proposed play space, including equipment. We think all equipment will be utilised by children/kids. However, we are not in support of the fitness equipment as these types of equipment appear to be rarely used by the community in any space and in our observation at other reserves / parks they are

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usually vacant and date very easily. We think the space could simply be utilised with nature aspects, including other greenery and lawn. We also are very opposed to the public toilet - please refer to our answer in Q14.

Anonymous

10/13/2022 08:59 AM

Playspace looks great and caters for multiple age brackets. However more seating is required for parents/grandparents/guardians who are watching their children from multiple vantage points. I have concerns that screening plants along the boundary fence may provide concealment opportunities if no seating is close by. A small picnic shelter within metres of the Placespace would encourage kids birthdays/picnics as well as provide weather shelter for older adults visiting the space with their families.

Anonymous

10/13/2022 12:44 PM

Not a fan of sandpit. Playground needs more shade

Anonymous

10/13/2022 12:52 PM

The kids (and adults) that use the playground all gravitate to the swings, slides and the rope climb currently. Should not lose any of that. The playground attracts a lot of families the way it is. It would be a shame to spend a lot of money and use up more space to have less facilities. I am concerned with the amount of green space lost to the sandpit. This would only be used by a small number of people and only for a certain period of the year and will require a lot of maintenance to keep clean and if not, it will not get used by anyone anyway. I'd put the exercise equipment there instead or have a paved playspace or more play equipment, the sandpit is a nice idea but problematic compared to other items.

Anonymous

10/13/2022 08:31 PM

Seating area close to play equipment so we can sit and monitor the kids. Multiple seating equipment

Alex M

10/15/2022 10:44 AM

When I'm in the park, I see kids on the current rope climb, swings and slides so I don't think it would be a good idea lose any of those features.

Anonymous

10/15/2022 12:00 PM

Ensure enough equipment for young children (pre-school ages) is provided. Quite a large sandpit is proposed, make sure some equipment is provided to make better use of this space. How can the sandpit be used during wet weather periods?

Anonymous

I think there should be some water play included in the sandpit area.

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10/19/2022 10:03 AM

Maybe not a huge sandpit but a stream like pit. The sandpit can be a bit concerning as there seem to be an increase in cats living in rankine street. Love the hammock swing idea but feel that there should also be some standard swings still.

Anonymous

10/20/2022 05:48 PM

Its too big and the sandpit will end up being a litterbox for all the f'ing cats. please make any upgrades a low priority - what is there is already sufficient.

Anonymous

10/20/2022 06:07 PM

I like them all apart from the sand pit.

Anonymous

10/22/2022 03:54 PM

On for Kings Reserve Would be nice

Anonymous

10/23/2022 09:16 AM

Slides are great, especially if they are continuously welded and not flanged (for those times that dad is requested to go down with the two year old). At the West Torrens Memorial Gardens the kids use the slide the most of any activity there. The slides at Weigall Oval are perfect. The sand pit in this design is huge, and I don't think kids play in them for very long so it could be half the size. Permanent hockey goals for installed for kids to kick the soccer ball would be cool (in a 5v5 pitch size).

Anonymous

10/23/2022 01:22 PM

No

Anonymous

10/23/2022 01:25 PM

Fencing for the playground is essential

Anonymous

10/25/2022 12:20 PM

I dont like the plan and want the park left as it is. Question 11 is bullshit, you should be able to leave blank. I like no aspect of your plan and want the park left as is, the question is framed dishonestly.

Anonymous

10/25/2022 01:15 PM

I like sandpits in general but I do not like them in this public play space. If this sandpit is anything like Falcon Street Reserve, architecturally nice but not maintained (dog / cat pee and poo, cigarette butts and other rubbish) then I wouldn't let my child play in it. The Council hasn't shown that they can maintain a sandpit in a play space well so do not want to see another one. The lawn mounds seems pointless. They block line of site from open lawn space to the playground. So if I was there with friends / family having a picnic and

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children wanted to play on the play equipment it would obstruct an easy line of sight. It also encroaches on other activities such as ball sports, etc.

Anonymous

11/02/2022 09:33 PM

Please consider a water play feature

Anonymous

11/05/2022 11:01 AM

Ensuring the play space is able to accommodate a variety of ages, is fenced in to allow children to play independently in a safe area and that provides opportunities for nature play are the key things I look for in a playground.

Anonymous

11/10/2022 12:09 PM

Im not sure if the slide pictured is the one intended to be used but our kids do enjoy the tunnel slides with climbing to get up to the top, featured in many of the upgraded parks around the place.

Anonymous

11/29/2022 03:50 PM

Swings should be a priority. They are not only used by children.

Anonymous

12/01/2022 01:57 PM

The play space looks wonderful.

Anonymous

12/02/2022 11:39 AM

It doesn't need to be increased so much in size to be an exciting play space. Please don't reduce the walkable green space to make a sandpit area, which is likely to become a toilet for neighbourhood cats! I would be very happy to see a redesign of the current play area to incorporate new play opportunities, especially those that are well integrated with the natural aesthetic of the reserve - such as log climb, rope climb, wooden hamster wheel, climbable rocks/ rock wall. Less plastic and steel, more wood and natural materials. Some shaded play space is also important. A focus on nature play would be excellent - this doesn't have to be segregated in the area designated as 'playground' but be integrated throughout the reserve. For example, lawn mounds are endless fun for toddlers - a lawn mound was sadly removed during the last playground upgrade to install a bench (good for watching kids in the playground, but sadly situated in full sun). Also, are opportunities for water play off the table?

Anonymous

12/02/2022 12:53 PM

I take my grandchildren to this park often, and they use the playground as well as playing ball games and all sorts of imaginative games in the rest of the reserve. I like the idea of adventure play and particularly think there could be a focus on nature play. The playground doesn't need to be any bigger though (although the rope

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climb in the northeast corner could work), it just needs imaginative use of the space. And shade over equipment. And over seating. The play elements you mention are all fine (except putting such a huge sandpit in the green space); it's important that the space caters for different ages and abilities.

Anonymous

12/02/2022 03:50 PM

The sandpit proposed is far too big for the area. Additionally there are hygiene issues with the sand pit (animals AND humans fouling the play area are a concern).

Anonymous

12/02/2022 04:01 PM

My great grandchildren would be able to tell you what things they would like better than I can. They love to climb. I just want to say that the playground should be contained where it currently is. It could still have some interesting new adventurous things to do there. The proposed sandpit is too big and takes away from the green space.

Anonymous

12/02/2022 04:25 PM

Would be excellent to have some water play

Anonymous

12/02/2022 04:50 PM

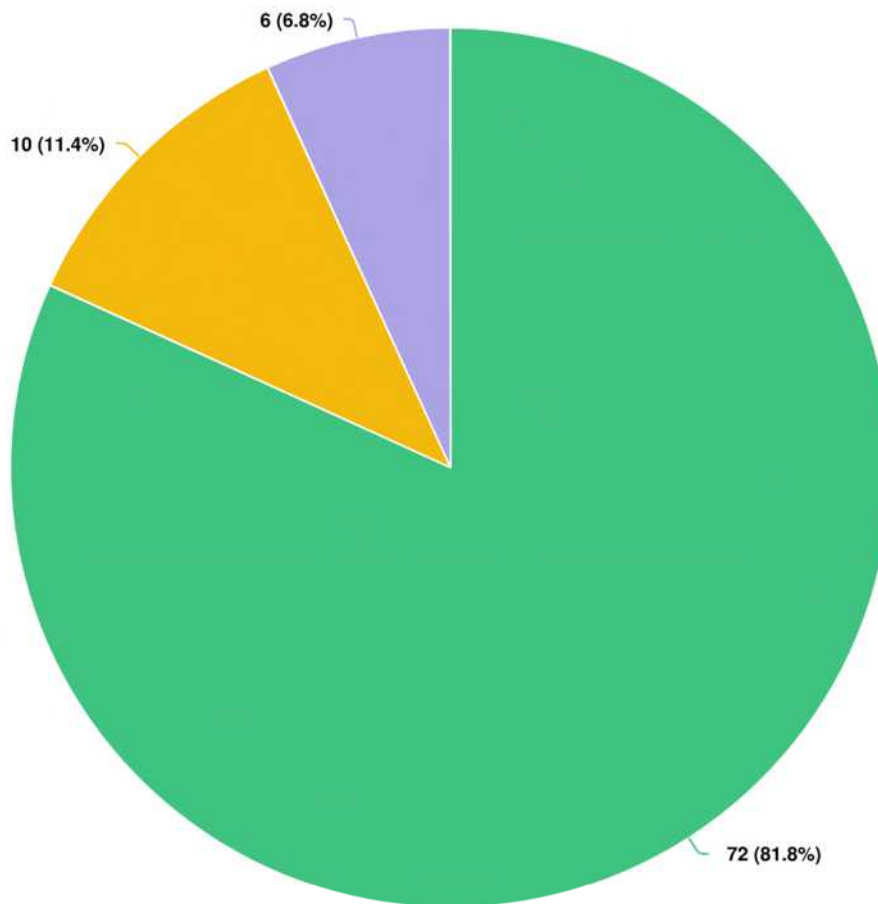
-Nature style play space is great with natural looking equipment. Not in favour of a shade sail. Use trees for shade. Can the sand pit be contained closer to the playspace - dogs will use this sand pit. Consider fringe of low native buffer planting between existing path and playspace. make a truly nature style playspace that has a different offering the the civic centre.

Optional question (44 response(s), 44 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

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Q14 In general, do you support the proposed redevelopment of Frank Norton Reserve?



Question options

- Yes
- Unsure
- No

Mandatory Question (88 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

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Q15 Do you have any further comments to add about the Frank Norton reserve Concept Plan

Anonymous

10/10/2022 03:07 PM

With the lawn mounds to the south side of the playground there will be no fence. Please consider a fence the whole way along Rankine rd.

mopozda

10/10/2022 03:08 PM

Woud really love to see more trees around the edges of the park as well.

Anonymous

10/10/2022 05:34 PM

The shade on the sandpit looks insufficient and there is no shading at all on the playground which makes it quite unsafe in summer

Anonymous

10/10/2022 05:53 PM

It's worth the redevelopment if it ADDS and brings a different and broader group of the community

Anonymous

10/10/2022 05:56 PM

Need to think about how dogs and people will co-exist in the space - currently Frank Norton reserve is very popular as an off leash dog park, especially the part near the proposed Community Gardens

Anonymous

10/10/2022 09:42 PM

Water play features would be nice. Path to ride a bike/scooter safely. Fence around the entire reserve to stop balls from going on the road.

Anonymous

10/11/2022 08:39 AM

Please add continuous fence around play space, or adopt marshmallow playground approach

Anonymous

10/11/2022 11:09 AM

Plane trees don't really improve biodiversity, now would be a good opportunity to replace the immature trees with something that will add habitat value to the reserve. It would also be good if the underplanting selected was also native to the local area to support preservation of native wildlife.

Anonymous

10/11/2022 05:05 PM

So wonderful to know our local playground is being considered.

Jennifer&at

10/11/2022 05:36 PM

I would prefer more natural features eg garden bed, hedge, trees in place of a statue

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Anonymous

10/11/2022 05:48 PM

Check it with the AFL and all 61,000crows members - their voice counts for far more than mere locals

Anonymous

10/12/2022 12:21 AM

Have dogs been considered?? Dog park/ fenced area for dogs to play? This park is heavily used by dogs daily!

Anonymous

10/12/2022 08:53 AM

I would have liked to see the back grass area be turned into a fenced dog area. This park is popular with dog owners and a dedicated fenced area would make the rest of the park safer for others. Also, as a dog owner, there are no dedicated dog spaces within walking distance of this park so there is definitely a need for one. With smaller houses being built in the area it would be a welcome addition for dog owning residents. Finally, park exercise equipment is rarely used. For the cost vs benefit I'd rather see the funds be spent on pay equipment fencing or other facilities. I don't think that exercise equipment is needed in the park.

Anonymous

10/12/2022 10:38 AM

When we heard the park was being upgraded we tried to think of ways it could be done best and many of our ideas are included in the Plan, bravo!! Love that the fig trees are celebrated and incorporated into the play space. I think native screening vegetation is important around all fence lines. Please do the upgrade justice and don't priorities cutting costs, this is so important for the community and rarely happens.

Anonymous

10/12/2022 06:40 PM

This area is not the right place for the Crows. It is congested enough with one entry to the Brickwork's car park small streets and subdivision of properties in the area. Kings Reserve belongs to the public and should remain as it is.

janb

10/12/2022 06:42 PM

N/a

Anonymous

10/12/2022 08:56 PM

Thank you for helping to provide an updated space for the community to enjoy.

Anonymous

10/13/2022 08:27 AM

We are very opposed to the public toilet, including where it is proposed to be situated. We do not believe it is a requirement given how close the reserve is to other public areas, including Henley Beach Road. It is a community space, and the reserve will be utilised the by the residents in the surrounding community. We do not want to attract others who are not from the surrounding community and these

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types of facilities possibly will do so. In addition, it has not been a necessity previously and will ruin the aesthetic of the nature play space and areas. It will be an eyesore to the reserve, especially if situated where it is proposed. It will attract graffiti and we do not feel comfortable with it being so close to the play space. We would prefer not to see it included in the proposed plan. We think perhaps it might be wise considering additional allocated areas for community groups to set up in the area surrounding the lawns (for example, near the community garden, number 8 and 12), as once the central hub is occupied by one group it will be difficult for other groups to find space to also enjoy the reserve. We also are opposed to the up lighting in the feature trees, as this will deter native birds / animals particularly at night. We should consider that the trees are their home, and we should not be altering them with lights. We would also like a consideration of the removal of the plain trees, due to the constant clean up required in our surrounding front yards and nature strips due to the large leaves falling in the autumn period. These are a constant nuisance every year for us to clean up and maintain our yards. We are very proud of our area and would like to thank the council for considering this upgrade and our opinions.

Anonymous

10/13/2022 08:59 AM

Inclusion of locally relevant urban art that the public can interact with would support a sense of place and local character. History of the land signage - i.e donated from the old farm house on Torrens Street etc. Indigenous place names.

Anonymous

10/13/2022 11:17 AM

Please leave existing fences as it helps with little kids who run towards the road. Shade has been requested from many people and additional shade over the playground would really help.

Anonymous

10/13/2022 12:44 PM

Great plan, well done on its development

Anonymous

10/13/2022 12:52 PM

I'll start by saying I walk through this park at least once a day to walk my dog if not more as we walk through the park to access shops too and have seen a lot of how the park gets used over the last several years. I don't believe the planning has taken into consideration just how many dog owners bring their dog(s) to this park. I don't believe that there should be a dog park in this area, it should remain as much as possible a multi-function shared space that as many people can enjoy as possible, which is how it is now. I see that Community gardens will be source of conflict with use of open lawn area. Possible arguments for theft and or vandalism. Will become ugly eyesore if not maintained. Will be costly for maintenance and watering to maintain vegetables. Reduces the shared green space

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and will restrict who uses it. Please don't put exercise equipment in the shared space lawn areas, place it in the NorthEast playground zone as people don't tend to use that area but do use the east and west lawn spaces for a variety of uses. Please don't put the mounds on the eastern lawn area, this area is very versatile as is and is popular for ball sports. Please incorporate a shared walking/cycling path around the park as it gets used for walking, jogging, pushing strollers, kids riding bikes/scooters and a lady that pushes her mother in a wheelchair. Use a path material that is non-slippery as have seen kids skid out on the existing pavers. I feel the current sign is very ugly, upgrade it even if just with a nicer colour paint. Tree lights should not be on past a certain hour that would disturb birds. Bollard lighting around paths would be great for walking at dark and improved feeling of safety. Lots of people still walk their dogs at night after work during daylight savings time so lights on at night, activated by sensor or push button timer would be great. Many people take their dogs to this park so the capacity of the dog waste bags and bins (preferably green waste bins for dog waste with compostable bags) should be considered. I would have a bin with dog waste bags dispenser at each of the 3 path entry points. Regarding shade, should not lose the amount of cover that the current rotunda provides, it would be better to have 2 small shelters so that more than 1 group can use the space, the park does get popular.

lukenuttall

10/13/2022 01:00 PM

It would be great to have a small dog park near the community garden section so we don't need to drive to a dog park.

Anonymous

10/13/2022 01:01 PM

Use native plants when replanting (no more plane trees) and don't light up trees, so native animals can nest. If toilets are added, can they be limited to daylight hours use? Public art sculptures: how about art that educates of the Kaurna people? Or art that displays the Kaurna language. Lawn mounds? These need to be big to be worthwhile. Fitness equipment is better off near Fairfax tce than in the middle of the park. Provide better shade for the playground by planting tall trees along northern boundary. Why ha the seating has disappeared? The current seats are always in use.

Anonymous

10/13/2022 08:31 PM

Please fence it off as children can run off

Alex M

10/15/2022 10:44 AM

It could look really nice and I think that would attract even more people which could put more pressure on the amount of waste going in to the bins that are usually full as it is and more people parking in the limited parking spaces around the park.

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Anonymous

10/15/2022 05:33 PM

Love the community garden plan and exercise area

Anonymous

10/17/2022 09:36 AM

Need a public toilet

Anonymous

10/19/2022 10:03 AM

I am unsure about the gym equipment. I don't think it will really get used.

Anonymous

10/19/2022 04:52 PM

1) In Brisbane where I used to live, some of the park or reserve, they have off leash dog area for dogs. As the number of dogs are increasing in these areas, and it is unsafe and annoying that people are having their dogs running freely on the reserve. So, it would be great that if we can adopt some of the off leash dog areas for the dogs, that would be great! 2) In addition, it would be great that if there is a public toilet or washroom, that would be awesome too! Sometimes when people are in the middle of the BBQ and the felt like to use the toilet, it would be really inconvenient for them to look around for a toilet even if people can access in nearby shopping centers. However, just imagine that if you are doing a BBQ on a lovely weekend evening about 6.30 in late Nov or early Dec, and you urgently need to access the toilet but cannot find a toilet nearby.

Anonymous

10/20/2022 05:45 PM

Without council involvement and support the community gardens will not develop and will end up just a dustbowl.

Anonymous

10/20/2022 05:48 PM

The large established trees need a replacement schedule ie plant now for the ones that are beginning to die. Please retain/plant eucs as the micro bats and fruit bats use them. Plant with the environment in mind and replacing habitat. Needs mid and lower levels to give safe haven from noisy minors

Anonymous

10/21/2022 02:53 PM

Please make the case to council compelling. This is an important and overdue upgrade of a very popular community space.

Anonymous

10/22/2022 03:54 PM

Please produce something like this for the Kings Reserve

Anonymous

10/23/2022 09:16 AM

The open lawn area is great for kicking / throwing a ball. For future playground goals, our kids have always loved the climbing tower at the Princess Elizabeth playground on South Terrace, entertains them

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for ages, better than a standard climbing frame.

Anonymous

10/23/2022 01:22 PM

It's great - we've lived here for 28 years so happy to see an upgrade

Anonymous

10/23/2022 01:25 PM

Great to see this happening

Anonymous

10/23/2022 03:13 PM

- communities use the park as a soccer ground. i will like some permanent soccer goals setup with fence behind it. this would increase the use of the area - more shade in the play equipment - Fruit trees in the community gardens - Fence surrounding the park to increase safety for kids using the area - mud kitchen - splash area in the play space, specifically helpful during summer - digging equipment in the sand pit - flying fox would increase the age range for the equipment - basketball ring - community book drop off / borrow area

Anonymous

10/24/2022 12:54 PM

I am in support EXCEPT for the public toilet. I believe this is unnecessary and will attract unwanted individuals (as well as more individuals not from the area), graffiti and aesthetically will ruin the space, especially for those living directly opposite on Rankine Rd and Torrens St. Not to mention the location next to the playground is concerning for parents.

Anonymous

10/24/2022 04:32 PM

Well done

Anonymous

10/25/2022 12:20 PM

Stop wasting money meddling with things that arent broken just to maintain your own relevance.

Anonymous

10/25/2022 01:15 PM

A toilet is important to make the space useable for a longer period of time (both for playground and bqg area). Effort to blend the toilet block into the park with creepers e.g. climbing fig and sandstone could be used, this would green the facility and match the sandstone houses surrounding. The closest park with a toilet for me is Mile End Common or Bonython Park. These have many main roads I need to cross with a pram and a dog and take a lot longer to walk too. The fitness equipment seem fine, I personally enjoy using this type of equipment but I question how much they will actually be used as many people are opposed to exercising in public. They might get better use at Western Youth Reserve where community do actually exercise and run laps of the area. Similarly the community garden is nice but is there a need in this particular area given many of the

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blocks are large and people have veggie patches ect. in their properties. I think a small area fenced off for dogs would get greater use than fitness equipment and would prefer to see that. The western section could be redesigned to fit both the community garden (if demand for it) and a small fenced dog area. Some additional large long lived trees would be nice to see.

Anonymous

11/01/2022 01:29 PM

I was wondering if there was capacity to add in a baseball diamond or caged areas that could be utilised/leased to allow for the increased demand in playing the sport and exceeding current ground space. Or potentially other areas where shared clubs space could have an alternative option to hold practice, games and community events and fundraisers

Anonymous

11/01/2022 08:25 PM

i think it needs to be taken back to the drawing board and reworked.

Anonymous

11/02/2022 09:33 PM

I am concerned if the play space is developed where the current playground is, the children will not have a local playground for 12+ months. I would be keen to hear a strategy to address this

Anonymous

11/05/2022 11:01 AM

Added amenities to frank norton reserve are welcome, the variety of users of the reserve seem well catered for, but I am concerned that there is no barrier to keep dogs away from small children.

Anonymous

11/10/2022 12:09 PM

Brilliant initial plan, well done. Love the seemingly small considerations like feature tree lighting and celebrating the fig trees within the playspace - it is these things that give these spaces their character. Sandpit is a worry - cats, rodents and germs. Would love to see this replaced with a flying fox.

Anonymous

11/11/2022 10:14 AM

Fitness equipment is a must as it's a great way for parents and children to use the area in a healthy and active way. Consultation around the actual equipment should also take place with the community to ensure it is utilised.

Anonymous

11/11/2022 06:14 PM

Don't like the Public toilet being a part of the redevelopment, feel it will detract from the space

Anonymous

11/26/2022 01:38 PM

Would love if a small portion could be used for a fenced dog area.

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Anonymous

11/29/2022 03:50 PM

The park is mostly used by dog owners, so it should remain dog friendly.

Anonymous

11/29/2022 09:30 PM

The fitness equipment doesn't need to be too specific. We have enjoyed fitness equipment that is quite basic, however, able to be used in a variety of ways. For example chinup bars that are horizontal bars at varied heights. This allows for adults to use them for the proper use (pulls ups, chinups, leg swings etc) and children to climb, hang, flip and play on them. Similar for dip bars. Victoria Park have a dip station in the old work out area that is just two horizontal bars held up by 4 pieces of wood. An adult can use them for dips or bodyweights rows or other complex movements and for children they can play, swing and balance on them. For more complex modern fitness equipment Henley Beach Memorial Oval, Point Malcolm Reserve and Mile End Common have the newer frames that are great for challenging fitness movements.

Anonymous

12/01/2022 01:57 PM

The plan is wonderful other than the toilet. Huge NO to the toilet.

Anonymous

12/02/2022 11:39 AM

I answered no to the previous question as I do not support the current design proposal, although in my view it has many good points, which I have discussed. If the issues which would impact negatively on the social and environmental character of the reserve were addressed, I would love to see some of the positive aspects of the proposal implemented.

Anonymous

12/02/2022 12:16 PM

I do not agree with toilets, gym equipment, vegie beds and the new concrete paths

Anonymous

12/02/2022 12:53 PM

There are good things in the plan, but as it stands it feels over-designed, with too much built form which will impact informal natural feel of the green space.

Anonymous

12/02/2022 03:50 PM

Firstly, thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback and the efforts by the council to consult with the community. The park is currently being well used by locals. At the consultation there were a number comments made about providing a toilet facility (the main reason seemed to be so people could host their kids' parties there.) If the need to find a free venue for such events is required by individuals a couple of times a year, then surely there are more

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suitable options in the council area (if not in their own back garden). The park is not big enough to accommodate a toilet without it being intrusive to the residents immediately facing or backing on to the park. (I am also assuming it would be 2 toilets to include male/female, & possibly one as a disabled? This would be a significant structure). There is no location within the park that the toilet would not be seen by residents on the streets immediately facing the park. For residents who back on to the park they are also likely to hear the toilets being used, not a nice background noise to have in their back garden. I understand the convenience (pardon the pun) it would provide to those who have requested this facility, but the use to them would be infrequent and I wonder how keen they would be if they had a public toilet permanently located front of their own house? Or if when sitting in their back garden they could hear a loo being flushed along with other noises... BTW, Apex Reserve was quoted as an ideal park at one of the consultations I attended. The comparison is not relevant to the Frank Norton reserve which is a small reserve surrounded by houses. It provides a quiet green and open space for locals to share and should not become a venue for parties. A little while ago the current BBQ area was illuminated at night. This attracted noisy parties going on through the early hours of the morning and the lights have subsequently been turned off. Why was the gazebo illuminated in the first place? When the BBQ area is used during the day by parties, rubbish is often left behind with little consideration for the area or other users (I have on a number of occasions had to clean up the area - the rubbish left behind being a problem for dogs and children). The BBQ has also been used for melting drugs (why anyone would want to use a public BBQ is beyond me). Of the council feels a need to provide additional picnic facilities I am sure there are other locations that would benefit more (the Western Youth Reserve for starters which is much bigger and has more potential for multiple uses). With regards the proposed community garden, the location and height of the garden should not pose a security or privacy risk to the houses near by. The current location is against the back fences of some of the houses. That section of the park is not very visible from the main road and as a result has attracted anti social activity at night which is not desirable. How will the gardens be managed so they don't end up being unused and full of weeds? The current gardens in Clifford St also appear to be "owned" by individuals - how is this a community garden when the end result is that individuals are simply having their garden subsidised by the local council? A bee hive was also suggested at the consultation which while a lovely idea I don't know how this will be managed and the risk it poses to other users of the park. I repeat that this is not a huge reserve - the facilities provided need to be sensible and consider the impact they have on residents who live opposite or behind the reserve. Upgrades to the paths are essential and should be the main priority. We have a number of elderly people (some

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either in wheelchairs or walkers) who use the park daily and the paths are not particularly suitable for them. The older members of the community have not really been considered in this proposal. Before we spend rate payers money on toilets, illuminating the trees so they look pretty or upgrading the park sign (when I asked why we would spend budget on the sign I was told it was for branding purposes!) - fix the paths first! Improve the existing planting which is very scrappy. I would prefer if the council set up a facility for local residents to volunteer their time to garden the existing beds, instead of spending money on building "community" garden plots which would risk benefiting a few. We already have the basis of a community garden with the existing borders, we need active members of the community to help look after and improve what is already there. The community would be better served if we planed some fruit trees, lemons, oranges, apples etc which can be shared. I am also unsure of the proposal to illuminate the trees. Will these be solar generated? With the current cost of energy using anything other than solar would make illuminating the park a questionable and wasteful initiative. How much light will fall on the park itself? Again, thinking of how the illumination of the gazebo created an issue with night time parties, any lighting in the park should not provide an opportunity for people to loiter after dark. A landscaping mound was also suggested and this is fine providing it doesn't reduce the flat green space that kids currently use to play ball on. The playground area is suitable for kids of a certain age, but the reserve is also used by older kids to play soccer on. Thank you.

Anonymous

12/02/2022 04:25 PM

Don't like the big concrete area in the middle for BBQ - it could stay smaller.

Anonymous

12/02/2022 04:50 PM

Please refer previous comments above

Anonymous

12/02/2022 05:00 PM

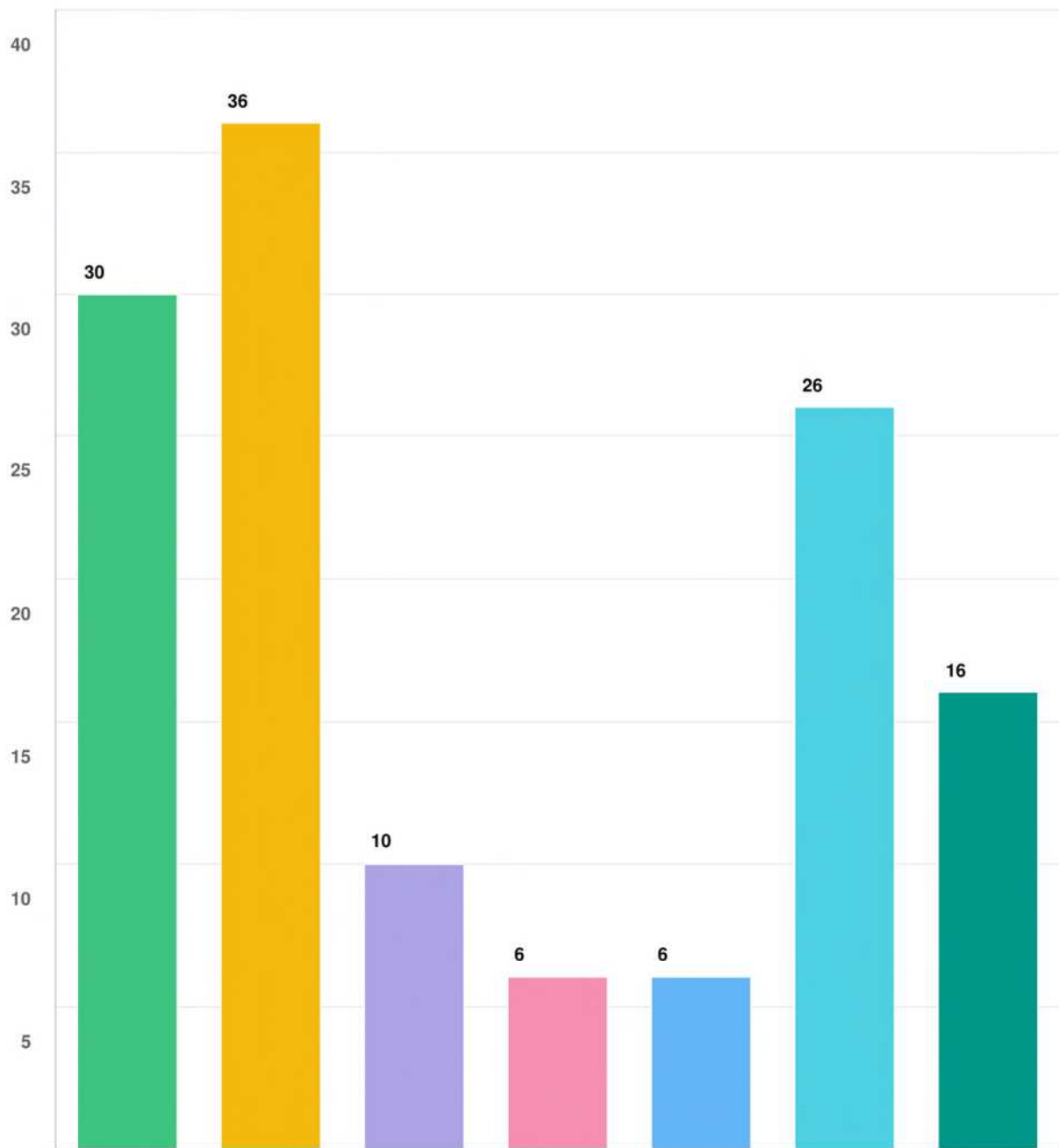
Do not support addition of toilet without supporting infrastructure (eg additional parking). Prefer more creative/ diverse seating/ gathering areas throughout park. Do not support uplighting of trees.

Optional question (60 response(s), 28 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

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Q16 How did you hear about this consultation? Select as many as relevant.



Question options

- Park sign
- Social Media
- Your Say West Torrens
- Talking Points
- Council website
- Word of mouth
- Other (please specify)

*Mandatory Question (88 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question*

8.5 Proposed West Torrens Community Shed and Repair Cafe

Brief

This report provides Members with an update regarding the proposal to establish a Community Shed and/or repair Café within the West Torrens area.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that:

1. The report be noted.
2. The Administration be authorised to undertake public consultation in regards to the potential development of a Community Shed and/or Repair Café within West Torrens.
3. A further report will be provided to this Committee following, and summarising responses received, from this consultation.

Introduction

At the Council Meeting held 15 March 2022, Mr Noel Sage provided a deputation seeking Council endorsement to establish a Community Shed within West Torrens.

The City Facilities and Waste Recovery Committee was provided with a report on 22 March 2022 and a further update report on 26 July 2022 outlining investigations to date relating to this request, including the Administration's visits to several metropolitan and one rural Community Shed and various operating models.

The Administration now proposes that a period of consultation be undertaken to determine community sentiment for the establishment of a community shed and/or Repair Café within West Torrens.

Discussion

The Administration seeks to explore community interest and support for a Community Shed and/or Repair Café within the City of West Torrens.

For Members' information, Repair Cafés support the community to divert items from landfill by providing a place for people to go to fix/repair household items. Generally, there are tools and materials available along with expert volunteers with repair skills in all kinds of fields who can assist and provide advice on repairing clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles, crockery, toys and more.

Visitors bring their broken items from home and together with the specialists, they start making their repairs in the Repair Café. It is an ongoing learning process as volunteer repairers take the time to explain the repair process, to share their knowledge and skills with participants. People can also enjoy a cup of tea or coffee without repairing an item, or can lend a hand with someone else's repair job.

Some Repair Cafés complement the service by offering community sessions on how to repair electronics, clothing, jewellery, shoes or furniture items. Sessions are usually free but donations are welcomed to help with ongoing costs. Opportunities may exist in West Torrens to complement the establishment of a Repair Café with a new recycle hub; shared workspace for start-up businesses and/or possibly a location to promote community based waste education.

A separate report has been prepared and forms part of this agenda, providing Members with a Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy for 2022-2032 (the Strategy) for consideration.

Establishing a Repair Café will meet a number of priority areas and initiatives outlined within the draft strategy including community education, innovative alternative options for waste materials and transitioning towards a circular economy.

Community Sheds on the other hand began as a part of the 'Men's Shed' movement over thirty years ago. They provide men, and more recently, all genders, a safe, friendly and inclusive environment to meet and work on meaningful projects at their own pace. There are currently more than 1,000 community sheds across Australia.

The primary objective of a Community Shed is to improve the health and well-being of participants and to decrease social isolation often experienced by the target group. They come in all shapes and sizes ranging from purpose built facilities to shared spaces within community or private buildings. Activities also vary and may include:

- Making a variety of products including toys, household or garden furniture or wood turned articles;
- Undertaking restoration or maintenance repairs on wood or metal items or machinery;
- Undertaking community projects such as bird boxes or little libraries;
- Participating in training programmes such as first aid;
- Participating in activities that advance the health and well-being of members.

Generally, a Community Shed is a fit for purpose facility which has a dedicated building preferably within a larger community centre/precinct to allow connection between members themselves and with the wider community. Repair Cafes are usually associated with Community Centres and operate on a regular basis (e.g. monthly).

Based on rudimentary research undertaken whilst developing a previous report, it is likely that construction costs of a community shed will be in the \$150,000 to \$500,000 cost range, depending on the location of the site, proximity to services, size and level of infrastructure required. A new Community Shed therefore comes at great cost, especially as only small numbers of participants can typically use the space at one time.

Community consultation to ascertain community sentiment regarding the establishment of a Community Shed and/or Repair Café is now planned in order to progress this request further. It is proposed that the *YourSay* online web platform be used as the mechanism for the community consultation and the consultation be promoted on Council's social media accounts.

A draft document (not formatted for the public website) has been developed (**Attachment 1**) and includes background information as well as a number of proposed questions to be included in the online survey.

Community Consultation is proposed to take place from late February until late March / early April 2023, following which, the feedback will be analysed and a report will be presented to Committee at a future date.

In addition to community consultation, a number of preliminary activities are required to be undertaken before a community shed and/or repair café can be established. These include the development of a masterplan that will consider items such as the identification of a potential site followed by a site survey, the location and capacity assessment of existing services (water, power, drainage and sewerage), geotechnical survey, and a project cost (budget) estimate.

The development of a masterplan and the preparation of the corresponding cost estimate are considered key to allow for detailed design considerations such as DDA and safety compliance, future development approval and ultimately construction costs. This information will also be required for any grant applications that may be submitted. An approximate budget of \$20,000 is required to commence this preliminary work and has been included in the proposed budget for 2023/2024 for Council consideration.

At the Committee meeting held 22 March 2022, the Administration outlined a number of potential locations for a new or an expanded community shed and/or Repair Café including the Fulham Community Centre, Camden Community Centre, and the Brooklyn Park Church of Christ.

The Administration has continued to consider an additional Council-owned location which may be suitable for a Community Shed and/or Repair Café, however, the Administration is of the opinion that a location cannot be confirmed until the results of a community survey are analysed. This allows consideration of the community sentiment regarding these services as well as the types of activities (i.e. woodwork, metalwork, painting, mechanical, etc.) local residents may seek to participate in within a potential facility.

Following analysis of the survey results, the Administration will provide recommendations to Council as to proposed locations that best-fit the needs of the community.

Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

The establishment of a Repair Café will support the community to divert items from landfill by providing a place for people to go to fix/repair household items.

Conclusion

In order to progress Council's consideration of the establishment of a new Community Shed and/or Repair Café within the local area, a period of community consultation is now proposed. Following the consultation period, a further report will be presented to Council summarising the results and recommending a future direction for this project.

Attachments

- 1. Proposed Consultation Questions regarding Community Shed and/or Repair Cafe for the City of West Torrens**

Let's talk about: Community Sheds and Repair Cafes

The City of West Torrens are eager to find out what the wider community thinks about a recent request to establish a council -run Community Shed in West Torrens as well as explore interest and support for a Repair Café. Community sheds are creative spaces for people to gather, meet others and work on projects. Repair Cafes assist the community to divert items from landfill by providing a place to fix/repair household items.

We want to know if there is Community support and demand to establish / host / invest in one or both of these types of initiatives?

A Community shed /Repair Café would likely require a custom built venue and the purchase of a range of machinery, tools and infrastructure. Your contribution below will assist us to develop an understanding of local support / community need within the context of a community shed movement.

Community Sheds come in all shapes and sizes, they offer a variety of activities that may include:

- Making items such as toys, household or garden furniture or wood turned articles
- Restoring, maintaining or repairing machinery, wood or metal items
- Undertaking community projects such as building bird boxes or little libraries
- Participating in education and training programmes that explore shared interests
- Participating in recreational activities that improve social interaction, health and wellbeing

Your views from this initial consultation will be reviewed and presented to Council. If there is support from the community and Council, further investigations will then take place to determine appropriate locations, develop a draft concept design and expected costs.

- Q1. Age**
- Q2. Suburb**
- Q3. Gender Identity**

These first questions relate to Community Sheds:

Q4. Do you feel that a Council run community shed would be an important addition to West Torrens?

Yes.....No (+ space for people to expand on any barriers to participation)..... Unsure

Q5. I would be interested in participating in a community shed program if established in CWT

Yes.....No.....Unsure

Q6. If yes to Q5, I would be interested in participating in the following capacity:

Leader/coordinator.....Helper.....Participant/attendee.....Donations

Q7. How often should a community shed operate?

Daily.....2-3 times per week.....Weekly.....Weekends.....Evenings.....

Q8. When would you attend a Community Shed?

Weekday Mornings.....Weekday afternoons.....Weekday Evenings.....Saturdays.....Sundays.....

Q9. A community shed may focus on one or more different areas.

Please indicate from the list below what you would support in a potential shed in WT:

- Gardening
- Woodwork
- Furniture repairs
- Welding/metal work
- Recreation - pool, cards, games,
- Art and creativity,
- Education/classes,

- Other

Q10. Are you aware of other Community Shed programs (not Council operated) within the CWT (i.e. Camden Community Centre and Brooklyn Park Church of Christ)?

Yes.....No.....Unsure

Q11. If yes, have you participated in their programs?

Yes.....No.....Unsure

Please provide comments on what you liked about the programs or areas for improvement.

Q12. Have you participated in community shed programs elsewhere (across SA, nationally or internationally?)

Yes.....No.....Unsure

Please provide comments on what you liked about the programs or areas for improvement.

Q13. If a Community Shed was established within West Torrens, would you be able to financially contribute to its operation through (tick all that apply):

A membership fee;

A donation to attend a session

A fee to attend a training course (eg First Aid course)

A small fee to cover refreshments at sessions

The next questions relate to Repair Cafes:

Repair Cafés are an alternative or complementary option which could be considered by Council. Repair Cafés support the community to divert items from landfill by providing a place for people to go to fix/repair household items. Generally, there are tools and materials available along with expert volunteers. Visitors bring their broken items from home and together with the specialist volunteers, they start making their repairs in the Repair Café. People can also enjoy a cup of tea or coffee without repairing an item, or can lend a hand with someone else's repair job.

Q14. I am aware of the concept of a Repair Café where volunteers seek to repair items brought in by the local community to avoid the item ending up in land-fill?

Yes.....No.....Unsure

Q15. I would support the establishment of a Repair Café in the CWT?

Yes.....No.....Unsure

Q16. If yes to Q41, I would be interested in participating in the following capacity:

Expert volunteer.....Helper.....Participant/attendee.....Donations

Q17. How often should a repair cafe operate?

Fortnightly.....Monthly.....2-3 times per year.....Other.....

Q18. If a Community Shed was established within West Torrens, would you be able to financially contribute to its operation through (tick all that apply):

A membership fee;

A donation to attend a session

A fee to attend a training course (eg First Aid course)

A small fee to cover refreshments at sessions

Q19. I would be interested in being kept informed of the progress of the potential development of a Community Shed and/or Repair Café in West Torrens. (if yes, provide details)

Yes.....No.....Unsure

Q20. Further comments

8.6 Torrensville Dog Park Consultation - Update Report

Brief

This report provides Members with the results of the public consultation undertaken regarding a proposed new dog park to be established on land owned by the Crown on the southern bank of the River Torrens Linear Park, near the northern end of Hayward Avenue and West Street, Torrensville.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that:

1. The report be noted.
2. The Administration be authorised to refine the concept plans based on community feedback (as outlined within the report) and progress to establishing a Small and Big Dog Park in the proposed location along River Torrens Linear Park, Torrensville.

Introduction

At its meeting of 23 November 2021, the Committee considered a report which advised that the Administration had been progressing matters regarding the potential use of a portion of River Torrens Linear Park land at Torrensville for a dog park. (The impetus for this initiative followed a Motion with Notice, which was considered by Council at its meeting of 7 August 2018.)

Following its consideration of the matter the Committee recommended to Council that:

1. *The report be noted.*
2. *The Administration be authorised to enter into negotiations with representatives from the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) in an endeavour to secure a lease or licence for land within the River Torrens Linear Park Reserve for use as a dog park.*
3. *A further report be provided to the Committee following negotiations with the Departmental representatives.*

At its meeting of 14 December 2021, Council resolved in accordance with the Committee's recommendations.

Following the Committee meeting, the Administration contacted the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) in an endeavour to further progress the matter and were subsequently provided with a draft proposed licence agreement.

At its meeting held 22 March 2022, the Committee were presented a summary of key details of the proposed licence agreement allowing the use of crown land within the River Torrens Linear Park for a dog park, and Council consequently agreed that:

1. *The Administration conduct a public consultation/notification process with nearby businesses, residents and stakeholders to determine whether there are any significant objections to the establishment of the proposed dog park in the proposed location.*
2. *Should there be no adverse comment received during the period of public consultation, Council enter into the proposed licence agreement with the Minister/Department for Environment and Water for designated land within the River Torrens Linear Park (near the northern end of Hayward Avenue and West Street, Torrensville). The licence area is to be used as a dog park for a term of 10 years (commencing on the date of issue) at a fee of \$1pa plus GST payable on demand.*

3. *The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign and/or seal any documentation to give effect to the grant of licence.*

The Administration also advised that no existing funding was allocated within Council's budget to expend on constructing the dog park and that funding for this project has been included in the 2022/2023 budget deliberations.

Discussion

Funding allocated in the 2022/2023 budget for the development of a new dog park at Torrensville was approved by Council and the Administration appointed consultants to develop a concept design for site, (**Attachment 1**). There are a large number of dogs currently residing in Torrensville - 727 in total, of which 478 are registered and 249 are unregistered. The concept was designed to ensure the dog park is an attractive and inviting place for pets and their owners whilst also respecting the natural surroundings where it is located. The concept includes:

- A larger enclosed area for medium to large dogs with agility equipment;
- A separate smaller enclosed area for small dogs;
- Natural rummaging areas for both spaces;
- Drinking fountains and pet drinking stations;
- Bins with dog bag dispensers;
- Shelter and seating in both spaces;
- Continuation of the natural setting with complementary plant and material selections;
- A combination of existing colourbond and new 2.1m black PVC coated chain mesh fencing.

To ensure the dog park meets the needs of its users, community input into the design was sought and at the end of the consultation period (which closed on 11 January 2023) fifty-six [56] survey responses, one [1] hardcopy survey response and two [2] email responses were received. Full details of the responses can be found in **Attachments 2 and 3**.

Respondents were asked a number of questions relating to where they live, whether or not they are dog owner and if so, how many and what sized dogs they own. The greatest percentage of respondents live in Torrensville (44%) followed by Underdale (21%). Most respondents were dog owners (80%) of which, 73.3% own one dog and 26.7% own two. Respondents classified the size of their dogs as medium (20 responses); small (18 responses) and large (13 responses).

The survey also sought feedback regarding the proposed dog park along the River Torrens Linear Trail at Torrensville. 57% of respondents stated they would use a dog park along the linear trail, 32% would not and 10% were unsure. 50% of respondents stated they would utilise the big dog park compared to 31% who would use the small and 18% would use both. Most respondents would walk to a dog park in the proposed location (47 of 56 respondents).

Overall, 58.9% of respondents supported the proposed Big Dog Park concept for medium and large dogs (compared to 28.6% who did not support it and 12.5% who were unsure); and 53.6% supported the proposed Small Dog park concept (compared to 26.6% who did not support it and 17.9% who were unsure).

Many respondents took the opportunity to provide written feedback about the proposed concept plans and to voice a number of concerns. The main concerns by respondents relate to the proposed location and also the potential loss of trees for the dog parks.

It is the opinion of some respondents that the location is not ideal as there is not adequate carparking available in close proximity to the dog parks and also the location is not viewed as accessible by people with mobility concerns. The Administration notes these concerns however the intention of this proposed dog park is to provide infrastructure and off-leash opportunities for those who currently walk or bicycle along the linear trail with their dogs.

The park is seen as an opportunity for people to stop part-way through their journey to allow additional stimulation and experiences for the dogs before continuing on.

Many respondents also provided written feedback regarding their lack of support for the proposal if it results in the loss of existing tree canopy. The concept plan for both the Big and Small dog parks does not include the removal of any trees. The removal of some shrubs and ground cover is required in order to make the areas accessible and safe for dogs and their owners, however no trees will be removed.

Some respondents are of the opinion that the dog park along the River Torrens Linear Trail at Thebarton is being proposed as a result of the Adelaide Football Club's proposal to incorporate Kings Reserve into their masterplan for the Thebarton Oval Precinct. The proposal to consider a dog park in this location was originally considered back in 2018 and unfortunately its progress was significantly influenced by the delayed response times of the Department for Environment and Water. In 2020 the project was again delayed due to COVID-19 and the inability for the Administration to meet with key DEW staff onsite to discuss the proposals. The proposal is not contingent upon nor directly related to any proposed works which may take place at Kings Reserve some time in the future. Many respondents provided valuable feedback regarding the overall design of the dog parks including:

- the importance of lighting as the area is somewhat isolated;
- agility equipment in the smaller dog park not only the larger one;
- a walking path within both parks;
- consideration being given to Water Sensitive Urban Design elements to reduce the effects of dog faeces entering the River Torrens;
- ensuring fence is high enough to contain larger dog breeds including greyhounds which can jump high; and
- the dog parks' fence lines to be set back from the main shared-use path by 1-1.5 metres to ensure pedestrians and cyclists who have a fear of dogs are provided with an adequate buffer.

The consultants have now been provided with the consultation results and are in the process of refining the designs of both the Small and Big Dog park areas. The consultants will include the elements listed above in the refined designs. Once completed, the construction will be procured and work is expected to be completed by late 2023.

Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

There are no known or perceived climate change impacts arising as a result of this matter. No existing trees are proposed to be removed in the delivery of this project.

Conclusion

Following previous Council approval to enter into a licence agreement with the Department for Environment and Water for a period of 10 years for a dog park on the southern side of the River Torrens Linear Park, in the vicinity of the northern end of Hayward Avenue - located between Hardys Road and Jervois Street, Torrensville, a period of public consultation/notification was undertaken. This process aimed to gauge the community's sentiment regarding, and appetite for, the proposal, and confirm the details of the proposed dog park as outlined in the concept plan.

At the end of the public consultation period, 57 survey responses and two emails were received regarding the project and generally favoured to establishment of the dog park at Torrensville. The Administration now seeks Committee/Council approval to progress this project by refining the concept plan, establishing the two dog parks and executing the licence agreement.

Attachments

- 1. Concept Plan for a New Dog Park at Torrensville**
- 2. Torrensville Dog Park Consultation Results Report**
- 3. Torrensville Dog Park email and hardcopy consultation responses**

Torrensville Dog Park Reserve - Consultation



Proposed Location



Torrensville Dog Park Reserve - Consultation



Shelter



Edging



Surfaces



Fencing



Tunnel



Agility Equipment



Drinking Fountains



Seating



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SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

23 June 2020 - 14 January 2023

PROJECT NAME:

Torrensville Dog Park



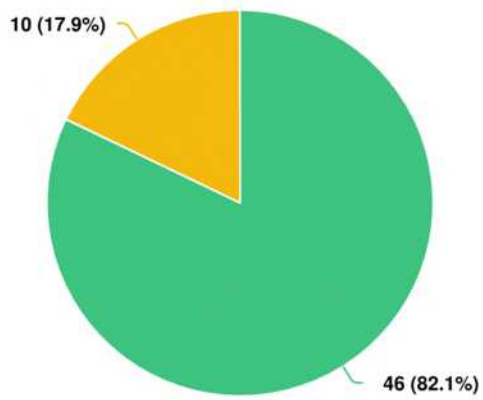
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SURVEY QUESTIONS

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Q1 Do you live in the City of West Torrens?



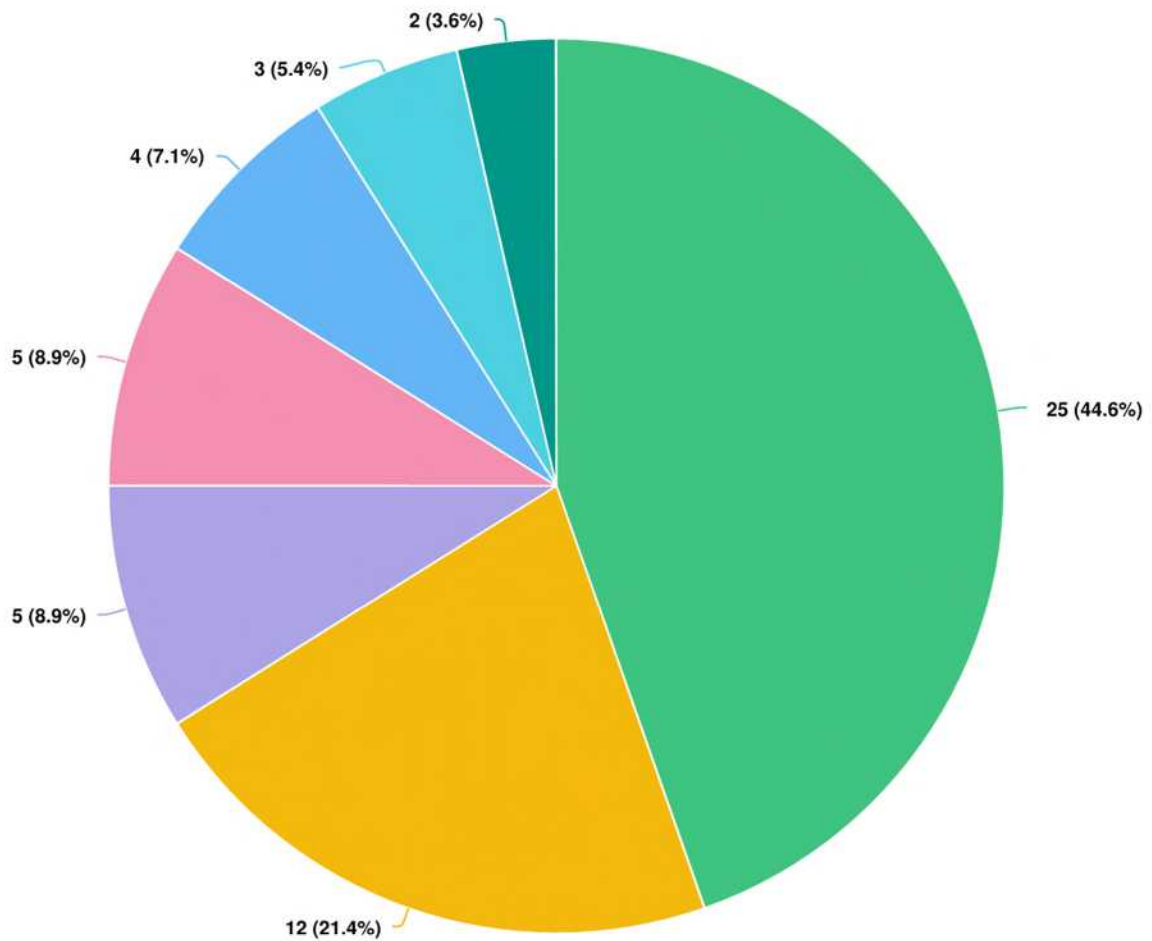
Question options

- Yes
- No

*Mandatory Question (56 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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Q2 Suburb



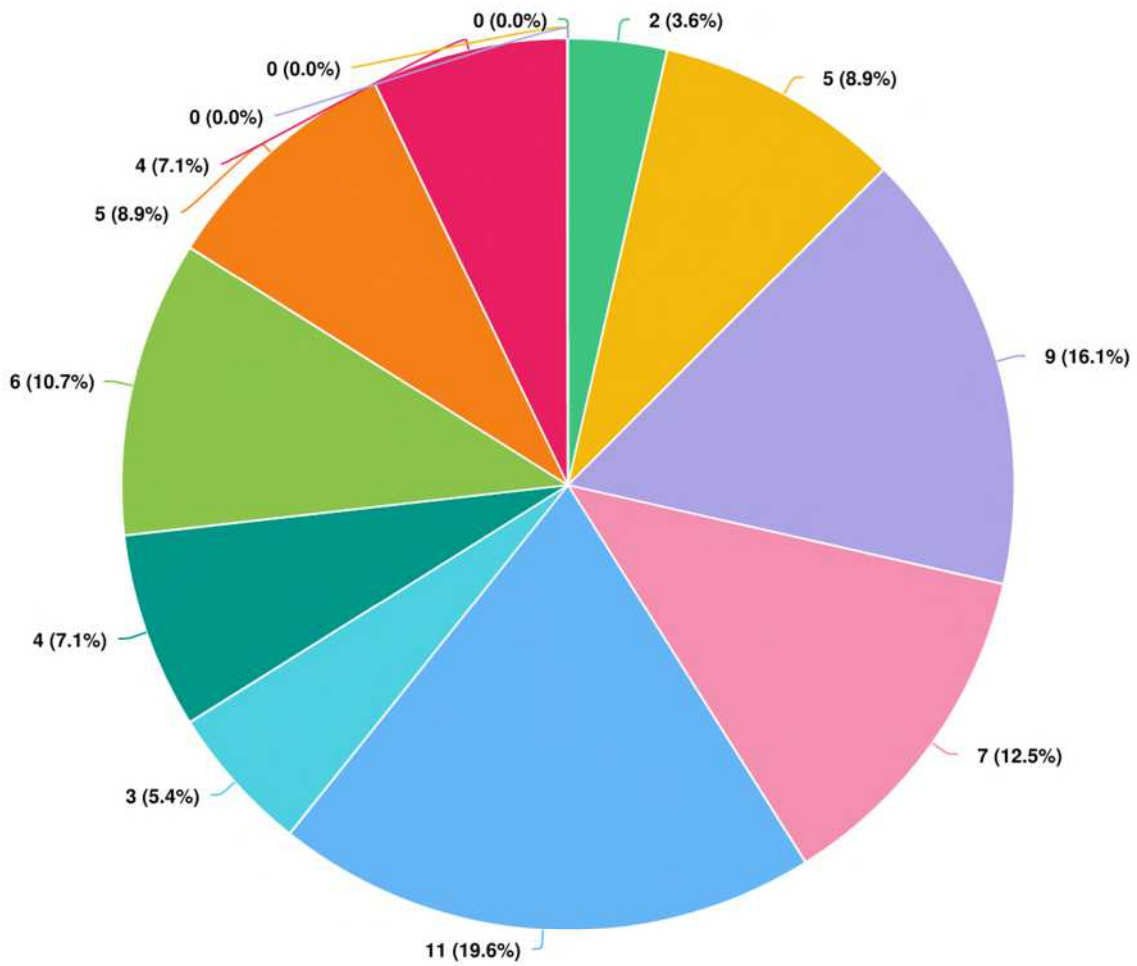
Question options

- TORRENSVILLE, SA
- UNDERDALE, SA
- MILE END, SA
- ALLENBY GARDENS, SA
- WEST HINDMARSH, SA
- FLINDERS PARK, SA
- THEBARTON, SA

Mandatory Question (56 response(s))
Question type: Region Question

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Q3 What is your age bracket?



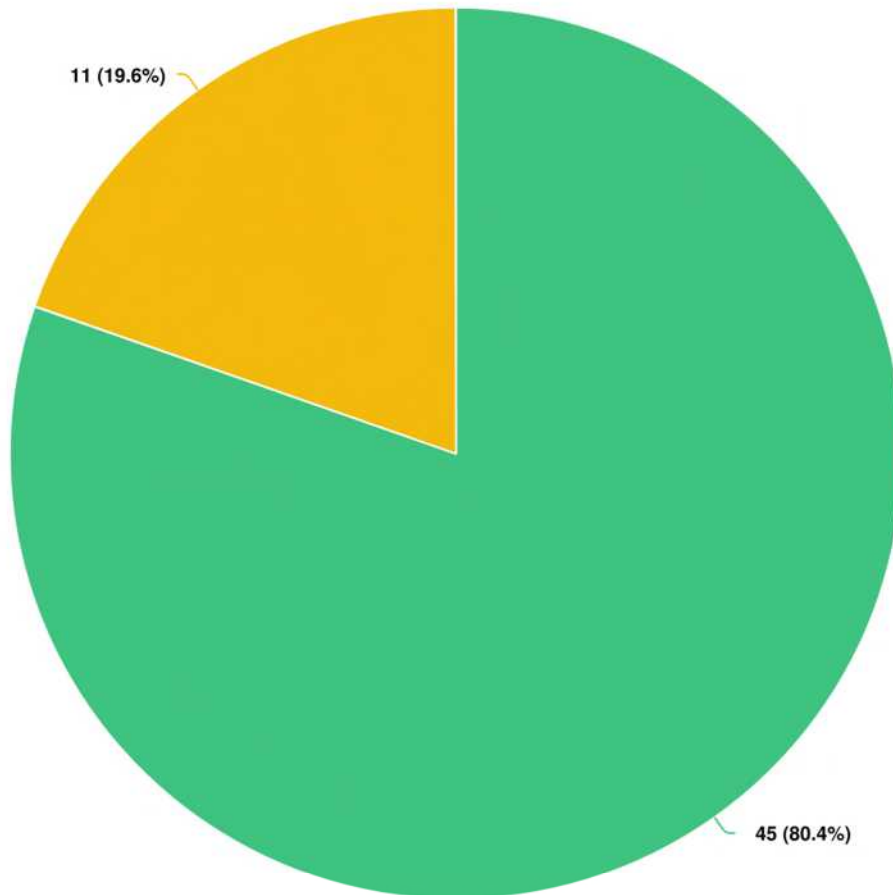
Question options

- 18 to 23
- 24 to 29
- 30 to 34
- 35 to 39
- 40 to 44
- 45 to 49
- 50 to 54
- 55 to 59
- 60 to 64
- 65 to 69
- Under 18
- 70 to 74
- 75+

*Mandatory Question (56 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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Q4 Are you a dog owner?



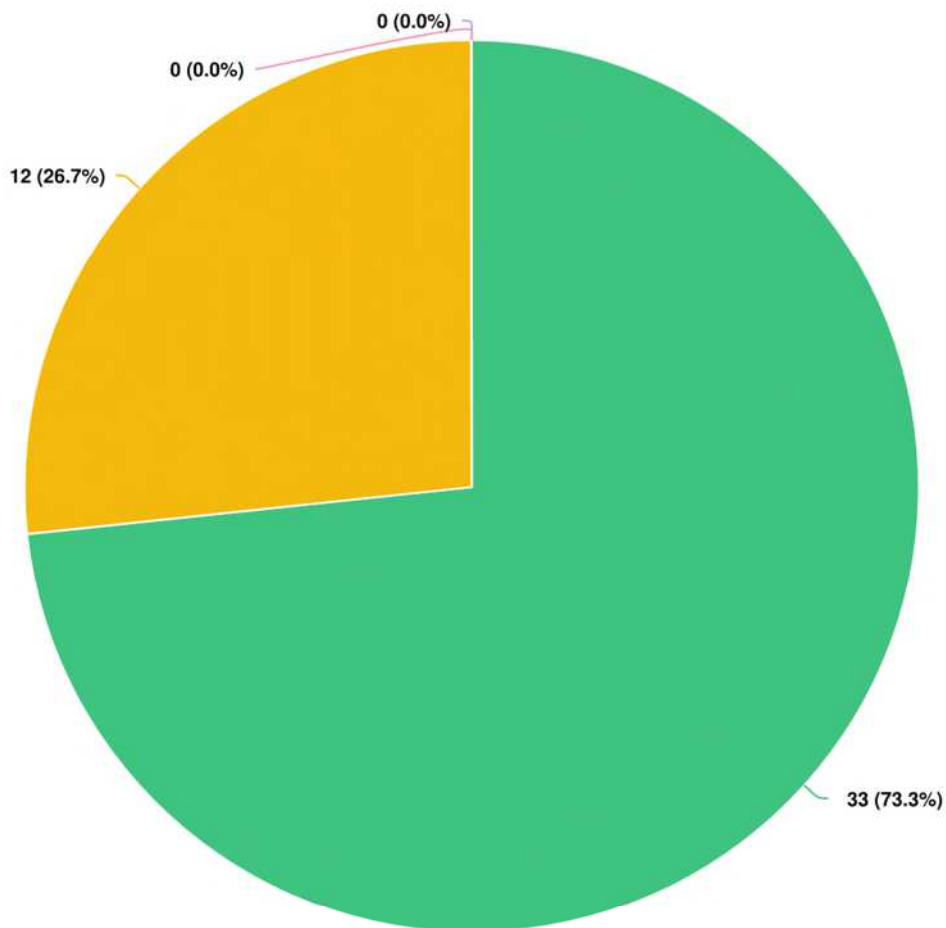
Question options

- Yes
- No

Mandatory Question (56 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

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Q5 How many dogs do you own?



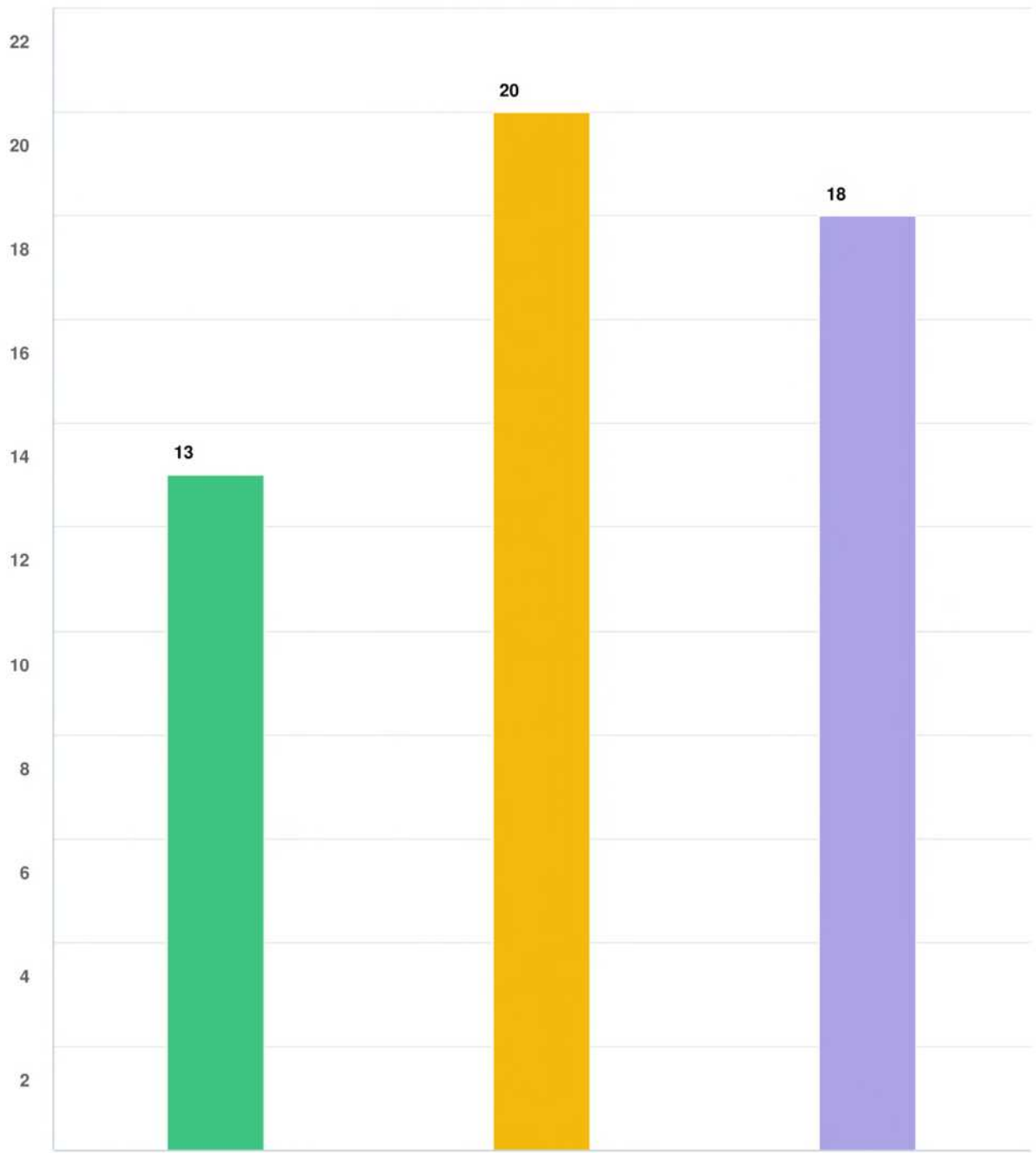
Question options

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4+

Mandatory Question (45 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

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Q6 How would you describe your dog(s). Select all that apply if you own more than one dog.



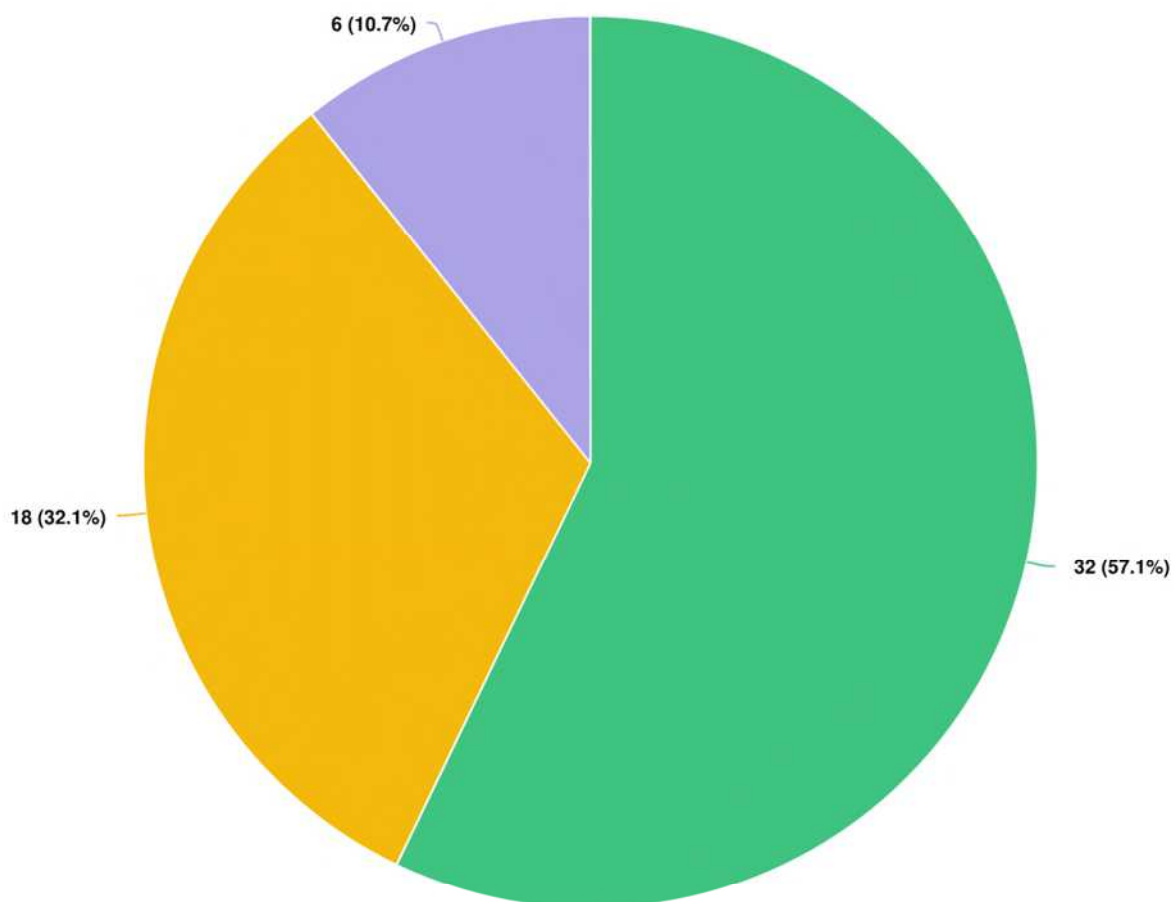
Question options

- Large
- Medium
- Small

*Mandatory Question (45 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question*

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Q7 Would you use a fully fenced off-leash dog park along River Torrens Linear Trail?



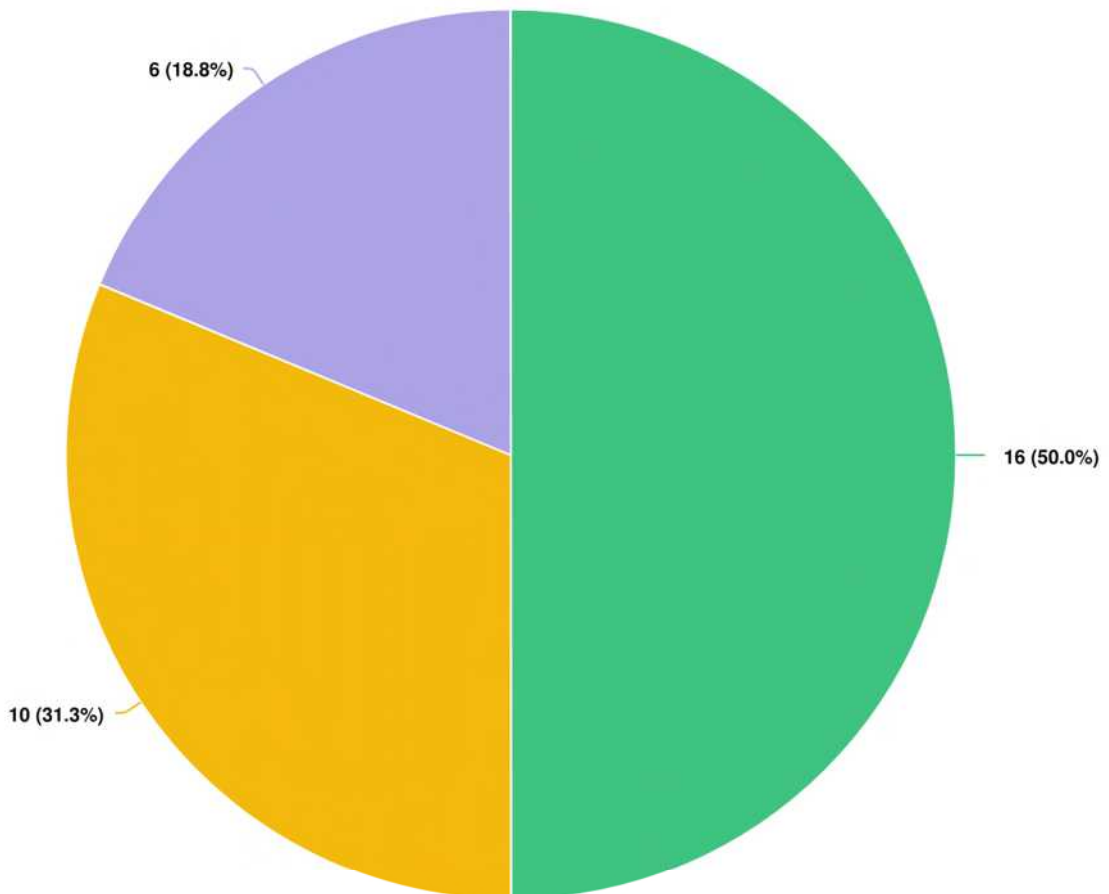
Question options

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Mandatory Question (56 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

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Q8 Which side of the dog park would you use most?



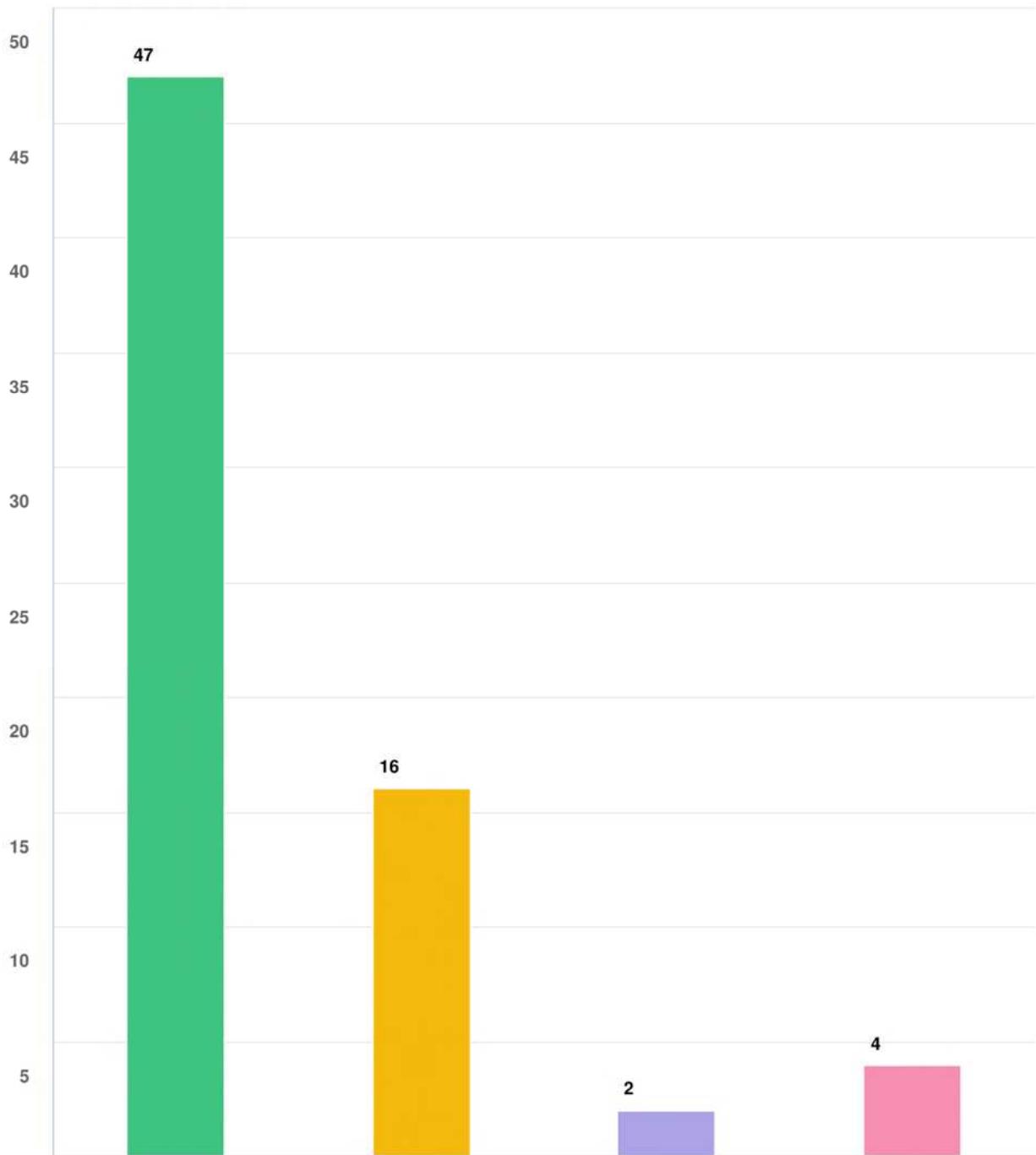
Question options

- Big dog
- Small dog
- Both

Mandatory Question (32 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

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Q9 How would you travel to the dog park's location?



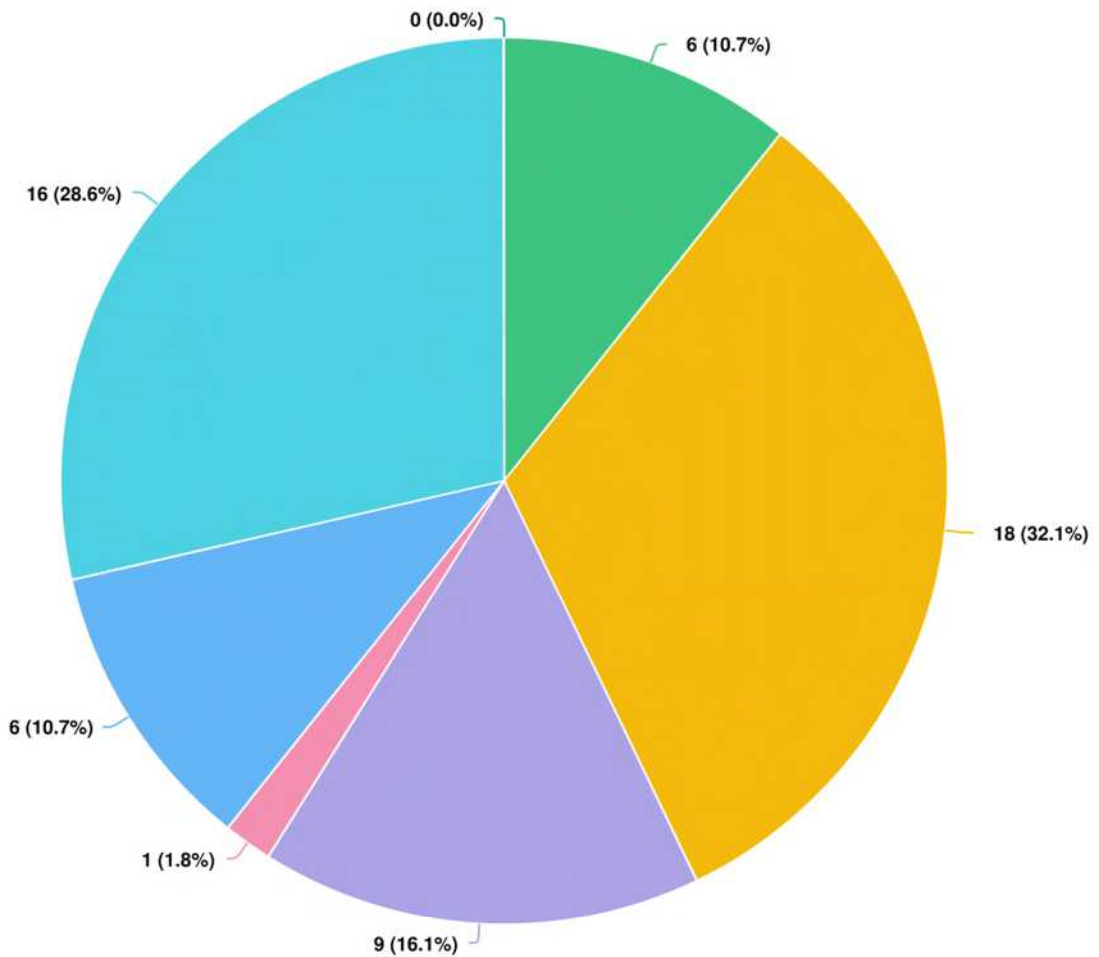
Question options

- Walk
- Drive
- Bike
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (56 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

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Q10 How often do you think you might visit and spend time at the proposed dog park?



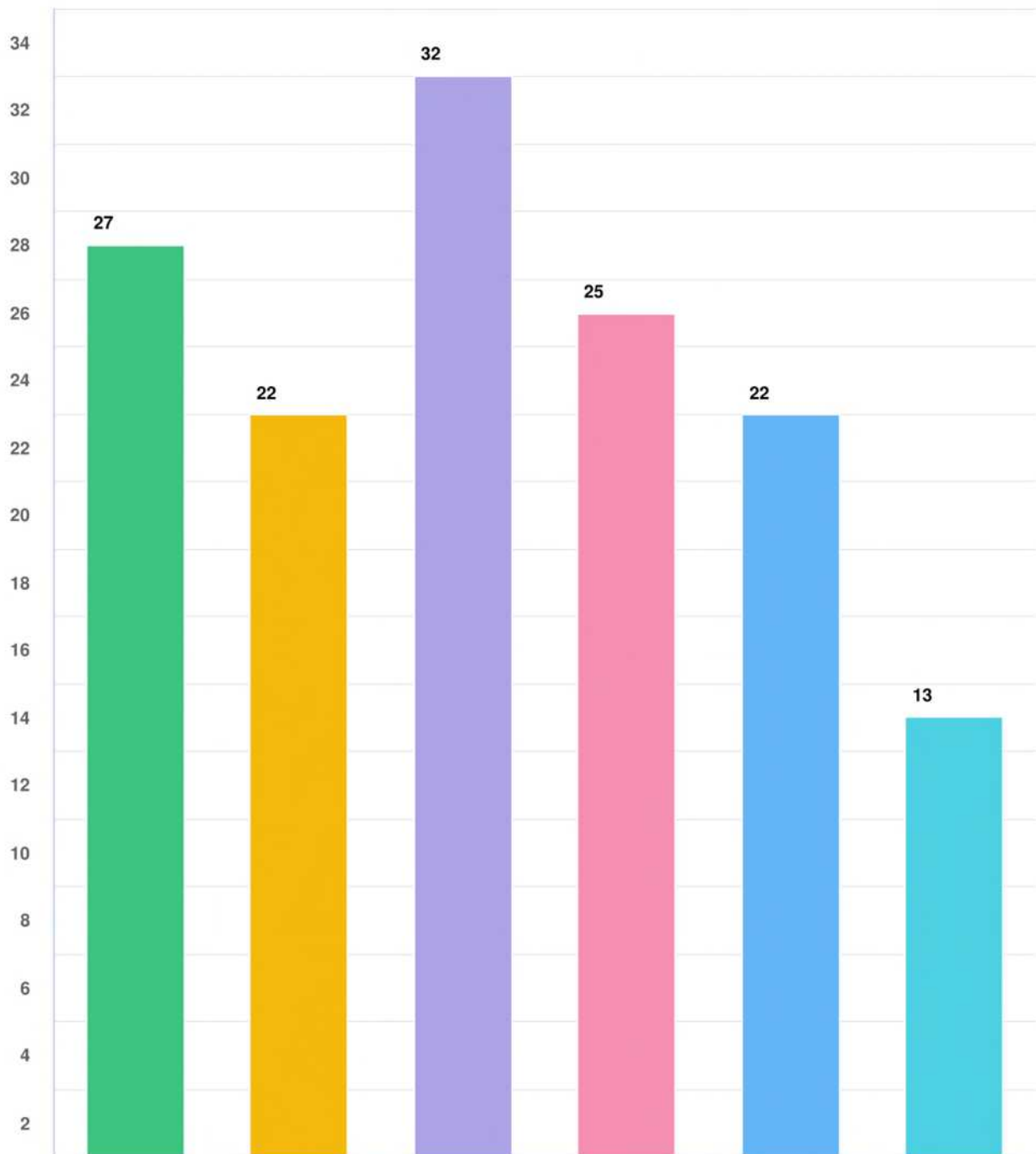
Question options

- Daily
- A couple of times a week
- Weekly
- A couple of times a month
- Only occasionally
- Never
- Monthly

Mandatory Question (56 response(s))
 Question type: Radio Button Question

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Q11 What location(s) do you currently use for dog exercise?



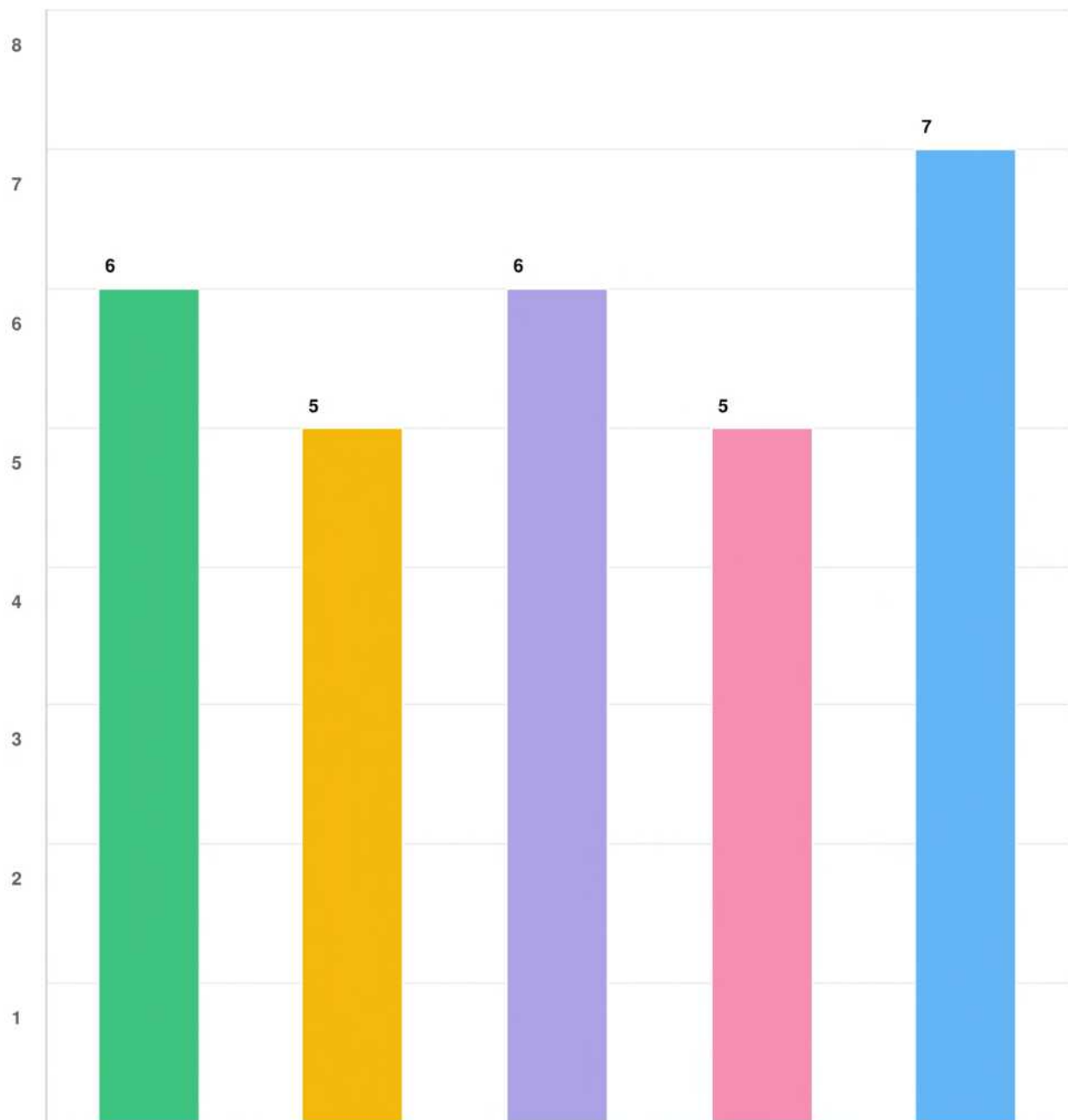
Question options

- Kings Reserve
- Local parks
- Footpaths
- Beach
- Other dog parks
- Other (please specify)

*Mandatory Question (56 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question*

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Q12 Which dog parks do you currently attend?



Question options

- West Torrens Dog Park (Moss Avenue, Marleston)
- Pooch Park (Rowells Road, Flinders Park)
- Clifford Street Dog Park (Clifford Street, Torrensville)
- West Hindmarsh Dog Park (Jervois Ave, West Hindmarsh)
- Other (please specify)

*Mandatory Question (22 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question*

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Q13 What do you like about the dog parks you currently use?

Screen Name Redacted 12/20/2022 06:29 PM	Tidy and nice grass
Screen Name Redacted 12/21/2022 02:58 PM	Lots of room for my dog to run. Lots of different surfaces and objects to smell. Shelter for humans. Bins, water and bags are available.
Screen Name Redacted 12/21/2022 03:23 PM	Grassed area for my dog
Screen Name Redacted 12/21/2022 03:34 PM	Large enough, lights are available at night (v important!) and enough shade.
Screen Name Redacted 12/22/2022 02:11 AM	Easy access, fence preferred, water access/paddle pool, shade/gardens
Screen Name Redacted 12/22/2022 02:15 AM	Close by
Screen Name Redacted 12/22/2022 09:43 AM	Availability of bins and bags, regular mowing. Shelter
Screen Name Redacted 12/28/2022 06:53 PM	They are enclosed
Screen Name Redacted 1/01/2023 12:58 PM	Smaller. People actively look after their dogs
Screen Name Redacted 1/01/2023 08:30 PM	It's a safe and friendly environment with a nice grassed area to play on. It's close enough to walk to
Screen Name Redacted 1/03/2023 05:09 PM	We are about to move into the area and will be getting a new dog this year - the best dog parks are grass. Sand is the absolute worst ground cover you could pick next to chunky bark chips. Grass or the soft springy Plastic ground (like use in playgrounds).
Screen Name Redacted	Space for our dog to sniff and run around. Freedom off the lead.

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1/05/2023 08:14 AM

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1/06/2023 02:31 PM

I like having a small and big dog park. Being able to allow my dog off lead

Screen Name Redacted

1/08/2023 08:51 AM

Foraging vegetation area provides more stimulation than your typical grass/dirt only dog park

Screen Name Redacted

1/09/2023 09:55 PM

They are in better locations than this proposed dog park.

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1/11/2023 03:19 PM

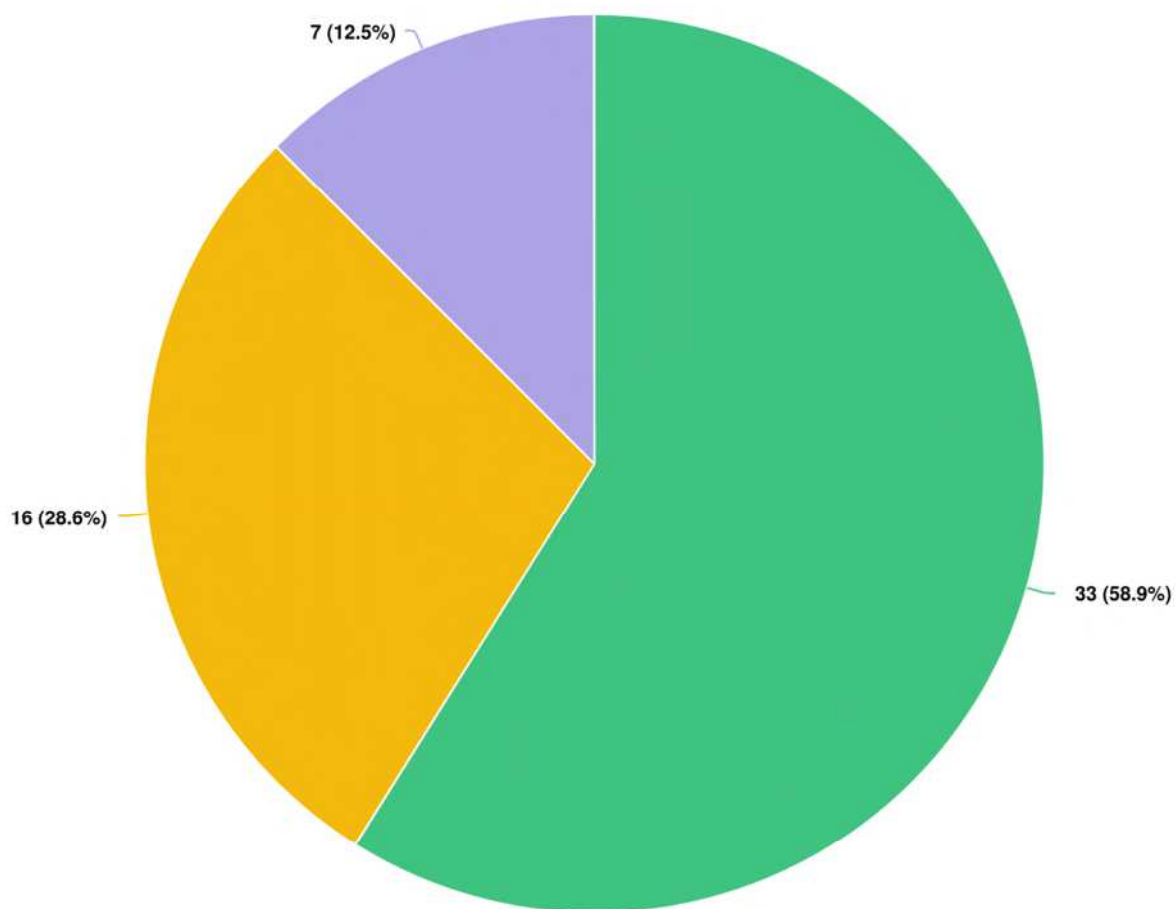
Better locations than the proposed

Optional question (16 response(s), 40 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

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Q14 Do you support the design of the enclosed off-leash Big dog park (for medium to large dogs)?



Question options

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Mandatory Question (56 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

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Q15 Do you have any comments about the design of the Big dog park?

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12/19/2022 09:29 PM

No it looks great, I like that it integrates the natural surrounds tastefully. No mention of additional lighting though which would be necessary.

Screen Name Redacted

12/21/2022 02:58 PM

It would be nice if there was some lawned area. Will there be any lighting for evenings?

Screen Name Redacted

12/21/2022 03:05 PM

I only support the park if there are rules that are made to have dogs on leash outside of the dog parks. Even if it were between certain hours, so everyone can safely use what it meant for everyone as we all pay rates.

Screen Name Redacted

12/21/2022 05:18 PM

No

Screen Name Redacted

12/21/2022 09:19 PM

No as I won't use it. I have tried a few dog parks and none of them were a pleasant experience

Screen Name Redacted

12/21/2022 09:29 PM

Please make sure the fence is high enough and fences fully closed (probably obvious!) but for dogs like greyhounds super important they can't get out if they get distracted

Screen Name Redacted

12/22/2022 02:11 AM

Great design, terrible location (access).

Screen Name Redacted

12/22/2022 02:15 AM

Great design, terrible location

Screen Name Redacted

12/22/2022 08:26 AM

I'd advocate that it include big dogs, but that small dog owners can come in if their small dog is good with big dogs.

Screen Name Redacted

12/22/2022 09:43 AM

Don't like the black fencing. Would be better in a less obtrusive colour. Think that there is not enough seating towards back of park. Shelter is protected from most of park with the stone wall which makes supervising harder. Need more than one set of bins and bags

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Screen Name Redacted

12/28/2022 05:21 PM

Yes. It would appear that trees will have to be removed to build this park (given the designs shown). This is not acceptable, given the amount of trees likely to be removed already from the Crows Development and South Rd development. It is not needed as people already use the Linear Park for dog walking and can walk their dogs off-leash along the banks of the river.

Screen Name Redacted

12/28/2022 06:53 PM

Do it! It will be great!

Screen Name Redacted

12/28/2022 07:35 PM

Please do not cut down any trees!

Screen Name Redacted

12/28/2022 09:18 PM

Honestly, leave the trees alone. The linear park needs ce it's trees and shrubs, not fences and structures.

Screen Name Redacted

12/29/2022 10:46 PM

No. I would rather leave things as they are. Our dog is a big dog and he likes to run which tires him. I also love walking around the Torrens and having a big dog like him gets me out exercising. He is not interested in other dogs. The only people that benefit are those with little dogs.

Screen Name Redacted

12/30/2022 02:20 PM

I am a regular walker along the Linear Park. The proposed dog park site would make good use of an otherwise under-utilised area. My main concern is the setback of the fence from the path. Although I am not generally afraid of dogs, at the Pooch Park on Findon Rd, I have had large dogs run at me (they inside the fence, and me outside) in a way I have found intimidating. Others, including kids could find this disturbing too. I would prefer to see a larger setback of the chainlink fence from the path. The signage at the site doesn't state the proposed height of the chainlink fence, but I would hope it high enough that passers-by feel the dogs are safely contained.

Screen Name Redacted

1/01/2023 11:05 AM

This dog park is using land that adjoins the linear park, which is beautiful natural scrub land that supports bird and wildlife. Building of the large dog park will require the removal of yet more mature trees, which taken together with the proposed Kings Reserve development, will mean that this council will fallen further in tree canopy loss. WTC are currently in the bottom 8 councils in the whole of Australia for tree canopy loss. We need more shade not less shade. Personally, I don't like dog parks. They are a lazy way of exercising your dog

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<p>Screen Name Redacted 1/01/2023 08:30 PM</p>	<p>The concept looks good. If possible a bit of a lawned area would be nice if it's not already in the proposed plan</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 1/03/2023 05:09 PM</p>	<p>As stated above, the sand is a bad idea. Grass or springy flooring like at playgrounds is the best options. The Pooch dog park has the sand and it's horrible for dogs to run around and play in. We're going to live around the corner but would go out of our way to use the Kings Oval.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 1/04/2023 04:40 PM</p>	<p>How do you access the park by car?</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 1/04/2023 11:32 PM</p>	<p>Great idea to have a seperate park for big dogs.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 1/06/2023 12:21 PM</p>	<p>The latest water fountain installed on the linear park has a very small water bowl make sure the big dog park has a large water bowl. Make sure that the premise next door to the dog park does not throw there lunch scraps into the dog park like they do at the moment into the existing park.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 1/06/2023 02:10 PM</p>	<p>Should include Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) elements to make sure we reduce inevitable feces to be washed into the river Torrens during rains.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 1/06/2023 02:19 PM</p>	<p>This is a fantastic idea!</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 1/07/2023 07:40 AM</p>	<p>It's unclear if any of the trees are being removed and I wouldn't support that. I would support this dog park if it included options for both small and large dogs and the small dog park was not built on the northern side of the path.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 1/08/2023 07:38 PM</p>	<p>The removal of mature trees is a major problem. Also, fencing off an area along the river will be unattractive. Keep our parks open.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 1/09/2023 10:23 AM</p>	<p>Location is not great having to cross Ashwin Parade with a dog, it is an industrial area truck movements etc.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 1/09/2023 09:55 PM</p>	<p>This is a bad location for a dog park.</p>

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1/11/2023 09:16 AM

Until recently I have been a dog owner and have used Kings Reserve and Bonython Park, which are not fenced off dog parks. I also care for other dogs in the family and these areas are sufficient for dogs to run around. Whilst I do not object to dog parks being created I do object to the removal of trees. The inner west has the poorest tree cover in metropolitan Adelaide and this Council should be doing everything to retain the existing trees and to plant more trees. There is no need to cut down trees - we can have both, keep the trees AND have a space for dogs. In a civil society we should not be asked to choose.

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1/11/2023 03:12 PM

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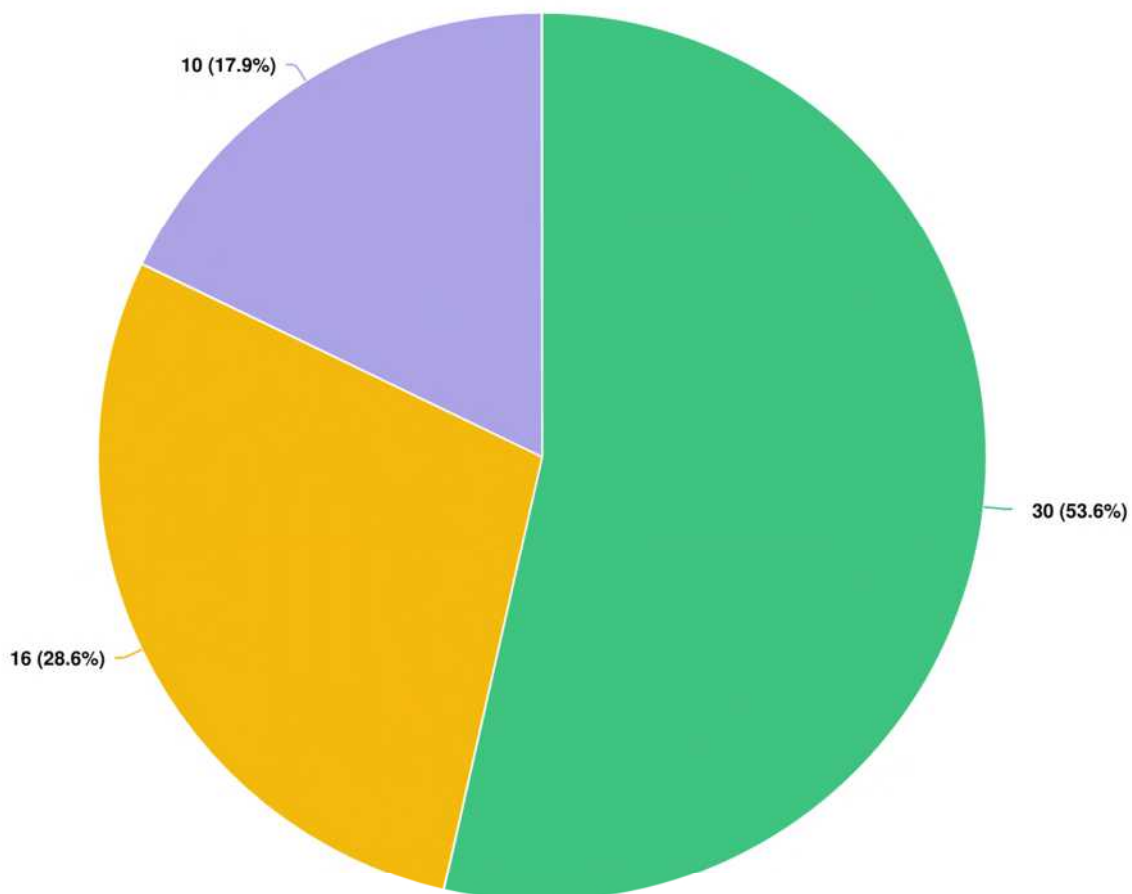
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Optional question (32 response(s), 24 skipped)**Question type:** Essay Question

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Q16 Do you support the design of the enclosed off-leash Small dog park?



Question options

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Mandatory Question (56 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

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Q17 Do you have any comments about the design of the Small dog park?

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12/19/2022 09:29 PM

No that looks good, I like that the river is still accessible.

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12/21/2022 02:58 PM

Is there any lighting? It would be good to have logs, rocks and seating in there too.

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12/21/2022 03:05 PM

As above

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12/21/2022 03:23 PM

Looks great

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12/21/2022 05:18 PM

I don't think it's big enough. Small dogs need big spaces to run too. They're often more active than larger breeds.

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12/21/2022 09:19 PM

No as I won't use it. I have tried a few dog parks and none of them were a pleasant experience

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12/22/2022 02:11 AM

As above

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12/22/2022 02:15 AM

As above, put them somewhere central in wtcc

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12/22/2022 08:26 AM

It's a bit sparse in terms of facilities, and having a walking path is important so people don't just stand around (which makes the dogs more likely to fight)

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12/28/2022 05:21 PM

Yes. See comments above - no to this concept if more trees are to be removed.

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12/28/2022 07:35 PM

Please do not cut down any trees!

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12/28/2022 09:18 PM

See previous comments. You had a heap of space at kings park, and you've given that away and now you want to remove more trees and cram another use type into a quiet and enjoyable space.

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Screen Name Redacted 12/29/2022 10:46 PM	no
Screen Name Redacted 12/30/2022 02:20 PM	As above, prefer an increased set-back from the Linear path
Screen Name Redacted 1/01/2023 11:05 AM	Same as above. Although I think there will be less tree loss in the build of this small dog park.
Screen Name Redacted 1/01/2023 12:58 PM	Why isn't there equipment like the big dog side
Screen Name Redacted 1/01/2023 08:30 PM	Good idea to have the two separate areas.
Screen Name Redacted 1/04/2023 04:40 PM	Car access. I would be walking but others will be asking about road access.
Screen Name Redacted 1/04/2023 11:32 PM	I'll feel a lot safer for my senior small dog away from bouncy big dogs.
Screen Name Redacted 1/06/2023 02:10 PM	Should include Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) elements to make sure we reduce inevitable feces to be washed into the river Torrens during rains. Very important in this section as it is closer to the river.
Screen Name Redacted 1/07/2023 07:40 AM	Please don't fence this section off to dog park users only. It will impact significantly on the outlook of the river by fencing this section of making it inaccessible to people without dogs. Can all dogs be incorporated in some way on the southern side of the path only? It's not clear in the plan if trees will be removed and I wouldn't support any trees being removed.
Screen Name Redacted 1/08/2023 07:38 PM	At present, the area is already an open space with little tree canopy so the removal of trees does not seem to be a big issue. My main objection is that a fenced area along Linear Park will be ugly and incongruous with the surrounding area.
Screen Name Redacted	I think that it is an unnecessary waste of money.

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Optional question (28 response(s), 28 skipped)**Question type:** Essay Question**Q18 | Do you have any other comments to add?**

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West Torrens still does not have any safe, fenced areas for people to exercise reactive dogs. A separate single-user area incorporated into this or some other dog park in the region would be great! There is an example in a dog park off Grand Junction Road - it's a single user space, fenced off from the main dog park, with signage simply asking users to limit their visit to 20 minutes. It works well (although ideally shouldn't share a see-through fence with the main dog park) and I

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would love to see one here in West Torrens!

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I'm not a dog owner but occasionally look after friends and relatives dogs. I think the proposal is great, there are a lot of dog owners in West Hindmarsh (Charles Sturt) where I live but also many in West Torrens. The space currently is under utilised, I jog or walk through it most days and it's fairly sparse in terms of foot traffic, especially in comparison to the opposing areas. It is also very unlit along that stretch of path in comparison to the Charles Sturt side, so hopefully this will result in changes in that area too.

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This dog park is much needed as the Clifford Street and Tedder Reserve parks are inadequate.

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12/21/2022 03:05 PM

I only support the park if there are certain rules on having dogs on leashes outside of them

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12/21/2022 03:23 PM

We currently walk around the river but there are not enough water fountains for our dog. It would be great to walk down to the river and then allow my dog off leash and to a water fountain.

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12/21/2022 03:34 PM

Please include shady spots for owners- more than just one. And please include lighting that can be turned on with a button for night time use.

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12/21/2022 05:18 PM

Kings reserve would be a better location for a large dog park.

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12/21/2022 06:18 PM

This is a great idea and hopefully this will mean less (no) people walking dogs off-lead outside of enclosure. I'm often looking after dogs of all sorts & walking them along linear park, it can be very intimidating and scary for many dogs with unwanted meetings of off-lead dogs. Having an enclosed facility like this with separation of small and large dogs would be great.

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How can someone walk a small and a large dog at the same time? I walk my dog on Kings Reserve and so I presume this proposed dog park is because the Crows won't allow dogs on 'their' oval.

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This is awesome, thank you so much for thinking of the doggos

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This is a poor location choice for a dog park. It is difficult to get to and is in a largely industrial area. It would be better to develop existing parks that are convenient and already used by people/dogs. Eg Kings reserve or dove st park.

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12/22/2022 02:11 AM

Nobody in wtcc lives near there, car parking in the vicinity is vital. Those with limited mobility can't use this facility. This honestly looks like a bandaid idea... "Here's a bit of green space, put the dogs here". It will become a great place for a drug deal with accessibility and positioning as proposed, much like the poorly planned falcon reserve. I personally would not feel safe getting to that space, even with a dog, particularly seeing as there's no parking in the vicinity.

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12/22/2022 02:15 AM

Location, location, location. This is terrible. Great value add for linear park, but not for wtcc residents who want local parks.

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12/22/2022 08:26 AM

I'm a dog trainer and have found West Torrens dog parks, though relatively well-designed, would be improved upon by following the Launceston Tasmania model at the Invermay dog park, where instead of a big and small dogs, there is a general area and a vulnerable (anxious, injured, old) dog area. The walking path is used by all so owners are constantly in motion, which is much better in preventing resource guarding of people, balls etc. When strange dogs are interacting, stagnancy can be quite dangerous.

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12/23/2022 08:31 AM

Consider adding a foot bridge adjacent, otherwise it's a reasonable walk for the dogs on the otherside to get around too and then back home after playing.

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12/28/2022 05:21 PM

It would seem that Council have suggested this proposal, because they are worried about Kings Reserve no longer being available for dog walkers, once the Crows lease the site.

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Please do not cut down any trees!

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I think the designs look pretty good. I do not support the location. Why spend so much money to put a dog park in somewhere that's only accessible by the trail - how are people who can't travel along linear

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park supposed to access them? What do you do if have a big dog but walk on the wrong side? Is there a way across there? Wouldn't kings park be a much more obvious place to put a new dog park? Everyone uses it and there's heaps of room. This just seems silly. I don't get it.

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12/28/2022 09:18 PM

Council needs to be more mindful of trees and the value of plants and green space. We should not endeavour to put man made things in every corner of our suburb - understand that quiet green spaces are highly valuable. I love my dogs, but also enjoy the linear park as it is - it motivates me to walk them. You've dtuffed up with allowing the monstrous building further down along the trail - don't build more things!

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12/29/2022 10:46 PM

I would rather leave things as they are. Our dog is a bid dog and he likes to run which tires him and he is not interesting in other dogs. I also love walking around the Torrens and having a big dog like him gets the family out exercising. I do the bird count each year and the variety of birds are wonderful. Then there is the frogs, I can go on for ever. The only people that benefit are those with little dogs. I think more money should be spent on cleaning up around the Torrens on either side and in the river itself. There is a lot of trolleys and other materials that have been thrown in there. As a dog owner and walker who regularly walks the dog with the family we are so disappointed with the City of Charles Sturt letting them destroy the other side of the Torrens by the bridge near the Brickworks for a BMX track. They have destroyed the vegetation and have impacted the soil. Sometimes the rubbish is like walking through the dump and there are more shovels than what bunnings sells. I just want to keep the Torrens like it is. I would like to see the City of West Torrens and the City of Charles Sturt work together and make this area a beautiful place to walk and enjoy the natural environment around us.

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1/01/2023 11:05 AM

This is just a distraction - a shiny piece of infrastructure to distract our attention away from Kings Reserve. It feels like the Council will be saying, hey, you don't need KR any more because we have given you this terrific new dog park. From a user point of view, this new dog park is tucked away in a dark area, off the beaten track, so will require significant investment in lighting, especially in winter. There is limited parking (people will drive down there), and is situated next to a busy business (trucks etc) in the new Post Office depot. If people do walk down there they will have to cross the busy (and getting busier) Ashwin Pde, which is difficult at the best of times. We have a beautiful dog park - its called Kings Reserve, and this Council is trying very hard to give that away for free. How about implementing the 2018 Master Plan, which would give us this and more?

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Really excited to see this proposal while walking along liner park today

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1/04/2023 11:32 PM

Really excited about the dog parks along the Linear Park. The dog parks will make it much more enjoyable to everyone. Hope the parks will be built VERY soon!

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1/05/2023 11:28 PM

I walked past the signs today and was very excited to see the proposal.

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1/06/2023 12:21 PM

Just get on and build it and make sure it has plenty of things to keep the dogs amused

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1/06/2023 02:10 PM

Being close to the river, could the council please also outline what sort of management protocol will be included to help reduce vermin and snakes being present in the dog park? Also, native plantings should be prioritised over non natives. Thank you

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1/06/2023 02:31 PM

This makes me so happy and I'm so excited to have a well designed dog park in walking distance to our home. We currently travel to the dog park in markets on which is also a great design but not as convenient for us to get to.

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1/07/2023 07:40 AM

I do like dogs but not a dog owner so it was difficult to answer all your required questions. As mentioned above the southern side of the river contributes to the overall ambience and experience of the river and many people do walk along this edge rather than on the path. I enjoy spotting the birds along this section and checking out what height the water levels are as it can be pretty impressive to see the water gushing out in this area after heavy rain. If this was to be transformed into a dog park and fenced off these opportunities are lost for many walkers and cyclists to experience this section of the river and even the dog park users won't experience it as it will be fenced off. While the landscaping of this section is not very natural, I think further developing it instead of potentially restoring it to a more natural state in the future would be a huge loss.

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1/08/2023 07:28 PM

The timing of this proposal is interesting. I really hope that the Council does not think that this will in some way compensate residents for the proposed changes to the public space in Kings Reserve. Please do

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not chop down any more trees. Please refer back to the 2018 Master Plan for Kings Reserve and follow through with that promise.

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In my experience, dog parks do not work well. Too many opportunities for things to turn bad between dogs. Please, please keep Linear Park as open as possible and avoid erecting fences.

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1/09/2023 10:23 AM

There should not be any removal of trees for project.

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1/09/2023 09:55 PM

This is bad location for a dog park. There is poor access to this isolated location. It is only accessible via a narrow path along linear park. Access is blocked on one side by a large stretch of industry and by the river Torrens on the other side. There are no nearby footbridges to allow access from the other side of the river Torrens and there is no nearby road access or off-street parking for this location. Research shows that 68% of park users in the Adelaide region drive to dog parks (Hazel and Thomsen, n.d.) which indicates that parking is an important issue. Furthermore, the closest vehicle access is via Ashwin Pde in a location that is frequently backed up with traffic. The narrow shared user path through this section of linear park will be subject to increased safety risks should the park actually see people walking their dogs to this location. There will be bike riders, runners, walkers and increased numbers of people walking their dogs through the constricted connecting pathways, sections of which are fenced on both sides and don't allow space for people to pass each other with any clearance or ability to step off the path and out of the way. It is also likely that there will be dog owners who will let their dogs off the leash along the path on the way to and from this location further increasing the risks to pedestrians and bike riders through this section. The pathways through this stretch are also extremely poorly lit further exacerbating the risks. The proposed location of this dog park is also geographically less than 400 metres from an existing dog park at Clifford St Reserve and less than 900 metres from the dog park at Jervois Ave Reserve, West Hindmarsh. It is difficult to see that any thought has been given to its location at all. The proposed location of this dog park completely ignores the recommendations of the state government Dog and Cat Management Board guide 'Unleashed: A Guide to Successful Dog Park' that states that a good location should: be easily accessible by road; have adequate space for off-street parking; and have good surveillance from public areas (not an isolated site). It also recommends that it is advantageous to locate dog parks near other community facilities enabling shared infrastructure and opportunities for families to enjoy a range of activities at a single location. The proposed location does not meet any of this criteria. The exiting natural setting along linear

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1/11/2023 09:16 AM

Dog parks should have a diverse natural environment, there is no need for artificial surfaces and props. Shade is good for dogs, trees provide shade at little or no cost when compared with shade cloth that is expensive to install and to maintain.

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1/11/2023 03:12 PM

Please use rate payer funds to accelerate proper greening of our city, then we can discuss dog-parks, preferably without consultation being undertaken over a holiday period.

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1/11/2023 03:19 PM

This is a terrible location for a dog park. Where is the parking for this dog park? The access is not good. It is a very isolated location. I don't think many people will use a dog park in such a location and so constructing it will be a waste of rate payer money. It would also be much better to keep the Torrens as natural a setting as possible. Putting up chain mesh fences in this location will not be fitting with the natural surroundings that we should be promoting through this important nature corridor. Isn't there also another dog park nearby in Clifford St? This location really makes no sense. The pathway along this section of the Torrens is also very narrow which I can see being a problem if you were to have increased numbers of dogs through the area - bike riders, runners, walkers and an increased number of dogs on or off leashes through this section will be very dangerous. Please rethink this one.

Optional question (36 response(s), 20 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Email and Hardcopy responses re Torrensville Dog Park

From: Email Respondent 1
Sent: Thursday, 12 January 2023 6:07 PM
To: Council Enquiries <csu@wtcc.sa.gov.au>
Subject: Torrensville dog park submission

Hi,

Re dog park proposal - there is a gate from 118a Hayward Ave which opens onto the Linear Park trail - this is regularly used. The gate opens to the north west corner inside the proposed large dog park. Can the designer please advise how access will be maintained for pedestrians and bikes?

Thanks!

From: Email Respondent 2
Sent: Wednesday, 11 January 2023 4:27 PM
To: Council Enquiries <csu@wtcc.sa.gov.au>
Subject: Torrensville Dog Park Submission

First and foremost I am against the proposal to develop this dog park in the Torrens linear park.

For statistical purposes:

- I live in the City of West Torrens
- in Torrensville
- 65 – 69 age bracket
- Not a dog owner, but do dog sit
- Would not use the fenced off facility proposed along the River Torrens Linear Trail
- I use and would continue to use Kings Reserve

Council states it has a “commitment to providing quality parks and open spaces”.

In this immediate area, we already have it. It’s called Kings Reserve, the only accessible sizeable park in this area, which caters to dog owners, large and small (dogs that is), walkers, joggers, children, various sized people and sports people. The facilities highlighted for the linear park development already exist to a degree but have been deliberately run down by Council. This I believe is as a consequence of the secretive dealings with the Adelaide Football Club (Crows) giving them the Kings Reserve, when Thebarton Oval should have been enough. Council is further alienating residents and community in general with another consolation prize. It is Kings Reserve that needs the development for the community, not the linear park and definitely not the Crows. So spend the money on updating the facilities in Kings Reserve and keep it for the community as was intended by the Kings Reserve Master Plan of 2018.

Why does every Council proposal seem to entail chopping down more trees? Especially in this day and age when the focus is and should be on the retention of trees and planting more!! It is more than disingenuous that Council says in its preamble for the linear park proposal that it is “respecting the natural surroundings where it is located”.

It is clear Council is good at creating motherhood statements but is incapable of incorporating and carrying out the intention.

PLEASE STOP CUTTING DOWN TREES!

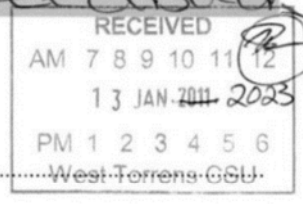
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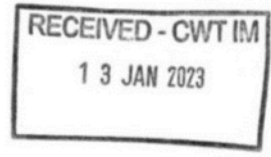
- Yes
- No



Suburb:

What is your age bracket? Select one option only.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 24 to 29 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50 to 54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 70 to 74 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30 to 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 to 59 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35 to 39 | | |



Are you a dog owner? Select one option only.

- No
- Yes

How many dogs do you own?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4+

How would you describe your dog(s). Select all that apply if you own more than one dog

- Large
- Medium
- Small

Would you use a fully fenced off-leash dog park along River Torrens Linear Trail? Select one option only.

- No
- Unsure
- Yes

Which side of the dog park would you use most? Select one option only.

- Big dog
- Small dog
- Both

How would you travel to the dog park's location? Select all that apply.

- Walk
- Drive
- Bike
- Other (please specify):.....

How often do you think you might visit and spend time at the proposed dog park? Select one option only.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daily | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A couple of times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Only occasionally |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> Never |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A couple of times a month | |

Objective ID: A2939512

What location(s) do you currently use for dog exercise? Select all that apply.

- Kings Reserve
- Local parks
- Other (please specify):
- Footpaths
- Other dog parks

If you selected 'Other dog parks' above, which dog parks do you currently attend? Select all that apply.

- West Torrens Dog Park (Moss Avenue, Marleston)
- Clifford Street Dog Park (Clifford Street, Torrensville)
- Other (please specify):
- Pooch Park (Rowells Road, Flinders Park)
- West Hindmarsh Dog Park (Jervois Ave, West Hindmarsh)

What do you like about the dog parks you currently use? Please attach additional pages if required.

I would like to use other dog parks but they are much too small. My dogs are very active & when you throw a ball they need room to build up a run then wide arch to slowly down. Approx 80m-100m long - 50-80m wide space. Need also to be able to do this without getting in other dogs space or them in ours. Sometimes there are 4-5 dog owners throwing balls. Kings Reserve the only big enough venue

Do you support the design of the enclosed off-leash Big dog park (for medium to large dogs)? Select one only.

- Yes - if it was 2-3 times the size of what is proposed. to do this safely.
- No
- Unsure

Do you have any comments about the design of the Big dog park?

I love the idea of agility equipment!
 If you understand dog behaviours & the need for space to run the current proposal is much too small. If the space was 3-4 times bigger I would support it.
 - must have several exit/entry points.

Do you support the design of the enclosed off-leash Small dog park? Select one only.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

8.7 Lockleys Tennis Club Inc - Extension of Liquor Licence Area

Brief

The Lockleys Tennis Club which holds a tenancy licence agreement over a portion of the Council owned Lockleys Oval and Lockleys Sporting Facility, (Rutland Avenue, Lockleys) has written to Council requesting that the existing liquor licence area be varied (altered).

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that the Lockleys Tennis Club Inc. be advised that Council provides its consent to the amendments to the approved liquor licence area to include the area inside the tennis shelter, adjacent the courts at Lockleys Oval.

Introduction

The Lockleys Tennis Club (previously the Mellor Park Tennis Club) has written to Council seeking to vary the approved area of its existing liquor licence, (**Attachment 1**).

The Lockleys Tennis Club (LTC) currently holds a licence agreement over a portion of the Lockleys Oval Complex which expires in September 2026. The LTC relocated from their previous base at Mellor Park to Lockleys Oval, to enable Council to redevelop Mellor Park as public open space.

The Lockleys Oval Sporting Facility and tennis courts were completed in May 2020 and provide a home for five sporting clubs. The events surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the sporting clubs being bound by State Government restrictions regarding the use of certain parts of the facility, (i.e. change rooms, limit of patrons within the function area, etc). At this time, the Administration sought Council's input and advice regarding the sale and consumption of alcohol on the premises and at its meeting held 2 June 2020, Council determined that the sale and consumption of alcohol be restricted to the upstairs function space and balcony, as well as within the Tennis Club hub (office/club) space in the north-west corner on the ground floor, (**Attachment 2**).

As new five-year licence agreements were being negotiated during 2021, Council contemplated and later agreed to, (subject to any necessary Liquor Licencing approvals or consents), allow the consumption of liquor on the ground/apron area under the building canopy on the south and east of the building, (but still excluding the change rooms). This extension did not impact nor benefit the LTC licenced area.

Discussion

Since relocating to the new Lockleys Sporting Facility from Mellor Park Tennis Clubroom, a new storage facility and tennis shelter have been constructed adjacent the six tennis courts at the northern-end of Lockleys Oval. These two facilities are part of the licenced area of the LTC at Lockleys Oval. The tennis shelter allows members and guests to wait and watch tennis training and games on the courts in a comfortable setting. It has been extremely well received by patrons as the original tennis hub (which is located on the ground floor of the larger Lockleys Sporting Facility), does not allow a direct line-of-site to the courts and is approx. 100m from the tennis courts.

Currently, alcohol can only be purchased and consumed within the original tennis hub which is located on the ground floor of the larger Lockleys Sporting Facility. Consequently, the majority of patrons do not travel the extra distance to purchase and consume alcohol thus reducing the clubs fundraising ability.

The LTC Inc. now seeks to vary the area covered under the existing liquor licence to include the area classified as 'LTC Shelter', adjacent the tennis courts (**Attachment 3**). LTC is not seeking any alterations to the approved hours that alcohol can be purchased and consumed.

It is proposed alcohol will continue to be available for sale and consumption between 12pm and 10pm on Wednesday's, Thursday's, Friday's, Saturday's and Sunday's. The LTC do not require the liquor licenced area to continue to include the tennis hub within the Lockleys Sporting Facility. Therefore, the LTC is now seeking Council consent (in its capacity as landlord) to vary the liquor licence area.

Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

There are no foreseen climate change impacts arising as a result of the implementation of this proposal.

Conclusion

The Lockleys Tennis Club Inc. has sought Council's consent for the variation of the existing liquor licence area at its premises at Lockleys Oval. The Club's requests are supported by the Administration.

Attachments

1. **Lockleys Tennis Club request to vary Liquor Licence area at Lockleys Oval**
2. **Lockleys Tennis Club - Areas covered by Existing Licence Agreement**
3. **Existing and Proposed Liquor Licence Area - Lockleys Tennis Club Inc**

9th October 2022

City of West Torrens

Manager – City Property

Mr. Dean Ottanelli



Lockleys Tennis Club Incorporated

Rutland Ave, Lockleys SA, 5032

admin@lockleystc.org

ABN: 63 568 458 330

Dear Dean,

I am writing on behalf of the Lockleys Tennis Club (LTC) to seek the councils support and approval in relocating the clubs existing liquor license from our previous premises located at Myzantha St, Mellor Park to the club's new courtside building or commonly known as the "LTC shelter" directly adjacent to the tennis courts.

After the clubs successful transition from Mellor Park to Lockleys Oval and the subsequent expansion of the club's membership base, LTC is seeking to offer its members, spectators and guests the opportunity to "enjoy a drink" from within the LTC shelter during tennis activities and LTC club events.

LTC is seeking the council's approval to extend the licensed area available within the Lockleys Oval complex to incorporate the new LTC shelter, and make the following points in consideration of this application:

- The LTC shelter is directly located adjacent to the tennis courts which provides a safe and convenient location to enjoy a drink whilst watching the tennis or participating in club events
- The LTC shelter enables LTC to responsively serve liquor in accordance with;
 - the "Liquor Licensing Act 1997"
 - the terms and conditions of the liquor licence
 - the commissioners code of practice
- The tennis club has successfully operated liquor license 57209582 for many years without issue at the club's previous location in Myzantha St, Mellor Park
- The club is seeking to sell liquor for consumption on the premises commonly known as the "LTC shelter" located directly adjacent to the tennis courts
- The club is not seeking to additionally sell liquor for consumption on the premises located within the main Lockleys Oval building commonly known as the tennis hub/tennis kitchen
- LTC is seeking to sell liquor for consumption on the premises between 12pm and 10pm Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

We acknowledge the City of West Torrens has a responsibly to consider the surrounding residents and other clubs using the Lockleys Oval facility with reference to an extension to the licensed area, and in this regard LTC is committed to ensuring the safe and responsible service of alcohol to our members, spectators, and guests.

LTC would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further to ensure a successful outcome for both LTC and City of West Torrens.

Your Sincerely,

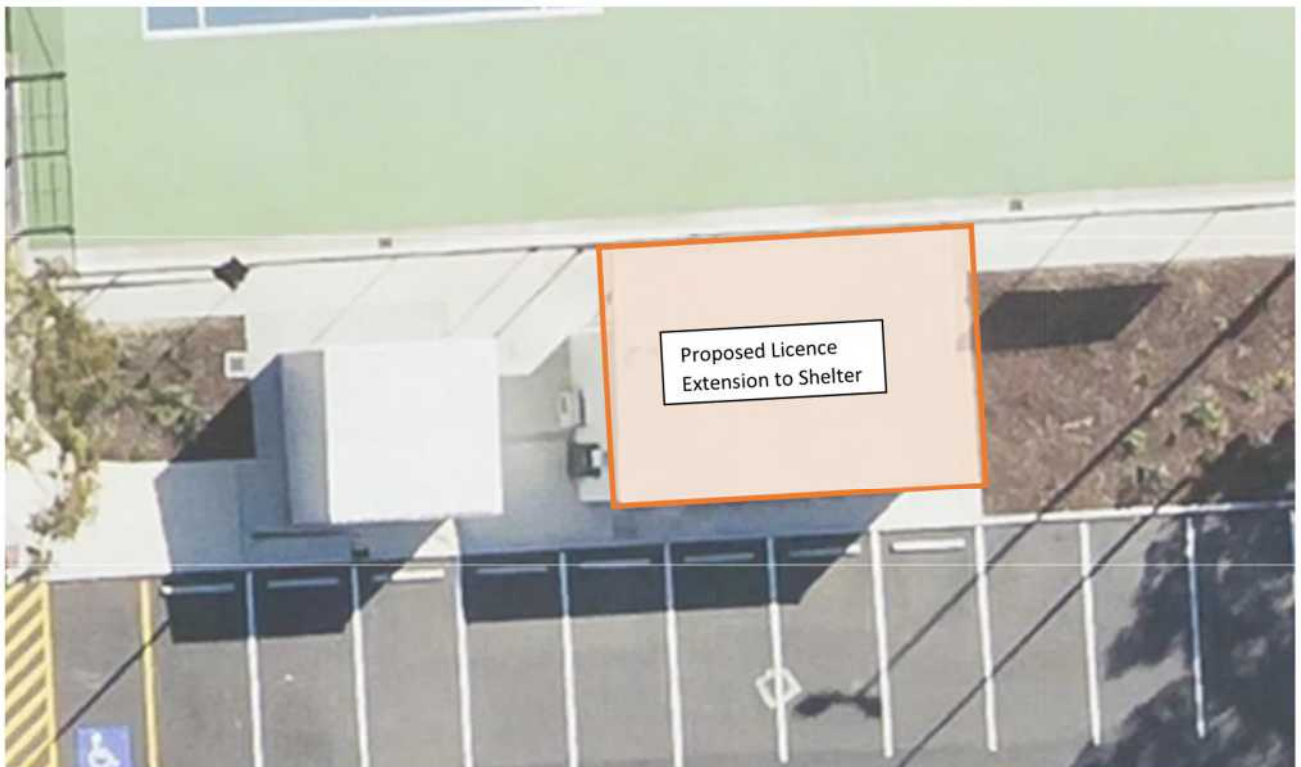
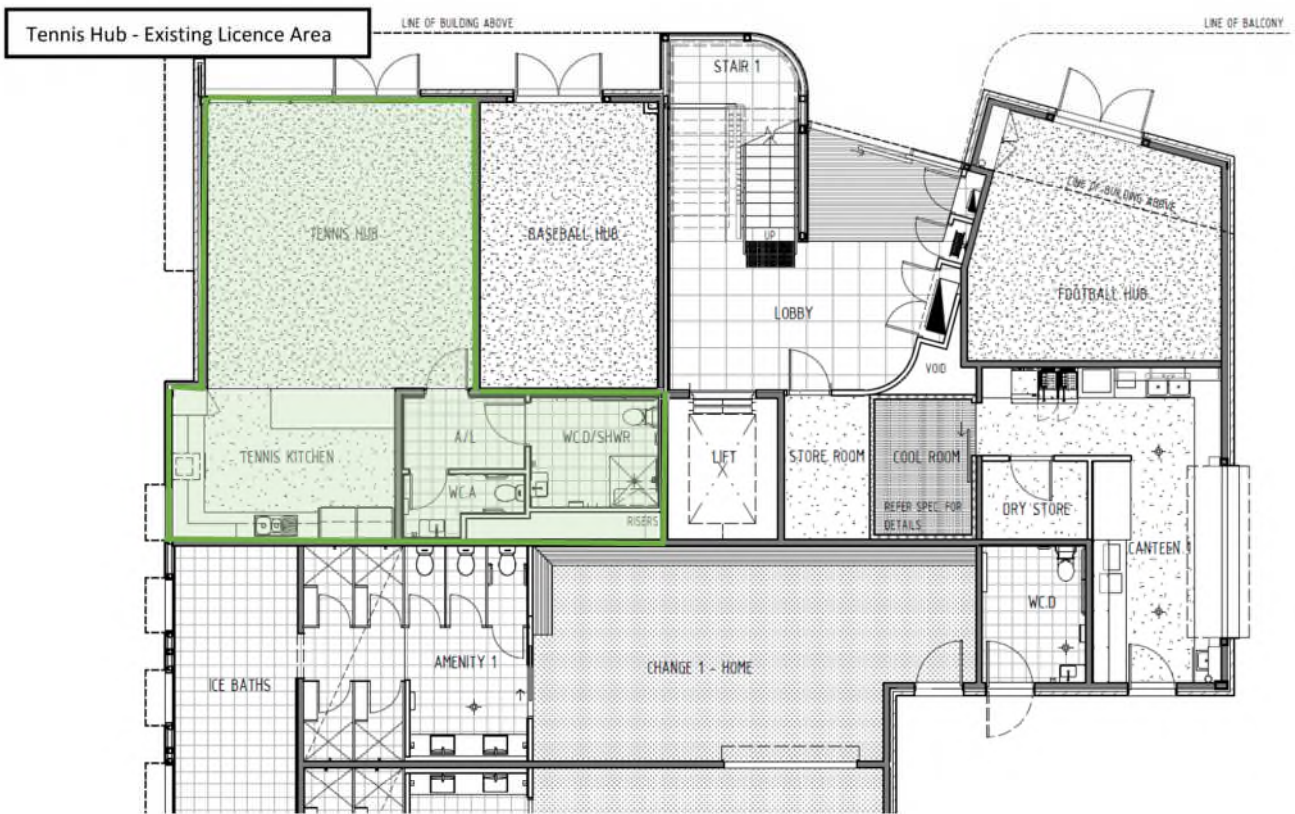
Andrew Fullgrave

LTC Secretary

Existing Licensed Areas - Lockleys Tennis Club



Existing and Proposed Extension to Liquor Licence Areas - Lockleys Tennis Club



8.8 Lockleys Oval Sporting Facility - Status of Tenancy Agreements

Brief

This report provides Members with an update regarding the grant of new licence agreements at the upgraded Lockleys Oval Sporting Facility.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that:

1. The report be noted.
2. The Administration be authorised to continue to discuss the proposed licence agreement with the Lockleys Football Club, and the Club be given until 31 March 2023 to confirm its status at Lockleys Oval and Sporting Facility.

Introduction

At its meeting of 28 September 2021, the Committee considered a report which proposed the grant of new (5 year) licence agreements to users of Council's new facilities at Camden Oval, Lockleys Oval and Weigall Oval and which outlined a methodology and rationale for the determination of licence fees for those user clubs.

Members may recall that there was considerable discussion on the matter and that following its consideration of it the Committee resolved as follows:

The Committee recommends to Council that:

1. *The report be noted.*
2. *The methodology which has been developed and presented to determine the proposed licence fees for Clubs occupying the recently completed facilities at Camden Oval, Lockleys Oval and Weigall Oval within this report be agreed and that the Administration be authorised to prepare new licence agreements for the Clubs, in accordance with the methodology and information contained within this report for execution by the Clubs.*
3. *The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign and seal any documentation to give effect to the grant of this resolution.*

The Council endorsed the Committee's recommendations at its meeting of 5 October 2021. Final (execution) copies of the licence agreements were provided to all clubs following the Council meeting, seeking sign, or sign and seal, of these documents by Club signatories. Members may further recall that the report of 28 September 2021 indicated that:

- *The methodology proposed that licence fees be determined on the basis of the duration of occupation each year, the area occupied and the facilities that are provided within the nominated licence areas. The intention in using such a methodology was to address relativity and equity issues amongst and between licence fee charges within and across the new facilities; and*
- *The Lockleys Football Club expressed significant concern with regard to the proposed quantum, and indicated that it did not have the capacity to meet the proposed charges but had at the time of the meeting not offered any alternate proposal.*

Subsequently, the Administration sought further information and met with representatives from the Lockleys Football Club in an endeavour to progress the matter.

At its meeting held 22 March 2022, Members were provided with the Lockleys Football Club audited financial statements and also an alternate fee proposal determined by the Club for Members' consideration.

The Committee resolved that:

1. *The Lockleys Football Club be advised that Council **does not accept** the alternative rental/licence fee offer it has submitted, i.e. a commencing licence fee of \$3,900pa plus GST and outgoings. The licence fee to increase on each anniversary of the commencement date (1 October 2021) during the licence term as follows:*
 - *From 1 October 2022 - \$4,095 pa plus GST and outgoings*
 - *From 1 October 2023 - \$4,300 pa plus GST and outgoings*
 - *From 1 October 2024 - \$4,515 pa plus GST and outgoings*
 - *From 1 October 2025 - \$4,740 pa plus GST and outgoings*
2. *The Licence Agreements for other sporting clubs that were discussed within the report (Item 8.2) at the Committee's meeting of 28 September 2021 (and where the licence fees were determined in a similar fashion to the Lockleys Football Club), not be amended in accordance with the reduced licence fee now applicable to the Lockleys Football Club.*

Background

The report provided to, and considered by, this Committee at its meeting of 28 September 2021, outlined a methodology developed by the Administration which sought to establish an equitable footing across the recently redeveloped community facilities for the determination of licence fees for a number of clubs, based on the:

- Area occupied,
- Period occupied; and
- Category of space (e.g. kitchen, canteen, changeroom, function space).

Members were informed that an adjustment to the licence fee applicable to one club (i.e. the Lockleys Football Club only) will disturb the relativity and equitable basis which was established by the methodology.

All Clubs (with the exception of the Lockleys Football Club) who occupy space within the newly redeveloped community facilities at Lockleys Oval, Camden Oval, Weigall Oval and Apex Park have executed tenancy agreements with Council. Representatives, speaking on behalf of the Lockleys Football Club, have previously advised the Administration that:

- the Club has over 600 junior and senior members and continues to grow;
- on Friday and Saturday nights there is the potential to have 500-750 people accessing the club and spending money on food and alcohol however this is currently limited by available space;
- the Club requests greater space and greater access to the entire upstairs clubroom space - especially on Friday and Saturday nights; and
- the Club's Treasurer (in an email to the Administration on 19 November 2021) states that *"..we are unable to agree on the proposed new fee, this fee increase will see our club put into receivership, and potentially see our club fold within three years."*

Members have previously been informed that the Club's request for increased space within the facility will result in an increase of rent or licence fee (and will result in additional outgoings payable), as the Administration's fee model was developed with the overriding general principle of "user pays".

Further, consideration of increasing allocated space for the Lockleys Football Club during the winter season does/will impact the use of the other seasonal tenant (West Beach Football Club) using the facility at this time. The West Beach Football Club currently hold an executed five-year licence agreement for their use of the Lockleys Sporting Facility.

Members will be aware that prior to the construction of the new clubroom building both clubs had full year access to their ("own") leased facilities.

Discussion

Following Council's consideration of the proposal submitted by the Lockleys Football Club (LFC) to the Administration regarding an alternate licence fee structure and the Club's audited financial statements in March 2022, the LFC were advised that Council did not support their proposal.

Accordingly, the LFC re-considered the licence agreement at Committee Meetings held throughout the 2022 season and sought clarification from the Administration on a number of clauses and points within the document. By the end of the football season and licenced period however, the licence agreement had not been signed by the Club.

The 2023 football season is about to commence (handover from summer sports to winter sports takes place on 31 March/1 April 2023). As previously reported, all clubs of the Lockleys Sporting Facility hold executed licence agreements with Council with the exception of the Lockleys Football Club.

In order to seamlessly transition to winter sport at Lockleys Oval, the Administration now seeks Committee and Council authorisation to continue to discuss this matter with the Lockleys Football Club President and seek a resolution from the Club regarding their intention to sign the licence agreement and to continue their operations from Lockleys Oval prior to the beginning of their 2023 season (1 April 2023).

Should the LFC not sign the licence agreement by the commencement of their 2023 season, a further report will be prepared and presented to Council seeking direction regarding the Club's use of Lockleys Oval and the Lockleys Sporting Facility.

Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

There are no known or perceived climate change impacts arising as a result of consideration of this matter.

Conclusion

Members will be aware that the Administration has previously reported that the Lockleys Football Club indicated that it was unable to commit to a new licence agreement on the basis of the licence fee which was determined and presented an alternate arrangement which was rejected by Council.

The 2023 football season is about to commence and the Lockleys Football Club are yet to sign the licence agreement of use of portion of Lockleys Oval and the Lockleys Sporting Facility.

The Administration seeks the Committee's/Councils authorisation to continue to discuss the licence agreement with the Club and to seek confirmation by 31 March 2023 of the LFC's use of Lockleys Oval and Lockleys Sporting Facility.

Attachments

Nil

8.9 West Torrens Bowling Centre, Lockleys Oval, Lockleys - Update Report

Brief

This report provides an update to Members regarding the proposed development of a West Torrens Bowling Centre at the Lockleys Bowling Club (Lockleys Oval) site, including discussions that have occurred with the Lockleys Bowling Club, Torrensville Bowling Club and Grange Bowling Club.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that:

1. The report be received;
2. The Council provides its in principle consent for the proposed redevelopment of the existing Lockleys Bowling Club site at Lockleys Oval for the establishment of a West Torrens Bowling Centre whereby the Lockleys Bowling Club and Grange Bowling Club could collocate, subject to the conditions as detailed within this report;
3. The Council acknowledges that the Administration will be seeking funding to further progress this initiative with the State and Federal Government and through the 2023/2024 budget deliberation process; and
4. Further reports be provided to Committee/Council as and when significant events occur in regard to this proposed initiative.

Introduction

At its meeting held 15 February 2022, Council was presented with a report which outlined the significant impact that the Torrens to Darlington (T2D) works will have on the Torrensville Bowling Club (located within the Thebarton Oval & Kings Reserve Precinct - South Road, Torrensville). The report advised Council that the Administration and representatives from the Torrensville Bowling Club and Lockleys Bowling Club had met in an endeavour to develop and progress a suitable alternate plan which would provide ongoing bowling opportunities (and a new home) for members of the Torrensville Bowling Club.

Council was advised that the Torrensville Bowling Club's preference was to seek an alternate facility which would permit the club to continue operating in a standalone capacity, however, at the time, the Administration nor the Club was unaware of any viable or suitable existing Council owned alternate premises that would be able to meet its current and future needs.

In an endeavour to seek out and progress alternate and future opportunities for the existing members of the Torrensville Bowling Club, and cognisant of the fact that there was some high level planning which had commenced for an upgrade to the Lockleys Bowling Club site on the south-eastern corner of Rutland Avenue and Moresby Street, Lockleys (**Attachment 1**) discussions were facilitated between representatives of the Torrensville Bowling Club and Lockleys Bowling Club. During these discussions Mayor Coxon and the Administration made it clear that its facilitation of these discussions envisaged a possible collocation arrangement for both Clubs.

Discussions between the clubs progressed to such an extent that the memberships of both clubs endorsed a proposal to develop plans and implementation procedures for a proposed new home for the two clubs at Lockleys Oval. It was/is anticipated that the new facility would be known as the West Torrens Bowling Centre.

A high level concept elevation of a proposed new clubroom building was presented to Council at the same meeting (**Attachment 2**), and the Council provided it's in principle consent for the proposed redevelopment of the existing Lockleys Bowling Club site at Lockleys Oval.

Council further acknowledged that the Administration would seek funding to progress this initiative with the State Government and through the 2022/2023 budget deliberation process. Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 was included in the final Budget for 2022/2023.

Discussion

Following the report presented to Council in February 2022, meetings have been held with representatives from Council, the Torrensville Bowling Club and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) to gain an appreciation of the nature and extent of the proposed acquisition of the Thebarton Oval and Kings Reserve precinct. DIT advised that the Torrensville Bowling Club site (leased area) would be significantly impacted as a result of the acquisition and would effectively be rendered unusable for competitive lawn bowls.

Subsequent discussions have since taken place between representatives of the Torrensville Bowling Club and State Government / DIT, and at this stage, the Club has advised the Administration that they will be pursuing their own relocation option directly with State Government / DIT and have therefore withdrawn from the potential collocation with the Lockleys Bowling Club at Lockleys Oval.

Parallel to this process, meetings have taken place between members of the Lockleys Bowling Club (LBC) and the Grange Bowling Club (GBC) to discuss a potential future collocation. The GBC is located within the local government area of the City of Charles Sturt and the facility is owned by the GBC. For Council's information, the LBC hold a lease over the Rutland Avenue site which expires in June 2024, as the land and facility is owned by the City of West Torrens.

Members should also note that the Grange Bowling Club has indicated that it is prepared to contribute funds from the sale of its assets (the extent of which will be determined at a later date) toward the (potential) project.

In December 2022, the Administration received a package of information from the LBC and GBC, including:

- A joint letter co-signed by the presidents of both Clubs, outlining the history of the LBC and GBC and outlining future plans for collocation at the existing Lockleys site on (Lockleys Oval), Rutland Avenue, Lockleys, (**Attachment 3 & 4**) and
- A Memorandum of Understanding between the two clubs as adopted by the two memberships through special General Meetings held at each club (**Attachment 5**).

The Mayor and/or the Administration has met with representatives on a number of occasions from both LBC and GBC to progress this possibility of these two clubs collocating at Lockleys Oval.

The Administration is now seeking direction from the Committee/Council regarding the potential development of the West Torrens Bowling Centre. The original resolution of Council (February 2022) in support of the proposed new bowling centre, included the collocation of both the Torrensville Bowling Club and Lockleys Bowling Club on the Lockleys Oval site, however the Torrensville Bowling Club have since withdrawn from the process and have chosen to progress with the State Government / DIT with the aim of relocating to an alternate site in close proximity to their current venue. Concurrently, the Lockleys Bowling Club and the Grange Bowling Clubs have partnered together with the intention to collocate to a new West Torrens Bowling Centre proposed for the Lockleys Oval site.

The Committee will appreciate that the proposal of the West Torrens Bowling Centre is still within its early infancy and that there remains considerable work to be undertaken to reach a point where final agreed plan(s) are able to be considered by Council.

In order to progress this project further, it is expected the following conditions will need to be met as the project progresses. These include exploring and securing new funding opportunities, development of a (new/updated) masterplan for the new facility and the Lockleys Oval precinct, periods of community consultation are to be undertaken and, in order to exercise due diligence and to meet requirements as defined under Section 48(1) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), a prudential report is required to be prepared if the proposal for the new facility proceeds. Given that the LBC and GBC are enthusiastically pursuing this opportunity, the Administration is seeking the Committee/Council's in principle endorsement of this proposal to enable its further development.

Subject to Council's agreement to provide in-principle support for this project, the Administration will continue to progress master planning / preliminary design development and associated preliminary works with the funds currently available within the allocated 2022/2023 budget for the Lockleys Bowling Club.

Climate Impact Considerations

(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)

There are no known or anticipated climate change impacts arising as a result of consideration of this matter at this time.

Conclusion

The Torrensville Bowling Club have advised the Administration that it will no longer explore the potential to collocate at Lockleys Oval as a result of the significant impact of the Torrensville Bowling site by the Torrens to Darlington (T2D) project works. Instead, the Club is collaborating with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport to seek a suitable location in close proximity to the existing site.

Also an agreement has now been reached between the Lockleys Bowling Club and Grange Bowling Club which could result in their collocation to a redeveloped (new) home/facility at Lockleys Oval. The in-principle endorsement of Council is sought to enable the further development and progression of this initiative for the two Clubs.

Attachments

1. **Lockleys Bowling Club Location - Aerial View**
2. **Draft Concept - West Torrens Bowling Centre**
3. **Letter from the Presidents of the Lockleys and Grange Bowling Clubs**
4. **Application to the City of West Torrens from Lockleys and Grange Bowling Club**
5. **Signed Memorandum of Understanding between Lockleys and Grange Bowling Clubs**



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Preliminary Perspective - South East View





CO-LOCATION DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Lockleys Bowling Club

Grange Bowling Club



The Mayor,
City of West Torrens,
165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive,
Hilton SA 5033,

12/12/2022

Dear Mayor Coxon,

Please find attached a joint letter for consideration by Council, submitted in good faith and co-signed by the presidents of the Lockleys and Grange Bowling Clubs, outlining future plans for co-location at the existing Lockleys site on Rutland Avenue, Lockleys.

Also attached is a signed Memorandum of Understanding between the two clubs as adopted by the two memberships through special general meetings held at each club.

Sam Katsivas
PRESIDENT

Lockleys Bowling Club

Peter Symons
PRESIDENT

Grange Bowling Club



CO-LOCATION DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Lockleys Bowling Club

Grange Bowling Club



Introduction and Background

12/12/2022

The Lockleys and Grange Bowling Clubs are two of the oldest lawn bowling clubs in South Australia, each boasting a rich history of achievement and community involvement and engagement, over a combined total period of 226 years.

The sport of lawn bowls is unique among participation sports because it caters for all age groups ranging from children to youth and middle-aged members through to those in their senior years.

Apart from the obvious health benefits to individuals, lawn bowls also provides benefits for councils and health organizations who do not have to find additional resources and support to provide services and assistance that become necessary as our older community members face the challenges of aging and in finding healthy ways to remain active and engaged within their communities.

Grange Bowling Club, located within the boundary of Charles Sturt Council owns freehold, the land upon which its club is located. Lockleys Bowling Club is located on land owned by its landlord, the City of West Torrens.

In the early 1960's the WTCC offered vacant, undeveloped land to the Lockleys Bowling Club, which was then located at, and owned its Cross Street property freehold. Lockleys Bowling Club sold its Cross Street land and property assets and invested all monies realized from that sale into building the premises and four international standard bowling greens on the current site at 46 Rutland Avenue, Lockleys. Some years later after extensive fundraising by Lockleys members, the area known as "The Lounge" was built as an extension on the western end of the building.

Even though Lockleys funds were used to turn the undeveloped site into a world class facility, the building became the property of the West Torrens Council.

Both Grange and Lockleys play pennant bowls at the highest level (Premier League) in the Metropolitan Bowls Association and both clubs have bowlers who have been selected to play for South Australia and the Australian national teams. Furthermore, both clubs are 2 of only 10 in the state that have teams spanning from elite to lower division social / recreational bowlers. In national competitions such as the televised BPL held in Queensland, Grange players have won repeated titles.

At this year's Commonwealth Games, a Lockleys player secured a silver medal for Australia. This brought international recognition for the Lockleys Bowling Club where Commonwealth Games commentary noted that "the Lockleys greens are among the best in the world".

Through community programmes and engagement, both clubs actively involve schools (children and parents) and community groups (night owls, social events geared around bowls and bowling), the whole year round, to use the facilities and consider becoming regular members of their respective clubs and the sport of bowls.

As a result of on-going collaboration between Lockleys and Grange Bowling Clubs, a Memorandum of Understanding endorsed by the members of both clubs (through a vote taken at their respective Special General Meetings) has been executed by club presidents. Please find attached a copy of the MOU that shows the intention of both clubs to work together in achieving a shared vision.



CO-LOCATION DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Lockleys Bowling Club

Grange Bowling Club



Vision

The Statewide Facilities Report (2013) commissioned by the peak body of our sport, Bowls SA, clearly identified that the sport of bowls could only survive if clubs considered models which effectively consolidated their operations by sharing facilities and creating multi-use centres which would not only host bowling events, but a variety of community-based events and operations as well.

As part of this report, six Tier 1 clubs in SA were identified in order of preference as being immediately suitable for such a redevelopment, with Lockleys being at the top of that list. Lockleys was selected due to favourable attributes which included its suitable footprint, its four international standard tiff-dwarf greens and its proximity to the airport. There is simply no other lawn bowling location anywhere in this state that has this unique combination of desirable attributes.

Grange and Lockleys have a shared vision for their futures. Both boards understand the importance of consolidating their operations to ensure longevity, viability and sustainability. But much more than this, as responsible clubs, they also have a shared vision which looks beyond their own clubs, towards the sport of bowls in SA.

Unlike other states where centres of excellence exist to promote the sport and re-generate it, no such centre exists in South Australia. Through the involvement of key stakeholders such as Bowls SA and Bowls Australia, a unique opportunity exists to create an outstanding community facility for the benefit of all stakeholders, with West Torrens City Council receiving national and international acclaim for its vision in supporting and facilitating such brilliant innovation.

Funding and Lease

The Grange Bowling Club will sell its land and provide substantive funding (see MOU) for the redevelopment project. Both clubs are seeking support from Council with an expectation that WTCC provide a dollar-for-dollar contribution to match the Grange funding component for this project. For this investment commitment by council, both Grange and Lockleys are prepared and willing to hand over complete ownership of the facility to council.

Under this agreement, there would need to be a recommended preventative maintenance programme with all assets owned by council being maintained by council.

The clubs would request the maximum term lease agreement of 42 years as allowed under the Local Government Act. We would be seeking a minimal financial lease as the nature of the centre, in providing community services would deliver council and the community an ongoing social dividend (we propose this trade-off in lieu of market rates).

With respect to the actual redevelopment project works, we are motivated to maximise outcomes relative to capital employed. We welcome the opportunity to explore models such as PPP (Public Private Partnerships) that will ensure all stakeholders' key outcomes, compliance/governance requirements and financial efficiencies are met.

Sam Katsivas
PRESIDENT

Lockleys Bowling Club

Peter Symons
PRESIDENT

Grange Bowling Club

MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING

Between

Grange Bowling Club Inc and Lockleys Bowling Club Inc (The Clubs).

This MOU establishes a framework for the collaboration between The Clubs and sets out the common vision and goals of the parties to the MOU. It is a statement of the mutual intent of the parties with respect to its contents. It is not a legal undertaking but implies that the signatories will act in good faith and strive to reach, to the best of their ability, the objectives stated in this MOU.

Introduction Background

The Clubs have recognised that future challenges for the sport of lawn bowls (eg a sport-wide trend towards reducing numbers of playing members, the diminished ability of individual clubs to develop new modern facilities for their sport, the increasingly high toll on volunteers), has necessitated that new thinking be engaged and new solutions found to sustain and invigorate our sport.

The Clubs' members have agreed that The Clubs should work together by pooling their resources and expertise to develop a professionally run, joint facility that will showcase the very best of bowls and bowling excellence in South Australia.

The purpose of this document is to establish an agreement between the two Boards of the two clubs to frame the working relationship between the clubs and relevant stakeholders in seeking project completion.

Project Description

To establish a new facility at the current Lockleys Bowling Club site, located at 46 Rutland Avenue, Lockleys, 5032. Both clubs will co-locate in the new facility which will require a new Constitution, a new governance and management structure, and a new Board.


Agreement

The Clubs agree


1. That Lockleys Bowling Club will make their current site available to Grange Bowling Club for a joint redevelopment and co-location project.
2. That Grange Bowling Club, through the sale of its assets, will contribute towards the project development, an amount to be determined through the building negotiation process.
3. To work together to redevelop 46 Rutland Avenue, Lockleys, into the best possible facility to showcase and exemplify bowls in South Australia.
4. To seek support from the City of West Torrens in the design and scope of the redevelopment.
5. To co-locate and co-exist inside the new facility as two individual clubs, whereupon existing club histories, identities, uniforms and employment resources are nurtured and protected.
6. To work collaboratively with all relevant stakeholders in the interests of members and the future of the sport.
7. That each Club Board, in executing this MOU, commits their best endeavours to make this partnership succeed.

EXECUTED as a Memorandum of Understanding

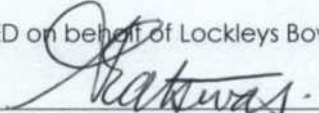
DATED this 15TH day of NOVEMBER 2022

SIGNED on behalf of Grange Bowling Club Inc



 (Peter Symons – President)

Witnessed by


 (Name: Kym Walton)

SIGNED on behalf of Lockleys Bowling Club Inc


 (Sam Katsivas – President)

Witnessed by


 (Name: MARK BALLESTRIN)

9 OTHER BUSINESS

10 CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

11 NEXT MEETING

4 April 2023 in the Council Chamber.

12 MEETING CLOSE