

Public Space Strategy Engagement Summary Report

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Context

A new Public Space Strategy for the City of Port Phillip

The City of Port Phillip is developing a new public space strategy to respond to the changing role and demand for public space as it's population grows, the City densifies, and more people live in apartments.

Having a clear strategy in place will ensure we protect what is valued about our existing spaces, and plan to ensure we design, develop and program spaces that will continue to meet the changing needs of our community.

The benefits of a high quality, accessible and diverse public space network extend beyond the traditional aesthetic, environmental and recreational roles of open space. The social, health and economic benefits of providing places for events and for people to connect and be active are increasingly recognised.

With limitations to increasing the amount of public space in the City as land becomes more scarce and expensive, we need to make the most of our existing spaces and look for innovative ways to expand the public

space network.

We need to continue to plan for our 'green' parks, but also increasingly for 'hardscaped' urban spaces suited to a more compact city, and for 'linear links' that improve accessibility for pedestrians and bike riders, and that connect the wider public space network. We also need to balance the needs of different users, from various sporting codes to dog walkers and schools, as well as the needs of local communities with visitors to the City.

A municipal-wide public space strategy will set out a strategic approach and a spatial framework to guide provision of new spaces, re-design and upgrade of existing spaces, and how we allocate and program the use of public space in an agile way to respond to the diverse and changing needs of our community.

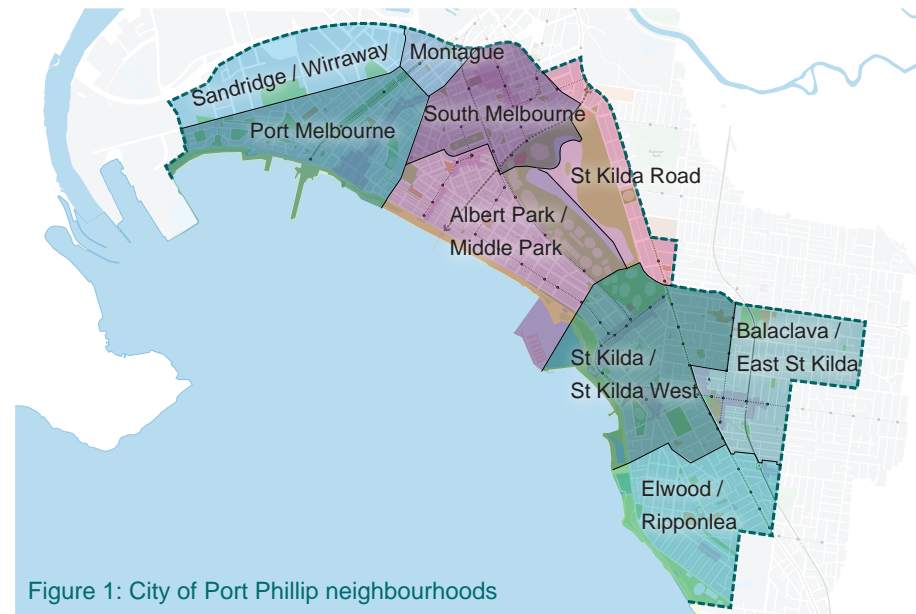


Figure 1: City of Port Phillip neighbourhoods

Study Area

The study area for this engagement covers the neighbourhoods of Elwood / Ripponlea, Balaclava / St Kilda East, St Kilda / St Kilda West, St Kilda Road, Albert Park / Middle Park, South Melbourne, and Port Melbourne (see Figures 1 and 2).

Sandridge / Wirraway and Montague neighbourhoods are excluded from this scope of work due to the State Government led work to prepare precinct plans for Fishermans Bend.



Figure 2: City of Port Phillip public space network

What is Public Space?

Our public spaces are diverse, ranging from parks and sporting reserves, the foreshore through to urban squares and street-spaces that are designed for people.

The public space strategy will be based around the following types of spaces:

Type of spaces:

The foreshore

Parks

Urban spaces

Streets and key links

Contributory public spaces

What is included:

Our beaches, parks and paths located within the foreshore area

Formal gardens, play spaces / adventure playgrounds, sports grounds and nature reserves

Civic spaces, squares and plazas, and re-purposed road-space

Shopping streets/footpaths, laneways and street-spaces with walking and / or bike paths

Public land with potential for use as public space, such as school ovals / courts, railway reserves and the freeway under-croft. Libraries and civic/town hall buildings, and the South Melbourne Market are included in this category.

Overview

Feedback from Public Engagement

The results from this community engagement will be combined with the findings from the Background Technical Report to inform the development of a draft Public Space Strategy. Further community engagement will occur on the draft Public Space Strategy in the first quarter of 2020.

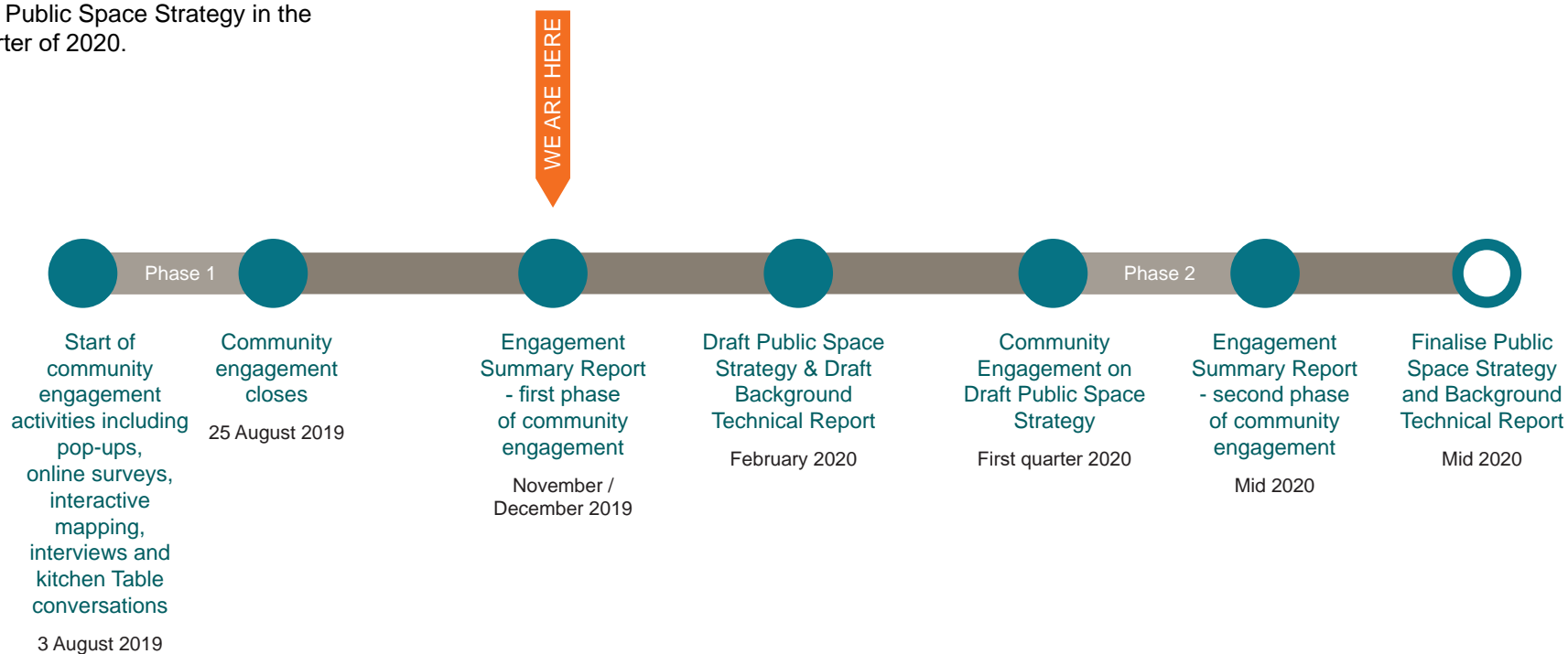


Figure 3: Public Space Strategy timeline

Initial community engagement was conducted in March 2019, followed by comprehensive engagement from 3 August to 9 September 2019.

The City of Port Phillip referred to the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Engagement Spectrum to determine the level of community engagement that best defined the community's role and level of influence at this stage in developing the Public Space Strategy. The engagement program reflects a CONSULT level of engagement, which was aimed at sharing information and seeking feedback to help shape the draft Public Space Strategy.

The engagement program was designed to inform the community, listen to / acknowledge concerns and expectations, and provide feedback on how community input has influenced decision making. Council officers provided balanced and objective information throughout the engagement program to assist the community's understanding of issues around public space, and to obtain feedback on alternatives, opportunities and / or solutions related to increasing the use and value of public space across the City.

Open to community influence:

Throughout the engagement, the following components were open to community influence:

- how best to share and increase utilisation of public open spaces (flexible and formal programming, shared spaces)
- desired level of access to public open space and the levels or standards within this range (walking distance, driving distance)
- desired use of public open space, how community would like to use spaces at an individual, family and neighbourhood level.

Limited community influence:

Throughout the engagement, the following components were open to limited community influence:

- ability to increase the amount of public open space; this is limited to repurposing Council owned and managed assets and services, or advocating to other agencies (VicTrack, VicRoads) to utilise spaces they own or manage
- purchasing land in the City of Port Phillip for the purpose of open space, limited due to the cost and limited available land.

Out of scope:

Throughout the engagement, the following components were out of scope:

- outcomes in Fishermans Bend - (Port Melbourne and west of South Melbourne) due to another precinct planning process being led by the Victorian Government.



Engagement Methodology

Community engagement was conducted between Saturday 3 August to Monday 9 September 2019. Initial community engagement was also conducted in March 2019.

A range of engagement activities were undertaken to reach different segments of the community to ensure both a broad and targeted reach:

- neighbourhood pop-ups were designed to reach members of the community going about their daily business.
- the online survey and interactive map were designed to reach out to time-poor members of the community.
- stakeholder workshops were designed to reach formal sporting and activity groups.
- stakeholder meetings and interviews targeted groups that were under-represented across various engagement activities.

1. Neighbourhood pop-ups (conversation caravans)

METHOD 1

Neighbourhood Pop-ups

DATES / LOCATIONS

3 September / Elwood Community Market
 3 September / Acland Street Plaza
 4 September / Plum Garland Playground
 4 September / South Beach Reserve
 14 September / Dundas Place Reserve
 14 September / Balaclava Station
 18 September / South Melbourne Market
 18 September / Bay Street

POP-UP EVENTS HOSTED ACROSS THE CITY
 SOUGHT FEEDBACK FROM ANYONE WHO LIVES,
 WORKS OR PLAYS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Neighbourhood “Pop-up” events used a Conversation Caravan and Conversation Cube to create an inviting and lively mobile event space that housed various feedback activities.

641 people participated in the eight neighbourhood pop-up events. The majority of respondents live in the City of Port Phillip, however visitors and workers also participated (see Figure 4). The age range of participants was reflective of the 2016 Census proportions (see Figure 5).

The pop up was divided into “stations” displaying a range of information such as topical ‘snapshots’ and neighbourhood maps (refer to appendix) to assist the community’s understanding of the issues around public space. We received feedback on alternatives, opportunities and potential solutions. Willing participants were invited to respond to key questions as they wandered from station to station:

- Which public spaces do you use now, how often and what do you do there?
- How would you like to use public spaces (now and in the future)?
- What’s your favourite place along the foreshore, and why? What do you do there?
- Are there separate precincts along the Foreshore?
- How would you like to use places along the foreshore (now and in the future)?
- What ideas do you have for improving public spaces in your neighbourhood?
- What do you think about repurposing road space to create new public spaces for other / more diverse uses that provide broader community benefits?
- Do you support Council investing more in initiatives such as water harvesting programs to keep our green spaces watered without using potable water?

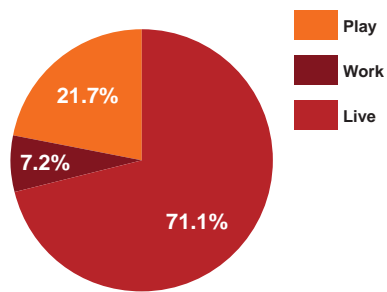


Figure 4: Respondents who live, work or play in the City of Port Phillip

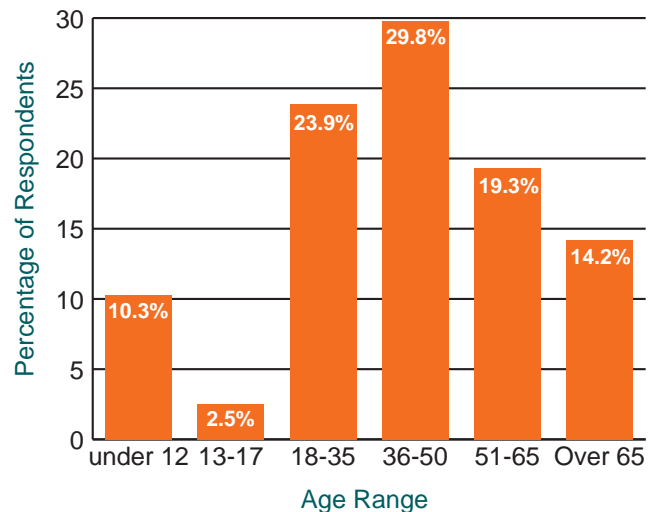


Figure 5: Pop-up Conversation Caravan respondent demographics

2. Interactive Mapping

METHOD 3

Interactive Mapping

DATES:

- August 3 2019 to September 9th 2019

AN INTERACTIVE MAP - PARTICIPANTS DROPPED 'LIKE', 'BROKEN' OR 'IDEA' PINS TO SPECIFIC LOCATIONS WITH COMMENTS

An online interactive map was hosted on Council's Have Your Say website for people to drop three types of pins for places they love, places they feel need some love, and places they had new ideas for. The interactive mapping activity was designed to capture locational information at a neighbourhood level.

The interactive map included a municipal boundary, along with other geographical information which could be switched 'on or off' allowing people to explore the built environment around public space (see Figure 6).

Geographical information included:

- Neighbourhood area boundaries
- Public open spaces
- Community garden locations
- Accessible carpark locations
- Council buildings locations
- Drinking fountain locations
- Dog walking zones
- Public spaces

There were a total of 421 total map interactions; 305 pins dropped and 116 comments on the pins, from 96 people.



Figure 6: Interactive mapping tool

3. Online survey

METHOD 2

Online Survey

SURVEY/DATES:

- City of Port Phillip Neighbourhood Conversations / March 2019
- Public Space Strategy Survey / 3 August 2019 - 2 September 2019

ONLINE SURVEY HOSTED ON COUNCIL'S HAVE YOUR SAY WEBSITE

An online survey was hosted on Council's Have Your Say website where people could respond to a range of questions about public space.

Neighbourhood Conversations Questions (March 2019):

- Please tell us what your favourite public space is?
- Please share with us one word that best describes your favourite place
- When you use public spaces in your neighbourhood, what do you generally do?
- Select up to five activities: (ten options provided)

- Please click and drag to reorder the list of roles that public spaces can play in our City, in order of importance to you. (11 options provided)
- What is your residential post code?
- What is your gender?
- What is your age group?
- Which of the following best describes your current household?
- Which of the following best describes your dwelling type?
- Which of the following describes your connection to the CoPP?

Online Survey Questions (Aug/Sept 2019):

- How important to you are the following activities / experiences when enjoying public spaces? (seven options provided)
- Thinking about your favourite public space, which of the following statements apply? (nine options provided)
- Rank in order of importance, the following benefits that public spaces should deliver (13 options provided)
- To what extent do you think the following would improve your enjoyment of the public spaces you

- use? (nine options provided)
- What activities do you enjoy when you visit our foreshore? (eight options provided)
- What would you like to see LESS or MORE of to make your visit to our foreshore more enjoyable? (ten options provided)
- What is your residential postcode?
- What gender do you identify with?
- Please indicate your age group.
- Which of the following best describes your current household?
- Which of the following best describes your dwelling type?
- Which of the following describes your connection to the CoPP?

138 people completed the online survey, from a range of backgrounds and ages (see Figures 7-9).

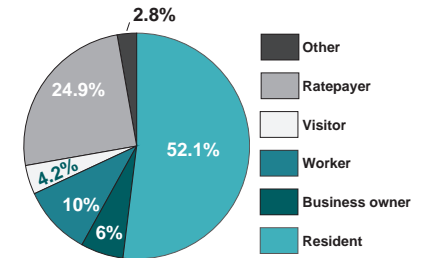


Figure 7: Online survey - connection to City of Port Phillip

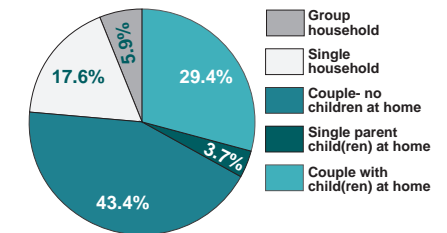


Figure 8: Online survey - household type

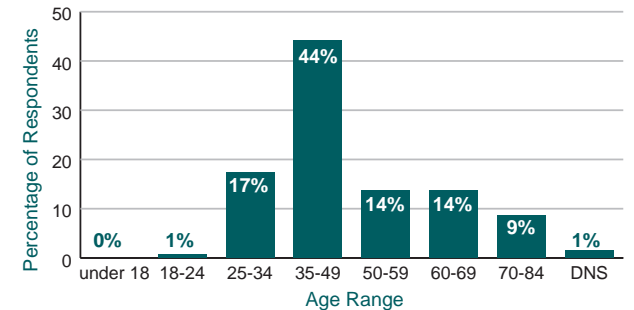


Figure 9: Online survey - age demographics

4. Kitchen Table Conversations

METHOD 5

Kitchen Table Conversations

DATES / LOCATIONS

22.09.2019 / Port Melbourne Town Hall
25.09.2019 / St Kilda Town Hall

KITCHEN TABLE CONVERSATIONS TO FACILITATE IN DEPTH DISCUSSIONS WITH BIG STAKEHOLDER GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

Two stakeholder workshops were designed around 'kitchen table conversations', an engagement technique that offers enriched conversations about issues and perspectives across different community stakeholder groups.

A range of stakeholders were invited representing groups with formal spatial needs (such as sports clubs), community groups with interests in specific public space areas (such as local historic societies) and

stakeholders representing diverse demographic needs (such as community housing).

22 people attended the kitchen table conversations. Stakeholders represented the following user groups:

- local primary and secondary schools
- City of Port Phillip and Parks Victoria sporting groups
- community groups
- Star Health
- commercial recreation providers
- event providers
- local residents.

Residents were also invited to hold their own Kitchen table conversation - one was received.

Conversation Menu

A 'conversation menu' was developed to support an in-depth discussion about key issues and themes related to public space.

Key questions were posed to stakeholders in response to theme snapshots tabled during the conversation (see appendix).

1. Opening dialogue - what makes a great public space, particular issues or concerns.
2. Higher density living - present two snapshots, then consider priorities for adapting public spaces for a higher density City without impacting the quality and enjoyment of space.
3. Environment - present two snapshots, then consider opportunities to enhance the environment of public spaces including biodiversity, green space and water.
4. Creating places and communities - present two snapshots, then consider opportunities to strengthen a sense of community and make public spaces more fun and playful.
5. Sharing our spaces - present two snapshots, then consider ways to adapt public spaces for multiple purposes, and consider principles for allocating space to different users.
6. Foreshore - present a snapshot, then consider how to get the right balance between environmental values, passive use and commercial/sporting uses.

5. Stakeholder engagement

METHOD 4

Stakeholder engagement

TARGETED MEETINGS AND INTERVIEWS WITH ORGANISATIONS THAT WERE NOT CAPTURED THROUGH OTHER ENGAGEMENT PROCESSES

A number of interviews and meetings were held with stakeholders, including spokespersons representing harder to reach groups such as children, people affected by homelessness and the indigenous community. Meetings were also held with the Youth Advisory Committee and the Older Persons Consultative Committee. A further ten email submissions were received from a range of stakeholders.

Engagement Highlights



Figure 10: Conversation Caravan



over **900**

people provided us with feedback on public space in the City of Port Phillip

March - September 2019

138

people completed the online survey

3 Aug to 9 Sept 2019



Figure 11: Conversation cube on Acland Street

Figure 12: Conversation cube ideas





Figure 13: Neighbourhood pop-up at Elwood Primary School

641

people attended eight neighbourhood pop-up events over four days

3 - 18 October 2019

22

people attended kitchen table conversations

22 - 25 October 2019



Who we heard from

Demographic data was collected in the online survey and at the pop-ups. However, no demographic data was collected at the Kitchen Table Conversations or the interviews.

The age range at the pop-ups was much closer to the 2016 Census proportions than the survey. Very few respondents to the interactive map provided either gender or age information, as it was not a required field.



Figure 14: Issues snapshots at conversation cube in Acland Street

305

pins were placed on the interactive map

3 Aug to 9 Sept 2019

Key issues raised

Community feedback about public spaces in the City of Port Phillip was generally positive. The use and enjoyment of public spaces is intrinsically linked to other core Council strategies, with many comments relating to parking management, transport and bike riding, the desire for well managed events, more art in the public realm, improved biodiversity and water management, and enhanced management of waste and recycling.

Overall, there is a high level of appreciation for existing public spaces and an appetite for expanding the public space network, either through providing new public space or repurposing underutilised land.

The following summarises the key findings from the engagement.

Our public spaces are well used by the community for a range of activities

Providing spaces that offer places for people to meet and connect is important. Our community uses public spaces, both in their neighbourhoods and across the municipality for a range of uses, including walking, exercising, playing informal sport, getting out into nature, catching up with friends, relaxing and attending events and markets.

Playgrounds are popular for families and children, especially those without access to backyards.

Streets, activity centres and links between public spaces are also important, and are recognised as part of the public space experience.

There is an expectation that public spaces should be safe, welcoming and inclusive for all. There was mention of broader social issues playing out in public space, with the community advocating for improved services and conditions for people experiencing homelessness, and arguments both supporting and opposing CCTV and alcohol bans.

Municipal boundaries and management responsibilities are not relevant to the community's enjoyment of public space in the City of Port Phillip. Public spaces in neighbouring municipalities are also highly valued and used by our community, and the community expects seamless connections across the broader, regional public space network.

Our foreshore is the most popular public space in the City of Port Phillip

Our foreshore is well used by local residents, visitors and workers. While it spans the whole of the municipality, our community recognises the foreshore as being made up of many different precincts.

Popular ideas for improving the foreshore include planting more shade trees, providing more amenities such as public toilets, showers, places to sit, lighting, shaded areas and drinking fountains, separating the walking and bike paths along the Bay Trail, and increasing the hours of use for dog off-leash areas.

Greening our public spaces should be a priority

Trees and greenery are highly valued by the community, and there is a strong appetite for further greening of public spaces. A common theme emerging from the feedback was that increased greening will play a role in improving biodiversity in our municipality.

It is important to our community that green spaces remain well irrigated. It was also noted that when a green space is allowed to 'brown off' it can be perceived as being poorly maintained.

The community is supportive of Council investing in water harvesting projects to keep our public spaces green, while understanding that future funding for this investment could be challenging.

Many residents are keen to see local nature strips used for additional planting and community gardens.

Popular ideas for improving greening included depaving hard surfaces, planting more shade trees and species that do not require much water, creating community gardens and using permeable surfaces.

Maintenance of our spaces should be improved

Providing a high standard of public facilities, amenity and maintenance of public space is integral to the community's positive experience of public space. The community made strong requests for an increase in the provision of bins, lighting, shade, seating and water fountains in public spaces.

Sharing of our spaces needs to be managed more effectively

Our community acknowledged the importance of getting the balance right for sharing spaces, especially with events, sporting clubs and dog-off-leash areas.

There were opposing views on most of the key issues raised in relation to conflicting uses in our spaces, highlighting that use of our public spaces are contested and management of public spaces for the benefit of the entire community is complex. Popular ideas included increasing the availability of public space, hours of usage for dog-off-leash areas, repurposing existing spaces,

designing spaces to work harder, and converting underutilised spaces such as carparks or rooftops.

Community stewardship is supported

The idea of providing more community gardens and enhancing community stewardship over public spaces was popular, with our community indicating a willingness to be involved in the design and maintenance of public space now and into the future. The Danks Street biodiversity corridor was identified as a successful example of where this is already occurring.

Popular ideas included more community events, planting days and community gardens.

Cultural identity is important

There was concern over the loss of Indigenous cultural identity associated with place.

New public space could be created through repurposing road space

There was general support from our community for increasing the

opportunities for social connections through repurposing road space for public space. However, there concerns were also raised about the consequent loss of parking, as well as potential traffic management issues.

Our community suggested that temporary road closures would be a great way to test this idea, and further work will be required to identify appropriate locations.

Favourite spaces

Combing responses to the Online Survey question 'which public spaces do you use now, how often and what do you do there?' with the 'Love' pins dropped on the interactive map, our community's favourite spaces are:

1. 32% of respondents use the Foreshore
2. 8% of respondents use the South Melbourne Market
3. 8% of respondents use Albert Park
4. 6% of respondents use the Elwood Canal
5. 5% of respondents use the St Kilda Botanical Gardens
6. 4% of respondents use St Vincent's Gardens

The relatively low percentages for these spaces are indicative that the community uses a broad range of public spaces across the municipality.

What we heard about the City of Port Phillip

This section provides a summary of feedback on theme snapshots related to public space, which include:

- Public spaces for a water sensitive City
- Sharing our spaces
- Public spaces for a greener, cooler City
- Public spaces for a higher density City
- Transforming our streets and laneways
- Creating places and communities
- Our foreshore as the City's signature public space
- Diverse activities in inclusive spaces

These theme snapshots can be found in the appendix.

The theme snapshots explored a range of key themes to broaden and challenge the community's views about public space in the City of Port Phillip. These were shared with the community on Council's Have Your Say website, and at the eight neighbourhood pop-up sessions and kitchen table conversations workshops.

The neighbourhood and public space specific outcomes are addressed in the 'What we heard about our neighbourhoods' section.

Public spaces for a water sensitive City

Council recognises it needs to design public spaces differently to cope with the impacts of climate change, the demands of a growing population, and to meet Council's commitment to being a water sensitive City.

What we asked

To understand the community's thoughts about creating water sensitive public spaces, Council asked the community:

- How should we balance the desire for green parks and reduce our water use? (Snapshot question)
- Would you be prepared for Council to spend more on alternative water sources, such as water harvesting, to keep our parks green? (Neighbourhood pop-up session)
- Do you support Council investing more in initiatives such as water harvesting programs to keep our green spaces watered without using potable water? (Neighbourhood pop-up session)
- Are there any public spaces where we are happy to reduce the level of maintenance, and are there any public spaces where we want to keep them green? (Kitchen Table Conversation)
- Rank in order of importance, the following benefits that public spaces should deliver - one of 13 options was "places that help manage water use and flooding" (Online Survey)

Key themes and issues

The key themes and issues that emerged in response to these questions include:

- continue irrigating green public spaces to ensure these spaces remain green
- perception of poor maintenance when green public spaces are not irrigated
- continue investing in water harvesting projects
- concerns about how Council will continue to fund water usage.

Opportunities and ideas

The community identified the following opportunities and ideas for further exploration and consideration in the Public Space Strategy:

- using alternate water sources and more cost-effective solutions for irrigating public spaces
- planting alternative species that do not require a high level of water
- using permeable surfaces
- using water run-off from public buildings to water public spaces
- design public spaces to be more self-sustaining and demonstrate the impacts of climate change.

90%

of neighbourhood pop-up participants were supportive of Council investing more in stormwater harvesting programs to keep our green spaces green without using potable water.

Sharing our spaces

Our public spaces are in demand from schools (primary and secondary), different sporting codes, recreation groups, personal trainers and commercial recreation providers. Together with residents and visitors to the City, they use Council's public spaces for both formal and informal sports, dog walking, events (local and regional) and commerce (for example cafés and markets), as well as for passive uses.

What we asked

To understand the community's thoughts on how sharing of our public spaces should be managed, Council asked the community:

- What should be considered in developing the principles for allocating our public spaces to different users? (Snapshot question)
- What would you like to see implemented in your neighbourhood and where? (Kitchen Table Conversation)
- What could sharing public space look like for you? What is a core need for your group, what is negotiable, what is peripheral? Would you still get what you need when sharing? What are the barriers/challenges to your group's needs being met? Would the other groups get what they need when they share with you? What are the barriers / challenges to others' needs being met? (Kitchen Table Conversation)

Key themes and issues

The key themes and issues that emerged in response to these questions include:

- public spaces are becoming more crowded with conflicting user groups
- balance of sharing public spaces, particularly for events and sporting clubs, needs to be more equitable for all user groups
- not all public spaces can be shared (for example bowling greens).

Opportunities and ideas

The community identified the following opportunities and ideas for further exploration and consideration in the Public Space Strategy:

- improving signage in public spaces to increase the community's awareness of the sharing of spaces
- improving Council's booking and programming of public spaces to make the sharing of spaces more equitable for all user groups
- increasing the availability of public spaces and hours of usage for dog off-leash areas.

Public spaces for a greener, cooler City

The way Council designs, constructs and manages public space can offer a range of environmental benefits, and has the potential to significantly reduce the impacts of climate change in the City of Port Phillip. Increased planting of trees and vegetation in public space can help to reduce urban heat, offer cooler places for respite and improve biodiversity.

What we asked

To understand the community's thoughts on creating greener, cooler public spaces, Council asked the community:

- Which opportunities to enhance biodiversity and adapt the City to a changing climate do you think should be prioritised in our public spaces? (Snapshot question)
- Are there any public spaces where we are happy to reduce the level of maintenance, and are there any public spaces where we want to keep them green? (Kitchen Table Conversation)
- Rank in order of importance, the following benefits that public spaces should deliver - two of 13 options were "places that contribute to a cooler City" and "places that adapt to climate change"(Online survey)
- To what extent do you think the following would improve your enjoyment of the public spaces you use? - one of nine options was "More canopy trees for shade" (Online survey)

Key themes and issues

The key themes and issues that emerged in response to these questions include:

- requests for increased planting of trees for shade in public spaces and streets
- recognition of the role green public spaces play in improving biodiversity, particularly in providing habitat
- providing more canopy trees for shade would improve the enjoyment of public space by a great deal.

Opportunities and ideas

The community identified the following opportunities and ideas for further exploration and consideration in the Public Space Strategy:

- de-paving and increasing greening of existing public spaces; Figure 18 (page 28) shows that 100 respondents think that more canopy trees for shade would improve their enjoyment of public space
- planting for urban agriculture in public spaces, including fruit trees and community gardens
- using more native and Indigenous planting
- increasing understorey planting in public spaces
- increasing wildlife habitat connectivity across the public space network.

65%

of online survey respondents said their enjoyment of public spaces would be improved with the planting of more canopy trees.

Public spaces for a higher density City

The demand for public space and how people use spaces is changing as the City of Port Phillip's population grows and the density of the City increases. Council needs to design public spaces that can withstand higher levels of use and create more places for people to socialise and connect with nature.

What we asked

To understand the community's thoughts on how public spaces can work harder and more flexibly to provide for a higher density City, Council asked the community:

- What do you consider are priorities for how we adapt our public spaces for a higher density City? (Snapshot question)
- What do you consider the priorities for how we adapt public space with an increasing population density? (Kitchen Table Conversation)
- How do we cater for an increased use of our public spaces, without impacting the overall quality of the space and need to maintain the

space? (Kitchen Table Conversation)

- Rank in order of importance, the following benefits that public spaces should deliver - two of 13 options were "Places for people to meet and connect" and "Places for events, and destinations to visit" (Online Survey)

Key themes and issues

The key themes and issues that emerged in response to these questions include:

- perception that there is less public space available due to the increasing population and density
- concerns about the increased cost of purchasing land for new public space and how Council would fund this
- increased need to share public space with different user groups now and in the future
- awareness of the sustainability impacts of providing alternative surfaces in public spaces (for example synthetic surfaces)
- infrastructure needed in public spaces to cater for increased use,

including public toilets, bins and drinking fountains

- providing public spaces that offer places for people to meet and connect.

Opportunities and ideas

The community identified the following opportunities and ideas for further exploration and consideration in the Public Space Strategy:

- making existing public spaces work harder
- improving lighting in public spaces to increase safety and hours of usage
- converting underutilised land, including carparks and rooftops, into public space particularly for informal sport and recreation opportunities
- improving Council's management of sharing of public spaces between user groups
- advocating for access to public spaces outside of the City of Port Phillip.

Further engagement required:

Whilst we heard that the community thinks that there will be less public space available due to the increasing population and density, the understanding was not as strong as it could be and further engagement will be done on this topic with the release of the Draft Public Space Strategy.

48%

of online survey respondents said their enjoyment of public spaces would be improved by extending the usable hours of public space.

Transforming our streets and laneways

Council's streets and laneways can be reimagined as people-focused public spaces that add richness to the civil, social and economic life of the City of Port Phillip, while also supporting more sustainable and active travel choices.

What we asked

To understand the community's thoughts on how Council can look for more innovative ways to create new public spaces, Council asked the community:

- What do you think about repurposing road space to create new public spaces for other / more diverse uses that provided broader community benefits? (Neighbourhood pop-up session).

Key themes and issues

The key themes and issues that emerged in response to this question include:

- strong support for road closures to increase public space and provide opportunities for community and social connections
- pedestrian and vehicle access to private properties will need to be managed
- concerns about potential reduction in car parking and increased traffic congestion.

Opportunities and ideas

The community identified the following opportunities and ideas for further exploration and consideration in the Public Space Strategy:

- temporary street and laneway closures for events
- enhancing greening of streets and laneways
- encouraging the community to decrease private vehicle usage
- investigating opportunities for temporary and permanent road closures to create new public space.

75%

of neighbourhood pop-up participants were supportive of repurposing road space to create new public spaces.

Creating places and communities

Council's aim is to build on the identity of the City of Port Phillip and strengthen the connection between people and the places they share, by involving the local community in the creation of public spaces that people love. For some spaces this may mean retaining and celebrating their valued heritage, while other spaces may be reimaged.

What we asked

To understand the community's thoughts on how they would like to be involved in improving the City of Port Phillip's public spaces, Council asked the community:

- How do you currently use our public spaces? (Snapshot question)
- Do you have other ideas for new and innovative uses? (Snapshot question)
- How do you want to be involved in the design, planning and ongoing use / activation of public space? And what might a direct contribution be that you can take? (Kitchen Table Conversation)
- Rank in order of importance, the following benefits that public spaces should deliver - one of 13 options was "Places that reflect the history and identity of the area" (Online Survey)
- To what extent do you think the following would improve your enjoyment of the public spaces you use? - one of nine options was "More stories and art that celebrate the heritage and identity of a place" (Online Survey)

Key themes and issues

The key themes and issues that emerged in response to these questions include:

- strong interest in being involved in the design and maintenance of public spaces
- increasing opportunities for building community and social connections through interactions in public spaces.
- concerns about the loss of Indigenous cultural identity associated with place.

Opportunities and ideas

The community identified the following opportunities and ideas for further exploration and consideration in the Public Space Strategy:

- providing community focused programs and events in public spaces
- providing opportunities for school students to be involved in the community through interactions in public spaces
- community working bees and planting days
- partnering with community centres to involve people in public spaces
- community gardens for multicultural groups.

Our foreshore as the City’s signature public space

The Foreshore is the City of Port Phillip’s most prominent public space, and needs to be carefully managed so it is safe and welcoming for everyone and resilient to climate change.

What we asked

To understand the community’s thoughts on how Council should plan for public spaces along the Foreshore, Council asked the community:

- What do you consider are the priorities for how we enhance our foreshore as a key public space? (Snapshot question)
- What is your favourite place along the Foreshore and why? (Neighbourhood pop-up session)
- How would you like to use places along the Foreshore, now and in the future? (Neighbourhood pop-up session)
- Do we have the balance right in managing the environmental values and passive use of the Foreshore, over allocation of foreshore space for commercial and sporting uses? If we don’t have the balance right,

how might we get the balance right? Do you see the Foreshore as a public space or a natural asset, or an asset for commercial and sporting utility? (Kitchen Table Conversation)

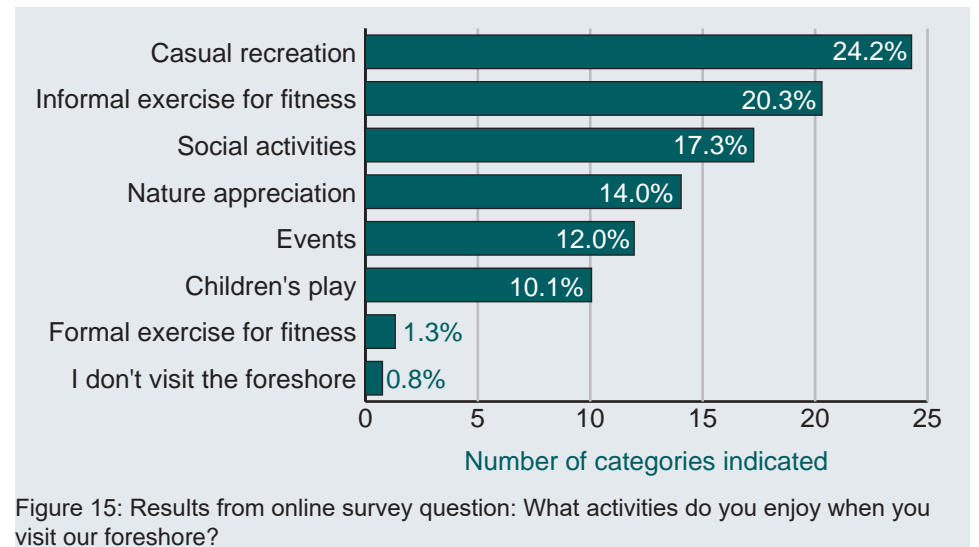
- What activities do you enjoy when you visit our foreshore? (Online survey)
- What would you like to see less or more of to make your visit to our foreshore more enjoyable? (Online survey)

Key themes and issues

The key themes and issues that emerged in response to these questions include:

- recognition of the important role the Foreshore plays for the community and visitors to the City of Port Phillip
- cultural significance of the Foreshore to the Yaluk-ut Weelam clan of the Boon Wurrung as a site of food production and annual migration routes
- concerns about the impacts of climate change and sea level rise.
- mixed opinions on alcohol ban

- ability to access the Foreshore potentially impacted by public transport connectivity and the price of car parking
- the most enjoyed activities at the Foreshore include casual recreation, informal exercise for fitness and nature appreciation (see Figure 15 below)
- more shade, amenities and casual recreation opportunities so visits to the Foreshore are more enjoyable.



Opportunities and ideas

The community identified the following opportunities and ideas for further exploration and consideration in the Public Space Strategy:

- increasing the balance of natural and shaded areas with planting and trees (refer to Figure 16)
- improving accessibility to the Foreshore for people with a disability
- providing more amenities, including public toilets, showers and drinking fountains
- increasing the casual recreation opportunities available
- improving active and sustainable transport connections to the Foreshore for pedestrians and bike riders
- increasing the hours of usage for dog off-leash areas.

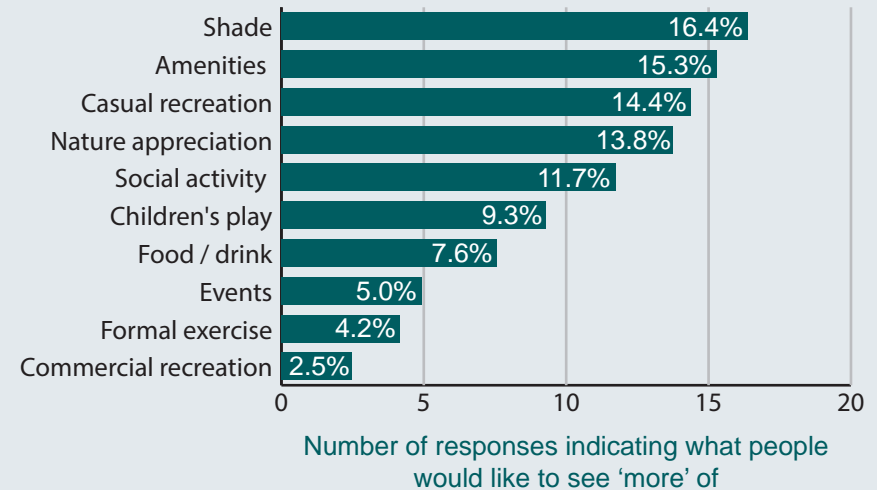


Figure 16: Results from online survey question: What would you like to see MORE of to make your visit to the Foreshore more enjoyable?

Diverse activities in inclusive spaces

The demand from different users of public spaces is increasing, along with growth in the number of people living and working in, and visiting, the City of Port Phillip. Council needs to manage the sharing of public spaces to ensure Council can respond to the community's diverse needs and make decisions that allocate spaces fairly across different, and sometimes competing, user groups.

What we asked

To understand the community's thoughts on how Council could provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, Council asked the community:

- How do you currently use our public spaces? (Snapshot question)
- Do you have ideas for new and innovative uses? (Snapshot question)
- Which public spaces do you use now, how often and what do you do there? (Online survey)
- How would you like to use public space (now and in the future)? (Online survey)
- What ideas do you have for improving public spaces in your neighbourhood? (Online survey)

Key themes and issues

The key themes and issues that emerged in response to these questions include:

- demand for more dog off-leash areas
- public spaces are being used as people's 'backyards' or 'lounging rooms'
- public spaces should be more accessible
- social issues in public spaces, including homelessness, antisocial behaviour and public drinking
- public spaces are used by a wide range of user groups for a variety of uses, including:
 - formal and informal sport and recreation
 - play
 - dog walking
 - events
 - walking
 - cycling
 - socialising and relaxing
 - eating and picnics
 - community gardens.

Opportunities and ideas

The community identified the following opportunities and ideas for further exploration and consideration in the Public Space Strategy:

- public spaces should be welcoming and inclusive to all
- providing more uses for different user groups, particularly young children, teenagers and older people
- embedding accessibility in the design of all public spaces
- increasing the availability of public spaces and hours of usage for dog off-leash areas
- more sustainability initiatives, including communal composting
- providing spaces for all seasons and weather.

49%

of online survey participants said their enjoyment of public spaces would be improved by having enclosed spaces for dogs to safely play off-leash.

What we heard about our neighbourhoods

Introduction

This section provides a summary of feedback from neighbourhood-specific comments provided by the community at the following activities undertaken during community engagement:

- online mapping
- eight neighbourhood pop-ups
- two Kitchen table conversations with targeted stakeholders
- online survey and discussion forum on Have Your Say
- stakeholder engagement

Our neighbourhoods are:

- Balaclava / East St Kilda
- Elwood / Ripponlea
- St Kilda / St Kilda West
- Albert Park / Middle Park
- South Melbourne
- Port Melbourne
- St Kilda Road

As previously mentioned, Sandridge/Wirraway and Montague neighbourhoods are excluded from this scope of work.

For those neighbourhoods that include a section of the Foreshore - Port Melbourne, Albert Park / Middle Park, St Kilda / St Kilda West, Elwood / Ripponlea - feedback is captured in the 'Foreshore' neighbourhood on page 42.

We have also included a separate section relating directly to Albert Park Reserve on page 46 as it crosses four neighbourhoods.

All neighbourhoods

Based on the information that we heard during engagement, the top six most loved public spaces in Port Phillip include:

1. Foreshore
2. Albert Park
3. South Melbourne Market (contributory space)
4. Elwood Canal
5. St Kilda Botanical Gardens
6. St Vincent Gardens.

Our community uses our public spaces to walk, exercise or play informal sport, get out in nature, catch up with friends, relax and attend events or markets (see Figure 17).

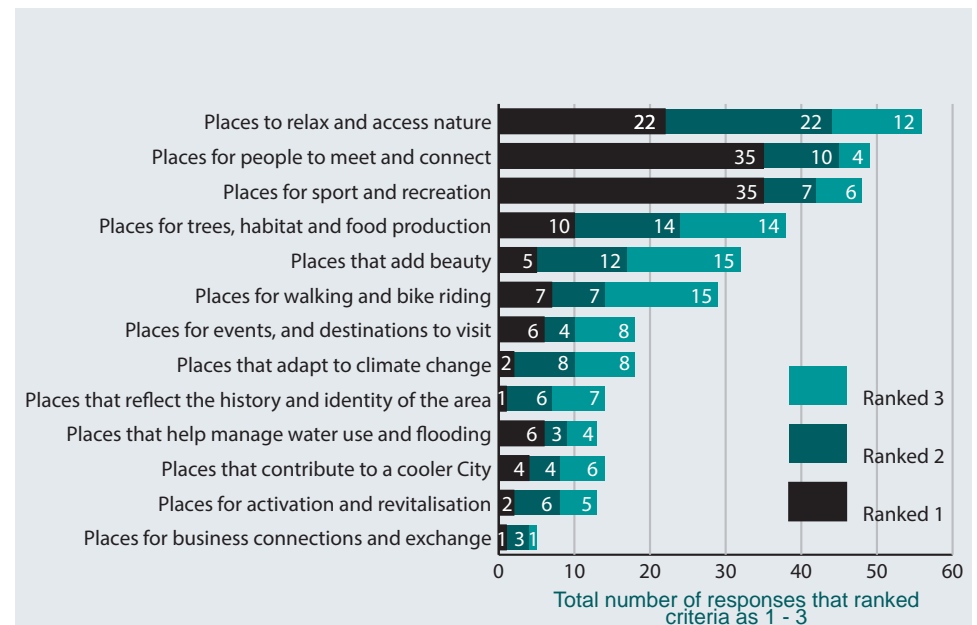


Figure 17: Top three rankings from online survey question: Rank in order of importance the benefits that public space should deliver (13 options)

What our community loves

- parks with playgrounds for kids
- being able to walk and ride around neighbourhoods
- meeting neighbours while walking dogs

What our community would like to change or add

- more seating in parks and along key connections
- separated walking and bike paths, particularly on the foreshore
- more public toilets
- more drinking fountains
- better lighting in public spaces
- more informal recreation spaces, including exercise stations, and less formal, organised spaces
- more community stewardship of spaces, including better use of nature strips and more community gardens
- composting locations in public spaces
- more shade trees
- incorporating public art into the design of spaces
- depaving hardscaped spaces to create more green spaces e.g. in road medians or nature strips
- more dog-off-leash areas

- pocket parks are a good solution to lack of space
- changing existing spaces to ensure they have a diverse range of uses and are adaptable for the future
- thinking outside the box (such as repurposing existing car parks or rooftops for public space)
- ensuring spaces are clean and safe
- enhancing native vegetation
- incorporating nature play into parks
- address social issues in public spaces, including homelessness, antisocial behaviour and public drinking

Figure 16 and 17 provide a snapshot of what we heard via the Have Your Say Survey relating to the use of public space.

The public spaces with the highest number of community ideas include:

1. St Kilda Foreshore (83)
2. Albert Park Reserve (24)
3. Fitzroy Street (22)
4. Elwood Canal (20)
5. Elwood Foreshore / South Melbourne Market / Acland Street Plaza (19)
6. St Kilda Botanical Gardens / Bay Street Activity Centre (18)

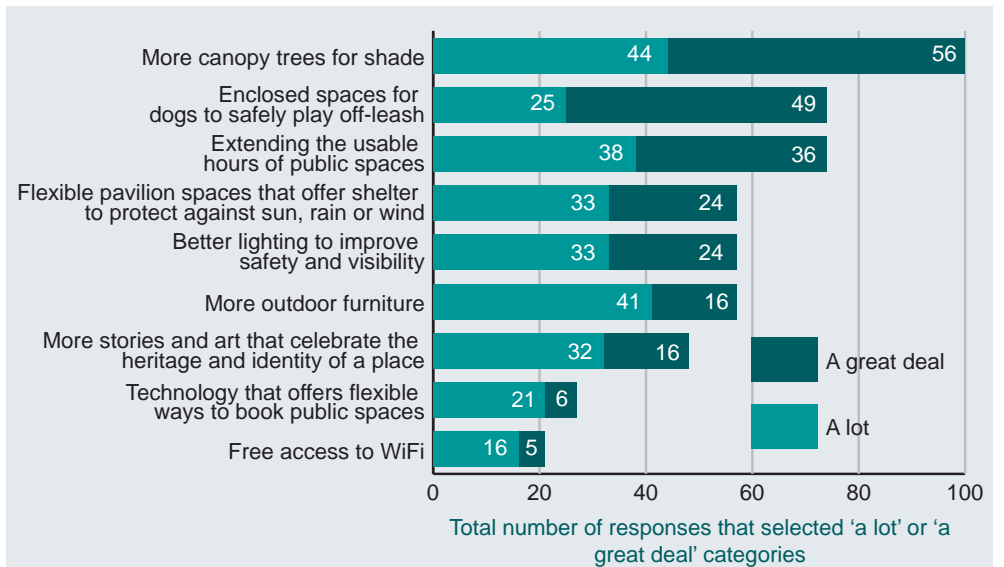


Figure 18: Results from online survey question: To what extent do you think the following would improve your enjoyment of the public space you use?



Figure 19: Results from online survey question: Activities / experiences that were important (a lot / a great deal) when enjoying public spaces

South Melbourne

Summary

- St Vincent Gardens and the South Melbourne Market are well loved:
 - The community loves St Vincent Gardens because it is a beautiful, green oasis with places to picnic, has a playground for kids to play in, has clean, accessible toilets, and is well maintained by Council and locals.
 - The South Melbourne Market is treasured for the fresh food, the atmosphere and the great mixture of locals and tourists. The community visits the markets to shop, eat and socialise.
- South Melbourne also has lots of smaller, hidden spaces known mostly to the local community. These include a popular community garden in Foundry Site Park and the very well used Lyell Iffla Reserve.
- We received few responses for places that people love in the South Melbourne neighbourhood, which is indicative of the low number of public spaces in this neighbourhood.
- Figure 20 shows the dropped pin locations from the online interactive map for South Melbourne.

Favourites, changes and additions

South Melbourne Market (Contributory public space)

Favourites

- the Market is a City treasure
- best place for fresh good
- great mix of locals and tourists
- great atmosphere
- vibrant and friendly

Changes and additions

- the walkways and roundabouts are difficult and dangerous and lights should be considered
- make York St and Coventry St pedestrian-friendly on weekends (such as through road closure and limiting private vehicle traffic)
- a lot of litter – provide more bins
- parking is difficult
- open market more often
- public space in the market should be transferred outside
- dead space of the tram line on

Coventry Street should be converted to public space

St Vincent Gardens

Favourites

- it's a beautiful, green oasis
- beautiful mature trees, grass and flower beds with shade
- places to picnic, playground, toilets and coffee shops nearby
- well maintained and used by locals
- great park to have in heavily housed area

Changes and additions

- public toilets need upgrading

Clarendon Street Activity Centre

Favourites

- well used for shopping

Changes and additions

- create more public space for cafés and restaurants
- more seating along key walking

streets for elderly people

- take care of the under-story of trees, as well as canopy
- increase the amount of permeable space around street trees

Park Towers Reserve (Contributory public space)

Changes and additions

- activate the park
- facilitate more regular pickup of hard rubbish dumped on street
- upgrade the surface of cricket nets
- brighten up the public housing area with a garden or shared space, or a mural on the building (such as the grain silos in rural Victoria)
- remove the fence to facilitate public access to the basketball court and public space

South Melbourne Town Hall and Emerald Hill Library

Favourites

- a great central spot in South Melbourne and an iconic Council location

Changes and additions

- create a piazza for events
- better publicise the music events in Town Hall
- provide Wi-Fi in outdoor civic spaces
- activate the library forecourt area

Eastern Reserve (north and south)

Favourites

- nice spot for a barbecue, especially when living in a flat

Changes and additions

- should be more friendly for toddlers / children under five
- dog owners leave mess behind, ruining the experience for others

- between the two reserves there could be more trees and benches
- the dog park is too congested

Sol Green Reserve

Favourites

- nice spot for a picnic

Changes & additions

- needs better maintenance
- would benefit from good planning and design, including a community garden and compost area

Other suggestions

- irrigate Lyell Iffla Reserve as it is so well-used
- create a plaza space in Ballantyne Street for local workers
- better use the green spaces on Coventry Street near Morris Street for community gardens
- improve the play structures in Skinners Playground
- improve the Moray Street bike path so skateboarders can use as well



Figure 20. Map of South Melbourne showing dropped pin locations from the Interactive Map

Port Melbourne

Summary

- The Port Melbourne Light Rail Reserve, Lagoon Reserve and the Bay Street Activity Centre are the most popular public spaces in the Port Melbourne Neighbourhood.
- Play spaces in Port Melbourne are very popular with families, and the community enjoys recreational and commuter bike riding through this neighbourhood.
- The community would like to see Council focus on increasing the greening of streets and public spaces in Port Melbourne.
- Figure 20 shows the dropped pin locations from the online interactive map for Port Melbourne.

Favourites, changes and additions

Port Melbourne Light Rail Reserve

Favourites

- use for walking and running
- popular dog walking space

Changes and additions

- improving maintenance of planting and trees
- increasing planting of native trees to improve biodiversity
- fenced dog off-leash area
- community garden and communal composting
- areas for socialising (such as communal tables)
- informal sport and recreation opportunities (such as table tennis tables)
- lighting

Bay Street Activity Centre

Favourites

- Bicycle connections

Changes and additions

- increasing greening of the street with planter boxes and trees
- providing additional bicycle racks
- temporary road closures for events
- activating vacant shopfronts
- improving maintenance of public infrastructure (such as toilets, bins)

Links and connections

Changes and additions

- continue the existing planting from Danks Street down Liardet Street
- improving pedestrian and bicycle connections to Todd Road

Edwards Park

Favourites

- range of user groups using the park (such as families, small groups, personal trainers)
- maintenance of grass, palm trees

Changes and additions

- stormwater harvesting
- community garden
- dog off-leash area

Lagoon Reserve

Favourites

- dog off-leash area
- opportunities for socialising and community interactions
- range of uses (such as formal and informal sport, dog off-leash area, walking)

Changes and additions

- improving ground maintenance
- improving public lighting
- stormwater harvesting opportunities
- upgrading existing sports pavilion

Graham Street Underpass

[Contributory public space]

Changes and additions

- increasing greening and planting
- informal sport and recreation opportunities (such as tennis hit-up wall, pump track)



Figure 21: Map of Port Melbourne showing dropped pin locations from the Interactive Map

Albert Park / Middle Park

Summary

- Gasworks Arts Park is the most popular park in the neighbourhood, and is well used by the community for markets, kids playing sport, dog walkers and as a place to relax.
- The Danks Street median is also very popular for families with kids, as it has a number of play spaces located along it. It has also become more popular, with the community taking stewardship of the recent introduction of more native vegetation.
- Bridport Street is popular for its shops and local cafés, and promotes a village feel.
- Figure 21 shows the dropped pin locations from the online interactive map for Albert Park / Middle Park.

Favourites, changes and additions

Gasworks Arts Park

Favourites

- green and natural with lots of open space
- it's a community park, and has a strong reach through the arts community and a diverse range of people
- unique park
- the markets are popular
- awesome space for local events

Changes and additions

- the heritage significance could be better communicated
- there are competing uses in the park – it should stay as a community park
- replant and regenerate the vegetation, create communal composting
- include an outdoor cinema
- include a safe youth space or a place for kids to play sport

Danks Street Median

Favourites

- love the little parks along the median
- parks and playgrounds are great for kids
- lots of biodiversity, native vegetation and great community stewardship

Changes and additions

- some trees are planted too close to the road
- a fenced dog park would be good

Bridport Street Activity Centre

Favourites

- lovely peaceful street with a European feel, a highlight of the neighbourhood
- good shopping street
- great that a village atmosphere is being promoted

Dundas Place

Changes and additions

- turn in to a village square with green spaces for eating (tables, chairs, etc)
- pedestrianise and reduce car parking
- include more shade trees

Other suggestions

- love the idea of depaving Foote Street, more trees / wildlife would be great
- upgrade the playground at Plum Garland and include more public toilets
- Kerferd Road could be used for a fenced dog-off-leash area
- include a safe youth space in the Armstrong Street Activity Centre



Figure 21: Map of Albert Park / Middle Park showing dropped pin locations from the Interactive Map

St Kilda / St Kilda West

Summary

- The most frequented public spaces in the St Kilda / St Kilda West neighbourhood are the St Kilda Botanic Gardens and the urban spaces, particularly the key activity centres including Acland Street Plaza, and Fitzroy Street.
- Acland Street Plaza and the St Kilda Botanic Gardens were the most commented on public spaces in the this neighbourhood.
- Play spaces and public events are very popular in this neighbourhood.
- The community would like Council to focus on increasing greening and tree planting in public spaces, providing additional public infrastructure (such as public toilets, water fountains and seating) and bringing back the community focus to the St Kilda Festival.
- Figure 22 shows the dropped pin locations from the online interactive map for St Kilda / St Kilda West.

Favourites, changes and additions

St Kilda Botanic Gardens

Favourites

- relaxing and peaceful
- water features
- connecting with nature
- trees and planting.

Changes and additions

- upgrade existing play space
- provide a dog off-leash area
- events and activations during warmer months.

Acland Street Plaza

Favourites

- calendar of public events
- public transport accessibility

Changes and additions

- increase greening and trees, particularly for shade
- improve maintenance (such as

- rubbish collection)
- provide additional seating
- more public art

Peanut Farm Reserve

Favourites

- dog off-leash area
- formal sport opportunities
- Veg Out Farmers' Market

Changes and additions

- improve sharing of space for both sporting uses and dogs
- increase hours when lighting is turned on
- informal sport and recreation opportunities (such as tennis hit-up wall)
- improve water management

Renfrey Reserve

Changes and additions

- upgrade existing play space
- fenced dog off-leash area
- increase greening and trees

St Kilda Triangle (Contributory public space)

Changes and additions

- redesign and activate for public use
- temporary event space (such as outdoor cinema, food trucks, ice skating rink)
- remove car parking

Catani Gardens

Favourites

- existing trees and plantings
- calendar of public events

Changes and additions

- review number of public events
- dog off-leash area
- stormwater harvesting opportunities

Fitzroy Street Activity Centre

Changes and additions

- activate vacant shopfronts
- improve maintenance

- enhance interface with Albert Park Reserve
- provide additional outdoor dining opportunities
- public art

Links and connections

Changes and additions

- Improve bicycle connections between St Kilda, Albert Park and the CBD



Figure 22: Map of St Kilda / St Kilda West showing dropped pin locations from the Interactive Map

Balaclava / East St Kilda

Summary

- Alma Park and William Street Reserve are well loved in this neighbourhood. The community uses Alma Park to relax, exercise, exercise their dogs and watch other dogs play, and attend the weekly markets. The recent upgrade of William Street Reserve has been popular, particularly for those living in apartments, and the community likes its wide open, safe and green spaces.
- We received few responses for places that people love in the Balaclava / East St Kilda neighbourhood, which is indicative of the relatively low number of public spaces in this neighbourhood.
- Figure 23 shows the dropped pin locations from the online interactive map for Balaclava / St Kilda East.

Favourites, changes and additions

Alma Park

Favourites

- how much activity occurs in the park
- the Hank Marvin Market every Saturday
- a haven to relax and exercise in
- watching the dogs in the park

Changes and additions

- add a water feature similar to the St Kilda Botanical Gardens
- more lighting to increase safety
- improve connectivity in and around the park
- separate bike paths from the dog off-leash area

William Street Reserve

Favourites

- great space for people who live close by in apartments
- caters to a diverse range of uses and users

- recent upgrade
- trees and greenery
- great place for relaxing

Changes and additions

- make park a dog off-leash area
- more seating to sit and read
- William Street (adjacent the railway line) needs upgrading

Balaclava Train Station

Changes and additions

- improve lighting to make more safe
- add more greenery to discourage litter
- improve the look and feel of the rubbish bins
- include a rock climbing wall and mural space for artists
- build a ramp from Balaclava Station to Nightingale Street

Carlisle Street Activity Centre

Favourites

- the street is lively, diverse and vibrant / colourful

Changes and additions

- currently too much graffiti from vandals – beautiful graffiti is welcome
- widen narrow pavements by reducing car parking and creating separated bike lanes
- more undercover seating for shade, rain cover and hot weather
- could become a pedestrian mall
- create kerb outstands to create more public space
- add more greenery
- convert carparks to parks

St Kilda Town Hall and Library

Changes and additions

- prohibit smoking in civic spaces
- make the library entrance more inviting
- more shade trees in the Town Hall forecourt
- activate the St Kilda Library forecourt by introducing a community garden

Hewison Reserve

Changes and additions

- revitalise park by introducing a flower garden
- make sure playground is safe
- upgrade park playground and toilets

Woodstock Street Reserve

Changes and additions

- more shade trees and greenery
- landscape Woodstock Street to be more like William Street Reserve

Links and connections

Changes and additions

- improve pedestrian access from Alma Road to St Kilda along Chapel Street
- improve outstands around Chapel Street to make it nice for pedestrians while maintaining visibility
- enhance the walking link between Balaclava and Ripponlea stations



Figure 23: Map of Balaclava/East St Kilda showing dropped pin locations from the Interactive Map

Elwood / Ripponlea

Summary

- Elwood Canal, Elwood School Park, Burnett Gray Gardens and Elwood Park are the most loved spaces in this neighbourhood. The community uses Elwood Canal for walking to the beach in summer, bike riding, exercise and walking dogs. The open spaces in the Elwood School Park and Elwood Park are well used for football and other sports. Burnett Gray Gardens is popular for families who play, picnic or read books and is close to local cafés and transport.
- The community loves walking along the wide, tree-lined streets of Elwood, and uses the parks for relaxing, playing sport and exercise.
- Many people suggested that overall, Elwood is a great opportunity for water play.
- Flooding should be addressed in the design of public spaces.
- Figure 24 shows the dropped pin locations from the online interactive map for Elwood / Ripponlea.

Favourites, changes and additions

Elwood Canal

Favourites

- local, easy to walk along and meet with like-minded residents
- lots of bird life and native plantings
- fantastic habitat corridor that links Elsternwick Park with the Foreshore
- love the historic stories on tiles along the Canal

Changes and additions

- access from Point Ormond Reserve is awkward and pedestrians now use the bike path
- would be great to see more vegetation
- more rubbish bins for litter and animal mess
- more lighting at night is needed
- renaturalise the Canal
- reduce the use of poison in the Canal
- foxes are an issue

Elwood School Park

Favourites

- farmers' market and school market garden bring the community together
- good weekend park (outside of school hours)
- use the grounds to play sport

Changes and additions

- more sporting courts for informal recreation
- use School Park (after hours) as a dog park

Burnett Gray Gardens

Favourites

- relax, play, picnic or read, walk their dogs and use the park as a meeting place
- park is a green haven and is tidy
- has a good kids' playground
- kids love watching the trains

Changes and additions

- better irrigation in summer – it's not inviting when the grass is brown

- play equipment could do with an upgrade, as it services many families
- more shade trees

Elwood Park

Favourites

- use the park for sport and relaxing
- great playground

Changes and additions

- turn park into a dog park
- make sure park is clean and free of litter
- the Head Street Oval is often crowded by the soccer club – could be better sharing of spaces

Clarke Street Reserve

Changes and additions

- needs an updated play area
- close Clarke Street temporarily for activities and events
- could become a dog park

Other suggestions

- more shade trees and plants in MO Moran Reserve
- more shade trees and local coastal plants, as well as sea water pool at Point Ormond
- better located pedestrian crossings and public toilets at Ormond Road Activity Centre
- close the road and expand EC Mitty Reserve
- better located signalised pedestrian crossing on Glen Huntly Road



Figure 24: Map of Elwood / Ripponlea showing dropped pin locations from the Interactive Map

Foreshore

Summary

With 11 km of Foreshore spanning four neighbourhoods in Port Phillip, we consulted on the Foreshore as one single space. The Foreshore is made up of a number of different spaces that make it unique, including beaches, parks, event spaces, restaurants and cafés, and walking and bike paths.

The Foreshore is popular with the local community, visitors, tourists and workers, who use it for swimming and lying on the beach, meeting friends, exercising, walking and bike riding along the Bay Trail, playing volleyball and other sports, having a barbecue and going to markets and events.

Different precincts

At the pop-up held on the St Kilda Foreshore, we asked people whether they thought the foreshore was made up of distinct precincts or one precinct. Most people responded that they believe the foreshore was divided into precincts based on its local neighbourhood, and all sections were unique and different. For example, the community thinks that the beach is more natural from Kerferd Road to Sandridge and feels more family

friendly, while St Kilda is more commercial and vibrant.

There were a number of recurring general themes that are relevant to the whole foreshore, including:

Favourites

- great for walking
- great for exercising
- value the open spaces, trees and parks
- great for casual recreation
- the whole foreshore is culturally significant to the Yaluk-ut Weelam clan of the Boon Wurrung – for food production (midden sites) annual migration routes along the foreshore
- great for commercial activities and events

Changes and additions

- make sure spaces are appropriate for the events that they hold
- better parking
- increase shade
- more bins
- more freshwater showers
- more public toilets

- more trees and salt tolerant greenery
- more artwork like Sculpture by the Sea
- more water fountains
- separate walk and bicycle lanes
- more information recreation facilities such as basketball, chess and exercise stations
- improve public transport access
- reconsider dog-off-leash times
- keep beaches as sandy as possible
- local Indigenous stakeholders would argue that the foreshore has undergone so much disruption to its natural state that it is totally out of balance
- provide food trucks in winter months
- trial big changes before making them permanent
- lift the alcohol ban

Figures 15 and 16 on pages 24-25 provide a snapshot of what we heard via the Have Your Say Survey relating to the Foreshore.

Figure 25 shows the dropped pin locations from the online interactive map for the Foreshore.

Favourites, changes and additions

The following relates to specific parts of the foreshore:

Port Melbourne Foreshore

Favourites

- love the palm trees
- walking paths are quiet and pretty
- love the water play park

Changes and additions

- re-vegetate the foreshore
- more sporting facilities in this area; they are currently concentrated around St Kilda
- remove fencing on the dunes

Station Pier

Changes and additions

- a bit dead – nothing for tourists and should be a hub of activity
- needs a better solution for pedestrian access as its dangerous
- a playground for kids is needed

South Melbourne Foreshore

Favourites

- beach volleyball
- lovely place for a walk

Changes and additions

- ease of access for prams while exercising
- difficult to swim among jet skis and other water sports
- Bike rider calming is needed along Beaconsfield Parade to Graham Street

Plum Garland Playground

Favourites

- playground is terrific and a lovely use of space
- great public space for people who live in apartments

Changes and additions

- needs a picnic shelter, barbecues and seating
- more toilets and change facilities for volleyballers

Albert Park / Middle Park Foreshore

Favourites

- safe, clean and not cluttered with tourists

Changes and additions

- needs toilets near Armstrong Street
- improve the gym equipment
- more amenities for volleyballers like cafés, toilets, and changerooms

St Kilda Foreshore

Favourites

- love the summer beach festivals
- it's like a European beach promenade
- dog off-leash area is well loved
- great for walking and gathering
- love the atmosphere

Changes and additions

- more trees for shade
- dog beach needs regular cleaning
- make the temporary basketball court (from last summer) permanent

- parking is expensive
- food stalls and markets in summer
- less police presence on the beach
- remove fencing - St Kilda Marina
- fix Brookes Jetty
- allow public access to the Sea Baths rooftop
- water quality is poor and there are lots of invasive species (jellyfish, starfish) in the water

West Beach

Changes and additions

- polluted and can smell bad depending on the weather
- quality of water is poor

St Kilda Pier

Favourites

- great view of the sunset
- good spot for tourists

Changes and additions

- no dogs
- more activities for kids

Elwood Foreshore

Favourites

- great place to meet up with friends and make memories
- much quieter and cleaner than St Kilda Beach
- nice and green
- dogs coexist well with people
- love the view at Point Ormond

Changes and additions

- dog off-leash area outside of peak times
- re-establish a play area at Elwood Beach
- informal sports like volleyball nets
- water play on the foreshore
- carpark is a waste of space

Other suggestions

- Cleve Gardens has a history of being a place where Indigenous peoples have gathered, with sight lines to Catani Gardens and Port Phillip Bay. It's existed for several thousand years – oral histories of Port Phillip Bay go back to the last Ice Age.
- Princes Pier is currently wasted and has a lot of potential.



St Kilda Road

Summary

- Council received few responses from the community for the St Kilda Road neighbourhood. Council did not hold a specific neighbourhood pop-up session for St Kilda Road due to Council's recent work on the Domain Precinct Master Plan, which included extensive community consultation.
- Figure 26 shows the dropped pin locations from the online interactive map for St Kilda Road.

Favourites, changes and additions

Links and connections

Changes and additions

- upgrade bicycle lanes along St Kilda Road

Other suggestions

- retain on-street car parking



Figure 26: Map of St Kilda Rd showing dropped pin locations from the Interactive Map

Albert Park Reserve

Summary

- Albert park is one of Port Phillip’s largest public spaces, and spans across the four neighbourhoods of Albert Park/ Middle Park, South Melbourne, St Kilda Road and St Kilda/ St Kilda West.
- Whilst Council heard from the community about Albert Park Reserve, it’s important to note that the Park is managed by Parks Victoria. As part of the development of the Public Space Strategy, Council will consider any matters which could be passed on to Parks Victoria on behalf of the community.
- Figure 27 shows the dropped pin locations from the online interactive map for Albert Park .

Favourites, changes and additions

Albert Park Reserve

Favourites

- large, open space with kid’s playground
- avenue of trees
- delightful location and outstanding public space
- free basketball courts are a great asset
- beautiful and safe playground where kids can roam free
- significance of the Ngargee Tree to the Yaluk-ut Weelam of the Boon Wurrung, the descendants of the First People of Port Phillip

Changes and additions

- improve lighting along walking paths
- improve Albert Park interface with Fitzroy Street
- celebrate the Ngargee Tree
- better articulate cycle paths in the park
- increase greening and trees



Figure 27: Map of the Albert Park showing dropped pin locations from the Interactive Map

Next Steps

The results from this community engagement will be combined with the findings from the Background Technical Report to inform the development of a draft Public Space Strategy.

Further community engagement will occur on the draft Public Space Strategy in the first quarter of 2020.

Appendix

Theme snapshots

Theme snapshots related to public space used in the engagement and included in this appendix include:

- Public spaces for a higher density City (page 49)
- Diverse activities in inclusive spaces (page 50)
- Public spaces for a greener, cooler City (page 51)
- Transforming our streets and laneways (page 52)
- Creating places and communities (page 53)
- Sharing our spaces (page 54)
- Public spaces for a water sensitive City (page 55)

Neighbourhood profiles

Neighbourhood profiles used in the engagement and included in this appendix (pages 56-xx)include:

- Elwood / Ripponlea (page 56)
- Balaclava / East St Kilda (page 58)
- St Kilda / St Kilda West (page 60)
- St Kilda Road (page 62)
- Albert Park / Middle Park (page 64)
- South Melbourne (page 66)
- Port Melbourne (page 68)
- Our foreshore as the City's signature public space (page 70)



PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGY Themes

Public spaces for a higher density City

The demand for public space and how people use spaces is changing as our population grows, the density of our City increases, and more people live in apartments. We need to design spaces that can withstand higher levels of use, and create more places for people to socialise and connect with nature.

What we want to achieve

Our parks are becoming 'backyards' for those who don't have private open space, and urban spaces act as the 'front porch' where people meet and interact. In this way, our public spaces are becoming an even more important part of our City's social fabric. "Time spent outdoors in green space is good for our physical and mental wellbeing". (VicHealth) Maintaining people's access to nature through protecting and enhancing the network of green parks is crucial in a built-up city such as Port Phillip. Our shopping streets are not traditionally regarded as public space, but in fact offer a significant opportunity to create new urban squares which expand and diversify the network of spaces across our City.



Flexible spaces

We need to consider creating more flexible spaces, and programming of spaces at different times of the day and night, to cater for the needs of more people. Ensuring spaces are inviting and protected from overshadowing and wind, and maintaining the safety and security of public spaces - particularly crowded places - is also important.



Natural features

We need to look at more robust materials, such as synthetic turf on some sports grounds, to allow for increased use. We also need to consider programming spaces to allow time for recovery and prevent over-use, including natural features such as water and landscaping in urban spaces and also some hardscape areas within our green parks.

What Council is already doing

- **Creating and activating new urban squares**, such as Acland Plaza.
- **Redesigning spaces to increase public safety and security.**
- **Implementing our Annual Visitor and Summer Management Program** to prevent / address public safety during peak periods.
- **Upgrading public lighting** to extend the time spaces can be used and to make spaces safer.
- **Reviewing street and beach cleaning** to enhance outcomes from these services.
- **Strengthening planning controls to protect solar access to key public spaces**, including our foreshore, parks and primary pedestrian streets.

PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGY Themes

What are the opportunities?

Ways we can manage the sharing of our public spaces include:



Creating new urban spaces that activate our shopping streets and reflect the cultural identity of the local neighbourhood.



Enhancing our green parks, with options for sun and shade, where people can relax in nature.



Creating spaces that connect communities through festivals, markets, street parties, cinema and performances.



Designing spaces for extended use across the day and night.



What do you consider are priorities for how we adapt our public spaces for a higher density City? Which opportunities would you like to see implemented in your neighbourhood and where? Do you have other ideas?





PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGY Themes

Diverse activities in inclusive spaces

The demand from different users of public spaces is increasing, along with growth in the number of people living, working and visiting our City. Council needs to manage the sharing of our public spaces to ensure we can respond to the community's diverse needs and make decisions that allocate spaces fairly across different and sometimes competing user groups

What we want to achieve

The UN Sustainable Development Goals (Goal 11), recognise the importance of public spaces in creating sustainable cities and communities, setting the target to "provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities" by 2030.



Flexible, multi-use spaces

We can work to create spaces that support more diverse activities, from Tai Chi, giant board games, natural play spaces and 'pop-up' markets and events, to quiet spaces for reading and meditation.



New and innovative uses

There is potential to plan for new and emerging leisure pursuits; digital role-playing or augmented reality games, frisbee golf, drone racing and dog agility are some of the suggestions so far.



Spaces for all seasons

We need to ensure spaces are attractive and usable all year round. This could include providing moveable shade structures, providing infrastructure that encourages informal sports at any time, or programming events that activate spaces in the winter months.

What Council is already doing

- Creating flexible, multipurpose community buildings as sports pavilions are renewed.
- Ensuring spaces are accessible for people of all ages and abilities through upgrading park furniture, paths and facilities.
- Installing more outdoor fitness stations.
- Undertaking an informal recreation study to better understand how people want to use our public spaces as part of a healthy, active lifestyle.

PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGY Themes

What are the opportunities?

Ways we can provide public places that support a diverse range of activities include:



Streets can become games arcades as people are seeking to play digital games in public spaces.



Providing enclosed spaces for dogs to safely play off leash and for pet owners to socialise.



Community gardens offer opportunities to participate in urban agriculture and planting, and provide for learning, social connections and access to nature.



Designing flexible pavilion spaces that offer shelter from sun or rain, and can be programmed for community events such as performances, fitness classes and social gatherings.



How do you currently use our public spaces?

Do you have other ideas for new and innovative uses?

Which opportunities would you like to see implemented in your neighbourhood and where?





PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGY Themes

Public spaces for a greener, cooler City

The way we design, construct and manage public spaces can offer a range of environmental benefits and has the potential to significantly reduce the impacts of climate change on our City. More trees and vegetation in public space can help to reduce urban heat, offer cooler places for respite and improve biodiversity.

What we want to achieve

Our City includes over 11 km of foreshore, beautiful tree-lined streets and parks that provide habitat for many plants and animals, and offers space for nature within an increasingly built up urban environment. Adapting for a changing climate - increased heat due to climate change and urbanisation - will impact the liveability of our City and the health of our community. Planting more trees, incorporating water and reducing the amount of unnecessary hard surfaces in our parks and streets and will help to keep our City cool. We need to plant species that can cope with hotter and drier conditions.



Protecting and enhancing biodiversity and habitat

Public spaces are integral to protecting biodiversity values, particularly in highly urbanised areas like Port Phillip. It is important that we both protect existing vegetation and extend plantings to increase habitat for insects, birds, bats, possums and other animals. We need to develop a network of connected green spaces that includes our parks, streets and key corridors such as the foreshore, rail corridors, and Elster Creek.



Access to nature

Public spaces provide essential opportunities for people to connect with nature, and offer cooler spaces for respite. There is an increasing need for trees that provide shade, so that public spaces are appealing, useable and sunsafe.

What Council is already doing

- Developing a Biodiversity Study and Action Plan.
- Implementing the Greening Port Phillip - Urban Forest Strategy and the Foreshore and Hinterland Vegetation Management Plan.
- Mapping heat across our City, to tell us where we need to focus our 'greening' efforts.
- Incorporating 'green infrastructure' (landscaping, rain gardens, passive irrigation, permeable pavements) in the way we redesign streets and other public spaces, to achieve urban cooling, manage stormwater and improve amenity.

PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGY 2019-22 Themes

What are the opportunities?

Ways we can enhance biodiversity and climate resilience include:



Protecting and enhancing biodiversity creates habitat corridors and helps connect our City's network of green spaces.



Reducing hard surfaces will help to keep our City cool and enable them to act as a sponge to reduce flooding.



Improving environmental outcomes through the way we manage public spaces by providing better habitat for wildlife through allowing grass to grow longer.



Providing more canopy trees for shade makes our public spaces more use able and attractive.



Which opportunities to enhance biodiversity and adapt the City to a changing climate do you think should be prioritised in our public spaces?

Are there particular opportunities that exist in your neighbourhood?
Do you have other ideas?





PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGY Themes

Transforming our streets and laneways

Streets and laneways can be reimagined as people-focused public spaces that add richness to the civic, social and economic life of the City, and support more sustainable 'active' travel choices.

What we want to achieve

Our streets make up around 30 per cent of our City's space and are currently car-focused. With a growing population, we need to look for innovative ways to create new public spaces and to improve access to existing spaces.



Redesigning our streets

Re-designing our streets is key to meeting Council's commitments in its Move, Connect, Live integrated transport strategy to create 10-minute walking neighbourhoods, boost bike riding and provide more space for social interaction and trade. There are many ways to achieve more people-friendly streets, from temporary 'playstreets' to a permanent new park, with each adding to the liveability and amenity of our neighbourhoods. This may involve compromises, such as replacing car parks with a wider footpath, trees or a new park.



Develop laneway culture

There are also opportunities to replicate central Melbourne's iconic laneway culture in our shopping strips, through repurposing and activating these often underutilised and unloved spaces as places to meet, eat and shop.

What Council is already doing

- **Shrine to Sea link** - redesign of Kerferd Road as a pedestrian and bike friendly 'boulevard', linking Anzac Station to the beach.
- **Activating our shopping streets through creating new public spaces** like Acland Plaza, and trialling road closures such as on Cecil Street next to the South Melbourne Market.
- **Closing roads to create new parks** - such as Moubrey Street 'Pop-up' Park adjacent the local school.

PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGY Themes

What are the opportunities?

Ways we can transform our streets include:



Create 'parklets' through repurposing a car park or street space, can help to activate streets and support a local cafe business.



Widened footpaths and 'usable' medians enhance walking and bike riding, and create links that connect our network of parks.



Closing a street to make way for a new park, or at certain times of the day, to create safe 'playstreets' for children or for 'pop-up' events such as markets and local festivals.



Incorporating unexpected events and features along our streets can make them more interesting and playful, such as art installations, shadows, mini-libraries and community noticeboards.



Which opportunities would you like to see implemented in your neighbourhood, and where?

Do you have other ideas?





Our aim is to build on this identity and strengthen the connection between people and the places they share, by involving the local community in the creation of public spaces that people love. For some spaces this may mean retaining and celebrating their valued heritage, while other spaces may be reimaged.

What we want to achieve

We want to transform our City through placemaking and activation. Our City already has successful destinations, such as the foreshore, that shape the identity of Port Phillip and its neighbourhoods. These attract visitors, residents, businesses and investment. Designing spaces that can play host to activities such as markets, performances and outdoor dining helps ensure these spaces become the focus for public life and the 'heart' of local communities.



Co-creating with the community

Creating or revitalising our public spaces will only be successful if the community who use the spaces are involved in the process. Identifying people in the community with local knowledge and insight, and bringing them into the conversation is vital in creating a sense of community ownership, so that the character, meaning and history of our places are reflected in what we create together.



Enhancing and reimagining places

We need to protect the character of the places and parks that people already love, while providing for the growing and diverse needs of our community and visitors. We need to look imaginatively at the assets Council already owns (land, roads, laneways) to see if we can use them to expand our network of public spaces.

What Council is already doing

- **Working with the local community through our placemaking program**, to co-create and implement plans to revitalise Clarendon Street, Waterfront Place and Fitzroy Street. This includes how we connect and activate private land adjoining our public spaces to add to the vitality of our shopping precincts.
- **Heritage controls** already exist to protect spaces that represent our built, natural and social history.
- **Improving urban spaces within our shopping streets** - both new and renewed spaces, for example, along Carlisle Street.
- **Enhancing our much loved markets** at South Melbourne, the Esplanade (St Kilda) and Gasworks, as key attractions in public spaces.

PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGY Themes

What are the opportunities?

Ways we can use public spaces to connect people to the places they love include:



Co-locating public space with community facilities such as our libraries.



Activating urban spaces at the 'heart' of each neighbourhood (permanently or temporarily).



Designing public spaces together with the community that uses them.



Embedding history and art in public spaces.



How do you currently use our public spaces?
Do you have other ideas for new and innovative uses?
Which opportunities would you like to see implemented in your neighbourhood and where?





The demand from different users of public spaces is increasing, along with growth in the number of people living, working and visiting our City. Council needs to manage the sharing of our public spaces to ensure we can respond to the community's diverse needs and make decisions that allocate spaces fairly across different and sometimes competing user groups.

What we want to achieve

Our public spaces are in demand from schools (primary and secondary), different sporting codes, recreation groups, personal trainers and commercial recreation providers. Together with residents and visitors to the City, they use our spaces for both formal and informal sports, dog walking, events (local and regional) and commerce (for example, cafes and markets), as well as for passive uses (such as socialising and relaxation). Some spaces, like Albert Park Reserve, have a metropolitan role, while others are primarily for local use - but all are in increasing demand.



Sharing our spaces

Increased sharing of our spaces, and designing flexible spaces and multipurpose facilities that can accommodate different uses at different times, must be part of Council's response to managing this demand.



Managing our spaces

The Public Space Strategy will include 'principles' for allocating spaces, to ensure decisions are fair and everyone in the community benefits. We will need to consider the specific needs of some users, such as fencing of spaces for dogs off-leash, without creating exclusive use or limiting the diversity of activities that each space can offer, such as allocating dogs off-leash at certain times rather than permanently.

What Council is already doing

- Planning for the **growing demand for different sports**, including more flexible facilities and innovative programming through working with other councils in the region.
- Agreeing an annual calendar of events to **balance the needs of residents**, visitors and event providers, and prevent impacts from over-use of spaces.
- Preparing interim **policies for pressing allocation issues**; use by schools, sporting clubs and dog off-leash. These will help inform allocation principles to be included in the Strategy.

PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGY Themes

What are the opportunities?

Ways we can manage the sharing of our public spaces include:



Designing multipurpose facilities (such as pavilions) that provide for a variety of users and activities at different times.



Integrating technology into public spaces, such as app-based booking systems, that offer flexible ways to allocate spaces.



Extending the usable hours of public spaces, such as through the use of synthetic or hybrid surfaces, and improved lighting.



Advocating for public access to government land that can function as open space, such as school ovals and spaces along rail lines, and under the West Gate Bridge.



What should be considered in developing the principles for allocating our public spaces to different users?

What would you like to see implemented in your neighbourhood and where?

Do you have other ideas?





PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGY Themes

Public spaces for a water sensitive City

We need to design our public spaces differently to cope with the impacts of climate change, the demands of a growing population and to meet our commitment to being a water sensitive City.

What we want to achieve

Water is a key feature of Port Phillip, with Port Phillip Bay, Albert Park Lake, Elwood Canal and the Yarra River all playing an important part in creating the identity of our City and how we use our public spaces. This also means a significant part of our City is vulnerable to rising seas and intense storms, increasing the risk of flooding and erosion of our foreshore. Two thirds of our City is made up of hard surfaces that further contribute to flooding, increased heat, and more pollution, nutrients and sediments being washed into the bay.



Managing flooding

Flooding in our City has traditionally been managed through a drainage system of underground pits and pipes; however, this system does not cater well for intense storms. Public spaces can be designed to act like sponges during severe storm events, accommodating additional water to help minimise flood impacts in surrounding areas.



Irrigation of parks

The cost to irrigate our parks is rising due to lower rainfall, rising temperatures and increased use from a growing population. We know people value high amenity green spaces, but water is scarce, and Council has committed to reducing potable water use. Alternative water sources through water harvesting and water reuse, and creating water-efficient public space environments will be part of the solution. We will also need to make choices about which spaces we keep green, to achieve sustainable water use while responding to community needs.



Incorporating water features

Public space (including opportunities for water play) can contribute to a sense of tranquility or playfulness, and can help define the identity of a space. Water can also contribute valuable habitat, support biodiversity and have a cooling effect on spaces - see the 'Public spaces for a cooler, greener City' snapshot for further information.

What Council is already doing

- Investing in irrigation infrastructure to reduce water use in open space.
- Increasing permeability of public spaces by removing unnecessary hard surfaces.
- Installing raingardens in our streets and parks to reduce pollution and sediments entering the bay.
- Harvesting stormwater to irrigate our parks, such as Alma Park.
- Elster Creek Action Plan - working with our partners to reduce flooding in Elwood, including through the way public spaces are designed.

PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGY Themes

What are the opportunities?

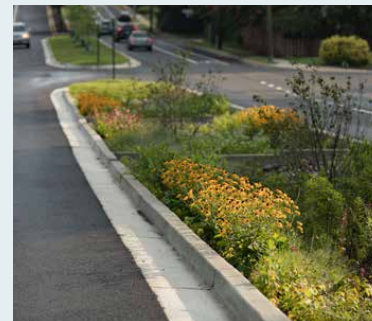
Ways we can use public space to improve water quality and reduce impacts of flooding include:



Water harvesting projects can help irrigate public spaces without using potable water.



Designing public spaces to reduce the impacts of flooding - parks, sports fields and roads that retain water during severe storms.



Raingardens capture and clean stormwater, are self-watering and enhance the amenity of our street spaces.



Using surface water to cool our City and celebrate water - such as through providing opportunities for water play.



How should we balance the desire for green parks and reduce our water use?

Would you be prepared for Council to spend more on alternative water sources, such as water harvesting, to keep our parks green?

Do you have other ideas?





A residential neighbourhood known for its leafy streets and diverse range of housing, the Elwood foreshore is a key destination for locals, together with Ormond Road and Ripponlea shopping strips.

The Elwood / Ripponlea community includes a high proportion of families with children, compared to the City of Port Phillip average. Just under half our local residents live in single person households. Compared to the rest of our City, Elwood / Ripponlea has a smaller proportion of older persons. There is a diversity of housing types, with most people living in either apartment blocks from the 1930s/40s or 1960s/70s, or larger detached homes with backyards. New residential development in this neighbourhood is typically apartments, which will create an even greater reliance on public spaces for recreation and socialising.



Our parks

Elwood Canal and Linear Reserve link the neighbourhood to the foreshore and Elsterwick Park. Burnett Gray Gardens is a key local space next to Ripponlea Station and shops. The Elwood foreshore includes MO Moran Reserve, Point Ormond playground and sporting grounds at Elwood Park.



Our urban spaces

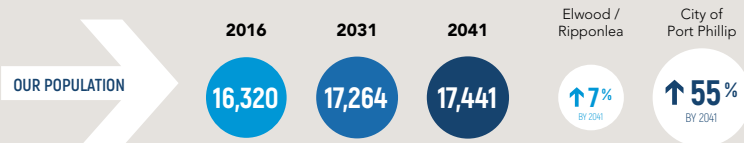
Ormond Road, Glen Huntly Road and Ripponlea shops are the key activity destinations for local shopping, dining and services. A section of Mitford Street was closed to create a new urban space linking Elwood Primary School to School Park.



Our streets

Broadway and Tennyson streets are primary tree lined streets that link the St Kilda Botanical Gardens to the shops and Elsterwick Park. Streets off Ormond Road connect the neighbourhood to the foreshore. Byron Street provides a link across Brighton Road to Ripponlea Station and shops.

How Elwood / Ripponlea is changing



OUR FUTURE
Future residential development in the form of apartments is expected to occur in and around Ormond / Glen Huntly roads shopping strips. Smaller scale apartment developments will also occur in streets offering larger blocks throughout the neighbourhood.

- Things to consider:**
- What is your favourite public space, and why?
 - Which space needs some love?
 - Which space do you consider as the 'heart' of your neighbourhood?



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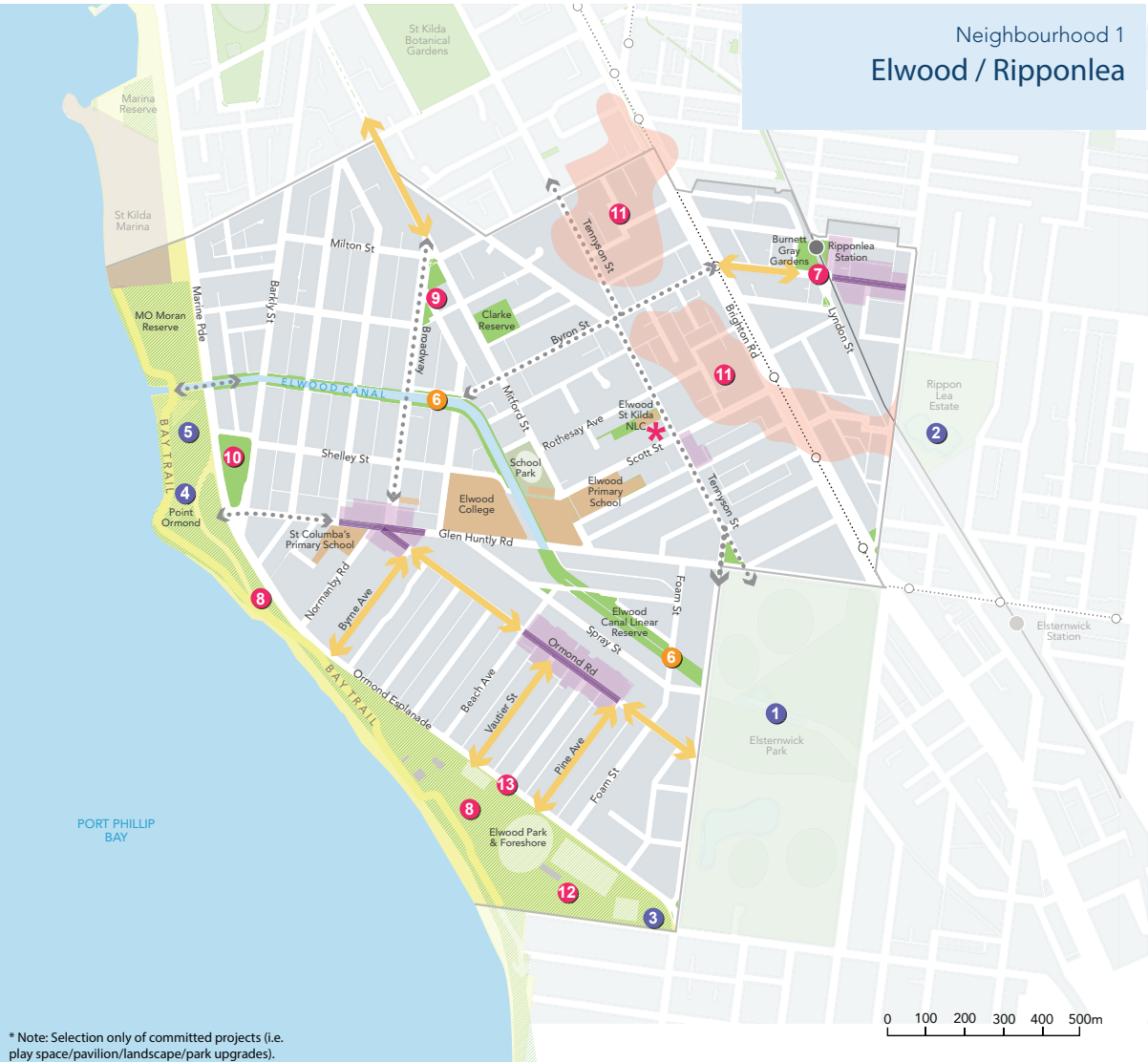
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Public space opportunities





Balaclava / East St Kilda

Primarily a residential neighbourhood with a wide mix of housing types, the Carlisle Street shopping strip, St Kilda Library, Balaclava Station and Alma Park are key features.

Balaclava / East St Kilda is a diverse community, with a higher proportion of young children and young workers and a lower proportion of older person and persons living on their own, compared to the rest of the City.

The neighbourhood has a wide diversity of housing, including larger detached homes with backyards and small cottages, with 1960s 'walk up' flats also commonplace. Housing growth is seeing an increase in new apartments, which will create an even greater reliance on public spaces for recreation and socialising.



Our parks
Alma Park is the largest park with facilities for sport, picnics and a renowned play space. Other local parks include Hewison Reserve, Te-Arai Reserve adjoining the Alma community house, and the William Street Reserve and playground.

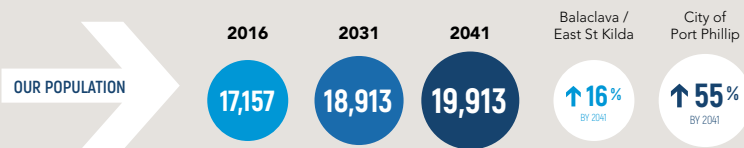


Our urban spaces
Carlisle Street is the key activity destination for local shopping and services. Small urban spaces exist adjacent the St Kilda Town Hall, Library and train station, with curbside dining featuring along the length of the street.



Our streets
Key streets linking the neighbourhood and the network of public spaces include Chapel Street, Alma Road and Westbury Street. Bothwell Street with its wide median offers a greenlink from the William Street Reserve to the local primary school.

How Balaclava / East St Kilda is changing



OUR FUTURE

Higher density residential development is expected to be concentrated in and around the Carlisle Street activity centre, including along Chapel Street, in the commercial land adjacent to the railway line, and in the Pakington Street (former industrial) area.
Smaller scale residential development will occur throughout the rest of the neighbourhood.

Things to consider:

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The future of our public spaces

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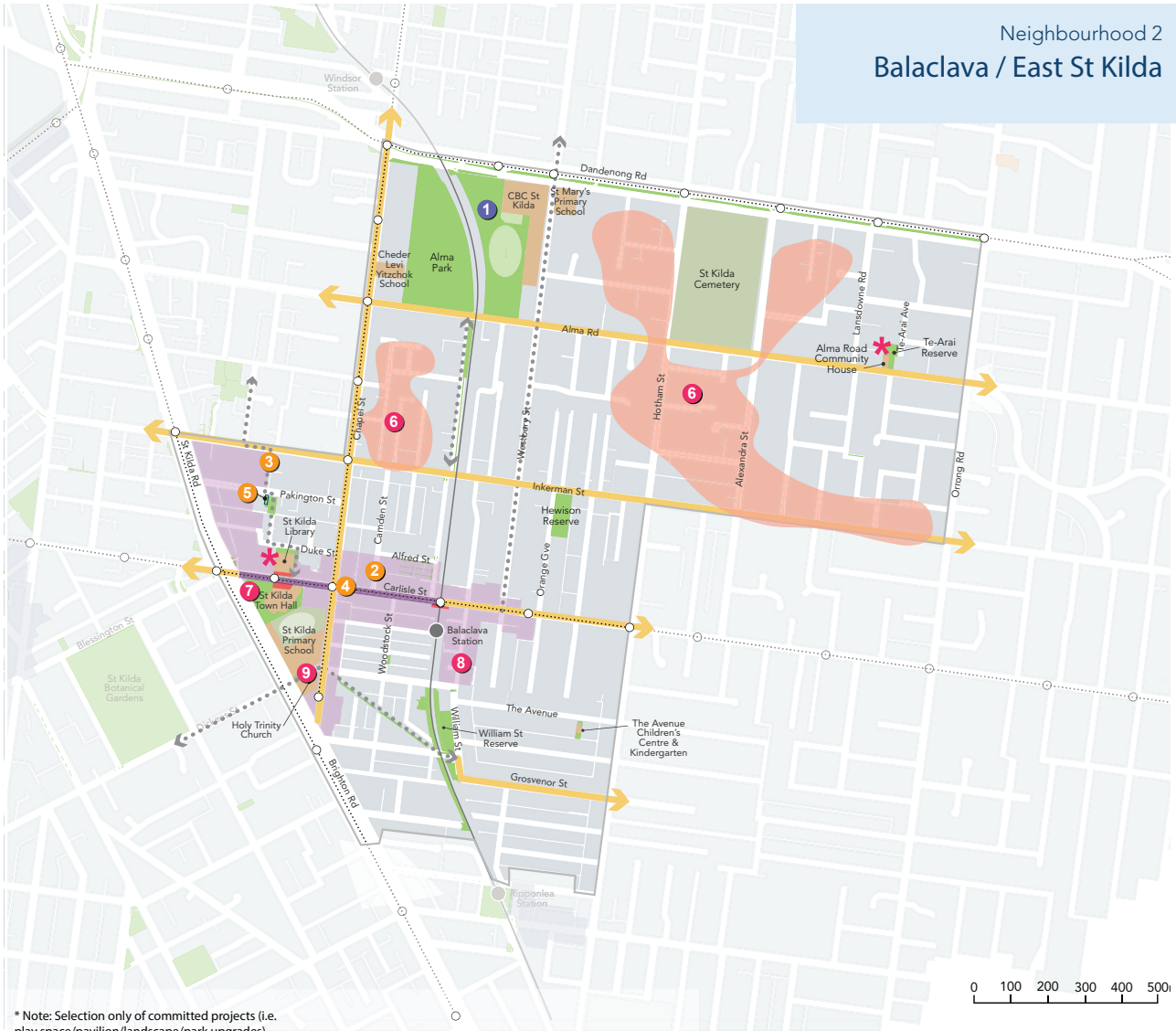
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Public space opportunities





This neighbourhood is attractive to residents and visitors for its iconic retail strips, significant public spaces and the foreshore.

This neighbourhood is home to many of Melbourne's famous attractions including Luna Park, the Palais Theatre and St Kilda beach, and attracts millions of visitors every year. It also hosts large events including the St Kilda Festival and Pride March.

People typically living in St Kilda / St Kilda West are young workers aged 18 to 34 and older workers aged 50 to 59, with a high proportion of single person households. There is a lower proportion of families with young children compared to the rest of our City.

A high proportion of people in this neighbourhood live in terrace housing, 'walk up' flats or newer apartments. A lower proportion of people live in separate detached homes, compared to the City average, suggesting a high reliance on public spaces for recreation and socialising.



Our parks
Key parks within the foreshore reserve include the historic Catani Gardens, which hosts many events, and the skate park at Marina Reserve. The St Kilda Botanical Gardens, Peanut Farm Reserve and Albert Park Reserve are popular parks for both locals and visitors.

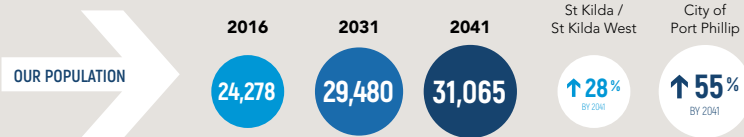


Our urban spaces
Acland and Fitzroy streets are key activity destinations for shopping and dining. Part of Acland Street was closed to create a new urban plaza, activated with events and performances. Luna Park forecourt acts as a meeting place and the starting point for the Sunday Esplanade Market.



Our streets
The Esplanade connects shops in Acland and Fitzroy streets, as well as Luna Park, the Palais Theatre and the foreshore. Blessington and Dickens streets are high amenity, tree lined streets that link the St Kilda Botanical Gardens with Peanut Farm Reserve and the foreshore.

How St Kilda / St Kilda West is changing



OUR FUTURE
St Kilda and parts of St Kilda West will continue to experience significant new apartment development, including along St Kilda Road, and in and around the Fitzroy Street and Acland Street activity centres. Smaller scale residential development will continue to occur throughout the rest of the neighbourhood.

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Public space opportunities





Port Phillip's fastest growing neighbourhood, has a unique mix of high rise residential development and offices.

St Kilda Road is Port Phillip's fastest growing neighbourhood and is a significant employment hub with over 20,000 people working in the area. Its role as a premier office location supporting the Melbourne Central Activity District will be boosted by the new Anzac Station in Domain Precinct.

This neighbourhood is dominated by young workers aged 18 to 34 years of age. The vast majority of people live in small, single person or two person households. Compared to the rest of our City, this neighbourhood has a smaller proportion of children and young families.

Currently, over 97 per cent of people live in large, multi storey apartment buildings, with significant growth in residential apartments continuing.



Our parks
Some key spaces, such as the Albert Road Reserve, will be renewed with development of the new Anzac Station. Significant parks adjoin the St Kilda Road neighbourhood, including Albert Park Reserve, the Shrine Memorial Gardens and Fawkner Park (in the City of Melbourne).

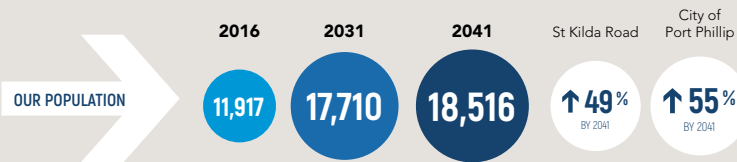


Our urban spaces
The building forecourts along St Kilda Road are unique urban spaces within this neighbourhood, providing spaces for workers and residents. Many are activated by cafes in the ground floor of buildings and contribute to a high amenity walking environment.



Our streets
St Kilda Road, Melbourne's premier boulevard, and Queens Road are the key streets that run the length of the neighbourhood. East-west streets act as important connectors to significant parkland. Albert Road forms part of the Shrine to Sea Link, connecting Anzac Station to the foreshore.

How St Kilda Road is changing



OUR FUTURE
Significant future development in this precinct, both residential and office is expected to continue to occur along St Kilda Road and Queens Road. Development is particularly concentrated at the northern end of the neighbourhood within the Domain precinct, close-by to the future Anzac Station as part of the Melbourne Metro project.

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- Foreshore
 - Parks within foreshore area
 - Parks
 - Urban spaces
 - Contributory public space
 - Key walking route
- Contextual Places**
- Activity centre
 - Schools & community facilities
 - Other places
- COMMITTED PROJECT***
- 1 Albert Road Reserve - new park associated with Anzac Station (Victorian Government Project)
 - 2 Shrine to Sea - enhanced walking/bike connection between new Anzac Station and bay, potentially including art, seating, and play spaces (Victorian Government Project)
- EXISTING IDEA - COUNCIL STRATEGY**
- 3 Queens Road/Albert Park - improve access/connection across Queens Road to Albert Park
- NEW IDEAS**
- 4 Kings Way Reserve/Queens Road (north of Kings Way) - potential to convert road space to extend park
 - 5 Kings Place/Millers Lane - potential to convert road space to create new urban space/widened footpaths
 - 6 Albert Park Reserve - improve and extend lakeside path
 - 7 Albert Park Reserve - new wetland edge and boardwalk link, aquatic nature play spaces and picnic decks
 - * Enhance connections to key adjoining open spaces i.e. Fawkner Park/Botanic Gardens
 - ↔ Enhancement of walking route/green link



Neighbourhood 4
St Kilda Road



PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGY

Albert Park / Middle Park

A primarily residential neighbourhood with strong heritage character, the foreshore, Albert Park and local shopping streets are key features.

Albert Park / Middle Park is one of the older neighbourhoods in our City, well known for its heritage character and wide, tree lined streets.

Families with children make up a typical household in this neighbourhood. Older persons aged 50 onwards also make up a larger proportion of this neighbourhood compared to the City average. While the majority of residents live in terrace or 'row' houses, and 1930s and 1940s apartments, a higher proportion of people reside in housing with private backyards than the City average.



Our parks

Plum Garland Reserve Playground, West Beach Bathers Pavilion and Middle Park Beach are key destinations along the foreshore. Gasworks Arts Park is much loved for dog walking, picnics and the farmers' market, while Albert Park Reserve, is home to many sports clubs and MSAC.



Our urban spaces

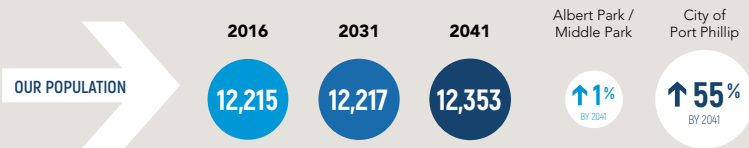
Victoria Avenue / Bridport Street and Armstrong Street are key destinations for local shopping, dining and services. New urban spaces have been created through street closures adjacent to Albert Park Primary and between Albert Park College and Gasworks Arts Park.



Our streets

Key streets provide strong connections through this neighbourhood to the foreshore, including Mills Street, Cowderoy Street and Victoria Avenue. Kerferd Road connects the foreshore and Albert Park Reserve, to the new Anzac Station in Domain Precinct.

How Albert Park / Middle Park is changing



OUR FUTURE

Albert Park/Middle Park will continue to experience very limited housing growth, with the projected population remaining fairly static into the foreseeable future.

While this means local demand for public space will not alter significantly, this neighbourhood will continue to experience growing demand from visitors, to both the foreshore and Albert Park Reserve.

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Public space opportunities





This neighbourhood is one of Melbourne's original suburbs, home to established business precincts and the South Melbourne Market.

The South Melbourne Central activity centre, including Clarendon Street, Coventry Street and the South Melbourne Market, attracts both locals and visitors. The neighbourhood is a mix of both residential and business uses, including a significant cluster of creative industries and their workers.

South Melbourne has a higher than average proportion of family households with children, compared to the rest of our City. There is a lower proportion of 18 to 34 year olds compared to other parts of Port Phillip, and a greater proportion of persons over the age of 60.

The neighbourhood has a strong heritage character, with extensive areas of Victorian terraces and cottages. New apartment development is occurring in some parts of the neighbourhood, with high rise public housing estates also a feature.



Our parks

St Vincent Gardens is a feature of this neighbourhood well known for its heritage significance, while Skinners Adventure Playground is a unique playspace for children. Other local parks include Sol Green Reserve with its community centre and Eastern Reserve North, popular with dog owners.



Our urban spaces

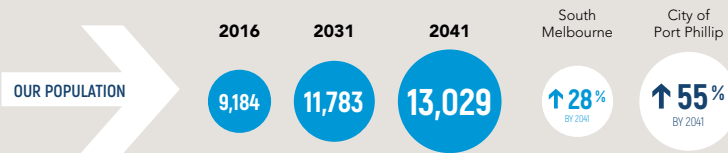
Clarendon Street and the South Melbourne Market, a locally loved space, are key destinations for shopping, dining and public life. Emerald Hill, with the South Melbourne Town Hall, Library, Heritage Centre, and cluster of arts uses, also serves as a cultural hub for South Melbourne.



Our streets

The neighbourhood has a strong street grid pattern, which makes it easy to walk around. Clarendon, Coventry and York streets link up the business area, while Cecil and Park Streets connect the wider neighbourhood. Laneways are also a feature, with some well activated with great cafes.

How South Melbourne is changing



OUR FUTURE

Future commercial, as well as residential apartment development, is expected in and around the South Melbourne Central area, which will build on its knowledge and creative based industries. In addition to new development occurring within the neighbourhood, some public spaces in South Melbourne are likely to experience increased demand from the significant population growth forecast for the adjacent Fishermans Bend area.

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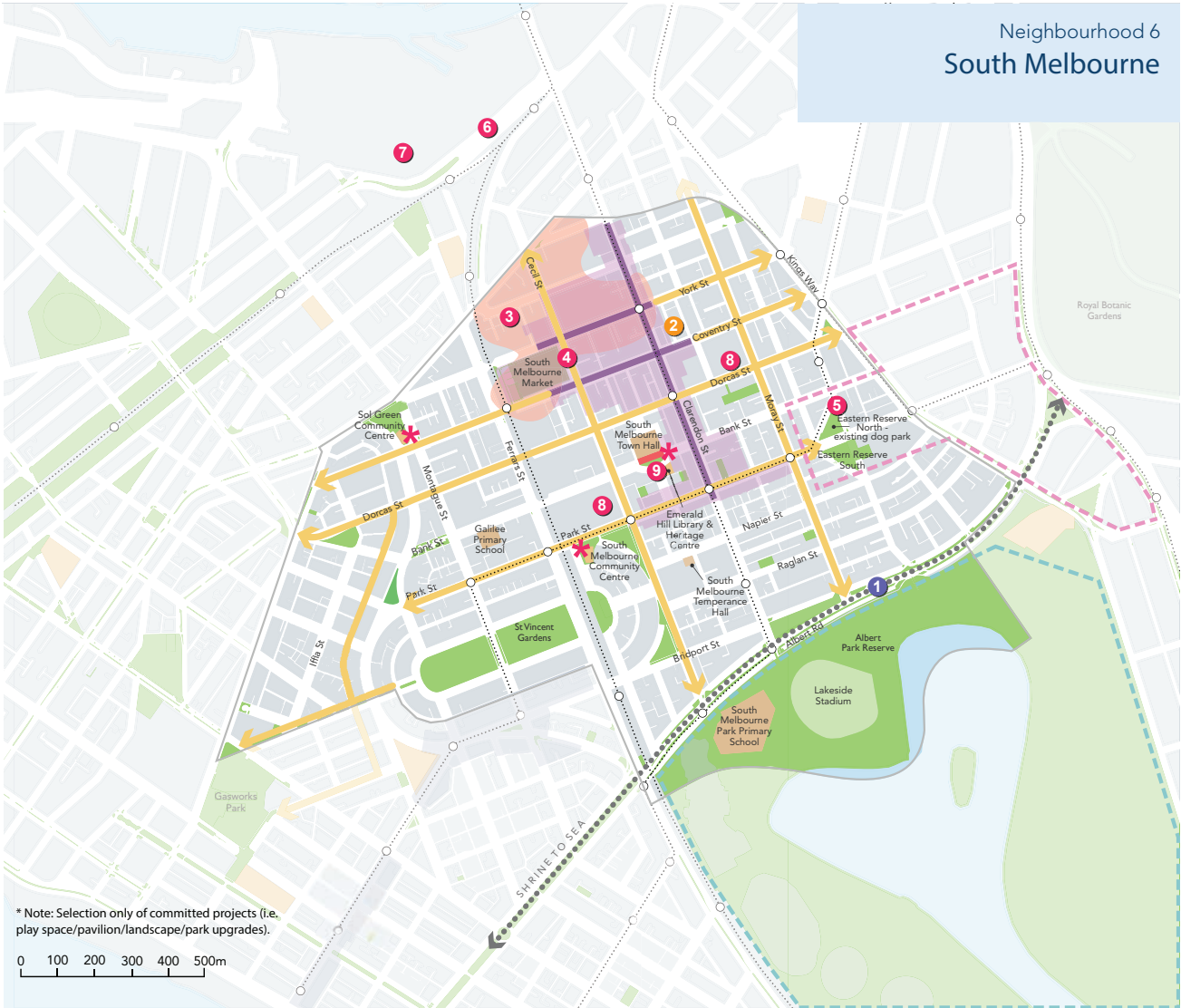
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- COMMITTED PROJECT***
- 1 Shrine to Sea - enhanced walk/bike connection between new Anzac Station and Bay, including art and play spaces (Victorian Government Project)
- EXISTING IDEA - COUNCIL STRATEGY**
- 2 Yarra Place - potential 'destination' laneway (activated public/shared space)
- NEW IDEAS**
- 3 Current 'gap' in public space network - consider ways to improve access e.g. current road space
 - 4 South Melbourne Market - potential to convert road space (temporary or permanent) to extend public space/ improve accessibility of market
 - 5 Eastern Reserve North - potential to convert road space to extend park
 - 6 Fishermans Bend - maximise connections between public spaces in South Melbourne and Fishermans Bend
 - 7 Freeway undercroft - consider opportunity for informal recreation e.g. half courts, hit-up walls, climbing walls
 - 8 Emerald Hill and Park Towers estates - improve integration of open spaces within housing estates with surrounding neighbourhood
 - 9 South Melbourne Town Hall forecourt - improve as civic community space
- * Integrate use - public space co-located with community facilities
 - Enhancement of walking route/green-link
 - Shopping street enhanced activation/pedestrian amenity



PUBLIC SPACES STRATEGY

Port Melbourne

This beachside neighbourhood and gateway to Melbourne has contrasting areas of heritage homes and contemporary apartments.

Port Melbourne's waterfront precinct brings many visitors to the neighbourhood, attracted to the foreshore promenade and beaches, and the vibrant retail strip along Bay Street. Cruise ships and the Spirit of Tasmania dock at Station Pier, making it a key gateway to Melbourne.

Port Melbourne has a higher proportion of families with young children when compared to the City average. There are proportionately fewer young adults in the 18 to 34 age group than other areas of our City, but more persons aged 50 to 75 years.

Traditional residential heritage streetscapes contrast with contemporary development within the Beacon Cove Estate, and areas of higher density apartment development have replaced former industrial uses in Port Melbourne.



Our parks

Port Melbourne enjoys access to many local parks offering diverse sporting and community facilities. The Port Melbourne light rail reserve provides a linear park connecting the neighbourhood and other parks. Station and Princes piers, and the Bay Trail are key features along the foreshore.



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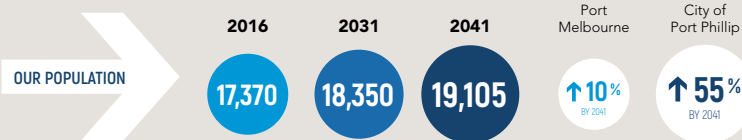
Bay Street is the key activity destination for local shopping and services, and includes the popular 'Olive's Corner' adjacent the community centre. Waterfront Place includes a cluster of restaurants, adjacent the light rail terminus and Station Pier, and has further potential as a public space.



Our streets

Bay Street, Esplanade East and Liardet Street are key streets linking up the local neighbourhood, its network of parks and the foreshore. Bridge Street, Graham Street and Beacon Road will connect Port Melbourne with the new community at Fishermans Bend.

How Port Melbourne is changing



OUR FUTURE

Port Melbourne has experienced significant residential growth over the past two decades, with the population doubling. While the rate of growth has slowed, on-going development will occur in and around the Bay Street Activity Centre, along Bay Street up to Crockford Street. The neighbourhood will also experience the effects of significant growth in neighbouring Fishermans Bend.

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Public space opportunities





Our foreshore is Port Phillip's most prominent public space and needs to be carefully managed so it is safe and welcoming for everyone, and resilient to climate change.

What we want to achieve

Extending over 11 kilometres from Port Melbourne through St Kilda to Elwood, our foreshore is often referred to as Melbourne's playground. Landmark destinations include St Kilda Pier, Station Pier, Catani Gardens and Point Ormond. These spaces, together with facilities such as pedestrian and bike paths, life saving clubs, restaurants, cafes, and play spaces, help activate the foreshore all year round.

Each local beach has its own unique character and setting. The natural coastal dunes and vegetation of Sandridge contrast with St Kilda's more formal spaces and heritage buildings that play host to major sporting and cultural events.

Locals and visitors participate in a diversity of recreational pursuits, ranging from beach tennis, beach volleyball and stand-up paddle boarding to kite-surfing, triathlons, sailing and skydiving. The Bay Trail connects the foreshore and provides a much loved promenade for walking, running and bike riding.



Planning for spaces along our foreshore

- Ensure our foreshore is a safe and welcoming place for everyone, particularly when spaces are crowded during events and hot weather.
- Balance the needs of different users: from spaces to exercise dogs off leash and formal sport, to quiet spaces for yoga and respite, and protecting access and amenity for the local community.
- Make the foreshore environment and infrastructure more resilient to sea level rise, severe storm events and increased visitation.
- Address the increasing demand for events and from commercial recreation operators, and for upgraded facilities to support more diverse activities. This must be carefully managed as we also know the community expects public access to our foreshore to be maintained, and the natural environment and heritage to be protected.

What Council is already doing

- **Introducing alcohol and glass bans** to make our foreshore a safer place.
- **Redeveloping the South Melbourne Life Saving Club** - including new kiosk, a multipurpose room for community use, accessible public toilets and improved landscaping. The St Kilda Life Saving Club redevelopment was completed in 2017.
- **Planning for redevelopment of the St Kilda Marina** - developing a vision, along with the community, to create a key destination on our foreshore that welcomes a diversity of sustainable uses, anchored by a working Marina.

PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGY Snapshot

What are the opportunities?

Ways we can enhance our foreshore as a key public space include:



Considering the need for a coastal event centre - a designated place with infrastructure that facilitates the delivery of events and improves the visitor experience while reducing environmental impact.



Reinforcing the foreshore as a series of distinct areas, building on each location's unique sense of place, heritage and use.



Enhanced foreshore landscaping that strengthens historic patterns of planting, increases shade, and helps protect the beach and dunes from erosion.



Reimagining key foreshore destinations such as St Kilda Pier / Pier Road, Princes Pier and the St Kilda Triangle.



What do you consider are the priorities for how we enhance our foreshore as a key public space?

Are there specific opportunities you would like to see implemented and where?

Do you have other ideas?



