

FANNY STREET BIKE TRACK UPGRADE /

DRAFT DESIGN PUBLIC
CONSULTATION REPORT.



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INTRODUCTION /

The Trail Collective (TTC) have been engaged by the City of Moonee Valley to design an updated BMX Facility in Fanny Street Reserve, Moonee Ponds, Victoria. In October and November 2021 TTC held a pre-design, community consultation via an Online information session and Online survey. Using the statistics gathered from the Pre-Design Consultation TTC came up with a draft concept design. In March 2022 TTC held a draft design community consultation in collaboration with council via 2 x Online workshop sessions and Online survey.

The consultation was advertised over 4 weeks to capture a broader demographic of users and seek support and feedback from local members of the community and it's users. TTC utilised an interactive draft design consultation process to display the design intent and footprint of the proposed design for the upgrade of Fanny Street Reserve Bike Track.

BASELINE INFORMATION.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic the City of Moonee Valley and surrounding areas had been subject to ambitious young locals taking it upon themselves to create dirt trails, tracks and unauthorised builds. This created concern for the council for various reasons - including environmental issues, risk, liability and insurance.

Since then council have had several of these informal sites removed and reported back that these opens spaces are clearly required and needed by the community. Fanny Street Reserve is one of many steps Council is taking to encourage and engage with the community for wheeled sport facilities and the like. The Fanny Street Bike Track Upgrade will be an upgraded inclusive space for people of all ages and abilities. This will provide the community with an opportunity to learn new skills and develop a connection with the space.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

After a positive and successful draft design consultation process the community have provided their desires, inclusions and project requirements. This document outlines the desires, requirements and statistics obtained during the consultation and the 'Have Your Say' campaign, along with a conclusion and a design recommendation for the concept design phase moving forwards.

ONLINE SURVEY INFORMATION.

The questions in the online survey display response numbers and percentages. With the multiple choice answers, respondents may have selected all that apply in each question. This results in the totals amount of answers displaying higher than 100% due to multiple answers received from the each respondent.



ONLINE WORKSHOP SESSION MINUTES /

Minutes from Online Community MS Teams Workshop Thursday 10th of March, 2022

Meeting began at 7.00pm and ended at 8.00pm AEST.

Attendance:

Toby and Leanne from The Trail Collective, Jess from the Moonee Valley Council and community members Michael, Hamish, Andy, Cathy, Ethan, Xavier, Oscar, James, Will, Nicholas, Glenys and Peter, Theo, Charlie and Gina.

Concerns raised:

Maintenance for dirt bike track, local residents disheartened that this bike track will destroy Fanny Street park, younger children will be impacted by teenage riders, families cannot picnic and use grassed areas, no supervision of children using bike park, children will fall into hollow areas between jumps, too big, night lighting (which isn't happening), swearing and noise and attracting the wrong people, losing grass and scaring families away, grounds not cared for and turning messy, revising design to include a path for mountain bike riders through or around facility, revise lengths of jumps to modify and make shorter to take up less space, removing one line would be more sustainable and less maintenance.

Positives:

Mountain bike riders and BMX riders are very excited and positive about the new development. Ages of riders who attended meeting range from 11 years to 57 years and were all positive about the bike track saying it was a good track, upgrades would be great, pump track would be good, good to have jumps built by professionals, really good design, very supportive and looks good, refer to quarry park trails with 3 downhill trails and a pump track that everyone likes.

General discussion and notes from Jess in response to questions:

Not all people that came online contributed to the discussion and most did not have video activated so we could only record names and some ages. The older generations who attended the discussion were not in favour of the bike track being built and had not seen or read the survey. They had written letters of complaint and were very concerned that the noise and swearing of unsupervised teenagers was going to be a problem and that they would hurt themselves on the jump sections of the track. Jess advised that there was some inherent risk with these facilities but the community was consulted first and this design comes from what they wanted.

Toby and Jess directed people to the survey online for statistics and information provided from the community and confirmed this was a draft design concept only. They advised that this is a specialist design and BMX does not have a standard as yet but design principles, regular auditing and maintenance and will change park but will benefit a larger demographic. There are positive outcomes for a space like this with more co-existence between different groups. There will be different ages in the vicinity and have a more communal feel. In regards to noise, it is the same in all parks and we can't resolve this easily. Passive surveillance and activity may help reduce this behaviour but not necessarily. If an overwhelming amount of people said no to this facility taking place, we wouldn't be here now. We are not aiming to attract people to the park, just improving the park for its users. It is a small size park, not a tourist attraction. Levels within the facility include space for toddlers to advanced riders and the junior pump track will buffer the playground. A heavy amount of thought has gone into securing the playground and the safety of its users, as it is very popular. The start mound for the facility is on the roadside on purpose to draw riders away from the playground and grassed areas used by families. Jess has 15 teams on board who meet fortnightly from council and they are close to the maintenance team. A maintenance structure will be in place for the first year to ensure this facility stays safe and ride-able.

Minutes from Online Community MS Teams Workshop Wednesday 16th of March, 2022

Meeting began at 7.00pm and ended at 8.00pm AEST.

Attendance:

Toby and Leanne from The Trail Collective, Jess from the Moonee Valley Council and community members Hamish, Ben and Gordon.

Design questions and discussion: Gordon joined the meeting as a resident and mountain bike rider looking for more places to ride, up skill and take his kids to. Ben joined the meeting as a regular rider in the area who frequented the illegal bike jumps often and offered insight into knowing all of those who built those jumps and what they were looking for from this project. He has sent an email to Jess but was very happy to talk openly with everyone tonight about his ideas, concerns and suggestions.

Ben asked the following to be considered: Storage for tools, hoses etc, multiple water points needed (advised there were 3) and bins. Ben continued with the following points, which were discussed and answered by Toby and Jess throughout the meeting.

- Pump track is too small
- Make a pump track like the quarry pump track in Footscray.
- Can the pump track be one directional only rather than two directional to not confuse little riders
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(Toby advised that the pump track cannot be made larger due to current footprint and size of entire design, that signage would help younger riders understand how to use the pump track, we are following survey results for what riders want which we are bound by, also that tree protection zones prohibit some areas being utilized.)

- JJ Holden Park jumps and City Dirt have great designs, can we tailor track to be like these?
- Jumps built by council are no good
- Are gap jumps needed? Hard to maintain, why not have big tabletops and small take offs like Anglesea Bike Park?
- Riders love big air without gaps
- Is there an alternative material that can be used instead of dirt?
- Check out asphalt surfaces at Bear Creek bike park and Birwood that has timber take offs and asphalt/rubber compounds in NSW
- Lips deteriorate over time and then riders wont use the jumps
- Bright has 2yr old bike jumps that are dirt and they have deteriorated and eroded so much that the angle of the take off has disappeared, we don't want this to happen for this project (all agreed on this)
- Maintenance is very important and without it the park will fail (all agreed this is important and Toby advised maintenance plan put to council)
- Return line to path, riders will take short cut, can we make it straight rather than curved and head back up to start mound with momentum from return rollers? (Toby advised this can be done and good idea)
- Seating on the start mound (another good idea, Toby can put to council)
- Who is in charge in wet weather? Tarps available? Who would put these on? (Toby to discuss with council)
- How is City Dirt set up for maintenance and how is it run? (Toby advised that City Dirt flies under the radar in that it's set up as a community organisation with volunteers who work under council guidance and are insured by the council as its their land. Council has WHS inductions as a legislative requirement. Auditing and assessment is done internally. TTC did a handover workshop at the end of construction so that volunteers knew how to repair and maintain jumps.

Minutes from Online Community MS Teams Workshop Cont.
Wednesday 16th of March, 2022

- Can we use something other than dirt as all table tops will last longer (Toby discussed polymers and soil stabilisers, 20mm quarry rubble but follows through to flow of facility website shown to group and Clare Bike Park shown to group to see quarry rubble surface. Jess asked if the whole facility could be covered in polymer aggregate and would it have more grip? Toby agreed the facility could be covered in polymer aggregate to reduce maintenance. It doesn't create more grip, about the same with or without it.
- The dirt style jump question in survey – could be confused as to whether people want dirt or jumps. Rather than 'Do you want dirt jumps?' separate the question into two parts. 'Do you want jumps' and "What surface would you like on these jumps?' (Toby to adjust this question to reflect Ben's suggestions, as it's a good idea and wasn't meant to be confusing.)

Hamish stated that gap jumps are still good and he enjoys riding them.

Jess mentioned that it will be good to see the feedback now from this current survey to see if what Ben says is true and if riders were confused or given too broad a question about dirt jumps. Jess advised that if we aren't meeting the needs of riders and they continue to build illegal jumps then we are missing the aim of the project. All agreed that it's important to take on what Ben has told us and thanked him for so much detail and thorough suggestions. Ben advised he had spent the last two years going to all the bike jumps and getting to know the builders.

Hamish suggested we could adjust some of the take offs and Toby suggested a step up build for some of the jumps, all agreed yes.

Ben said that the biggest reason for illegal jumps is that the council built parks are not big or long enough. All agreed and confirmed that riders want AIR! And to flow through facility.

Ben suggested that the first set is changed to a tabletop jump as too hard for beginners as is. Toby advised it's only a metre high and shaped so that riders can do multiple tricks on it. Ben said maybe it's the middle set that's problematic then.

Ben asked what the height and lengths of all the jumps were but no one had this information on hand. Jess said she would email this to Ben.

Jess said it's been really good to get feedback and thanked Ben for his valid points and detailed responses. Ben said he is happy to assist council with whatever they need. Jess suggested that it would be beneficial to have Ben on-site with conservation team when they approach the riders building illegal jumps to try and explain the damage being caused and why their jumps get removed. Ben happy to do this. Jess said that awareness and education is important. All agreed.

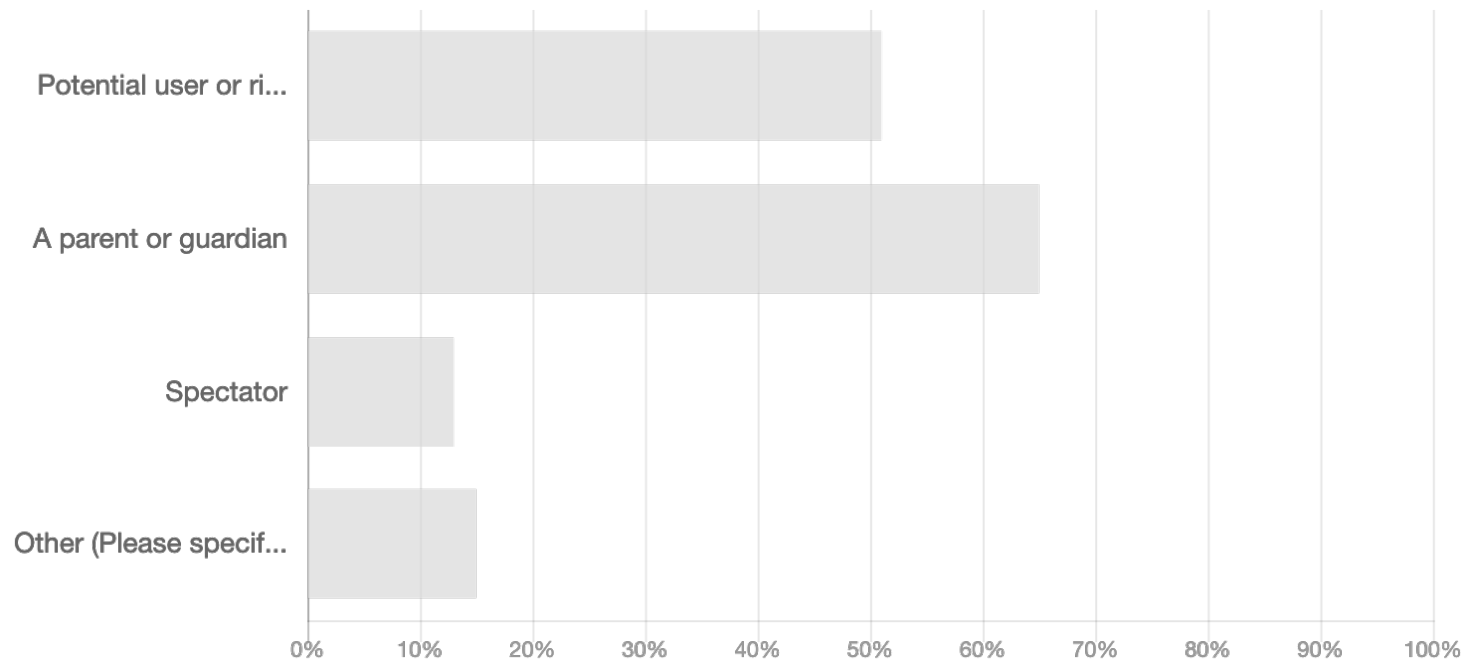
Toby said that trees and forests are what riders look for to integrate their jumps through when they build but it unfortunately it can destroy the natural environment.

Maintenance was discussed again and Jess advised that council will engage a contractor to do the maintenance work as council wants to reduce the risk rather than using community members and having them run the maintenance/care for facility. Council have a long-term capital work program and can lock in money long term to make sure maintenance continues. All agreed that reducing maintenance is the best option and we would work together to find the best solution.

ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS /

Question 1 ☒ CHECKBOXES

Are you completing this survey as a (select all that apply):



ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
A parent or guardian	65%	51
Potential user or rider of the facility	51%	40
Other (Please specify below)	15%	12
Spectator	13%	10

78 Answered

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Question 2 ¶ PARAGRAPH TEXT

Comments

ANSWERS	DATE	
Resident at : 41 Salisbury Street Moonee Ponds (3 houses from park near Cnr Fanny Street)	March 7, 2022 9:43 am	↗
A resident of fanny street	March 7, 2022 11:02 am	↗
We live very close to the park.	March 7, 2022 11:40 am	↗
Live in Bent Street and frequently use the park myself and with kids.	March 7, 2022 2:31 pm	↗
I am a neighbouring resident to the park.	March 7, 2022 4:47 pm	↗
Neighbour	March 8, 2022 4:26 pm	↗
Resident : 41 Salisbury Street Moonee Ponds	March 8, 2022 5:15 pm	↗
Our kids use the current bike track, playground, lawn and perimeter bushland area and we all use the park.	March 9, 2022 2:54 am	↗
Great design, the only issue you will have is ongoing maintenance. I can't share links here, but can send them to you. See dirt jumps in bright. Two years old. Are very eroded now. I have videos. But everyone loves them Maybe look at the jumps in Boronia NSW. They are made out of timber and asphalt. They are well used. The dirt jumps at jj Holland are not ridden because they poorly maintained. The angle of the jump is too mellow. Is you let the jumps deteriorate like these, then the kids move on. The jumps at the quarry are not used because they are dangerous for beginners. Too slippery on the berms and you generate too much speed at the bottom jump. The jumps are not suited to advanced because they are too small and you over shoot them. There is also too much of a hill to ride up. Aberfeldie is great because of the suitability for intermediate and advanced. No one wants to dig and build if we don't have to. Also, on your beginner line. Make it a table jump with no lip at the back. I have extensive understanding of all the jumps including Moonee ponds creek, glenbervie, Jones Park, studley Park, Steele Creek. I also have an in-depth understanding of the motivations behind why and what the kids build. See my tiktok Benny Mc Benface	March 9, 2022 7:22 am	↗
Live locally	March 11, 2022 5:59 am	↗
We use Fanny Park at the moment, including the grassy area and playground	March 15, 2022 4:37 pm	↗
Include shade (trees ideally) for the track and in particularly the guardians/spectators. Make the surface in the gap between the advance jumps soft/gentle if people fall down.	March 19, 2022 1:12 pm	↗
Park user	March 22, 2022 10:08 am	↗
Resident of fanny Street	March 27, 2022 8:44 am	↗
I am a parent of 3 children living near to Fanny Street Reserve and a current frequent user of the park.	March 27, 2022 6:55 pm	↗
My family of five (three kids) lives at 37 Montague Street, just around the corner from the park. Our kids are regular users of the park.	March 27, 2022 6:57 pm	↗

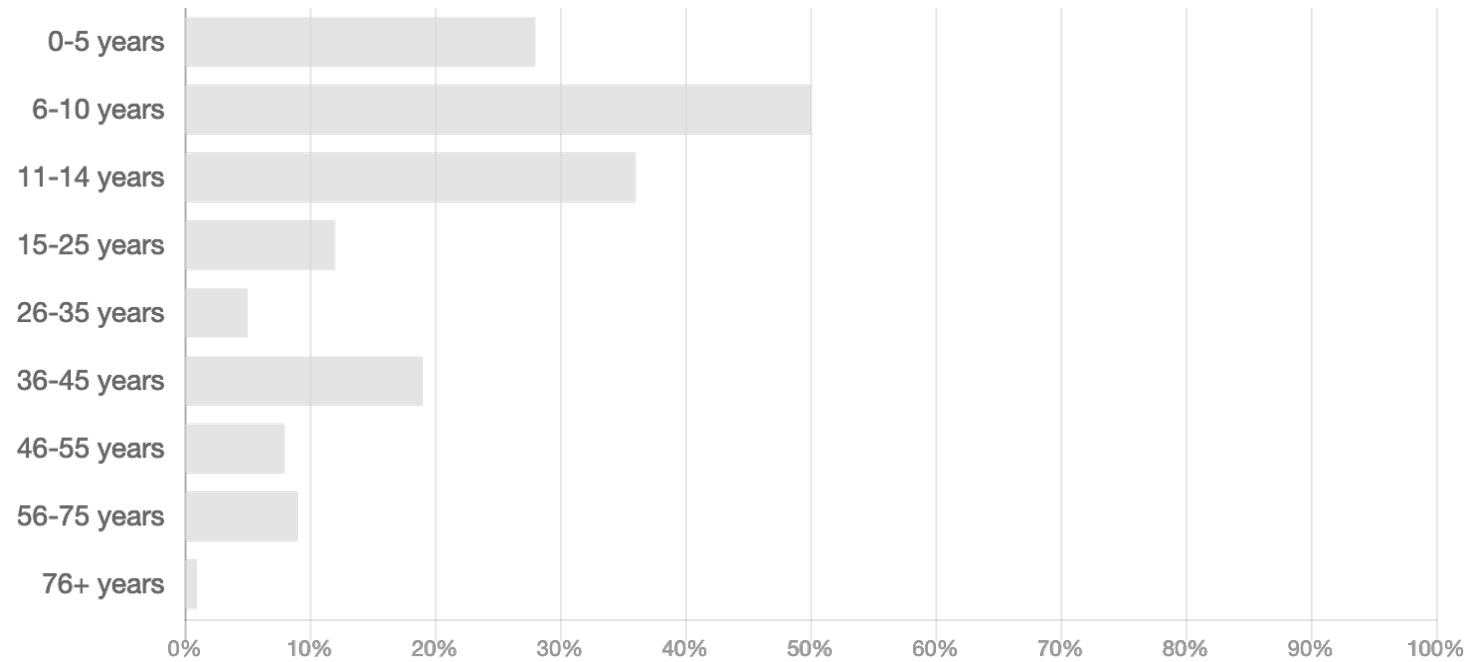
ANSWERS	DATE	
Long term resident in Evans Street and frequent visitor for dog walking and access to Moonee Ponds Creek Bike Trail.	March 27, 2022 10:26 pm	🔗
Neighbouring resident	March 28, 2022 10:52 am	🔗

18 Answered

60 Skipped

Question 3 ☒ CHECKBOXES

What is your age and your child's ages (select all that apply)?



ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
6-10 years	50%	39
11-14 years	36%	28
0-5 years	28%	22
36-45 years	19%	15
15-25 years	12%	9
56-75 years	9%	7

ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
46-55 years	8%	6
26-35 years	5%	4
76+ years	1%	1
78 Answered		0 Skipped

Question 4  SINGLE LINE TEXT

Suburb

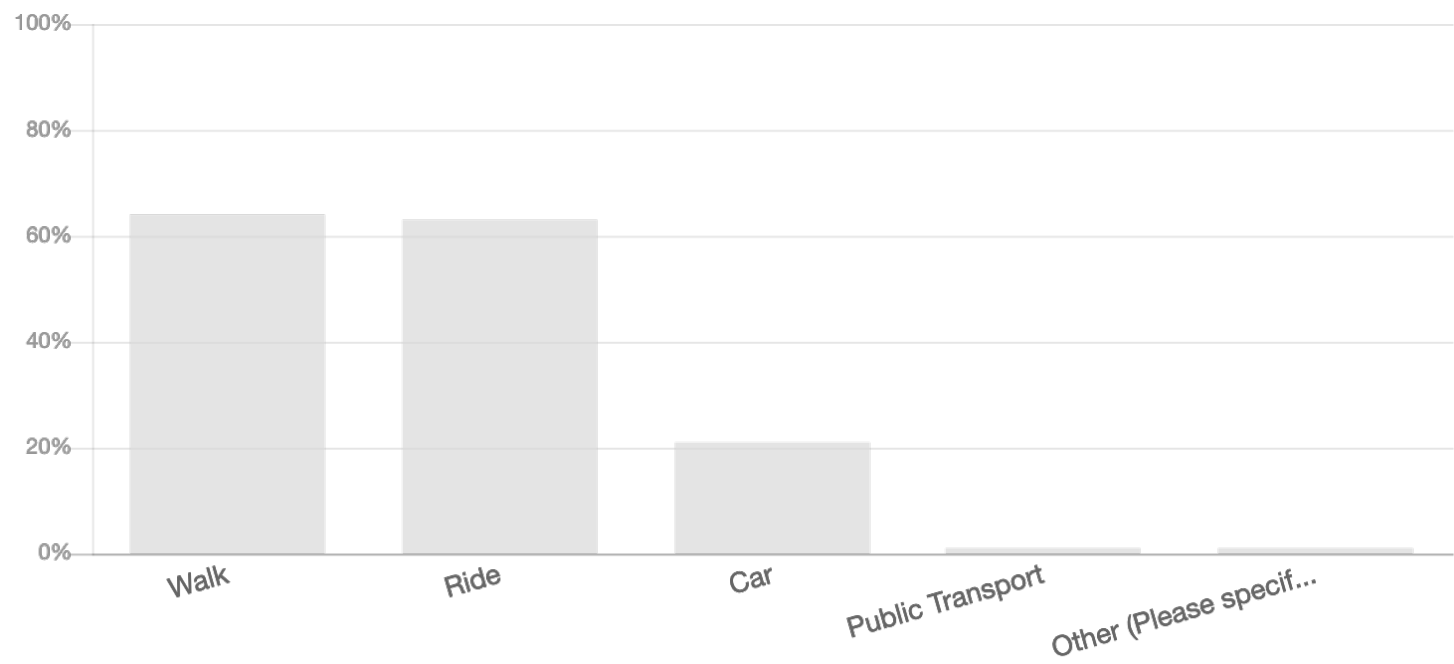
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North Melbourne	March 7, 2022 6:14 am	
MOONEE PONDS - VIC	March 7, 2022 9:43 am	
Moonee Ponds	March 7, 2022 9:51 am	
Moonee Ponds	March 7, 2022 11:02 am	
Moonee Ponds	March 7, 2022 11:40 am	
Moonee Ponds	March 7, 2022 4:47 pm	
Moonee Ponds	March 7, 2022 6:08 pm	
Kensington	March 7, 2022 7:43 pm	
Avondale heights	March 7, 2022 8:50 pm	
Kensington	March 8, 2022 9:02 am	
Moonee Ponds	March 8, 2022 9:45 am	
COBURG	March 8, 2022 1:22 pm	
Strathmore	March 8, 2022 2:42 pm	
Moonee Ponds	March 8, 2022 4:26 pm	
MOONEE PONDS - VIC	March 8, 2022 5:15 pm	

ANSWERS	DATE	
Moonie Ponds	March 8, 2022 9:52 pm	↗
Brunswick west	March 9, 2022 6:11 am	↗
NORTH MELBOURNE	March 9, 2022 7:22 am	↗
Airport West	March 9, 2022 9:52 pm	↗
Glenroy	March 9, 2022 10:47 pm	↗
Essendon	March 10, 2022 7:57 am	↗
Moonee Ponds	March 10, 2022 5:00 pm	↗
Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039	March 10, 2022 7:44 pm	↗
Strathmore	March 10, 2022 8:19 pm	↗
3044	March 12, 2022 9:02 am	↗
Avondale heights	March 12, 2022 8:19 pm	↗
Essendon	March 14, 2022 8:08 pm	↗
Essendo	March 15, 2022 4:37 pm	↗
Moonee Ponds	March 16, 2022 4:02 pm	↗
Moonee Ponds	March 17, 2022 6:09 am	↗
AIRPORT WEST	March 18, 2022 3:58 am	↗
Moonee Ponds	March 19, 2022 2:15 pm	↗
St Kilda	March 21, 2022 2:15 pm	↗
Moonee Ponds	March 26, 2022 1:51 pm	↗
Moonee ponds	March 27, 2022 8:44 am	↗
Moonee Ponds	March 27, 2022 10:26 pm	↗
Moonee Ponds	March 28, 2022 7:31 am	↗
Moonee Ponds	March 28, 2022 10:52 am	↗

38 Answered

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How would you travel to Fanny Street Reserve Bike Track ?

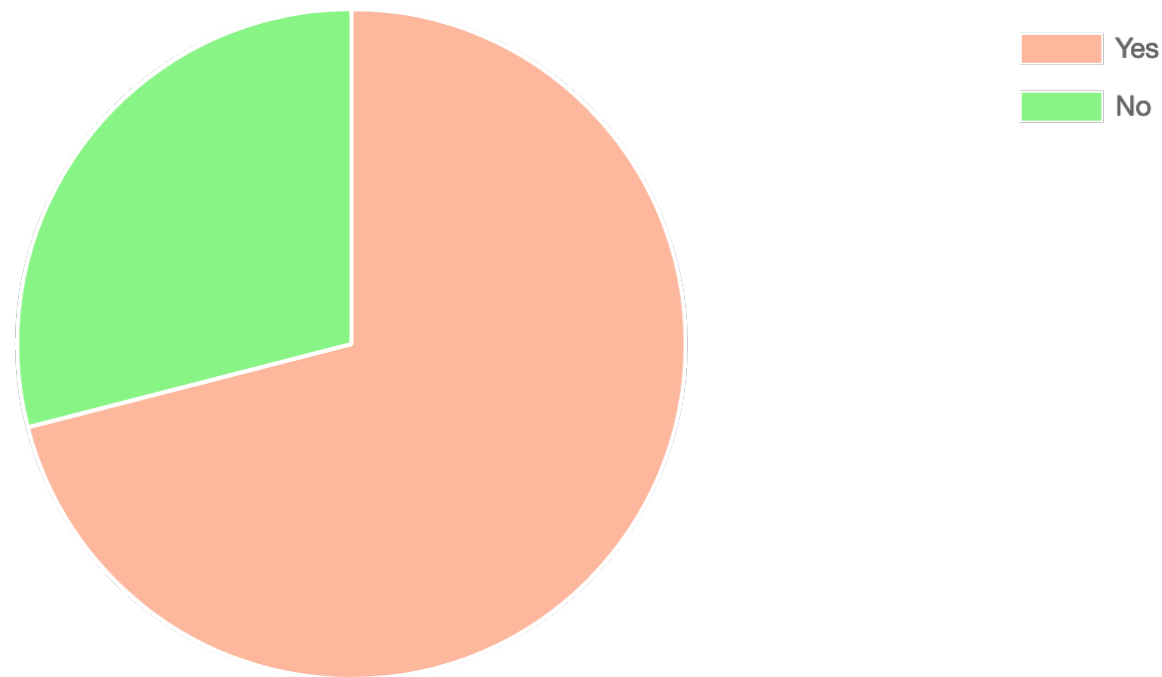


ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
Walk	64%	50
Ride	63%	49
Car	21%	16
Public Transport	1%	1
Other (Please specify below)	1%	1

78 Answered

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Do you support the Fanny Street Reserve Bike Track upgrade draft design?



ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
Yes	71%	55
No	29%	23

78 Answered

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Question 7 ¶ PARAGRAPH TEXT

What don't you like about the concept plans and what would you change?

ANSWERS	DATE	
I takes up grassy space and turns the park from multi purpose to largely just a box track	March 7, 2022 11:02 am	🔗
I am very upset that you are changing this park. It has always been an area where small children could come and enjoy the track, and above all, learn to ride their bike in a safe area. You are turning this quiet, safe park (where many young school children ride) to an area designed for teenagers and bigger bikes. Children will not have any safe area to ride on and I completely disagree with your proposal.	March 7, 2022 4:47 pm	🔗
This track is way to long and it will dominate the park. The track should finish between where it currently finishes and where it is is proposing to finish. Building a track that big pretty much eliminates using the park to safely play football, soccer, cricket, flying kites	March 7, 2022 6:08 pm	🔗

ANSWERS	DATE	
having group gatherings and also having some space between groups when having picnics. Will be extremely disappointed if a track that big goes ahead. Building a track that big also becomes dangerous as groups playing ball sports could hit riders on the track or riders could hit people retrieving balls that go on the track. The track needs to be smaller.		
The design as it stands will ruin the main attraction of Fanny reserve which is its large open space and grassed areas for children/parents to play in. We have lived in Salisbury Street for 16 years and frequent the park often. Our children love playing ball sports, flying their kite, playing tiggy and enjoying the grassed space of the park. The design will result in congestion of families vying for use in the grassed areas and massively interrupt the amount of 'picnic' space available in sunlit areas. This design is extremely exorbitant and its size should be halved at least.	March 7, 2022 7:04 pm	🔗
1. Too big and reduces other uses of the reserve 2. Too close to neighbours. Concern about noise and hooliganism. If it has to be sited in Fanny St Reserve, perhaps over the other side (parallel to the bike track) and a lot smaller. 3. The design is unnecessarily risky for users - the ramps have no walls, and the advanced jump ramps have unnecessary large drops. It need only a flat drop with no dangerous gap. 4. Supervision issues: how can we be sure the ramp is not used for motorised vehicles (eg scooters), or used at night in inadequate light.	March 8, 2022 4:26 pm	🔗
After years of riding on other purpose built tracks by councils, they almost never hold up to use past 6months the only ones I've seen do well are built of concrete	March 8, 2022 9:52 pm	🔗
-It takes up too much of the active lawn areas of the park. One of the great things about Fanny reserve is the variety it offers. There is currently space for playground, nature exploration, picnic, lawn for ball sports and bikes. This proposal eliminates the active lawn space so there is nowhere for kids to just run and play chasey, kick a football etc. It also makes it harder and less safe for users to travel across the park between the treed perimeter and the playground. Our kids like to wander and explore the treed areas and regularly cross the whole park several times during our visits. This park is a hugely important resource for young families with small backyards as a space where the kids can just cut loose and run around. Turning it into just a bike track will destroy that. -It interferes with path of travel from Evans street to the playground, which will see small children and fast moving bikes crossing paths in unsafe direct conflict. Currently once you get to the Evans St entry, kids can take off and run down the hill to the playground, an important moment of joy, freedom and independence for little people. This will make that impossible. -it reduces access to shade for passive users of the park and eliminates a valuable and well used picnic area under the large central trees. Parents needs space in a park too. The large central shade trees are used for picnic blanket "home base" area and allow parents to have a place in the shade to supervise their kids who are using both the bike track and the playground or lawn. Or just read a book. This proposal eliminates that. -it takes out too much green space in favour of asphalt, dirt, concrete or synthetic surface. This will increase the heat in the park and have an adverse affect on WSUD adjacent to the creek. The proposal should: -remove the asphalt track under the trees -remove the eastern two sections of track -redesign the remaining track to include an area for less experienced riders and scooters. The current track has some gentler slopes. The new design is all big jumps and sheer drops to fall off. Remember that this park is predominantly used by primary school kids at the moment, particularly directly after school and weekends. There's room for upgrading it for teenagers, but it needs to remain safe for the primary school kids use too.	March 9, 2022 2:54 am	🔗

ANSWERS	DATE	
Fanny Reserve is currently a beautiful open area which many local families utilise for picnics, running around, throw a frisbee or kick a football. While I'm supportive of having a bike track in the area, the size of the bike track overwhelms the entire space, and the length of the bike track eats into the "openness" of the space. Potential dangers include young children running into the path of a bicycle travelling at speed, or frisbees and footy balls being kicked into the path of an oncoming cyclist. Traffic to and from the bike track must be clearly diverted away from the playground. Access to Fanny Reserve from Evans Street, while not shown in the diagrams, is also obstructed and limits access to the park.	March 9, 2022 12:20 pm	🔗
It is far too big. It's taking up too much space of the current park that is enjoyed by families all the time. With the proposed layout there will be no space for family picnics, playing ball or frisbee with the kids. The park is predominately used by pre-school or primary school kids. The proposal will mean that it will attract a much higher percentage of older kids which will result in a feeling of it being less safe and a peaceful place for parents to bring their pre-school or primary school kids. During the day many pre-schoolers use the park and after school there is always a large number of parents bringing their kids directly from Moonee Ponds primary.	March 10, 2022 5:00 pm	🔗
I support the upgrade of track however the design erodes open green space of the park. There will be little green space left for picnics, ball games, animals which is currently frequently used for. The design should be minimised to retain open green area.	March 11, 2022 5:59 am	🔗
Given the size of Fanny Park, the new track facilities don't leave enough green space for other park users (dogs, ballgames, running games, picnics). The pump track plus jumps course seems like overdevelopment of the park. One or the other rather than both would be better and allow more diverse use of the space. I'm not in favour of replacing a grass surface with bitumen, even if it means that a different use becomes possible for the space. Direct access from Evans St to the creekside bike path would now be across the jumps course, which is dangerous for all park users. The concrete path along the fence is narrow and secluded, so even people going across to Fanny Street tend to walk across the grass rather than on the concrete path, and would therefore also be crossing the jumps course. If the new bike facilities are hoping to attract new users and non locals, where are the nearest toilets? The current emergency toilet use of the trees is bad enough. Toilets should be addressed as part of Council's upgrade of the park. A lot of small children use the playground equipment. The new bitumen bike track is very close to the playground so will some sort of fencing or barrier be required? Would it be possible to put add the jumps course only, to have the starting mound in the trees on the east side of the park and to try and retain as much open green space as possible by keeping the track along the side of the park more towards the creek rather than directly across the largest part of green space? Assuming thay the current BMX track would be rehabilitated.	March 15, 2022 4:37 pm	🔗
I support an upgrade but the current design encroaches too much into the green space area.	March 16, 2022 9:58 am	🔗
At present the park is used by families after school and on weekends. They have picnics and birthday parties in the park and this will be greatly affected by the inclusion of such a large bike track. The public space will be lost apart from the playground. An increase in bike numbers will eventually stop these activities in the park and the families will be the ones that lose out.	March 19, 2022 2:15 pm	🔗

ANSWERS	DATE	
The design is inappropriate for the park and demonstrates and lack of understanding of the site and the impact the dirt jumps will have on Fanny Park and its users. A different facility like a pump track in the footprint of the existing dirt circuit track is more appropriate for the site. See my comments in the "other comments" section:	March 21, 2022 2:15 pm	↗
I don't support the use of asphalt and the space taken for the bike track upgrade. I think the proposed granitic section is sufficient given the size of the existing park.	March 22, 2022 10:08 am	↗
I support a redesign of the track in principle. The current track has been dug up by local kids attempting to make it more challenging and it's now a bit of a mess. However the current design consumes too much of the open space adjacent to the flying fox. This open space is used extensively by families for general recreation; ball sports including cricket, football and soccer; picnics; and bicycles especially for those too young to use the track. Green open space is so valuable in our urban area, especially in Moonee Ponds where population density is rapidly increasing due to dual occupancy housing and apartment blocks. A track ending around the point of the more easterly proposed hose reel (purple 1), roughly where the proposed asphalt track ends, would be a better compromise. There would still be a good series of jumps on the track, and sufficient open space for everybody else.	March 23, 2022 8:36 am	↗
As a regular user of fanny park because we attend moonee ponds primary school, this takes up a huge amount of the grass space which is used by families to picnic and also play football/soccer. It is far too long. Also, if you plan to attract more visitors the site desperately needs toilet facilities.	March 25, 2022 4:19 pm	↗
Too big. It is inequitable to hand over such large area of the family park to the upgraded the track. Families in large numbers at weekends and holidays use the park for picnics, celebrations and general family activities. Cyclists represent perhaps 5% of the users of the park	March 27, 2022 8:44 am	↗
The concept is good but too large for the park: it will impact directly on smaller children who use that space for ball games. I would like the size of the track be reduced to about 2/3 of the size currently planned to ensure there is still a large open green space for smaller children to enjoy. (reduce by approx 20 metres overall).	March 27, 2022 6:55 pm	↗
The overall concept is very good, it's just a bit big - as designed, it will substantially reduce the amount of the open green space where our kids kick the footy and throw frisbees. They'll use the bike track too; it's just about balance. From the perspective of our family, we'd like the large track to be reduced in length by about 20 metres, which would leave substantially more open grass area for the kids to enjoy in free play.	March 27, 2022 6:57 pm	↗
I think it is too large, if the new bike track gets made to the size being suggested it will take up too much of the open grass space. People will no longer be able to have sufficient space to kick a ball around or fly a kite. The whole park should not be given over to the preferred activity of one group, specially as the main users of the type of track proposed are not the people that use the park now. You will be diminishing the enjoyment of the park for the people who use it now, namely, young families.	March 27, 2022 7:19 pm	↗
I support upgrading the track using existing footprint. The proposed upgrade however takes up too much of the green park space park which is much valued for smaller children, frisbees, soccer, cricket. Additionally, bike track is hotter and dustier and more exposed in summer, regardless of whether it is gravel/concrete/dirt.	March 28, 2022 7:31 am	↗

ANSWERS	DATE	
Whilst I think it would be great for children and adults to have an area such as this to ride, Fanny Street Reserve isn't an ideal location for the following reasons. 1 - The proposed design (unless the track is dug down several metres) would have overlooking and privacy issues to neighbouring residents. Notably, it would allow visual access to the backyards and internal living areas of 18 & 18A Fanny st, 70 Sailsbury st, 2/9 Evans Street and 9A Evans Street (possibly more). The new start mount at 2.5m high would be the most offending point but many of the jump points would have issues as well. 2 - Increased noise to the surrounding area, which will carry even further the higher the track is. Increasing the park use would be great, but better it was at one where residents weren't as close. 3 - The sheer size of the track taking up a significant area of the park and add a lot of visual bulk. Whilst it seems a large and long track is best for these type of designs, this which would be better suited to a larger park where it would be physically possible without dominating the park area itself. When viewing an aerial shot of the park and the proposed track, it's clear that it will take up the majority of that space. 4 - Visually an eyesore. The park won't be a park anymore. It will be mostly a quarry and detract from the beautiful greenery that is there. 5 - Obstructed access between the Evans Street Entrance to the Reserve and the Creek Trail and Playground. 6 - Parking issues for those who drive to use the track. Both Evans and Fanny street have parking issues for residents throughout the day. More parking would be necessary if the usage of that park increases, which would further take away from the existing green space.	March 28, 2022 10:52 am	🔗

23 Answered

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Question 8 ¶ PARAGRAPH TEXT

Do you have any other comments or suggestions you would like to share with us about the proposed draft design?

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1. Have to ensure safety of young children as playground is designed for young children 2. Toilet Facilities : why would you put a bigger Bike Track where more people would be around when there are no toilet facilities People already use the trees and bushes to urinate and defecate . 3. Definitely no lights for the bike track , or more lights in the car park . We have had trouble with people at night time parking in the car park playing loud music and drinking alcohol . We have also witnessed drug deals going on in the car park .	March 7, 2022 9:43 am	🔗
The proposed draft looks great! It looks to cater for both inexperienced and experienced riders. Has there been a provision for bins & toilets.	March 7, 2022 9:51 am	🔗
Keep it within the current footprint	March 7, 2022 11:02 am	🔗
Can there be shade sails over the seated area and more trees planted? On our hot summer days it currently gets very hot out there and there is limited shade given how	March 7, 2022 11:40 am	🔗

ANSWERS	DATE	
popular the park already us. Toilets need to be included. It is a big topic of conversation amongst all the parents that I know that visit the park. I know that some young kids have resorted to going in the bushes because little kids can't hold on that long. It really isn't good enough to have to resort to that. I hope that this can be please considered. Thanks for the opportunity to give feed back.		
Toilets!!!	March 7, 2022 11:40 am	↗
This park needs a public toilet	March 7, 2022 12:27 pm	↗
We really need a toilet at the park. It puts you off going as there aren't any facilities nearby.	March 7, 2022 12:43 pm	↗
Public toilets please	March 7, 2022 1:47 pm	↗
This reserve MUST have a bathroom. It is unacceptable to provide a facility of this size without a bathroom for families. For security and to prevent loitering this could be a timed lock system as in other venues.....so perhaps 7am - 8pm open.	March 7, 2022 2:31 pm	↗
The new design completely blocks the way many people ride over to the Moonee Ponds creek from Evans St. Beside our property is a pathway and they ride on it straight across to the creek. Your new design completely blocks this pathway. Cyclists will be riding over it to access the creek and collisions will occur. It is also way too large and will take away from the quiet natural area that you have already built in the park area. This is also a park used by many young children/toddlers as the playground and nature area is suitable to them. Once teenagers and big bikes are taking over this park they will not want to access this park. Please do not build this bike track.	March 7, 2022 4:47 pm	↗
The idea of the track redevelopment strikes me to a 'knee-jerk' reaction to the temporary influx of young teenagers riding their bikes in groups and setting up tracks around our parks during COVID lockdowns. It's completely unnecessary. Has council toured other facilities such as that is proposed? One example that should be looked at is the Tullamarine BMX track. The track inevitably get used less and less as its novelty wears off and ends up being an under utilised and under maintained eye sore that takes up sunlit grassed open spaces. My suggestion would be to cancel the development and spend our rates on installing well overdue toilet facilities at Fanny reserve so the many parents using it don't have to worry about their children needing to go in the bushes.	March 7, 2022 7:04 pm	↗
It looks amazing, it would be a great facility to help kids become better riders - can't wait to see it built!!!	March 7, 2022 7:43 pm	↗
More berms and not a straight line	March 8, 2022 7:01 am	↗
I think the draft design looks fantastic! I have three boys (aged 7 to 13) that are keen mountain bikers, and I am a keen rider myself, and the proposed facility looks like something that we would make regular use of. The draft design offers a great degree of skills progression, from smaller table-top jumps, to larger table-top jumps, to gap jumps when the skills and confidence are there. Having the gap jumps the same size as the larger table-top jumps is great way to mitigate risk, because riders know that when they can clear the table-tops, they can also clear the gaps, but they still have the challenge of overcoming the mental hurdle of the gap itself. It would be a great asset to the community to have this facility constructed, and the inclusion of the line of gap jumps I	March 8, 2022 9:02 am	↗

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think would go a long way to reducing the occurrence of unsanctioned jumps in local parks, since it caters to the skill level that would otherwise go unsupported by official facilities. Well done on a great design!		
Love the draft design – not specific to the bike track, but it would be great to have more covered/shaded areas in the park.	March 8, 2022 9:45 am	↗
Looks like a great precinct that could hopefully stop people needing to create their own jumps	March 8, 2022 1:22 pm	↗
Please change the street name and the name of the track. It is (like the "Moreland" issue) no longer a name in use as a first name for obvious reasons given its derogatory use in Australian slang. In this era of much much greater climate awareness and fauna and flora depletion awareness Council has an opportunity to shine a light on the name chosen. The current name also has no Wurundjeri representation and is quite a lazy form of labelling. My own kids have said the name of the street and proposed for the bike track is "embarrassing" to say in conversation. We have so many wonderful English and Wurundjeri flora and fauna names that are NOT in use enough in Moonee Valley, Suggestions could be along the lines of and makes sense perhaps to its shape or other aspects such as movement/speed/sound etc.... and sound so much better: I have no Wurundjeri launguage suggestions but perhaps there are good ones for it, otherwise in English: Swift Parrot, She Oak, Rainbow Lorikeet, etc..etc... Lets make such Council naming decisions with highlighting all of the abovementioned in mind.	March 8, 2022 2:42 pm	↗
Definitely NO LIGHTS around track ** Definitely NO MORE LIGHTS in car park Ensure the Bike Track DOES NOT take away to much of the Grassed Area. The Play Equipment is for young children , Families with young children and friends have been meeting to have Picnics on the grassed area . Ensure the Trees near the Play Equipment and near the concrete path are not removed as they provide some protection from the sun .	March 8, 2022 5:15 pm	↗
Built them out of concrete with rubber sides so it's an enduring facility rather then it becoming a shambles within months	March 8, 2022 9:52 pm	↗
Toilets and sheltered BBQ areas please	March 8, 2022 11:15 pm	↗
What this park needs more than anything else is a toilet facility. Please put in toilets, particularly if you're upgrading it in a way that will attract more users to the park.	March 9, 2022 2:54 am	↗
See above	March 9, 2022 7:22 am	↗
It looks great. Well done to the designers and council for supporting.	March 9, 2022 9:01 am	↗
im so excited can i help somehow i really like the design ive been waiting for this for too long	March 9, 2022 6:49 pm	↗
The proposal looks good and would benefit from an additional bike repair station & water fountain.	March 9, 2022 9:52 pm	↗
Whilst I'm a huge supporter of this, a big issue I see is that once these things are built they're rarely maintained. Future, regular, maintenance should be factored into budget to keep it running safely and in good working order.	March 9, 2022 10:47 pm	↗

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I really do hope the final approval is pretty much the draft concept plan. It is awesome and will be a game changer in the area, including the lunch time economy at the nearby cafe's, Bakeries and the local IGA supermarket. It also will enable local schools to have BMX/ MTB programs and help out with basic Trail Maintenance. In fact a local Moonnee Valley BMX/MTB Facebook group would be very helpful to maintain interest over the coming years.	March 10, 2022 7:57 am	↗
I think you need decent paths from the end of the run to the start. If you don't then riders will always follow the shortest path even if that is through a garden bed or not via a dedicated path. My advice is always have a path route that is the shortest for riders to go from the end back to the start. You also need a good sized area when they are queuing for their next run.	March 10, 2022 11:54 am	↗
I think the design of the bike park itself and features are pretty wonderful. You've listened to community feedback about it being multi-age and multi-level and my son is super-excited by the design. Brilliant job. I have two key pieces of feedback, which relate to the *critically* important issue of fencing. I don't mean to be dramatic, but as a long-time and constant park and playground user, there are two huge safety issues that are very obvious to me, but might not have emerged in the previous round of consultation when everything was still hypothetical: 1. It is of vital importance to have some fencing (like vertical bar fencing, so you can still see through it) separating the pump track, end of the jump tracks and the playground so young kids can't run out onto it. The short distance between the playground and the pump track means very young kids could just dash out (and while parents do keep an eye out, small people can still move very very fast!) The hard asphalt surface would cause some pretty significant injuries if there was a collision. Ideally the fence would go all the way from between the bike repair station and bench seating to the return berm, for the reason listed in my second piece of feedback below. 2. Lots of younger children (like kinder/primary school aged) currently play under the trees close to where the 'Take a Tour' box is located on the map. There is a gate where people can access the park from just near there too. It's got a flat area (as opposed to it being more steep the closer you get to the creek), where kids make cubbies, and there are sometimes old couches or cushions under there. Parents often have their youngest kids on the playground and their older kids playing under the trees. I have concerns that kids who are impatient or used to being able to play there, or adults in a rush, might try to take shortcuts to and from the playground by cutting through the jump sections. Which obviously would be pretty disastrous/could cause serious injuries. Something that would ensure people go around the track (especially that section where people are at the end of their runs and have gathered a lot of momentum) is so, so crucial.	March 10, 2022 1:20 pm	↗
An upgrade would be great, but don't make it so big that the other users of the park will loose their amenity	March 10, 2022 5:00 pm	↗
I really like it and am excited to ride it.	March 10, 2022 7:44 pm	↗
Reduce the size of bike tracks to retain the same open green space size. Consider using the space on the other side of the playground adjacent to houses which remains largely unused.	March 11, 2022 5:59 am	↗
Can you please add table tops? thank you	March 14, 2022 12:06 pm	↗
My son is so excited about this he's made a 3D model of it.	March 14, 2022 8:08 pm	↗

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Montgomery Park is nearby (if you are a rider) and has much more space suitable for a large facility.	March 15, 2022 4:37 pm	↗
The bike track should be shortened in length to retain more of the green open space at the Eastern end of the park towards the creek.	March 16, 2022 9:58 am	↗
We would love to see a toilet block on the site to further attract families with young children to the park.	March 16, 2022 10:37 am	↗
With the extra amount of people that that the upgrade will bring, a public toilet would be wonderful.	March 16, 2022 11:35 am	↗
Are you adding toilets? These will be very much needed as there is no public toilet nearby and the alternatives are not very attractive or great for the environment.	March 16, 2022 4:02 pm	↗
Toilet facilities	March 16, 2022 5:43 pm	↗
Love the draft design, options for smaller and bigger kids (and adults!) is great. With the BBQ facilities, improved playground equipment and now the upgrades to the bike track though a key issue is going to be toilet facilities. The closest public toilets that I am aware of are at Montgomery Park which will be too far for people to head over to. I think a concern here will be that people already use the trees / planted out shrubs as a toilet - by improving the facilities even more this practice is going to increase exponentially as people opt to stay at the park longer.	March 16, 2022 5:47 pm	↗
There is no toilet at the Reserve. Please add a toilet. Also the track is frequented by young children, the proposed track appears too dangerous and will cause injuries with section 4 of the track if young kids accidentally rode off the ledges.	March 16, 2022 7:12 pm	↗
The design looks very exciting (to a non-expert in these things!) and a big improvement on the current track. However with such an upgrade it would really need to come with an overall upgrade in facilities at the park - very importantly toilets! And also some shade and seating options and good consideration to issues like rubbish disposal. As a local who frequently visits the park it can get really busy on nice weekend days both with locals and people stopping off from the bike path, and the facilities are already lacking - no toilets, bins often overflowing, rubbish and litter issues (often including broken glass), the two picnic tables are wobbly and there's not enough of them, and there's not much shade. These issues would only become worse if the park became more of an attraction with the new bike track. As a point of comparison I invite council or those doing the upgrade to consider the recently upgraded Hansen Reserve in Footscray which has a great bike and scooter area for kids, sheltered bbq and picnic areas, a new playground, and of course toilets.	March 16, 2022 7:51 pm	↗
Great design. Definitely needs more shade. Toilets would attract more families and allow them to stay longer.	March 17, 2022 6:09 am	↗
Please provide the much needed toilet facilities !	March 17, 2022 8:28 am	↗
For ongoing maintenance wise, the jumps should be covered with a more hard-wearing material which will greatly reduce the amount of ongoing maintenance required to keep the jumps in good working order. The pump track is a bit nothing-y. It's basically a small little loop surrounded by the giant end platforms. It need multiple lines. If the pump track	March 18, 2022 3:58 am	↗

ANSWERS	DATE	
could have an outer ring at least all around it this would be a minimum		
I think the most important thing is to include toilet facilities, and covered bbq area would be fantastic, as is at Woodlands Park or Montgomery park.	March 18, 2022 10:57 am	↗
Fantastic idea. Huge potential. Add recycling bins in addition to hard rubbish. Drink fountain too.	March 19, 2022 1:12 pm	↗
The council fails in the upkeep of the park and its facilities. The garden areas around the park are overgrown, fallen trees and branches are left and never collected. There are constantly people urinating and defecating in the garden areas, the path running alongside the southern boundary is lifting and causing trip hazards. With the proposed increase in bike traffic all these problems will be exacerbated. How will all the facilities be adequately maintained, how will the adjoining houses be protected from noise and will there be a curfew on use at night time. The track could easily be moved to the rear of the park where that area is less frequented by families.	March 19, 2022 2:15 pm	↗
Please ensure significant planting of trees and shrubs for ample shade and also for delineation between the children's playground and the remaining wide grassed area so riders are not riding through these areas that are normally used by children and families to get from the Moonee Valley creek trail to the FSR Bike Track. The seating areas (ie. bench seating) should also contain shelter from direct sunlight.	March 20, 2022 6:42 pm	↗
1. Missing background information and research has driven the wrong outcome: Both the "Young people outdoors" engagement and report and "BMX & Mountain Bike Tracks in Moonee Valley: Opportunities Report " were undertaken quickly, were necessarily high level and skewed towards the "jumps" that young people were building through Covid lockdowns. The study failed to consider the true opportunities that a well-designed Pump Track can provide and only presented them as a "pop-up" element, meaning that the engagement results and conclusions about Pump Tracks were unfortunately misleading. Additionally, neither report undertook a site-specific review of the facility type that's best-suited to each Reserve. This has meant that the solutions suggested aren't sufficiently considerate of the facility that's best suited to each site. There also appears to be a lack of master planning of each park which means that the site suggestions are "one issue only" and haven't considered all the site's users and uses. Solution: Now that locations have been identified, an additional (quick) study needs to be undertaken to determine which facility is suitable for each site. For example - a Pump Track is more appropriate to a smaller reserve like Fanny Park, while a dirt jump facility is more appropriate for the larger Montgomerie Park. Unfortunately, the opposite allocation has been resolved. Cyclists are mobile and the fact that kids were digging jumps in Fanny Park doesn't mean that there needs to be jumps built there. with other more appropriate sites a very short distance away. 2. The dirt jumps design is too large for the site and lacks sufficient community engagement Fanny Park is a small Park and the current unmaintained BMX circuit is large and an eyesore. The new design is even larger and will be similarly ugly. A significant intrusion like it should have been part of a masterplanning process that engaged with and considered all the uses and users of the park and not just mountain bikers. As a mountain biker and a landscape architect, I believe that this project will be a significant missed opportunity to demonstrate that riding infrastructure doesn't need to ruin a park and can instead be a positive addition. Solution: Design a facility that fits within the footprint of the existing "BMX" track and that's integrated and adds value to the park as a whole. I can absolutely advise how this can be achieved but a pump track is most appropriate in this case. 3. The dirt jumps design includes unnecessary risk and maintenance The design has three lines of jumps.	March 21, 2022 2:15 pm	↗

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The two largest lines are "flat-top" and "doubles". Both are essentially the same jumps, but the "doubles" have gaps that are more "exciting". Doubles are also far more dangerous and can cause serious injuries if things go wrong. The "Doubles" line resultantly provides a significant risk to Council, takes up unnecessary additional space in a small park and will also require twice the maintenance of "flat top" jumps. Solution: A "Doubles" line is unnecessary in a small park when they're also available in Aberfeldie Park. A well-designed pump track can provide the same experience that the dirt jumps provide but with a smaller footprint, lower risk and maintenance issues for Council. 4. The dirt jump design doesn't integrate with Fanny Park Unfortunately The Trail Collective are trail designers, not Open Space specialists and their design isn't sufficiently integrated with or considerate of its surrounds to ensure that it fully integrates with the Park. This design will result in significant dysfunction in the Park function, circulation and will result in additional unforeseen maintenance issues for Council. Solution: There are many issues that need resolution - the track is a barrier to existing desire lines, lacks integration and consideration to existing uses and all the areas in-between lines (shown misleadingly as "green") will eventually be worn back to dirt making its footprint even larger than the plan shows. This requires further discussion but my previous points lean towards suggesting that this design needs to be reconsidered which will resolve the siting and integration issues.		
I support having better facilities for bike track users, I just think it needs to be balanced for other users of the park such as dog walkers, people who just want to sit under the trees etc. I think there could be better balance, this design will create a bike park rather than a park for everyone in the community to use. Can there be another entrance from the creek path into Fanny Street Reserve ?	March 22, 2022 10:08 am	↗
I regularly walk around and through the park. When people are picnicking in the park on a few occasions I have seen parents doing organising toilet runs in cars and a time when a kid has been sent to the trees to pee. I think the inclusion of a toilet would be a great addition to this reserve.	March 26, 2022 1:51 pm	↗
"It looks really big and fun"	March 26, 2022 5:57 pm	↗
The upgrade should remain within the exisiting footprint.	March 27, 2022 8:44 am	↗
Please can there be public toilets added to the reserve?	March 27, 2022 6:15 pm	↗
sorry I missed the open sessions, my name is Ross De Rango, I can be reached at ross.derango@gmail.com for any further input or local perspective.	March 27, 2022 6:57 pm	↗
Maybe 2/3 the size to preserve green space at fanny reserve	March 27, 2022 7:12 pm	↗
I am happy for there to be a bike track as kids do like to have a space to ride bikes. Could the design to be reduced to half or two thirds the size of the current proposal. This would allow room for all the uses that people like to enjoy at Fanny Reserve.	March 27, 2022 7:19 pm	↗
This is a fantastic design and what the area needed. Please ensure there is significant landscaping for shade and provide separation from the playground. Can you please also provide an update for when the temporary pump track will be placed at Montgomery Park?	March 27, 2022 8:47 pm	↗

ANSWERS	DATE	
Brilliant design that has something for everyone. The pump track is a great idea for the littlies.	March 27, 2022 8:56 pm	
I note toilets have not been included in new design. With increased people traffic during lockdowns and on weekends, this park was and is often busy with mobile personal trainers, children/parents using play equipment, BBQ and often hosting children's parties. Visitors are currently using the area (trees and bushes) behind Evans St units as the toilet area so I consider this an urgent requirement. Also the entry to the park from Evans Street needs to be stepped or ramped. I've often observed visitors slipping and falling down the decline into the park. Signage needs to remind visitors/users that it is a 'shared park facility' not just a BMX bike track. This area is also a place that local elderly residents use for respite. Also and just as importantly there is a family of owls living in trees at east / north east end will they be looked after? I've noticed some of the current trees are not on the draft plan so I'm assuming they are to be removed.	March 27, 2022 10:26 pm	
Once again, whilst a bike track like this would have many benefits to the riding community, it would be better suited to a larger park with more capacity and natural ability to reduce the noise to neighbouring residents. One where the track could be a feature of the park, not one where it takes up the majority of the useable parklands itself. Privacy of the neighbouring residents is also an issue as well as it simply being an eyesore that consumes what is in general a really lovely green space.	March 28, 2022 10:52 am	

63 Answered

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THE DRAFT DESIGN /

DRAFT DESIGN CONCEPT PLAN /

LEGEND:

PROPOSED BIKE PARK ELEMENTS & FEATURES:

- 1 NEW START MOUND /
HEIGHT - 2.5M h
- 2 BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE
JUMP SECTION /
HEIGHT RANGE - 1.0M - 1.5M h
- 3 INTERMEDIATE SKILL DEVELOPMENT,
TRANSFER LINES & JUMP SECTION /
HEIGHT RANGE - 1.2M - 1.75M h
- 4 ADVANCED JUMP SECTION /
HEIGHT RANGE - 1.3M - 1.9M h
- 5 RETURN BERM /
HEIGHT - 1.8M h
- 6 RETURN ROLLERS AND JUMP
SECTION /
HEIGHT RANGE - 0.4M - 1.5M h
- 7 ASPHALT PUMP TRACK /
HEIGHT RANGE - 0.4M - 1.5M h

PROPOSED LANDSCAPE WORKS:

- 1 BENCH SEATING /
- 2 WAY FINDING & FACILITY SIGNAGE /
- 3 BIKE REPAIR STATION & WATER
FOUNTAIN /
- 4 PUMP TRACK ACCESS PATHWAYS /

REQUIRED BIKE PARK RESOURCES:

- 1 IRRIGATION / HOSE REEL -
TO SUPPORT MAINTENANCE
OF THE SPACE /

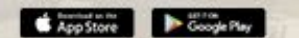


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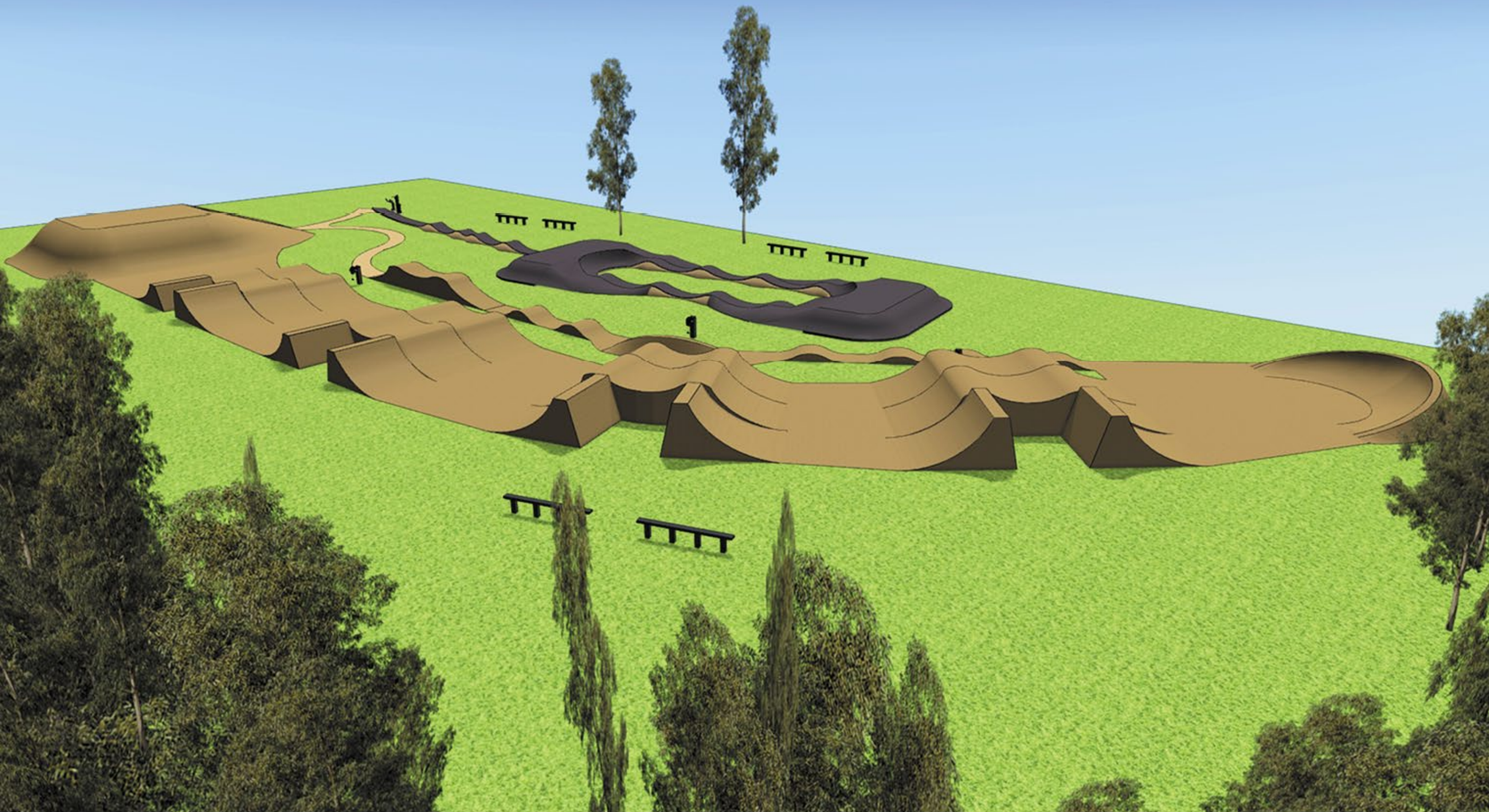
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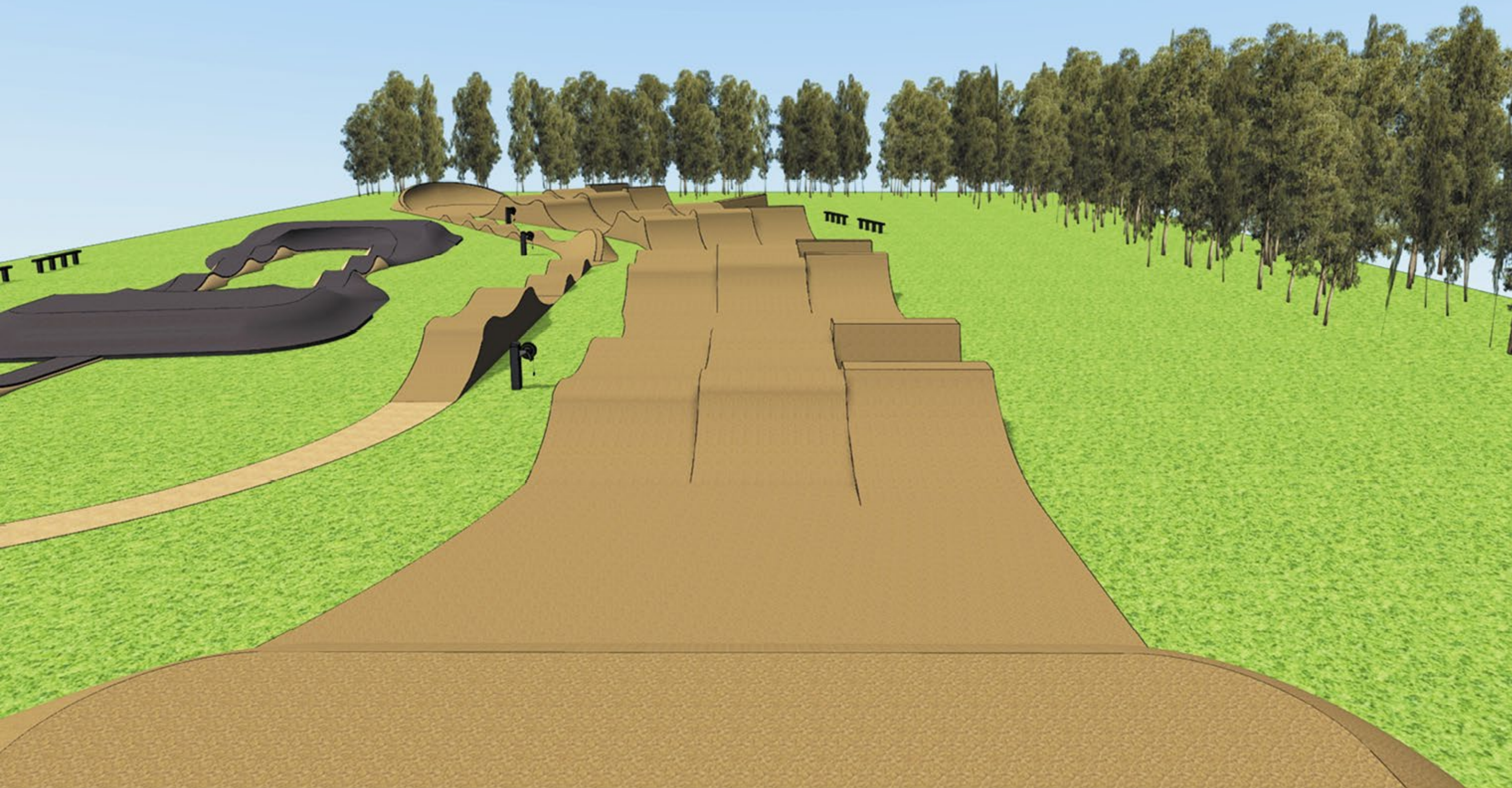


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A LOT OF PEDESTRIANS/CYCLISTS/DOG WALKERS CUT FROM EVANS ST, DIRECTLY ACROSS THE MIDDLE OF THE PARK TO SALISBURY ST, WHICH IS WHERE THE PROPOSED BIKE TRACK WILL BE. THIS PRESENTS A DANGER IF PEOPLE CONTINUE TO DO SO, THROUGH THE ^{NEW} BIKE TRAFFIC.

CONSIDER A NEW PATH AROUND THE BIKE TRACK. NOTE THAT THE CURRENT PATH, ALONG THE FENCELINE AT SOUTH BOUNDARY OF FANNY RESERVE IS UNAPPEALING/FEELS THREATENING BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY VEGETATION - CONSIDER THINNING THIS OUT & OPENING UP SIGHTLINES TO/FROM THE PATH.

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廣東話	Cantonese	9280 0739	Italiano	Italian	9280 0742	Türkçe	Turkish	9280 0745
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The draft design looks very good. I enjoy bringing my Grandchildren to this Park from time to time.

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21 MAR 2022

I was wondering why the ~~draft design~~ it mention anything about Toilet Facilities.

I live close to the Park, and have often had to rush home because the children need to go to the toilet. I feel a 'Toilet Block' is needed at the Park.

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The design is good.

Improvements to consider.

- Storage like in some of your other designs for tools, wheel barrows. This could be administered by a committee or volunteers.
- Water points for hosing
- Bins
- Make the pump track one directional. I think it needs to be a little bit bigger - no one will use it.
- Some bench seating for people to sit on both the expert line and beginner line. They like to film, watch and rest.

The main issue is going to be maintenance. Bright dirt jumps are two years old and very erroded.

https://www.tiktok.com/@moorey43/video/7069323744405146882?is_copy_url=1&is_from_webapp=v1&lang=en

But everyone loves them

https://www.tiktok.com/@benny_mc_benface/video/7047218483238571265?is_copy_url=1&is_from_webapp=v1&lang=en

JJ holland is crap because they are not well maintained and the angle is too mellow.

https://www.tiktok.com/@benny_mc_benface/video/7067245751730064641?is_from_webapp=1&sender_device=pc&web_id6985060264367916545

Quarry Park is junk for beginners because:

- berms are too steep to drop down
- too much elevation to climb back up
- surface is very slippery - beginners grab the front brake and slide out
- too much speed is gathered on the bottom jump and kids get kicked over the handlebars

It is also crap for advanced - expert because the jumps are too small.

They find alternate lines or they land to flat

https://www.tiktok.com/@august.stelma/video/7067861295453785346?is_from_webapp=1&sender_device=pc&web_id6985060264367916545

Quarry park would have benefitted from being less steep but going in a large loop with A,B,C lines. So more MTB related. This could be something to consider for Aberfeldie. A cut down version of The Hill in Geelong. This would preserve the future wetlands and give the local kids (<500m away) something to do.

A good design to consider is the Boronia NSW jumps made out of asphalt(or rubber compound?) and timber.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1DIUVqjbr8>

Although their design stops at intermediate/advanced. Your design goes up to expert or past advanced. This is important as this is the motivation behind illegal building

Hill'n dale is okay. Great for maintenance. Suitable for all levels but there is only one jump per level, first is intermediate, then advanced, then expert. There is a beginner line elsewhere.

https://www.tiktok.com/@benny_mc_benface/video/7055845529342774529?is_from_webapp=1&sender_device=pc&web_id6985060264367916545

If you give them something out of their reach they will stay

Many kids hit the expert level very fast, which makes the attraction of illegal jumps at Beasleys and Nortons more attractive.

This is a 6m jump but most were landing at 8m

https://www.tiktok.com/@benny_mc_benface/video/7069276003335408897?is_copy_url=1&is_from_webapp=v1&lang=en

So the expert line you have made is very good but maintenace will be hard. As soon as the angle of take off is lost, then the kids will lose interest. Which is why no locals go to JJ Holland.

This is why they build Moonee Ponds creek, studley park, glenbervie, aberfeldie etc. They are all either steep - 45 degrees plus or long - 6m+. These are the kids that build and the ones that cause the most damage. I know them all and their motivations.

Build them a big jump and that will keep their interest.

No one wants to have to build jumps if we dont have too.

I love Aberfeldie due to the advanced nature of the jumps.

https://www.tiktok.com/@benny_mc_benface/video/7072607078874909953?is_from_webapp=1&sender_device=pc&web_id6985060264367916545

I started out on beginner last year and progressed up the levels.

Something to consider regards to safety. Or the perception of safety. More people are injured at Quarry Park (almost daily an ambulance comes) compared to advanced areas like Aberfeldie. While they are gap jumps and consequences are high, Only kids with experience hit it.

Also, feel free to check out Croydon Hills. They will finish their jumps this week. You can see how theres is used. But what you wont see is the maintenance requirement.

Hi all,

I have spoken with John Bell from Ascot Vale.

He was lovely and just wanted us to note his feedback which is for the track designers to consider safety as part of the design, in particular to consider the horizontal distances between jumps to ensure there is not a shortfall that may cause injury from the highest point to the landing from start to end.

I will forward John’s comment onto the track designers to ensure his feedback is included in the consultation summary which will be used to inform the final design.

Thank you.

Thanks so much for your below feedback, this is very helpful.

We have two other projects being done, in addition to this Fanny St bike track project.

One is a pop up pump track at Montgomery Park, and the other is a Feasibility study for a Mountain Bike Trail at 5 shortlisted sites in Moonee Valley.

This all stems from consultation done in late 2020 and late 2021, where we heard from young people and local riders who wanted a mountain bike trail, as well as improvements to the Fanny St track – which is consistent with your below comment and observation.

You can find our more about these projects here, if you are interested:

<https://yoursay.mvcc.vic.gov.au/youngpeopleoutdoors>

Thanks again!

Hello

Sorry the online survey doesn't work:

<https://www.thetrailcollective.com.au/haveyoursay/fanny-st-reserve-bike-track-upgrade-draft-design-consultation/>

Some comments

Red 1 Bench seating should be removed as residents from Evans Street ride down the hill to the park, having the benches there would pose a dangerous obstacle.

Most of the riders at the park have mountain bikes, not bmx bikes. I understand a proper MTB bike trail would be significantly longer and would be the size of half the suburb. I would just take into account most of the users are MTB for the teenagers or younger riders on smaller bikes. Not sure how much use there would be in 1.8m jumps.....

Please note: the Online survey was not live until the 7th of March.

CONCLUSION /

Fanny Street Bike Track appears to be well known locally and offers a recreational space for families and bike riders.

It is evident from the statistics collated that majority of participants were in favour of the proposed draft design. That is 71% liked and supported the upgraded design - a positive result for the upgrade. The majority of respondents being mostly youth, children and their immediate families have been extremely passionate and supportive regarding an upgraded Bike Track within Fanny Street Reserve. The other 29% that were not in favour of the design have expressed their concerns around several issues including the impact on Fanny Street Reserve as a whole, neighbouring properties being affected, safety, surveillance and scale of the proposed design.

The design is consistent with details and statistics captured at the pre-design stage. The design includes varied skill levels, whilst suited to Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced users aged 6-10, 11-14 and 15-25 years. The pump track section will also be suited to users within the 6-10 year age group bracket and has been separated to reduce any intimidation of any older riders until they get confident.

The design allows for young children, youth and adults to enjoy and be challenged by all aspects of the facility, increasing user enjoyment and encouraging skill development. The design also has multiple lines and interesting features that are unique to this facility.

Some of the key themes throughout this phase of the consultation were the need for nearby toilets, waste management and bins. Some other topics such as car parking, BBQ's and updated signage were also raised as a result of increased activation of the space. Due to budget constraints and the close proximity of toilets and BBQ facilities at nearby Montgomery Park (3 minute ride, 10 min. walk), a toilet and/or BBQ's will not be located at Fanny Street Reserve.

One of the key themes and issues raised was the importance of maintenance and how it will be administered by council and if a compacted, unsealed earth surface is the desired surface to be used. Whilst other surfaces are available maintenance is always required, it will just come down to the delivery schedule, method and frequency based on the chosen surface. Some other facilities success stories and fails have been supplied by respondents in surrounding areas and beyond. Maintenance is an extremely important factor to the projects success and council need to seriously consider this make or break aspect moving forwards.

Overall this is a positive end to the consultation phase of the project with great feedback, support and realistic expectations and general excitement about the design and upgrade. With that in mind some of the desires including toilets and infrastructure have not been included as they are available at nearby Montgomery Park.





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