

Pattison Street Pocket Park- Draft design

Community feedback on the draft design (to inform the final design for construction)

December 2021

Summary of consultation outcomes

- Feedback included: 11 written submissions and 16 online survey submissions. Individual comments have been combined and summarised into themes.

Online Survey (Your Say) – summary of answers

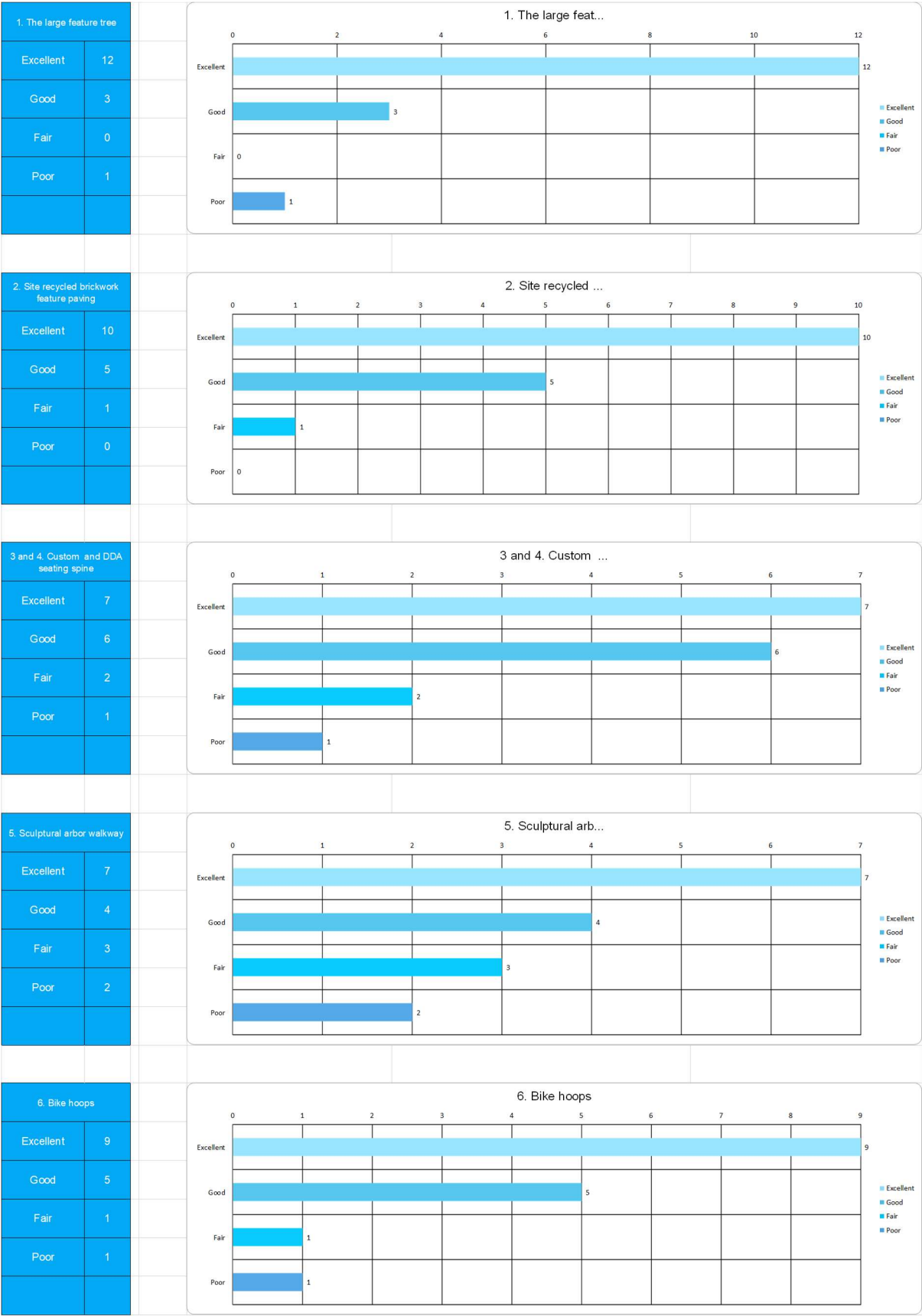
- Total of 68 page visits.
- 21 people became more informed by viewing FAQs, documents, photos
- When asked if they supported the draft design in the Your Say online survey, 75% stated that they did support the design:

Your Say online survey:	
Are you supportive of the Pocket Park Design?	
Yes	12
No	2
Unsure	2

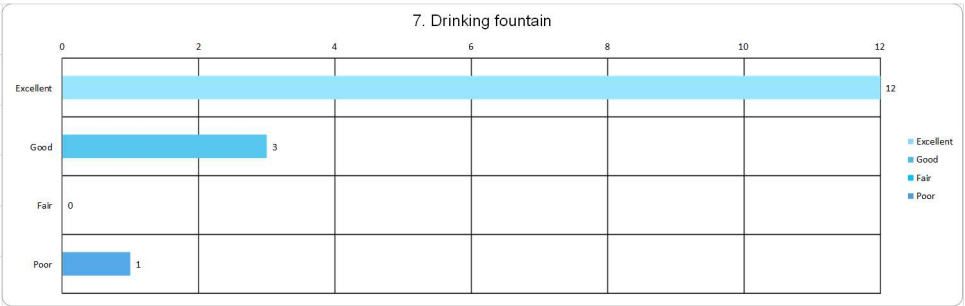
- Of the 11 written submissions received, 2 people stated that they do not support the design of the pocket park and 2 were unsure. Some of the reasons for this uncertainty were due to the design not offering the right type of facilities that would be beyond the scope of this project and not achievable given the small scale of the park. A full summary of feedback themes with design response is provided at the end of this document.

Written submissions	
Are you supportive of the Pocket Park Design?	
Yes	7
No	2
Unsure	2

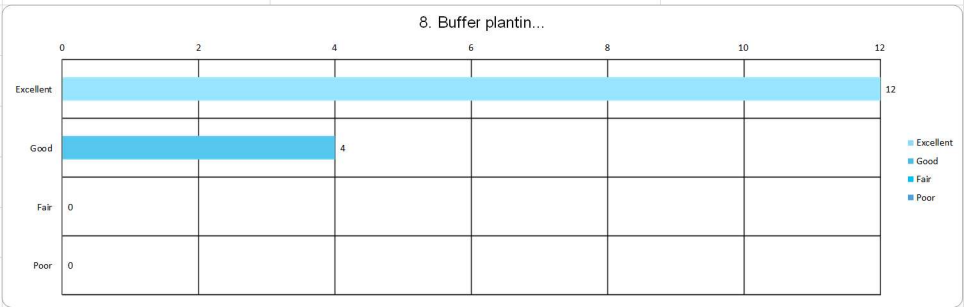
- Below is a snapshot of responses to the design questions in the online survey:



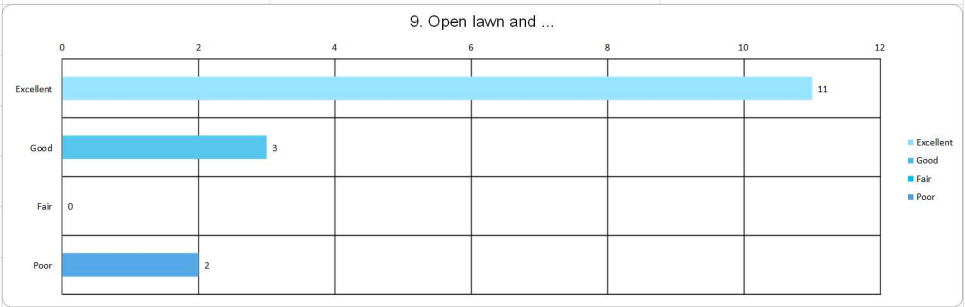
7. Drinking fountain	
Excellent	12
Good	3
Fair	0
Poor	1



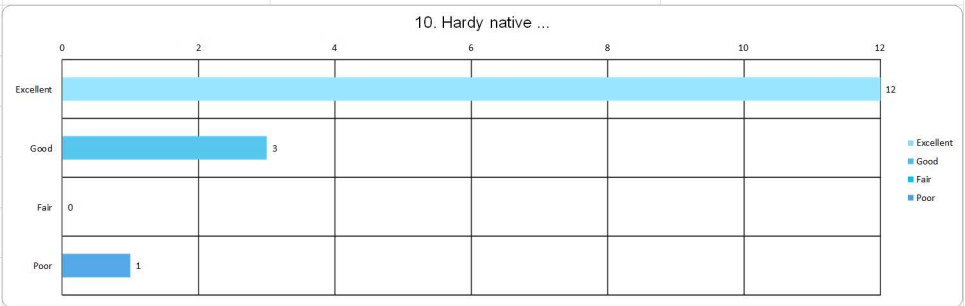
8. Buffer planting and 1.8m fence to neighbouring properties	
Excellent	12
Good	4
Fair	0
Poor	0



9. Open lawn and picnic area	
Excellent	11
Good	3
Fair	0
Poor	2



10. Hardy native garden	
Excellent	12
Good	3
Fair	0
Poor	1



Summary of Feedback Themes

- The below summary of themes is derived from comments received in written submission from the feedback for the online survey (beyond the standard survey questions).
- Note: numbers reflect comments about a theme not numbers of people. Individuals may have provided multiple comments and the same comments through multiple feedback channels.

THEME /ISSUE	NO. COMMENTS	DESIGN RESPONSE
ALLOCATION OF SPACE		
Request to consider allocating more space for the park. Potentially acquiring neighbouring property at 34 Pattison St to increase park size.	3	Whilst the scope of this project does not include the acquisition of additional land, the concept plan for the Dean & Pattison Street intersection upgrade which is currently out for consultation, aims to claim additional parkland space just north of the site by reclaiming the slip lane in the existing traffic island. If approved this could be converted into additional connecting parkland as part of future works.
ISSUES WITH ADJACENT DEAN ST OVERPASS		
Request to investigate noise reduction from overpass	1	Noise mitigation is beyond the scope of these works. However, feedback will be provided to Council's traffic team for further consideration.
Concern that the site is overshadowed by the overpass and the lawn won't grow.	1	This is noted. The final design will carefully consider the type of lawn species and plant selection which can tolerate full to partial shade particularly in winter.
SHARED USER PATH		
Request for smooth transition from road to bike path.	1	Noted.
Concern that resident at No. 34 Pattison Street leaves rear gate open on shared user path. Will this be addressed?	1	Yes, this is being rectified as part of the design. The gate has been built on Council land which will now be removed and converted into green space. No unauthorised vehicles will be able to access this laneway in future.
BUDGET		
Query on the design budget of \$740,000 and whether the design is value for money.	1	The design budget needs to take into account demolition of the existing house, design and consultancy fees, road works including the modification of drainage pits and realigned kerb, construction of the new park, project management costs and 12 months maintenance. At this stage the project is within budget. As the project is funded by the Victorian Governments (DELWP) Local Parks Program, any cost savings will be refunded accordingly.

PLANTING		
Question in relation to the 'Large Tree' and whether the money could be spent on other park facilities.	1	The intent of a large tree is to provide future shade to the site and assist in achieving Council's future canopy cover target of 30%. The tree would be an advanced mature tree (costing around \$600), however, this cost would be relatively negligible given the overall cost of the project yet provide significant future amenity to the site.
FURNITURE/ FACILITIES		
Request for a large bin to reduce litter.	1	The final design will include a large litter bin.
Request for toilet facility.	1	36 Pattison Street is a pocket park, and toilets are prioritised for our larger district scale parks. Furthermore, a toilet is outside the scope of the project and is a substantial cost beyond the budget available for these works.
Request to provide more functionality for the local community and include a BBQ area, picnic tables which could accommodate community events, Christmas parties, Birthday parties etc.	1	Medium to large gatherings such as this would not be suitable in this location given the small scale of the park. The site is intended to facilitate small groups of people for short periods only. It's Council's recommendation that Queens Park (located only 1.5km away) be used for these types of events. Queens Park has a can accommodate for large groups and includes public toilets to facilitate for gatherings of extended periods. However, Council will take onboard the feedback for additional picnic tables and will be passed onto the Landscape Design Consultants for further consideration in the final Detail Design.
Request for a games area or common informal piazza bocce court surrounded by seating and small tables enclosed by a upscaled custom sculptural arbor.	1	This type of facility would not be considered feasible given the small scale of the park. A similar area is at Queens Park a short distance away. Council aims to make this space (although small) a place that will be enjoyed by the whole community. However, Council will review the feedback for additional tables (for games/ picnicking) and will be passed onto the Landscape Design Consultants for further consideration in the final Detail Design.
Request for basketball key and backboard at this park or Ormond Park.	1	Given the small scale of the park, proximity to residential area and limited space to include a basketball key, it would be Council's preference to consider this within Ormond Park as part of future works. Council is currently working on a Soccer Strategy which may influence the future sports programming at Ormond Park. Once adopted (early next year in 2022), Council will have a better understanding of required layout space and which other facilities (such as basketball) could be considered for future inclusion.

OTHER		
Question the use of recycled brick treatment. Preference towards more sophisticated materials with theme to draw upon the original land owners, surrounding history, culture of neighbouring residents and past settlement.	1	The design intent for reuse of existing bricks was to reference the existing character of the street and reduce landfill waste (sustainability purposes). However, this feedback will be passed onto the Landscape Design Consultants for further consideration in the final Detail Design.
Concern that the site is a dead spot and used for anti-social behaviour and is a dumping ground for garden and household waste. How will this be addressed?	2	The intent of the design is to open up the site and increase permeability and visual surveillance to and from cyclist and walkers using Pattison Street to the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail. It is anticipated that this will reduce anti-social behaviour including illegal dumping. Council will also have an increased presence at the site (for maintenance etc) and will monitor accordingly.
Preference to have less open space (lawn area) and more native plantings.	1	The intent of the design is to open up the site and increase permeability and visual surveillance to and from Pattison Street to the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail. The use of lawn will also soften the harshness of the surrounding structures which are predominantly concrete.