

QUINN GROVE PRECINCT PLAN

ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS REPORT



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1. Introduction

The City of Moonee Valley is preparing a Quinn Grove Precinct Plan. The Precinct Plan will guide the planning, development, maintenance and management of the precinct for the long term.

The project is an opportunity to partner with the Essendon Keilor College – East Keilor Campus to develop the school facilities so it can benefit the school and community. An integrated Precinct Plan will avoid duplication of facilities and optimise the use of facilities.

A Draft Precinct Plan and supporting Summary Report has been prepared that identifies the key challenges facing the Quinn Grove Precinct and proposes a preferred development option. See **Attachment 1** for Summary Report.

The Draft Precinct Plan is supported by a detailed Issues and Options Report and follows an extensive background research, site review, engagement process, a design options analysis and quadruple bottom line analysis (social, cultural, environmental and economic impacts).

Previous community engagement was conducted in 2018 and included community surveys, interviews with current and potential user groups (including schools in the local area) and workshops with an appointed Neighbourhood Advisory Group. The broader community were engaged through an online community survey that received 431 responses.

Council resolved at the 12 October, 2021 Council Meeting to:

- a) Release the Draft Quinn Grove Precinct Plan for further community and stakeholder engagement.
- b) Receive a status report by February 2022 on the engagement findings and an updated project plan for consideration.
- c) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to continue to investigate other potential sites and partnership opportunities to support the demand for indoor sports courts locally.

1.1 Stage 2 Engagement Process

The stage 2 engagement process was conducted from the 29 October 2021 to 13 December 2021. The Draft Precinct Plan was released to community, stakeholders and relevant industry bodies with the purpose to understand if the plan is appropriate and agreeable across interest groups and with community.

The engagement process involved the following engagement methods:

- Online community surveys available via the Moonee Valley Have Your Say engagement page
- Online community forum
- Key stakeholder interviews
- Two online drop-in sessions were held on 1 December 2021.

Overall, 1,240 visits were made to the Have Your Say page, with 14 contributions to online community forums and 146 online community surveys received from a wide range of community members. Two drop-in sessions and 16 key stakeholder interviews were conducted.

This report summarises the consultation feedback received.

1.2 Next Steps

The engagement findings will help inform the development of a Final Draft Precinct Plan to be put to Council for adoption. The findings will also inform the concept designs for key facility improvements.

Moonee Valley Have Your Say Engagement Page – Quinn Grove Precinct Plan

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FAQ

- Tell me more about the site
- What is the precinct plan?
- Why are you revising the precinct plan?
- When will any construction start?
- How does the precinct plan relate to the Kellor East Leisure Centre?
- What previous engagement and

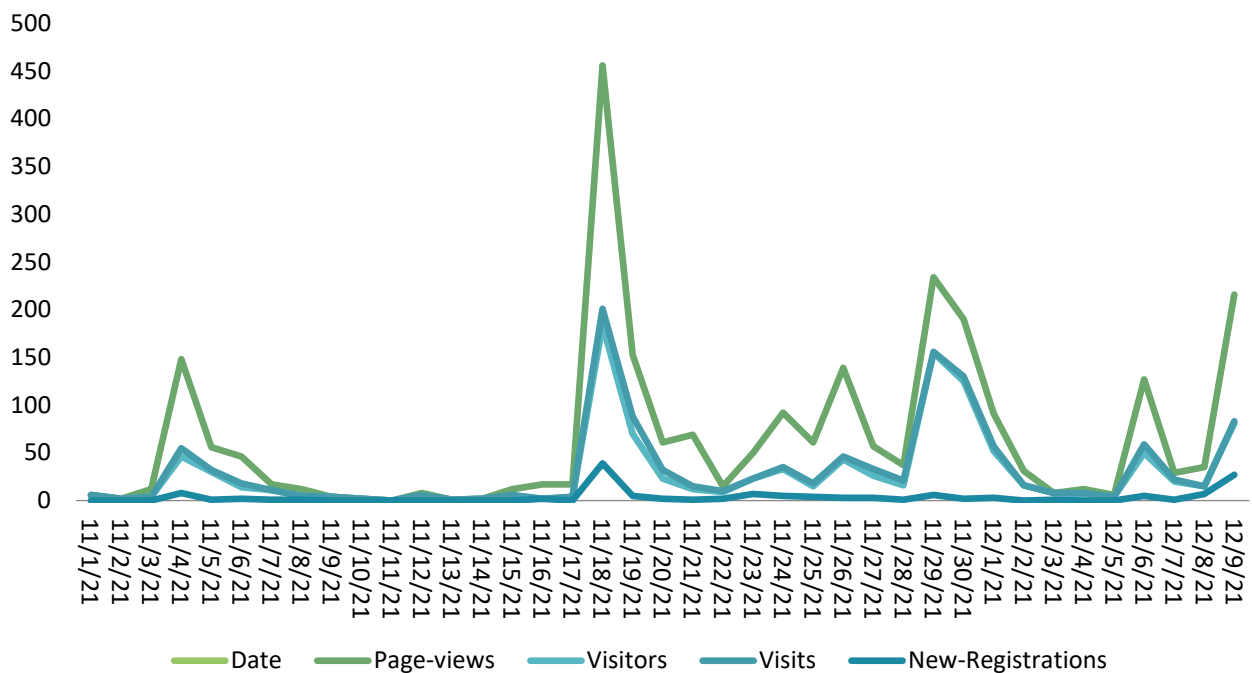
2. Engagement Reach

The engagement process was widely advertised via Council's online platforms and via a letter box drop to residents in surrounding areas. A summary of the public engagement campaign is provided below.

2.1 Moonee Valley Have Your Say Page

The performance summary below records visitation and contributors to the Quinn Grove Precinct Plan Have Your Say Page. The summary shows that the page received 1,240 visits where 14 visitors provided forum contributions and 146 visitors submitted an online community survey. 84 visitors downloaded the Draft Master Plan.

Visitation Timeline



3. Engagement Results

This section summarises the results and feedback from each consultation method.

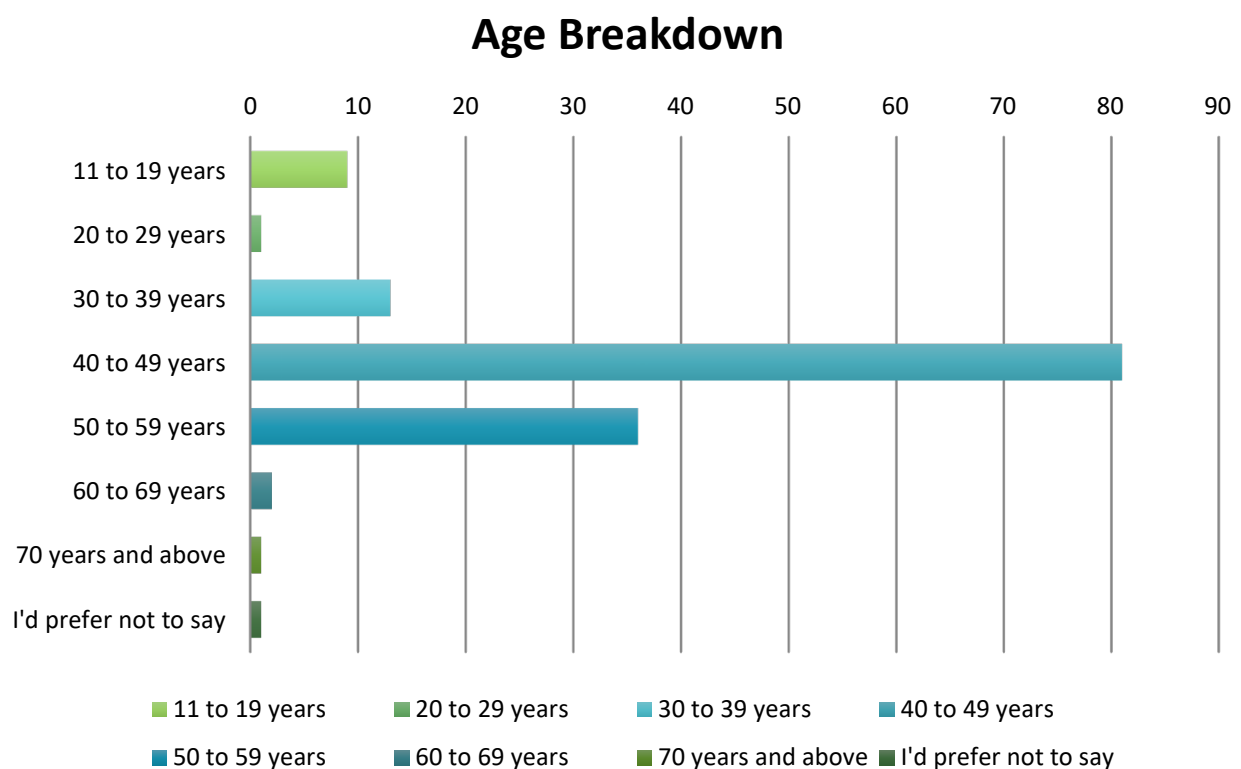
3.1 On-Line Community Survey Results

There were 146 on-line community surveys received.

Of all respondents:

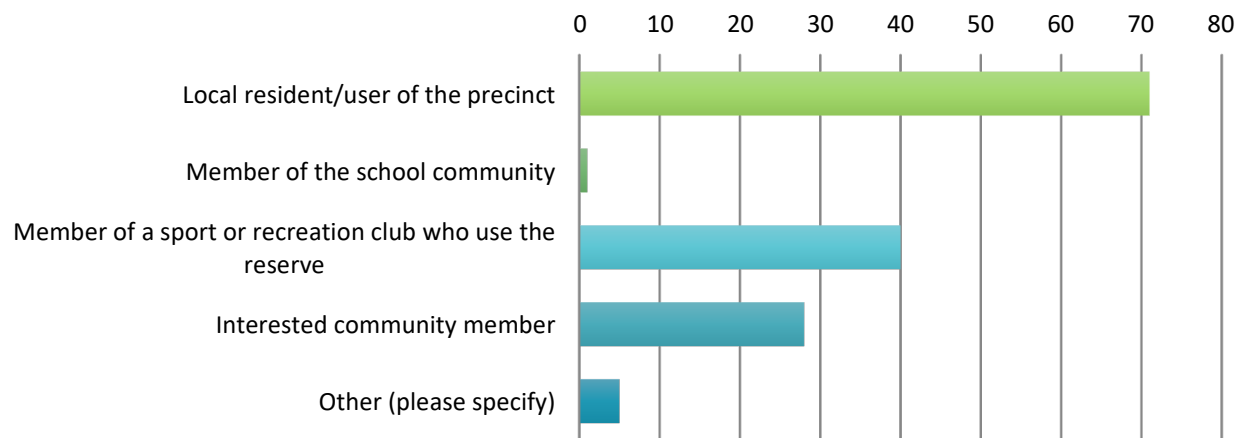
- For those that identified gender, 69 were female, 74 male and 0 non-binary
- Most respondents were adults aged between 30 and 59 years (90%).
- Most respondents were a local resident (49%) or from a sporting club (28%)
- There was a good cross section of respondents from all suburbs in Moonee Valley with most respondents from Essendon (20%), Keilor East (19%) and Moonee Ponds (13%).

A breakdown of respondents by age is shown in the chart below.



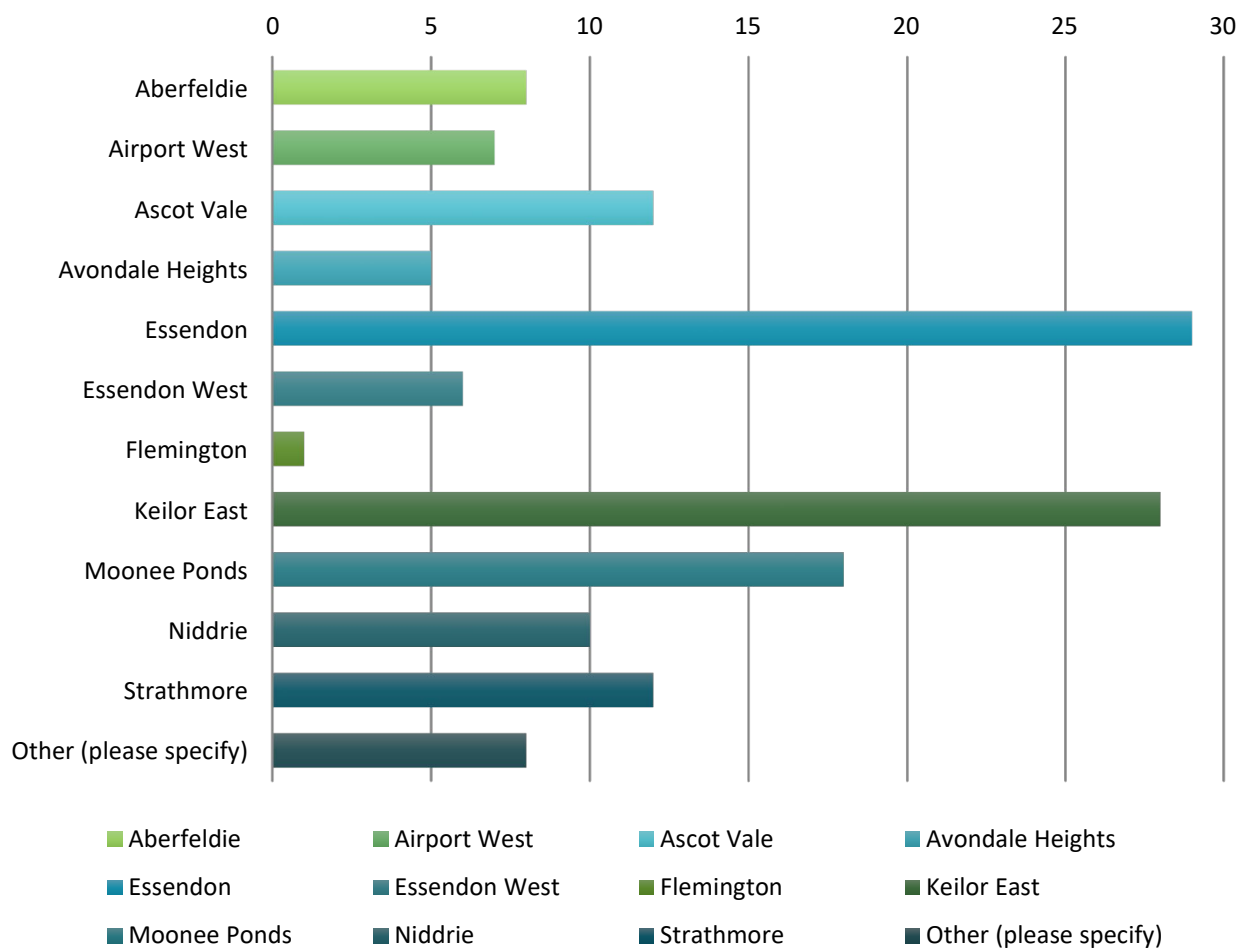
The following chart shows the connection survey respondents have with the Quinn Grove Precinct Plan.

Connection with Quinn Grove Precinct Plan



A breakdown of where respondents live is shown in the chart below.

Suburb Breakdown

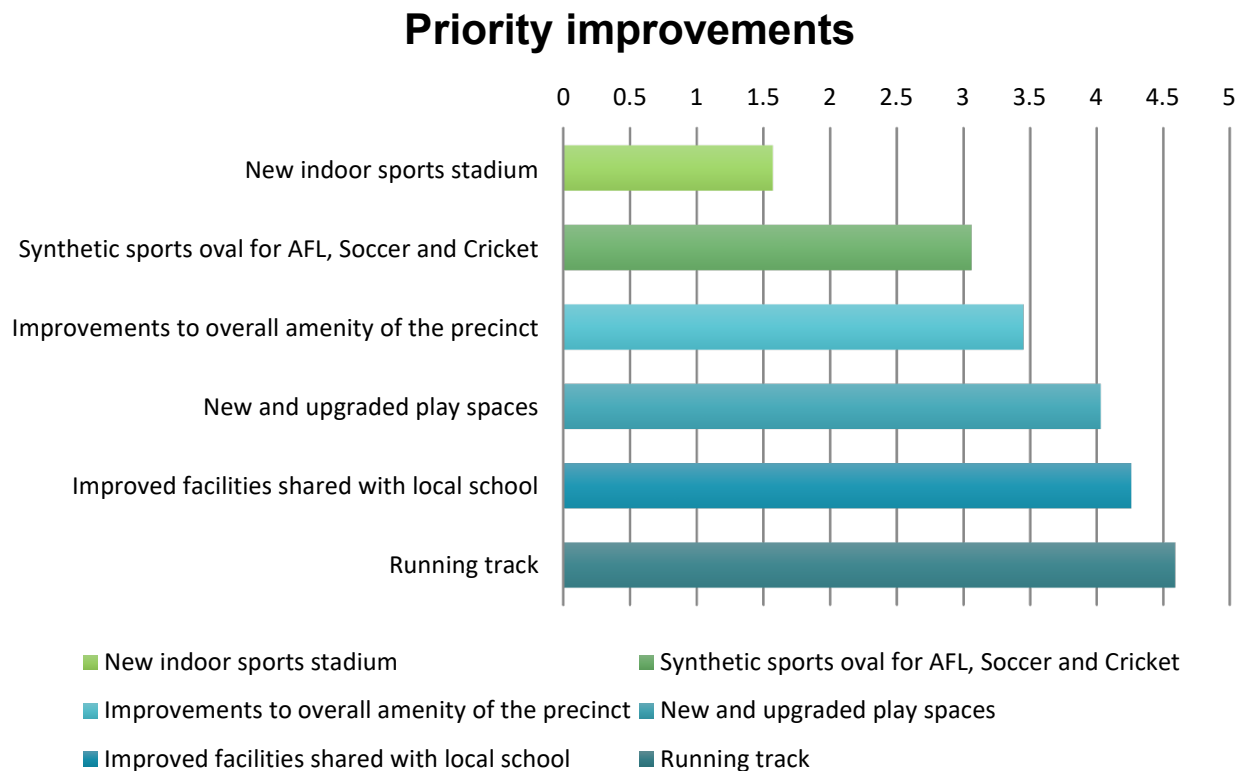


Key Findings from On-Line Community Survey

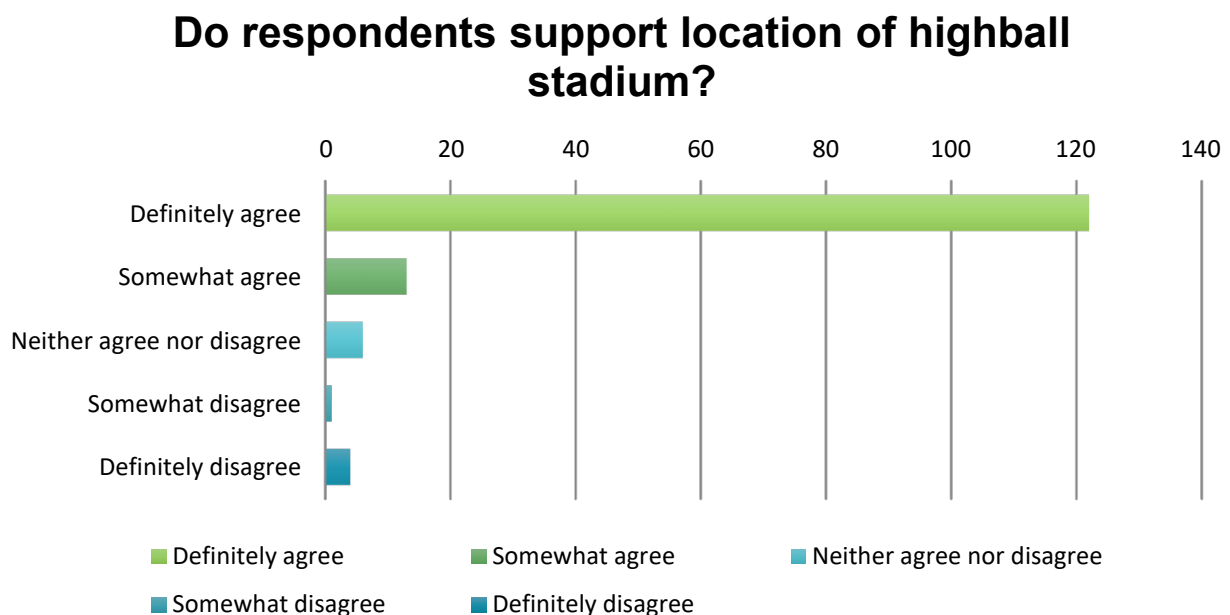
The following key findings summarise the response to online community surveys received:

The top ranked priority improvement was overwhelmingly the new indoor sports stadium followed by the synthetic sports oval for AFL and soccer.

The following chart ranks the priority improvements. The lower the score the higher the ranking.

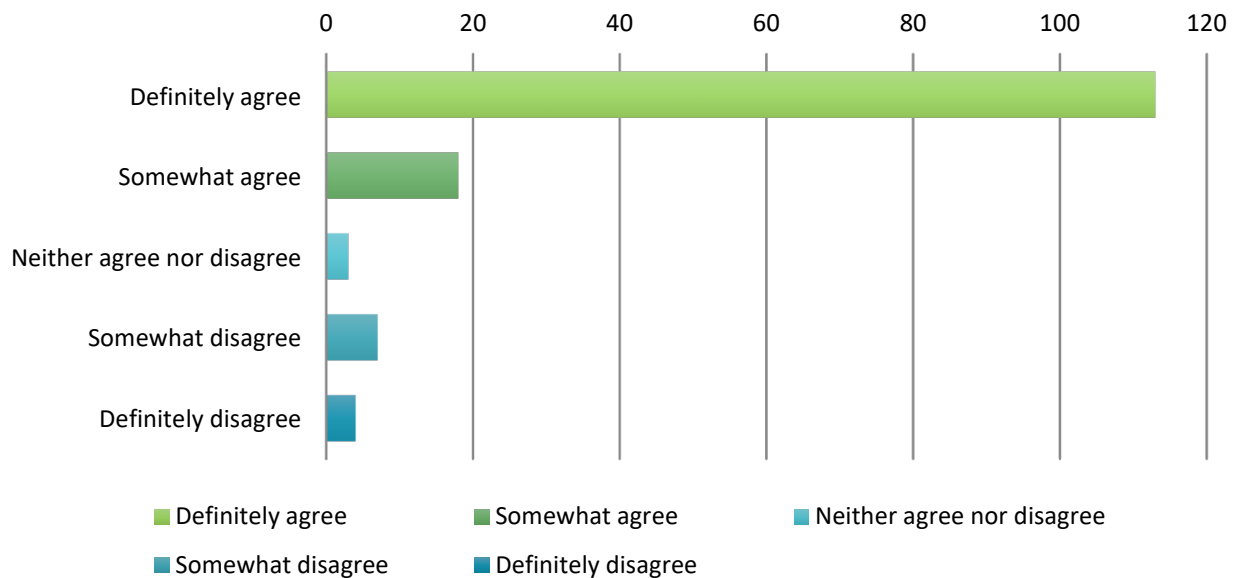


Most responses (135) agreed with the location of the highball stadium. Those that disagreed were concerned about overdevelopment and resident impact.



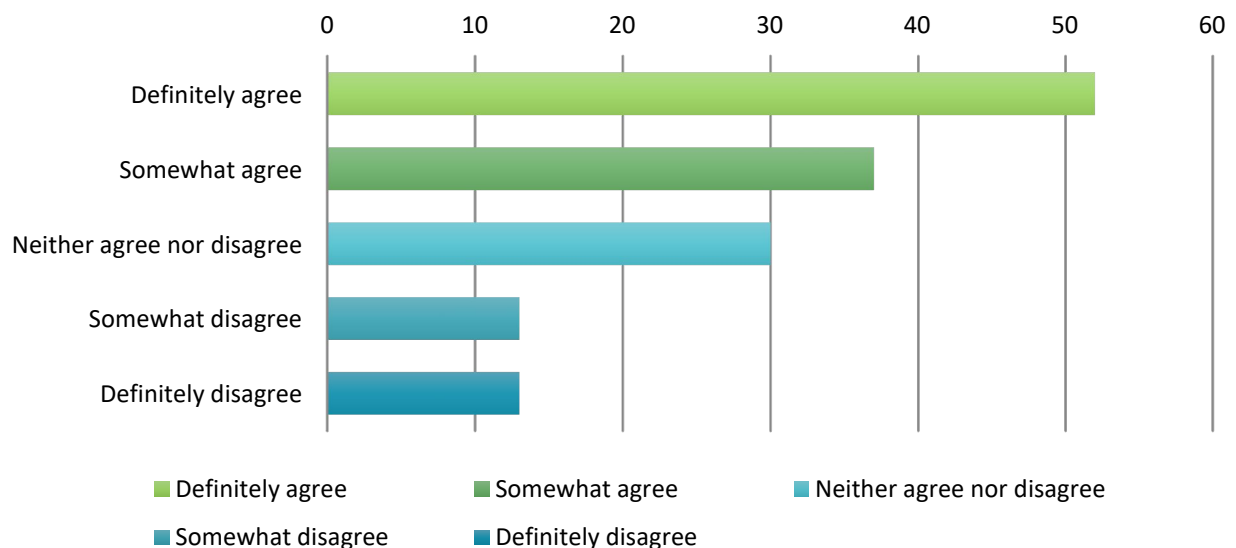
Most respondents (131) agreed that the reserve can meet the growing demands of sports codes onsite.

Will plan meet demands of sports?



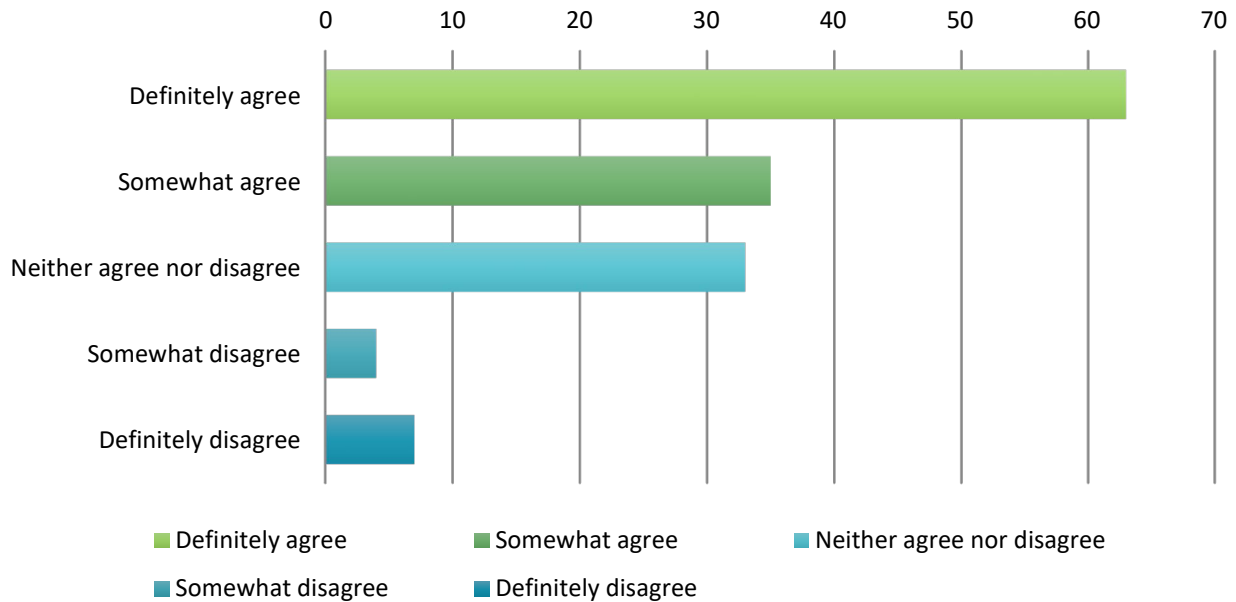
Most respondents (89) agreed that the synthetic sports oval/fields will meet growing needs of field sports codes. However, there was concern about the multiuse nature of pitch and impact on soccer use. Most of these respondents were members of a sport or recreation club who use the reserve.

Will the synthetic field meet participation need?



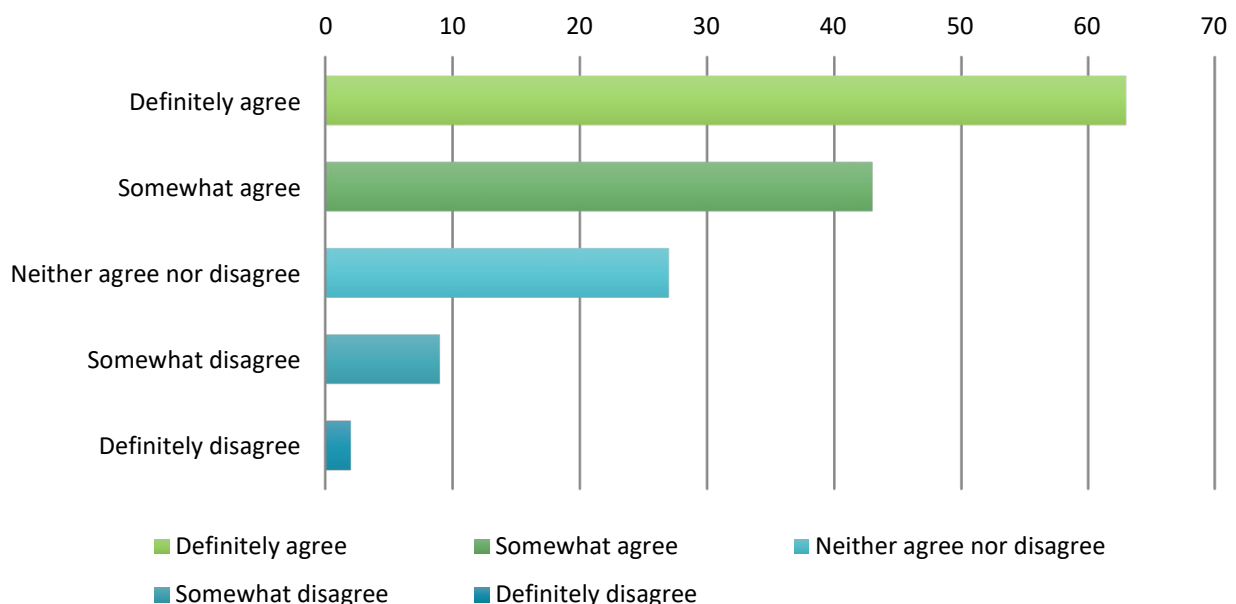
Most respondents (98) agree that the new tennis courts and pavilion will meet growing needs of the club. However, there was a concern that the club membership and casual community use has grown to a point that additional courts will be needed in the future.

Will the tennis facility meet participation need?



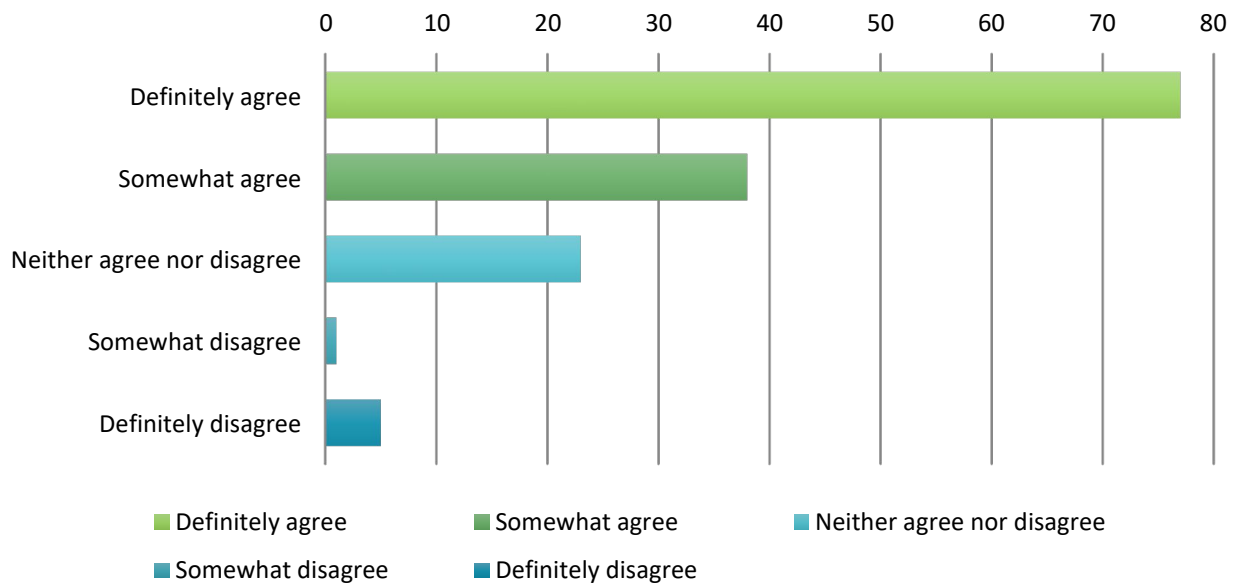
Most respondents (106) agree that the proposed additional carparking will be sufficient to meet the needs of user groups.

Will the proposed car parking be sufficient?



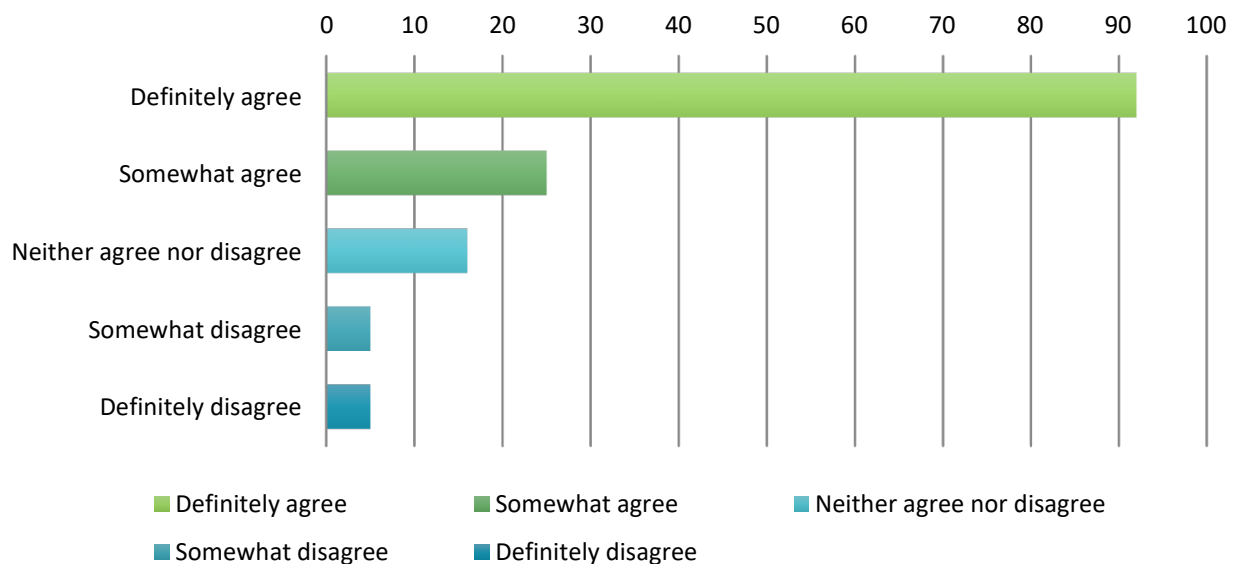
Most respondents (115) agree with the location of the new play space.

Do respondents support location of play space?



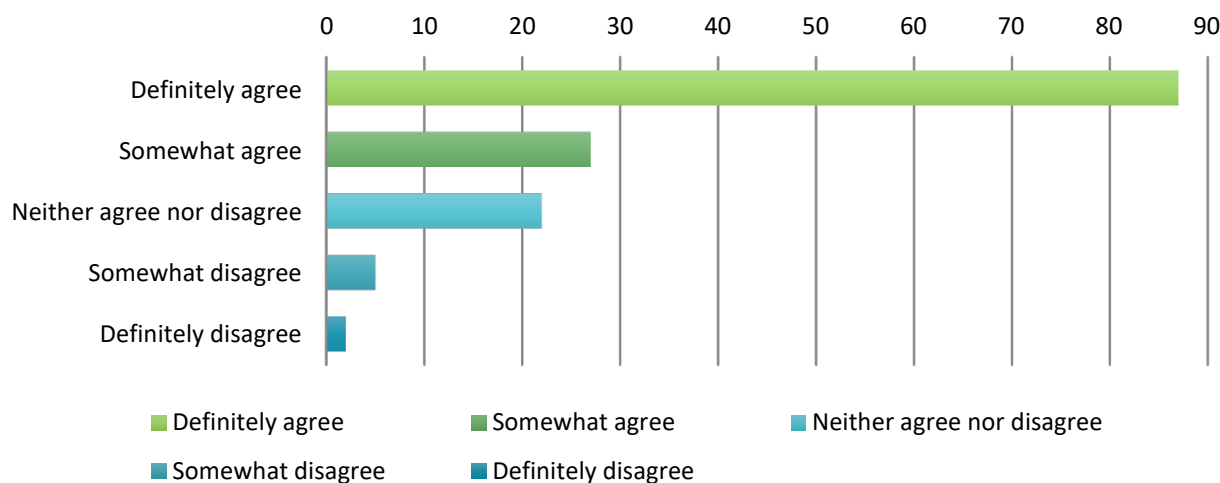
Most respondents (117) agree with the location of the new multisport activity space will benefit residents, school and user groups.

Do respondents support location of multisport activity space?



Most respondents (114) want to see more trees, seats and connected pathways in the final master plan.

Do respondents support more trees, seats and connected pathways?



Comments:

Respondents were offered the opportunity to provide comments as part of the survey. The following themes were recorded:

- There is a high need for highball stadium. The basketball community desperately need this facility now due to the high basketball participation and there being no home in Moonee Valley
- There is a high need for a synthetic soccer pitch. This is required for training and competition to provide for the growing soccer participation in Moonee Valley
- Provide amenity for residents. Suggestions included water drinking stations, bins, dog poo bags, seats, landscaped areas with shade trees
- The school sports facilities (field and courts) need to be upgraded. They are tired and if upgraded would benefit the school, user groups and residents
- Residents support improvements but are concerned about traffic and lighting impacts. Some are concerned that the draft master plan is overdevelopment (being on a site with school and leisure centre).

3.2 On-Line Community Forum Feedback

There were 14 contributions made to the on-line community forum.

Key findings from community forums were:

- Support for basketball stadium due to high participation demand
- Support for synthetic soccer pitch. Concept needs need to prioritise access to soccer due to high participation demand
- Support investigation into a home for soccer (soccer hub) in Moonee Valley
- Explore joint use access agreements with school sports fields to help manage use
- The precinct plan provides for both basketball and soccer as well as a resource for school
- Resist temptation for location to be everything for everyone.

3.3 Drop In Feedback

The drop-in sessions were attended by 10 people, Council staff and Councillor observers across two sessions. Those attending needed to book into the sessions.

The drop-in sessions were an opportunity for the community to clarify items however those attending were encouraged to submit their thoughts via the online survey to ensure their feedback was captured.

Detailed meeting notes are provided in **Appendix 2**. Key findings from drop-in sessions were:

- Attended by local residents from streets surrounding precinct and representatives from the Neighbourhood Advisory Group (NAG), Aberfeldie Jets Basketball, Essendon Royals FC and Strathmore FC. Local Councillors were observers
- Residents are concerned about a reduction in the open space available to community and the impacts on local residents (including potential overdevelopment, high use and traffic management, possible noise and shading impact of stadium). Managing the operating hours and addressing resident amenity concerns of stadium in concept planning design stage with setbacks, noise attenuation of building, landscaping and precinct approach to traffic management were suggested responses
- Support for landscaping philosophy across precinct – Trees that break up built form and provides shade and amenity to community users
- Concern about the level of engagement and support from community groups, school and Victorian School Building Authority for master plan. In response, the engagement process with these groups was provided
- Aberfeldie Jets Basketball Club highlighted the lack of stadiums and a shortage of indoor sports courts to meet the participation needs of indoor sports by children in Moonee Valley. The Quinn Grove Precinct is easy to get to and a good fit with the East Keilor Leisure Centre and Essendon Keilor College.
- Soccer clubs highlighted the value of the synthetic pitch for training and importance of this benefit carrying into the master plan. Developing concept to optimise use for soccer was supported.

3.4 Key Stakeholder Interviews Feedback

There were 16 key stakeholder interviews held to inform the stage 2 consultation for the Draft Master Plan. Detailed interview notes are provided in **Appendix 3**. Key findings from each stakeholder group is provided below.

Essendon Keilor College

Very supportive of precinct plan and shared school and community use facility. The plan organises the space and means the school can better manage the site. Links with regional planning from Education Department and Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) involved and offer 'in principle' support.

Basketball Victoria

Support highball stadium in Quinn Grove Precinct and location next to aquatic centre. Very high demand and needed now. Basketball Victoria will look at partnering with Aberfeldie Jets Basketball to develop the club into association.

Aberfeldie Jets

Very strong membership of 1,463 members (111 teams plus 101 enrolled in skills session) and operate 7 days per week. No home and desperate for a four to six court stadium. Four courts would support doubling the size of club / association. Facility will also support other basketball clubs in Moonee Valley (St Bernards, St Christophers, Avondale, Strathmore Unicorns and Calder Bears).

The reason for the increase in teams and program enrolments in 2022 is due to the club entering four new teams in U8's and increased interest in school holiday clinics.

Volleyball Victoria

Volleyball has an existing Association in area. There is no immediate need for additional courts for volleyball in Moonee Valley. However, Volleyball seeks multi-use courts that could accommodate volleyball to expand programming as participation grows.

Scouts Victoria

Operate five (5) sections (3 joeys and 2 venturers and rovers) from two halls (AJ Davis and Quinn Grove). Scouting has grown from 20 to 60 members in last 12 months. Shared hall with toilets and storage dedicated for school activities during school hours and scout activities after hours is supported. Offers a larger programming space that will assist scouts to grow.

Tennis Victoria

Support new tennis facility. Club has grown in recent years on the back of a new coach and resurfacing of courts. Consider options for expanding junior competition on school multisport court area. Hot shots can be programmed on existing courts rather than dedicated court. Additional courts would support the growth of the tennis club that has a waiting list.

East Keilor Tennis Club

Club has invested in resurfacing courts and upgrading lighting. This has resulted in growth in programming and use together with introduction of 'book a court' that has increased community access and use of courts. The club considers 10 courts is needed in the future and seek the plan investigate options noting there was a capacity to what the site could provide.

AFL Victoria

Very strong support for synthetic oval to AFL standard with competition lighting to support training and competition play. EDFL is growing and AFL's National Infrastructure Plan identifies a need for a further 120 fields in Victoria. Synthetic ovals is a priority solution for built-up areas like Moonee Valley. Support the Carrum Down synthetic oval and pitch model.

Eastern District Football League

There is a need and desire for an all-weather synthetic oval to support summer competition together with training and competition. There are limited number of fields and growing demand (very high female participation growth – 2,000 players). Female friendly facilities should support proposal. Equitable use to AFL and football (soccer) is needed.

Football Victoria

FV support a strategic planning approach that will provide a road map for supporting football, developing facilities, allocated space and improving relationships. FV support sharing of fields, however football needs equitable access. A synthetic pitch is required and needs to be developed to be fit for purpose and meet competition standard (lighting). Also consider the Carrum Downs synthetic oval / pitch configuration that will optimise use for soccer. There is a symbolism of loss through the concept so address this concern by expanding the footprint of soccer use. Synthetic oval / pitch design to support senior and three (3) small side pitches or two (2) junior sized pitches; multisport activity space designed to support social soccer play; indoor courts could support futsal competition.

Local Soccer Clubs

All soccer clubs in Moonee Valley were interviewed. These clubs were Avondale Football Club, Essendon Royals Football Club, Essendon United Football Club, FC Strathmore, Moonee Valley Knights Football Club and Newmarket Phoenix Football Club.

Soccer clubs support a synthetic pitch at Quinn Grove Precinct. However, they don't like the multi-use proposal and seek dedicated soccer use. Some clubs report of capping numbers with waiting lists. Some games and trainings are being cancelled due to grounds being waterlogged and overused. A synthetic pitch will help alleviate this consider. Female friendly change rooms are important.

4. Summary of Findings

The feedback from key stakeholders and response to community surveys demonstrate support for the Draft Master Plan.

Investigations and changes are recommended to inform the Final Master Plan include, but are not limited to

1. Investigate the impact of providing four and six courts on East Keilor Leisure Centre, tennis facility and residents. Additional courts are needed but overdevelopment, shadowing and increased traffic is a concern. This investigation requires the development of concept plans, shadow plans and 3D render (elevation) designs to respond to shading concerns on residents and tennis courts.
2. Investigate redesign of the synthetic oval/pitch configuration to better provide for soccer use. Suggested synthetic oval / pitch configurations are shown below.



3. Multisport activity space design to provide for social basketball and futsal together with junior tennis courts. Suggested multisport activity court configuration is shown below.



4. Provide clearer reference to scouts use requirements of school hall. These requirements will inform the Joint Use Agreement with Department of Education and Training and the Essendon Keilor College.
5. Reference a precinct traffic plan to calm traffic in local streets and direct traffic into and through site. Refer investigation to Council's traffic engineering team.
6. The Final Master Plan and 3D renders of precinct improvements to showcase landscaping response to site. This includes referencing shade trees throughout car parking and in community park areas, fitness trails and connected pathways, play space and seating.

5. Warranties and Disclaimers

The information contained in this report is provided in good faith. While Otium Planning Group has applied their own experience to the task, they have relied upon information supplied to them by other persons and organisations.

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Appendix 1: Summary Report

Electronic copy provided separately.

Appendix 2: Drop-In Session Notes

Morning Drop-in Session

The following notes were recorded from the morning drop-in session:

- Local traffic is currently avoiding Noga Avenue and traveling down Keith Grove now East Keilor LC is open. There needs to be traffic calming on Keith Grove
- The aquatic centre and school use times is busy so providing car parking onsite is important and improving the traffic flow through the site needs to limit impact on adjacent streets and resident amenity. The traffic solution needs to create a safe place for residents on local streets
- The noise and built form impact of the stadium on resident amenity is a concern. The design process needs to consider set-back from fence line, no shading of residential properties, landscaping buffer and acoustic treatment on wall closest to residential properties
- Managing the operating hours is also a consideration. Suggest no longer than 10pm to manage resident amenity impact
- The school looks old and run down – Bringing this facility up to standard in line with sport and open space improvements is needed. Particularly now the new aquatic centre has been built
- It was noted that the implementation of the project is subject to Council budget processes. A five to ten years timeframe is a long time for basketball. The stadium is needed now. A staged funding and development plan should be considered by Council
- There is a desperate need for a home for basketball
- The key principle for the stadium from basketball's point of view is that it is fit for purpose – courts to standard and support facilities that relate to frequency and capacity of use.

Afternoon Drop-in Session

The following notes were recorded from the afternoon drop-in session:

- A driveway was constructed for construction equipment. This was to be removed post construction but has not been "made good". Could this please be removed – Council staff to follow up on this customer request
- Request for the carpark to be set a little further back from Rachel Road so residents are not viewing straight onto car park. There has also been some hoon behaviour that through development of the site and traffic calming around the precinct (local streets) is hoped can be discouraged
- Further information requested on how traffic will flow in and out of the precinct. The particular concern from a resident was concerning the roundabout area. Consider as part of next design stage a diagram showing traffic flow and car park zoning
- Traffic management was raised as the biggest concern impacting resident amenity from residents attending the session
- Another concern raised was potential overdevelopment and use of site with a 4 to 6 court stadium proposed. The volume of traffic generated by aquatic centre, school and stadium was raised. The traffic flow and car parking provision has been informed by traffic engineering advice
- The built form impact of a stadium and car parking area was less of a concern but raised. The design process needs to consider set-back from fence line, no shading of residential properties, landscaping buffer and acoustic treatment on wall closest to residential properties, landscaping around site and throughout car parking area
- A landscaping philosophy that includes shade trees across site was supported
- A coach from the Essendon Royals FC highlighted the value of the current synthetic pitch for training junior teams (both boys and girls); and the importance of this benefit carried into the master plan and future development. The club operate across several sites including Ormond Park and Cross Keys. The club is

experiencing significant participation growth for junior teams and the club's ongoing challenge is getting enough pitch space for training and game day (40 teams). Junior teams are training on a quarter of a pitch per team.

- Support for a synthetic oval and soccer pitch configuration that increased the capacity and use of the field for soccer. Consider redesign of the synthetic oval and pitch to support configuration of multiple soccer formats (one senior plus small side soccer configurations, two junior sized pitches). Also include futsal in design of multisport activity
- There was a concern about the level of engagement and support from community groups for the master plan concept. The Consultant stepped through previous and recent engagement with tennis, soccer, scouts, AFL, basketball and school, identifying a level of support for the proposals and areas of improvement in design
- The Consultant indicated that the school and Victorian School Building Authority has been engaged on the master plan and provided in principle support.

Appendix 3: Key Stakeholder Interview Notes

Basketball Victoria

Basketball Victoria strongly supports a highball stadium in Moonee Valley. There is very high demand in the area.

There is limited space in Moonee Valley; and we support highball stadium in Quinn Grove Precinct. Understand timeframe is in 5 to 10 years.

BV support location of the stadium next to the aquatic centre but don't want to see any surplus generated from the stadium operations propping up the financial position of the aquatic centre. BV would like any surplus realised by stadium operations directed into stadium asset maintenance and renewal.

BV is working with Aberfeldie Jets Basketball to transform from a very strong club to an Association for the Moonee Valley catchment. There is a high level of support locally for a highball stadium that would facilitate the establishment of an Association.

Essendon Fields Stadium concept has come from left field. BV is continuing conversations with Essendon Fields operator. Understand timeframe is in 2 to 5 years.

Both facilities are required, and facility would support into Moreland and Moonee Valley. It is not one or another. There is very high demand in Moonee Valley, Hume, Hobson Bay, Melbourne and Moreland.

Essendon Keilor College- East Keilor Campus, Secondary College

Very supportive of the precinct plan. It will be significant for a shared school and community use. The school site is an integral part of the precinct and investment to bring up standard is good for school and community.

High demand / support for school and community. In lockdown it showed how critical the site was for community social recreation.

The plan organises the space and means the school can better manage the site.

Links with the regional planning from Education Department.

Stable numbers and similar programming to previous discussion. School is seeking investment for updating the buildings and are an advocate for the precinct development. Leveraging off the standard and presentation and resulting excitement from the community with Leisure Centre.

Volleyball Victoria

Volleyball has existing Associations in the area. There will be a need for access to indoor sports courts in the future but there is no current demand.

The sport doesn't have the volume to be everywhere. Volleyball Victoria's (VV) focus has been to partner with other indoor sports in securing access to new indoor sports court facilities in growth areas (Hume and Whittlesea).

VV advocates for the design of the courts to be multi-sport that could accommodate volleyball to facilitate expansion into a venue within Moonee Valley.

VV needs to find a venue in the north to support State League competition in the north-west.

Tennis Victoria

Tennis Victoria support a new tennis facility with six courts. Provision of hot shot court configuration is important but a dedicated court less important. Consider option for junior competition and hot shot courts on school multisport court facilities if program demand in the future expands beyond what is possible on existing courts.

Four of the existing courts have been resurfaced as an interim solution due to safety concerns. This improvement means the time of future renewal (10 years) of new surface will coincide with the projected implementation of the precinct plan.

Keilor East Tennis Club is a strong community tennis club that aims to provide exceptional facilities for people of all ages to play social and competitive tennis. The club boasts healthy participation numbers across coaching, competition, and casual play for members and non-members through Book A Court. Between November 1 2020 and November 1 2021 there was over 2,000 bookings made and over 6,200 hours of time booked at the venue – an extraordinary achievement considering the enforced closures imposed on tennis facilities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Given the increasing popularity of tennis and the club being situated in a growing suburb, the club is virtually at capacity and would greatly benefit from additional courts in the Quinn Grove Precinct redevelopment. Increasing the number of courts at the venue is a strategic objective that the club committee identified needed to be addressed. This is congruent with the analysis that additional courts will be required within the municipality of Moonee Valley to maintain this level of provision as population numbers increase as outlined in the Quinn Grove Reserve Precinct Issues & Opportunities Paper (Otium Planning Consultants, 2019). Having recently resurfaced four of its six courts and replaced lighting on four courts with environmentally friendly LEDs, the club is extremely capable and in a strong position to manage more courts and continue providing quality tennis experiences for the local community.

Current membership and participation:

- No junior teams at the moment because of Covid but normally maybe four on a Saturday morning.
- Two Wednesday teams and two on Thursday. Could have more with more courts.
- About 420 members.
- Waiting List has about 120 names, but a lot will want Family membership so actual numbers of maybe 250+.

AFL Victoria

AFL Victoria is in full support of synthetic oval. It must be to AFL standard for synthetic oval / pitch with supporting lighting (preferably to competition standard to allow for flexibility for training and competition).

AFL Victoria support EDFL in use of the synthetic oval.

AFL's National Infrastructure Plan is being finalised next month. The Plan identifies a need for 260 new fields in Australia to support AFL where 120 fields are needed in Victoria. The plan supports the development of synthetic oval (priority solution) in built-up areas like Moonee Valley where there is limited access to open space to build new fields.

Support the Carrum Down synthetic oval and pitch model. This is working well for all local groups.

Scouts Victoria

Scouts Victoria have 55 leases with Councils in Victoria. 15 new builds - \$3M funding across Victoria.

Current Local Scouts Position:

- Matthew McKearney – Leader in Charge
- Bianca Vincent – DC

Currently operate across two halls and provide for 5 section – 3 sections (joeys) / 2 sections (venturers and rovers).

Current facilities used by Scouts group:

- AJ Davis – Master plan being developed. Proposed new hall in master plan. Joeys operate from AJ Davis
- Quinn Grove – Venturers and rovers run from Quinn Grove Hall. Currently in recess because hall was inaccessible during Keilor East Leisure Centre redevelopment.

Scouting has had 10 years of growth. Locally scouts participation has grown from 20 to 60 members in last 12 months and increasing growth is shown across the District.

The Valley Estate (within local catchment area) is booming in residents and families that means participation is predicted to grow.

A shared scout hall with access to toilets, a separated and dedicated space for school activities during school hours and scout activities after hours is proposed. The plan needs to be updated to illustrate this strategic direction as it was interpreted differently.

The proposal is supported by Scouts Victoria in principle. The larger dedicated space will offer greater programming opportunity for scouting (programming).

The facility would require a dedicated storage space for scouts. Scouts Victoria will provide space requirements to help inform concept planning process (next stage of design).

Scouts Victoria are currently involved in Development Leases (Where Scouts develop a facility on school land and grant access to the school) and would recommend this over a Joint Use Agreement. We charge hire fees to school under this model because Scouts build and own the hall. If a Joint Use Agreement, Scouts Victoria would seek a reduced (reasonable) fee and comparable length of tenure (5 years) is needed. We have a current hall that should be factored into license discussions for fee and tenure.

Football Victoria

High level of frustration due to history that has cemented their views that is leaning towards single use facilities.

Football Victoria (FV) support a planning approach. A strategic approach is required to provide a road map for supporting football, facilities, allocation and relationship. We seek a goal for football in Moonee Valley.

FV support the sharing of fields, however football needs equitable access.

Highball Stadium could offer futsal use. There is a high demand for basketball that may impact access and use of basketball. However, there is increasing use for futsal.

Endorse multisport activity space with use by small side social soccer.

The synthetic pitch requires to be developed to fit for purpose for competition standard. This includes installing competition lighting.

This will optimise use for soccer. It is important that soccer clubs have access to the synthetic field for training and competition. The access to the field is paramount to manage use across the network of soccer fields in Moonee Valley.

There is an assumption / symbolism of loss through concept. To address this consideration, consider expanding footprint for soccer use. Support Carrum Downs synthetic design, multisport activity space for social soccer, indoor courts could support futsal.

Project Team to investigate synthetic oval / pitch design options.

Clubs have capped numbers. We endorse synthetics because of the limitless capacity.

We are keen on soccer hubs model for multiple fields in one space and a creative.

Aberfeldie Jets Basketball

The Aberfeldie Jets Basketball has very strong membership and participation – Today we have 111 teams and entering 4 to 5 junior teams and 8 new skills sessions (101 enrolment) at Broadmeadows Stadium. Very high demand and growing and we don't have access to a home stadium.

Currently use:

- 7 schools used for training. Only one has competition. Most are undersized with rings not to standard. Can only train U10s. There are restrictions i.e. can only use following school care programs

- Keilor Stadium in Brimbank
- Caroline Springs Stadium in Melton
- Derimut Stadium in Melton
- Broadmeadows Stadium in Hume (U8).

Players are having to be very transient that is less than ideal. BV is working with Aberfeldie Jets Basketball to become an Association due to the significant size.

We need a home with additional courts to facilitate this objective.

Open to share facility with other sports and basketball clubs. Proven partner.

Quinn Grove Precinct is a good location. It will support the growth of Aberfeldie Jets Basketball and other basketball clubs (St Bernards, St Christophers, Avondale, Strathmore Unicorns, Calder Bears) in Moonee Valley.

Programming requirements

- Four courts would support doubling the size of club and allow for the growth to an Association. However, six courts are required to support other clubs in Moonee Valley
- Mon – 100% full for training and competition
- Friday – Association competition
- Saturday – full time 8am to 7pm
- Sunday – VJBL teams / social basketball
- Relationship with high performance programs during the day (Melbourne Boomers are relocating to Parkville and Aberfeldie Jets Basketball in conversation and growing connection)
- Junior jets (introduction basketball program – similar to Aussie Hoops)
- All abilities / walking basketball programs – We don't have the facility or court availability to offer these programs now.

Keilor East Tennis Club

The club has resurfaced courts with lighting upgrade last year. This has resulted in growth in programming and use of the facility.

Book a court and increasing community access is increasing demand for courts. Competition and coaching (training for squads) demand is also increasing. The club considers 10 courts is needed in the future.

Three months before COVID hit we had \$3000 income from court hire (community) and accounts to 500 bookings.

Exciting for a new pavilion and six courts stadium with inclusion of hot shot layouts. The pavilion outlook needs.

Concerns:

- Amount of courts – Now have demand for 10 courts (full size). See what is possible
- Shadowing effect is a concern over the tennis court
- Access to car parking for tennis facilities
- Implementation plan for delivery to maintain programming
- Prefer club house central between courts.

Essendon District Football League

There is still the need and desire to have an all-weather synthetic oval. We are interested to find a venue that can support summer competition together with training (i.e. interleague) and competition. AFL preferred synthetic surface specification is mandatory for a synthetic oval. The FIFA rated synthetic pitch standard does not meet AFL standard. This will help address fixturing issues.

EDFL have limited number of fields and growing demand. We will need to look to synthetic surfaces to support future demand on existing venues.

Access to change rooms / toilets to support the field is important. This needs to be unisex. The booking needs to include both field and access to field.

EDFL have now 2000 girls and women playing AFL growing by 10-15% each year. There is a need to accommodate this growth and a female friendly facility (change rooms and synthetic oval) would support this benefit.

High performance programs and teams are now extended to 40 hours of the year. This will be a challenge. Equitable use to AFL and Football (soccer) is needed in the access / occupancy agreement.

Local Soccer Clubs Feedback (Engagement undertaken as part of the Moonee Valley Soccer Strategy)

Soccer clubs support a synthetic pitch for soccer at Quinn Grove Precinct. However, don't like the multi-use proposal where it would also be available for AFL facilitated by the design of a synthetic oval / pitch.

Soccer participation is growing with clubs having to turn away players due to caps on numbers within teams.

Games and trainings are being cancelled during the winter season sports due to ground being waterlogged. A synthetic pitch will help contribute to alleviating this issue

Female friendly change rooms are required to support field, due to the increase in female participation. The pavilion needs to be unisex in design.

In response to the above feedback:

- Providing a synthetic oval / pitch layout at the Quinn Grove Precinct that provides more than one senior pitch meaning an increase in programming and use by football should be explored to respond to access concern
- The synthetic pitch is currently used at a low level (about 20 hours) and is available to anyone that wishes to book it (so not just football).
- The soccer clubs' advocacy for a single use facility is opposed to the Quinn Grove Precinct Plan's objective for multiuse that was supported by the Neighbourhood Advisory Group, Council and the school. The evidence uncovered through market research, demand assessment and engagement process show a requirement of the synthetic field to support multiuse including school, soccer and AFL. The synthetic pitch use will need to be maximised to justify the significant investment.

Appendix 4: Have Your Say Page Forum and Survey Report and Raw Data

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