

TARNEIT PARKS REVITALISATION NETWORK

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS REPORT



PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Tarneit Parks Revitalisation project will deliver upgrades to four parks in Tarneit, with improved play spaces, new nature play areas, fitness equipment stations and seating. The parks included in this project are Samaria Street Park, Tarneit Lakes, Camelot Park and Moondara Street Park.

Please note that Council already sought detailed feedback on Moondara Street Park in 2020, and the Wyndham Dog Off Leash Approach in 2021.

The purpose of engagement was to:

- Seek feedback from the community about the upcoming park upgrades,
- Determine how the parks are currently being utilised and how the community would like to see them used,
- Gain feedback to inform the design of the upgrades to ensure they're meeting community expectations

Community engagement was held between November 11th and December 11th, 2021. A summary of the consultation process and feedback received is provided below.



METHODOLOGY

The below table outlines the various methods and techniques used to engage with the community.

Community engagement activities / tools	
Method / technique	Stakeholders engaged
Project page on The Loop	642 total visitors to the page 797 page views
Online survey	20 surveys completed
Letter box drop	Letters notifying residents of the project was posted to all residences within 400m of the Reserve
Direct contact from residents	2 residents contacted Council officers via email and phone to give their feedback

Communications / marketing activities	
Method / technique	Stakeholders engaged
Online promotion (Facebook, 5 post, 1 Facebook ad, 3 published by Sprout Social)	Reached: 34,614 Engagement: 659 Click through to website: 505



SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK

We Asked	You Said	We did
How do you currently like to use these parks in Tarneit?	<p>Most popular/common uses of the parks are:</p> <p>Walking/running/cycling (10 related comments)</p> <p>Leisurely activities including BBQs, bird spotting and exploring (5 related comments)</p> <p>Play (4 related comments)</p> <p>Walking the dog (3 related comments)</p>	<p>The design of the upgrades will acknowledge how the parks are currently being used to ensure that these activities are enhanced and aren't reduced.</p>
What do you like or dislike about these parks?	<p>Most common <u>likes</u> of the parks are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The green, nature and trees • That the parks are interconnected and linked by paths • The proposed Moondara St Park playspace upgrade • The proposed Camelot Drive dog off leash area <p>Most common <u>dislikes</u> of the parks are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrow play opportunity • Lack of tree and vegetation planting/ shade/irrigated grass • Litter/need for additional maintenance • Narrow paths/more paths 	<p>This feedback will be used to influence the design of the park upgrades.</p> <p>This project proposes additional play opportunities at Moondara St Park, Samaria St Park and Camelot Park to increase diversity of play, including nature and explorative play opportunities at Camelot Park and Samaria Street Park.</p> <p>Additional tree planting and soft landscaping will also be provided to increase shade and biodiversity, including irrigated lawn at Moondara St Park.</p> <p>The feedback regarding narrow paths, litter and maintenance has been recorded and will be shared with relevant Council departments to seek to improve these areas within the parks.</p>

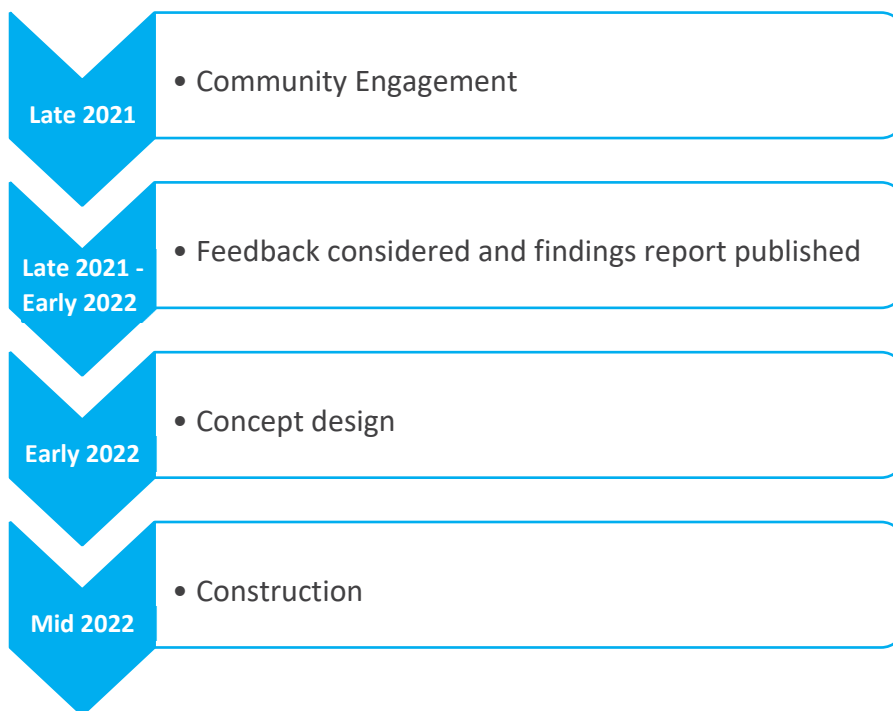
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<p>How would you like to use these parks in the future?</p>	<p>Most popular/common ways you would like to use the parks in the future are:</p> <p>Leisure and passive recreation including walking and picnicking (10 related comments)</p> <p>Active recreation including play, basketball and exercise stations (5 related comments)</p> <p>Dog off leash focus (2 related comments)</p> <p>Wildlife and environmental focus (2 related comments)</p>	<p>This feedback will be used to influence the design of the park upgrades as well as any plans to improve and upgrade the parks in the future.</p> <p><u>The Tarneit Parks Revitalisation Network project will:</u></p> <p>Provide increased play and recreational opportunities at Moondara Street Park as part of the playspace upgrade works. Proposed works at Moondara Street Park include: new playspace equipment, a public toilet, a multi-purpose sports court, picnic area including BBQ and picnic settings, improved and additional pathways and seating, tree planting, soft landscaping and irrigated lawn.</p> <p>Additionally, nature and explorative play opportunities will be provided at Camelot Park and Samaria Street Park to offer more play diversity across the parks.</p> <p>Existing fitness stations at Samaria St Park and around Tarneit Lakes will be upgraded.</p> <p>A new fenced dog off leash area is proposed to be delivered at Camelot Park. The community will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the design of the new dog off leash area.</p> <p>Additional tree planting and soft landscaping will also be provided as part of this project to increase shade and biodiversity.</p>

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<p>Is there anything else you would like to tell us about our plans for these parks in Tarneit?</p>	<p>The feedback provided illustrated the importance more tree planting for shade, wildlife, and the environment, and that the trees should be native.</p> <p>Also, the importance of play and basketball to encourage children to go outside.</p> <p>Feedback also illustrated the importance of well-design dog off leash areas which ideally would include water, irrigated turf, double gates (air lock), ball storage, shelter, entertainment/agility play, a small dog area and be large enough to throw a ball.</p> <p>There are concerns of lack of education regarding wildlife and the negative impacts of litter and incorrect feeding.</p>	<p>Tree planting works are proposed as part of the Tarneit Parks Revitalisation Network project. Feedback regarding native tree selection will be used to influence tree species selection.</p> <p>A new fenced dog off leash area is proposed to be delivered at Camelot Park as part of these park upgrade works. This feedback will be used to influence the design of the dog off leash area.</p> <p>The feedback regarding education has been recorded and will be shared with relevant Council departments to seek to improve these areas within the parks.</p>

NEXT STEPS:

- Council will use the feedback provided by this consultation to inform the design and outcome of the park upgrades.
- The concept design will be shared on The Loop to keep the community informed.
- Feedback regarding path widths, maintenance, litter and education will be shared with relevant Council departments to seek to improve these areas within the parks.

STAGES OF THE PROJECT



HOW CAN PARTICIPANTS STAY INVOLVED/INFORMED?

Participants can stay informed by visiting the Loop page and selecting to “Follow” the project. Updates will be posted on The Loop and the project timeline will be updated to reflect project status.

Participants can also stay informed with updates available on Council’s Capital Works Dashboard www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/capitalworksdashboard