

ALDRESHOT RESERVE CONSULTATION SUMMARY

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

As a part of the preparation of the new master plan for Aldershot Reserve, an initial round of community engagement was undertaken in 2019 to assist the project team in understanding current use of the space, community attitudes toward the space, and to identify any ideas for the future of the reserve.

A concept plan was prepared by the project's landscape architects based on the community input. Due to COVID-19 restrictions consultation on the concept plan was delayed and ultimately conducted mid-2020 via mail and online formats rather than any in-person sessions. Mail delays during this period resulted in an extended time being required to process all responses.

The level of participation from the local community was fantastic and provided a large amount of feedback that has been used to finalise the Aldershot Reserve Master Plan.



KEY FINDINGS

- 95% of respondents supported the concept plan that was exhibited for community feedback.
- More than 50% of the respondents said they would use/visit the reserve more, and a further 40% said they don't currently use the reserve but would do so if the concept plan was adopted.
- 45% of respondents made comments or suggestions for changes or sought additional clarification on certain aspects of the plan.
- City officers provided feedback to ensure the elements on the plan meet relevant City of Greater Geelong standards.

NEXT STEPS

- The Aldershot Reserve Master Plan report has been finalised by the project's landscape architects based on community feedback.
- The Aldershot Reserve Master Plan and supporting report is planned to go to the March 2021 Council Meeting for endorsement.