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Background

The 2016 Quarry Park Master Plan set out to create a dynamic, sculpted landscape that celebrates Quarry Park's unique setting and sweeping views of Melbourne. It supports a wide range of activities, including:

- play and exploration
- walking and cycling
- formal and informal sports and recreation
- social gatherings and community events.

Council committed to a full review of the 2016 Quarry Park Master Plan to ensure it meets the needs of our growing community. This review was also a key action from the Maribyrnong Bike Sports Infrastructure Development Plan. We will specifically look at integrating an extension to the Quarry Park Mountain Bike Park.

Methodology

Engagement was open from 20 November to 14 December 2025. Feedback could be provided by completing a survey online Your City Your Voice, completing a hard copy postcard that was sent to nearby residents, by speaking directly to Council staff at an in-person event, or by email directly to the Recreation and Open Space Team.

Engagement was promoted across the following Council channels:

- an email to 593 registered subscribers on Your City Your Voice on 20 November
- a media release published on 24 November
- a hard copy postcard sent to 4,900 properties in Maribyrnong and Footscray
- corflute posters on site
- electronic posters and signage on screens at the Civic Precinct and Community Hub and Smart City Kiosks around Footscray
- an invitation to sporting clubs, users and key stakeholder groups to participate in the engagement
- three social media posts on Council official channels.

Overall response

There were **281** pieces of feedback received:

- **147** contributions from **77** contributors via the Your City Your Voice questionnaire and Your City Your Voice ideas map
- **37** hard copy postcards returned
- **three** email submissions sent to the Recreation and Open Space Team
- in person there were **38** interactions which resulted in:
 - **79** sticky dots placed by attendees for options to the question 'What activities do you enjoy at Quarry Park?'
 - **15** ideas shared on a large print map of the Quarry Park Precinct.

Your City Your Voice

There were **504** visitors to the project page, resulting in **757** views.

There was one main engagement peak on 28 November, coinciding with the in-person engagement event and a social media post.

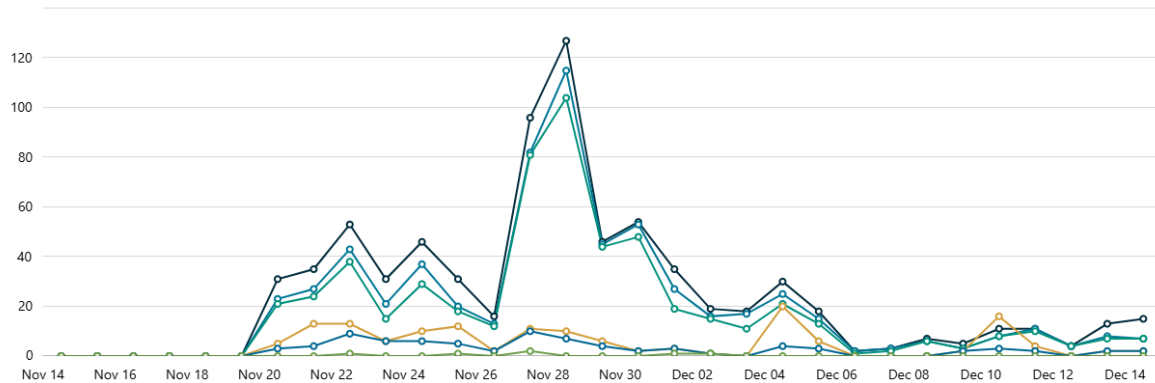


Figure 1. Online engagement performance summary for the Quarry Park Master Plan Review YCYV page.

Social media

There were three social media posts promoting the project as per below.

- **Facebook**
The Facebook posts were viewed 52,966 times, reaching 32,971 people and generating 212 interactions.
- **Instagram**
The same posts on Instagram were viewed 10,991 times, reaching 4,333 people and generating 182 interactions.

Findings – overall

- When visiting Quarry Park, respondents said they enjoy walking, relaxing, meeting up with family and friends, and cycling most when compared to other activities.
- Respondents both online via Your City Your Voice, and through hard copy postcard responses, said they loved the views of the City and the Korean War Memorial.
- Across all engagement channels, the top ideas to improve Quarry Park were 'more trees and greenery', 'greater connectivity across the site', 'BBQ facilities' and 'more open green space'.
- There were also calls from some respondents (particularly nearby residents) to leave the park as it is and for no further development or sporting activity to occur.
- There were mixed views with regards to bike sports facilities. Some respondents wanted an expansion of facilities, such as new jumps, while others called for no further development or expansion of bike sports facilities at Quarry Park.
- At the in-person events, attendees shared concerns with parking and general safety along Skyline Avenue, while calling for more seating, BBQ facilities, more access to the river and a playground/play space.

In-person event findings

There were **38** people who attended the in-person engagement event at Quarry Park on 26 November 2025.

Key feedback provided to Council staff included:

- Calls for more recreation at the reserve, rather than an expansion of sport.
- More BBQ facilities and seating around the reserve, including shaded seating.
- A playground or play space for children, including calls for a flying fox.
- More pathways and greater connectivity to nearby locations, including a sealed pathway down to the river.
- A public toilet.
- More shade and rubbish bins.
- Regular maintenance of the current bike tracks – the bike facilities are good and get people participating.
- A tennis court and a basketball court.
- Planting more trees to encourage local wildlife. However, there is a need to ensure tree species are appropriate for the area and are regularly maintained.
- Calls for the bottom oval to be for sport and the top oval for more informal/recreational use.
- Lighting and CCTV to enhance security as some attendees noted safety concerns, particularly along the adjacent laneway.
- A small car park near the bike track for visitors to the bike track and top oval.

Attendees expressed concerns with:

- Cars parking on the reserve during cricket games.
- Noise issues, particularly with sports on the top oval.
- Sport on the reserve – with some attendees asking for no cricket and football on the top oval.
- General personal safety, particularly at night without lighting.
- Large gum trees falling during severe weather – there were calls for smaller, more appropriate tree species.
- Traffic along Owen Street, Skyline Drive and Jacks Way, particularly when visitors are accessing the Bike Trails or the top oval to play sport.

Most attendees shared their appreciation for the city views and the Korean War Memorial, with some calls for Korean tree species to be planted near the memorial. There were also some requests to keep the area as it is, with no further development.

Sticky dot exercise

Attendees at the in-person event were provided sticky dots to share 'What activities do you enjoy at Quarry Park?'. Of the **79** sticky dots, the top three activities were 'Cycling' (**25** sticky dots), 'Walking' (**16** sticky dots) and 'Relaxing' (**10** sticky dots):

- Cycling – **25**
- Walking – **16**

- Relaxing – 10
- Walking my dog – 9
- Meeting up with friends or family – 8
- Attending events or festivals – 6
- Play casual sports with friends or family – 2
- Playing or watching organised sport – 2
- Using the fitness equipment – 1

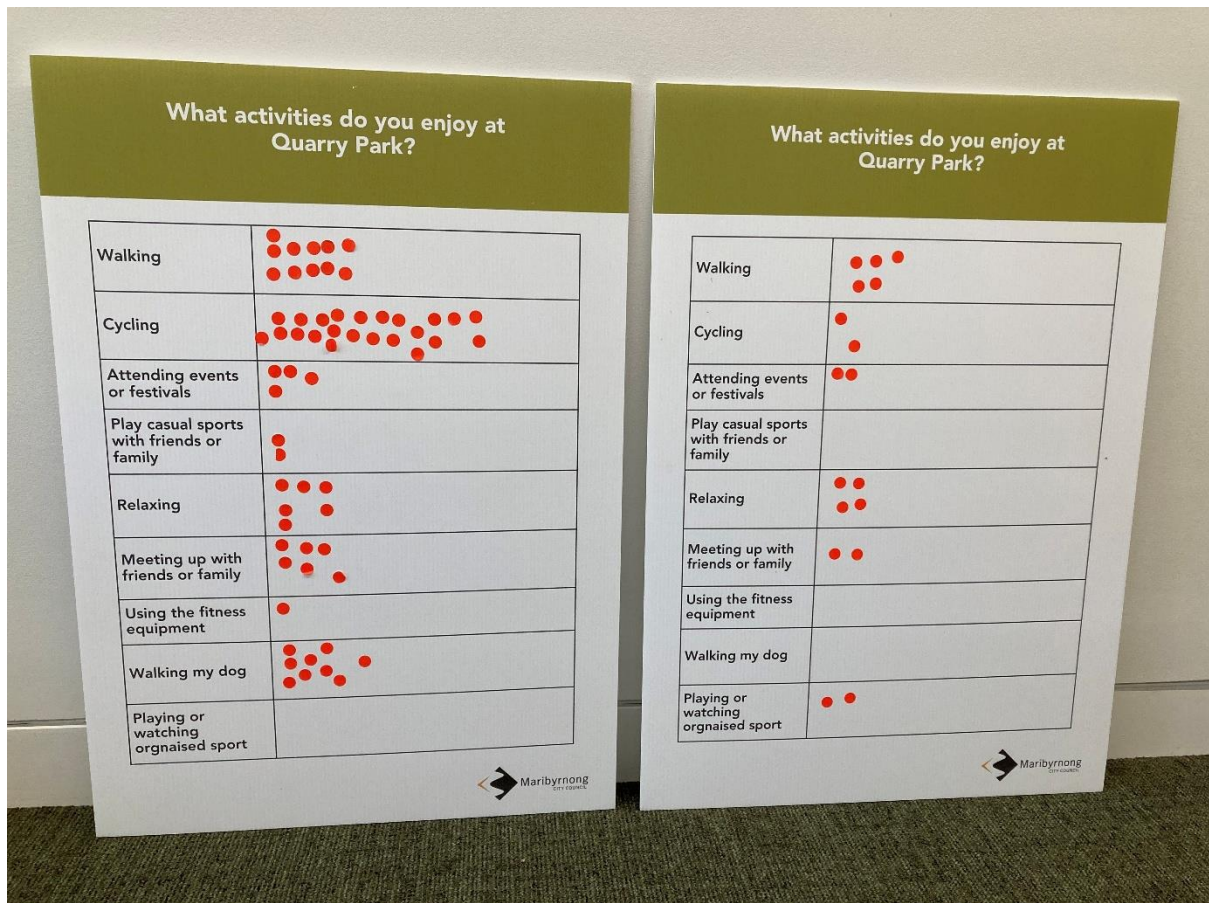


Figure 2: Quarry Park in-person event sticky dot exercise results.

Ideas on the vinyl map

A physical vinyl map was placed at the top of the marquee, allowing attendees to place a written sticky dot idea on a map of the Quarry Park Precinct. This generated discussion amongst attendees and with Council officers at the event.

There were **15** ideas placed on the map which included:

- Archway or signage for park entry
- No more sport and include CCTV
- Car park
- No more gum trees
- Sports pavilion servicing the oval
- Upgrade the bike trails (more jumps please)
- Play equipment
- BBQ shelter and toilet
- Loner trails and harder trails – link to path

- Walking access to park from path in front of school
- Footbridge from Tait Street – links into horticultural area of the school
- Seating facing view of the city
- Asphalt jump track please
- Walking path connection through park
- Cycle path connection to river trail.



Figure 3: Vinyl Map and ideas from the Quarry Park in-person event.

Email submissions

Three email submissions were sent directly to the project team. Key feedback included:

- A community garden consisting of raised beds behind the cricket/football oval (Merv Hughes Oval).
- Additional trees and shrubs to help improve the habitat for birdlife.
- For the extension to the Quarry Park Mountain Bike Park and the proposed regional level cycle-cross track to be withdrawn from the Master Plan review.
- Biking (informal) is well catered for in Quarry Park and any expansion would cause disproportionate use of the Reserve's open space in favour of one use and user group.
- There is an opportunity to make Quarry Park the premier park for local families within 400 metres walkable catchment.
- Landscaping of low native grasses / understory vegetation plus climate friendly indigenous tree plantings and vegetation throughout the Reserve not impacting

views.

- Maintain the top overall for information unstructured play / high school use.
- Additional drink fountains / water taps near a BBQ shelter.
- A new all ages nature play facility with neighbourhood level facilities, as well as a double flying fox.
- Improved connections and keep biking to the perimeter of the park.
- Indoor/outdoor cricket nets behind Merv Hughes Oval.

Postcard responses

There were **37** hard copy postcards sent via reply paid post.

There were an even spread of responses via age, with responses received from 20-79 years of age. The highest age cohorts were 50-54 years and 60-64 years, both **16.67% (six)** respectively.

Almost all the hard copy responses who provided a suburb said they lived in either Footscray (**52.78% or 19**) and Maribyrnong (**41.67% or 15**).

Question: Tell us what you'd like Quarry Park to look like in the future?

Please note, totals add up to more than 37 as respondents could provide multiple suggestions.

Of **37** responses, the top tagged responses were 'Tables and seating' **43.24% (16)**, followed by 'Trees and greenery' **35.14% (13)**, 'BBQ facilities' and 'Open green space', both **21.62% (eight)** respectively.

A sample quote for each is provided below.

Tagged comment	Sample quote
Tables and seating	"Install a few benches and tables for people to sit and enjoy the city views at night."
Trees and greenery	"Native trees/plants that need less water and don't produce pollen that is in the air, that also attract native insects and birds, to be planted".
BBQ facilities	"BBQs and cover and seats."
Open green space	"This must remain a public green space accessible to all members of the public."

Table 1. Tagged postcard responses and a sample quote.

Your City Your Voice

Online engagement via Your City Your Voice provided the option for feedback to be submitted via an ideas map or a questionnaire.

Ideas map – share your big or small ideas for improvement or new opportunities you’d like to see on the map below.

There were **80** contributions from **27** contributors in various locations across Quarry Park. The majority (**95%** or **76** contributions) were from postcode 3011 (Footscray), while **5%** (**four**) were from postcode 3032 (Maribyrnong).

The top tagged comments were ‘Greater connectivity’ **11.25% (nine)**, followed by ‘Love the view’, ‘Trees and greenery’ and ‘Tables and seating’, each **8.75% (seven)** respectively.

A sample quote for each is provided below.

Tagged comment	Sample quote
Greater connectivity	“Please create an access to Farnsworth Avenue.”
Love the view	“Some more benches or seating for people to sit and admire the view from.”
Trees and greenery	“Add some shade trees.”
Tables and seating	“More seats (with backrests) please, and some picnic tables (wood, not metal that gets hot in the sun).”

Table 2. Tagged ideas map responses and a sample quote.

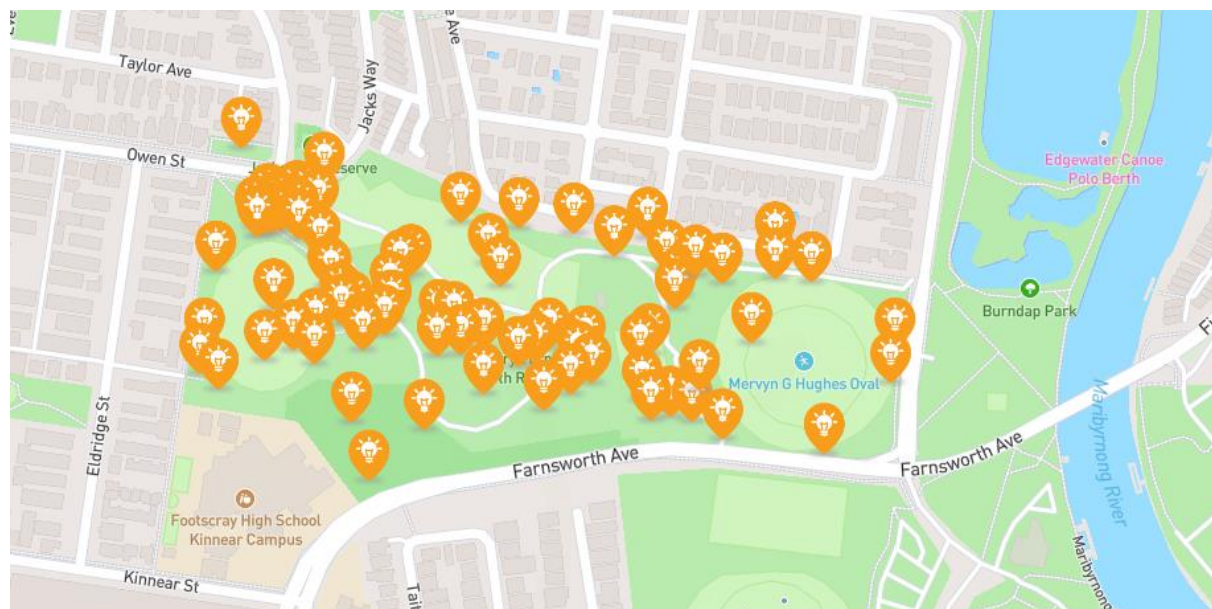


Figure 4: ideas posted to the big or small ideas for improvement map.

Your City Your Voice Questionnaire:

There were **67** contributions from **63** contributors.

Question: How often do you visit Quarry Park?

Of **67** responses:

- Weekly – **32.84% (22)**

- 2-3 times per month – **28.36% (19)**
- Daily – **26.87% (18)**
- Once or twice a year – **11.94% (8)**.

Question: Which areas of Quarry Park do you visit?

Please note, totals add up to more than 67 as respondents could select multiple options.

Of **67** responses:

- The open space – **73.13% (49)**
- Quarry Park Oval – **49.25% (33)**
- Bike Sports Facilities (i.e. the Mountain Bike Trail) – **40.3% (27)**
- Henry Turner North Oval – **26.87% (18)**
- Other – **11.94% (eight)**.

‘Other’ responses included:

- Enjoying the views
- Korean War Memorial
- Pump track at the bottom of the Reserve
- Walking tracks through to Footscray Park.

Question: What activities do you enjoy doing within Quarry Park?

Please note, totals add up to more than 67 as respondents could select multiple options.

Of **67** responses, the top three activities were ‘Walking’ **64.18% (43)**, followed by ‘Relaxing’ **58.21% (39)** and ‘Meeting up with friends or family’ **49.25% (33)**.

The three least popular activities were ‘Using the fitness equipment’ **5.97% (four)**, ‘Using the play space’ **4.48% (three)** and ‘Boating (including canoeing and kayaking)’ **2.99% (two)**.

Question: Where do you think a new public toilet might go?

Of **67** responses, the two most popular locations for a new toilet were on the top oval near the Merv Hughes Oval Pavillion (Henry Turner North Oval) (**25 pins**) and near the Mountain Bike Trail (**21 pins**).

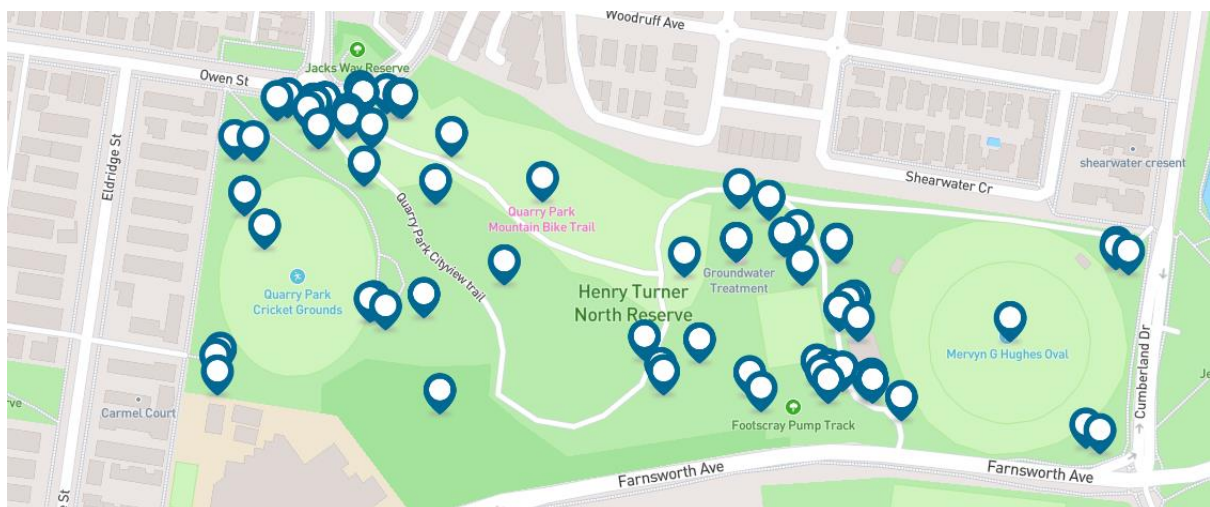


Figure 5: suggested locations for a new public toilet.

Question: What's your one big or small idea to improve Quarry Park?

Please note, totals add up to more than 59 as some respondents provided multiple ideas.

Of **59** responses, the top five tagged comments were 'Trees and Greenery' and 'Maintain views' both **13.56% (eight)** respectively, 'Netball facilities' **11.86% (seven)**, 'Upgrade the pump track' and 'Bike/walking path' both **8.47% (five)** respectively.

A sample quote for each is provided below.

Tagged comment	Sample quote
Trees and greenery	"Creative a terraced native bush park oriented to Melbourne's skyline, with shaded viewing terraces that make Quarry Park the City's best place to enjoy the view and New Year's Eve fireworks".
Maintain views	"Please leave the sight lines to the City view open and unobstructed. Myself and many others go there to relax, have a picnic, read a book and enjoy the beautiful view of the city and river. It is my favourite park out of anywhere and I would be devastated if the beautiful view of the city was gone or if some building or infrastructure took over the open space. Thank you for allowing us to voice our thoughts on this wonderful park!"
Netball facilities	"Netball courts would be a great addition."
Upgrade the pump track	"Expand the downhill MTB trails by at least two new trails and make these modern designs with flowing jump trails – they can be designed to be safe. and upgrade the current 3 trails as they are too narrow and have a slippery surface, sharp bends and need an urgent upgrade. This will create the best MTB park in Melbourne as the gradient is awesome. It will be a real drawcard and get kids off the screens!"
Bike/walking path	"Footpath and bike path along Farnsworth Avenue – more trees around the perimeter".

Table 3. Tagged comments and a sample quote.

Demographics

Gender

Of **67** responses:

- **52.24% (35)** identified as male
- **41.79% (28)** identified as female
- **5.97% (four)** selected prefer not to say.

Age

Of **67** responses, **25-29** years of age was the most popular age group **19.4% (13)**. There were **three** responses from residents aged under 19 years, and **two** responses from residents aged over 70 years.

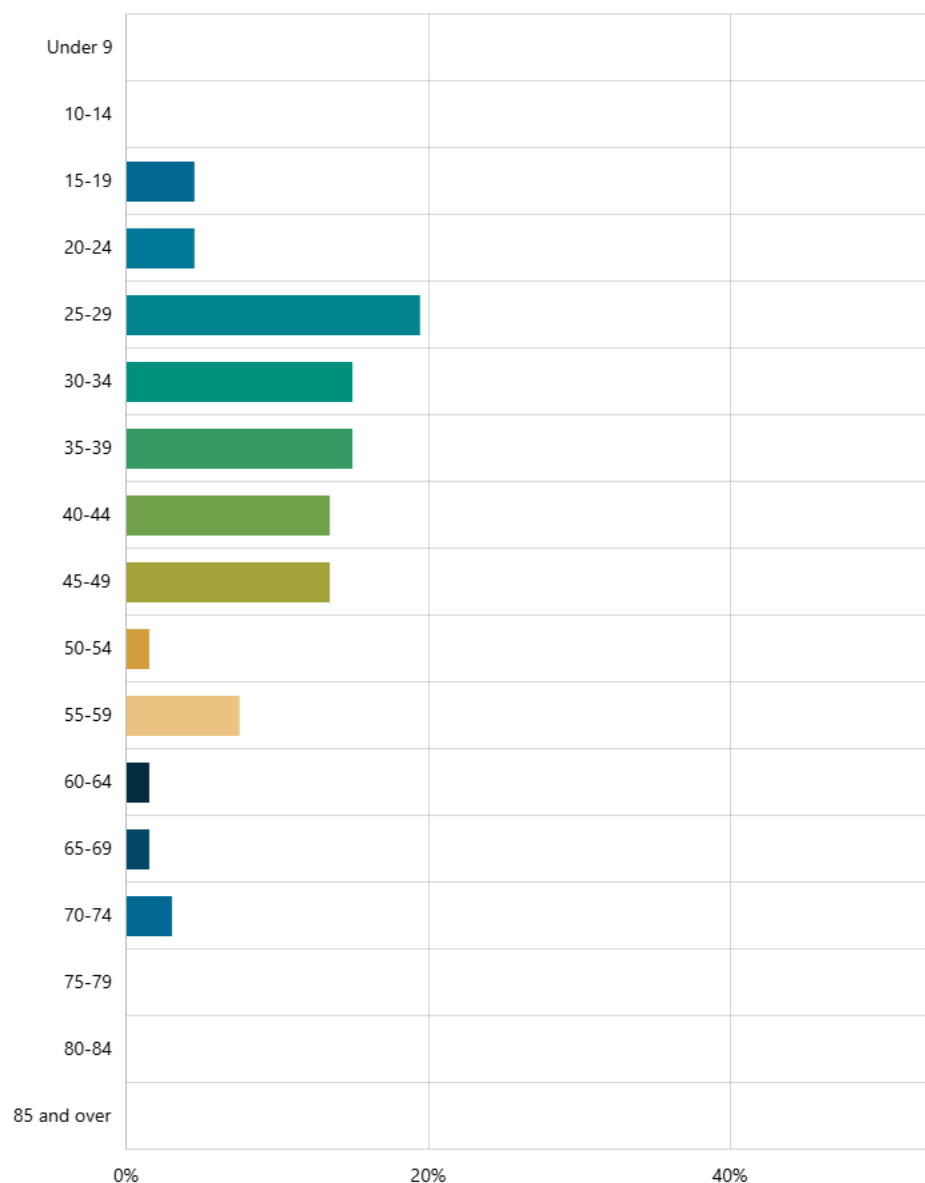


Figure 6: Your City Your Voice questionnaire age of respondents.

Suburb

Of **67** responses, almost two thirds selected 'Footscray' **37.31% (25)** and 'Maribyrnong' **26.87% (18)**. There were **14.93% (10)** who selected 'Other', which included Essendon, Sunshine, Newport, Sydenham, Albanvale, Strathmore and Ascot Vale.

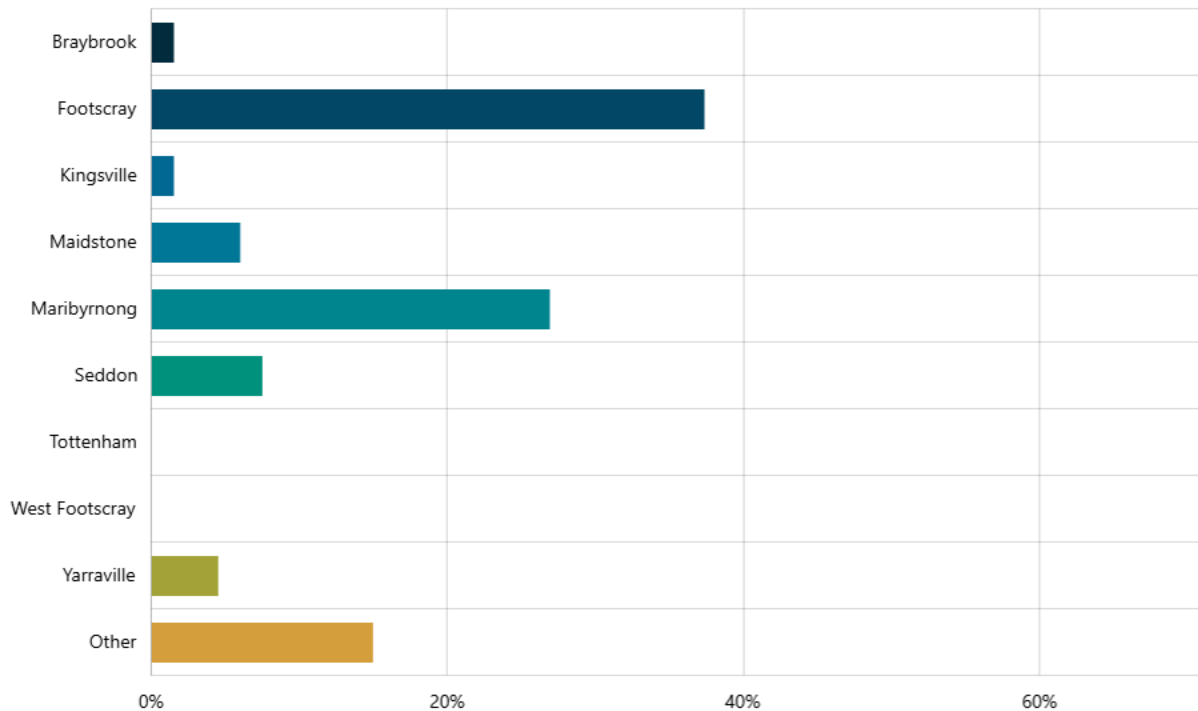


Figure 7. Respondents' suburb of residence.

Question: Are you a member of, or associated with, any sporting or special interest groups?

Of **67** responses:

- No – **79.1% (53)**
- Yes – **20.9% (14)**.

Question: Which sporting or special interest group are you associated with?

Of **14** responses:

- Parkside Football Club – **57.14% (eight)**
- Other – **28.57% (four)**
- Footscray Cricket Club – **7.14% (one)**
- Prefer not to say – **7.14% (one)**.

'Other' responses included the Maidstone Positive Steps Walking Group, Westside Cycling Club, soccer club and a cricket club that plays against Druids.

Diversity

Of **25** responses:

- **18** said they were a member of the LGBTIQA+ community
- **eight** said they spoke a language other than English at home
- **one** said they were a person with a disability

- **none** said they were an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

How did you hear about this project?

Of **64** responses, 'A postcard in my mailbox' was the highest response **29.69% (19)**, followed by 'Facebook' **23.44% (15)** and 'A project notification from 'Your City Your Voice' **14.06% (nine)**.

Conclusion

Engagement across both in-person, hard copy postcard and online channels provided opportunities for residents to help inform a review of the Quarry Park Master Plan.

There was a strong response rate, with just shy of 300 (**281**) pieces of feedback received across a variety of engagement channels.

Respondents across all engagement channels called for more recreational facilities at the reserve, including BBQ areas, shaded seating, a playground with a flying fox, and improved pathways for connectivity.

Key requests included public toilets, tree planting, better maintenance of bike tracks, and enhanced safety through lighting and CCTV.

Concerns were raised about parking on the reserve, noise from sports, traffic congestion, and safety at night, particularly from a lack of lighting.

Overall, respondents value the views of the city and the Korean War Memorial, while there were mixed opinions and views on further development and expansion of bike sports at Quarry Park.

Council will prepare a draft Master Plan and share this with Council for endorsement to commence engagement in the first half of 2026.