

REPORT



JEFF JOSEPH Path Upgrade

Engagement Report

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Background

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The path provides links to local schools, shops, the yacht club and the Heathcote Precinct, a stand-alone destination with its restaurant, cafe, award winning playground, Toy library, Toastmasters, Museum & Gallery and Challenger TAFE.

Purpose of engagement

To engage with Applecross residents about their levels of support for upgrading the existing pathway at Jeff Joseph Reserve in ways that are fair and transparent to provide evidence for the funding application with the Department of Transport.

Objectives

- To **inform** Applecross residents about the grant application and proposed upgrade to the shared path by using Facebook and eNews referring them to the Melville Talks page.
- To **consult** with Applecross residents on Melville Talks about their support for the upgrade via a discussion forum and a random sample survey.

Engagement Actions

Inform

To **inform** stakeholders, direct emails were sent to a random sample of residents and ratepayers in Applecross inviting their participation in the project. The email contained links to both an online survey and to a dedicated engagement page on Melville Talks.

Melville Talks contained detailed information on the engagement process; a timeline and FAQs.



Other methods used to inform

In addition, the City advertised the engagement to the wider community via the following:

• Facebook posts published through the City of Melville Facebook account on Thursday, 22 August and Thursday 29 August 2019.

Consult

To **consult** with Applecross residents who use the path by inviting them to participate in an online survey made available for a 14-day period.

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Visit Melville Talks to find out more about this engagement.	
Survey closes at 10 am on Wednesday, 4 September 2019.	
Section of path to be upgraded	
 *1. Do you use the path at Jeff Joseph Reserve? Yes No 	
2. If yes to Question 1, how do you use the path?	
O Walking or running	
O Cycling	
Skate boarding or scooting	
O Mobility Scooter or wheelchair	
Other (please specify)	
Online survey	

To consult with the wider community, the dedicated page on Melville Talks contained an online forum inviting visitors to respond to the question, what do you think about upgrading the existing path at Jeff Joseph Reserve?

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Response

Online Survey Responses



The City of Melville sent 489 email invitations to a random sample of residents and ratepayers in Applecross. An additional reminder was sent on Thursday, 29 August 2019 to 462 people prior to the survey closing. 60 people responded to the online survey.

Community Discussion Forum Responses



Wider advertising resulted in 225 unique page views on the Melville Talks Jeff Joseph Path Upgrade page during the engagement period Wednesday, 21 August to Wednesday, 4 September 2019 with the open discussion board on the page receiving 29 comments from 29 contributors including one reply from a staff member.

Response to other methods used to inform

The Facebook posts received 11 comments and 13 likes.

Engagement Analysis

Quantitative Data

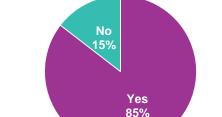
60 responses were received for the survey. Out of the 60 respondents, 92% (55 respondents) indicated they used the path at Jeff Joseph Reserve.

The result below focuses on the 55 respondents who use the Jeff Joseph Shared Path.



Majority of the respondents (85%) walk / run on the path; 22% use the path to cycle with 4 users also commenting that they cycle and walk on the path.

Most cyclists (10 out of 12) are older than 45.



Upgrade to Jeff Joseph Shared Path

Majority of the respondents support an upgrade to the path.

Support by Age Group:

	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Yes	2	7	5	13	20
No	-	-	2	2	4

Support by Gender

	Female	Male
Yes	24	23
Νο	6	2

Support by Household

	Single	Couple	Household with Children Up to Pre- School Age	Household with Primary School Age Children	Household with High School Age Children	Multi- Generational Household (Adult Children)
Yes	8	23	2	7	1	6
No	2	4	-	-	1	1

Majority of each demographic group are supportive of the upgrade, except for households with high school age children (50% though there were only two respondents in this category). Younger respondents (<45 years old) are fully supportive of the upgrade. Households with young children (pre-school age & primary school age children) are fully supportive of the upgrade.

Qualitative Data

28 individuals took part in the online forum.

20 people strongly supported the idea as indicated by the quotations below.

Respondent	Comment
RJA	A popular pathway used extensively by walkers and bike riders and with an increase in the number of residents and population generally an upgrade is worth pursuing.
Anthony	The current pathway at Jeff Joseph Reserve is quite out of date. It is very narrow which makes it really hard to walk on when either overtaking others or when other users are coming in the opposite direction. One or the other always has to step off the pathway to make way. An upgrade could also potentially remove cyclists from roads (especially Kintail Road) as this would be a better alternate route for them to travel on. This would not only improve traffic disruptions, but also the safety of cyclists. I think it is also important to note the safety of the current pathways users. There are many dense bushes alongside the path which I know users believe is a safety concern (this is a common discussion point that I come across when using the path). It is often noticed that Police enter the bushes as they appear to be searching for things (possibly people) which causes concern. It is also not out of the ordinary to see undesirable people entering these bushes. Being a user of this path after hours (between sunset and sunrise), I can understand and relate to why people feel unsafe walking along the dark, dense bushes. If this could be even just slightly improved, the pathway would be more user friendly and inviting.
Herman	Yes, this pathway is in quite poor condition.
Michael	I'm all for it! This is the only section (from the yacht club to the boardwalk) that isn't updated to the newer shared path bitumen. Removing the concrete would also remove any bumps and/or trip hazards that are in the current concrete that you can see have been ground down where it is lifting. Good call thinking to update it!
Kevin Attree	Absolutely Yes!! The path is used by a big and varied group of community members : including General walkers Dog
Shannon Hugh	This would be fantastic for young people and slower recreational riders to use a safer off road path. I ride a road bike almost daily on the roads through the area but in bad weather I do ride a slower bike with bigger tyres and tend to go on this path Riders exceeding 20 to 25km/h should be encouraged to continue to use the roads perhaps with speed limit signs / markings and or the radars in use at Tompkins.
GarryMason	This is a very popular section of the river path and used by a wide variety of users. Upgrading the path to current standard oath widths and surface treatments would be of great benefit to the Melville community. The area of concern is the management of the speed of cyclists with a better standard of path. This is a significant issue for a number of riverside paths within the City of Melville so it is important this is addressed as part of the path design.
JT	I absolutely agree this area needs an upgrade. I'd also like to see an upgrade for the footpath that leads from Burke Dr to Point Walter.
Lyn	Path is outdated, has trip hazards but mostly is too narrow. The upgrade is a great idea.
Aysmith	brilliant idea to upgrade - path used by many and upgrade will make it safer for family cyclist and walkers
Ν	Supportive of the upgrade! A path that needs to be widened to accommodate for many walkers/cyclists.

Matt	the area gets lots of mixed use. Upgrade would be great
Cassie	Absolutely all for it! The sooner the better. Add some lighting for the night walkers/runners and it would be perfect!
Nigel	Fantastic idea to upgrade the path at Jeff Joseph reserve. I currently take my children for a walk, scoot or cycle along that pathway every week. Having the path widened and of a higher quality will make for a safer more enjoyable experience for all users.
Mate	Upgrading the path is a must, as the area is highly utilised and this would make it consistent with other foreshore paths in the City of Melville
George	Great innovation.
Phillip Draber	This is a good initiative and when we get the jetty fixed this will be a great addition to the already superb amenity in the reserve.
MStevens	Support upgrade as we regularly ride/run along path
Road Runner	it would be nice to have the path modernised, but it's still an absolute amazing path we have around the river. As for bushes, police and undesirables. I run 5 days a week along those paths, in the very early hours, and after work too! Never seen anything like described by Anthony above. Beware the local residents who want the entire area to be an extension of their garden and want everything their way Good on Melville to do something for those of us who contribute to the area
PS	I support the upgrade. I think the line up the middle would encourage people to keep left, making it easier for cyclists or runners overtaking pedestrians. I think there should be a speed limit for cyclists on any shared path.
Evan	The path should definitely be upgraded as there are actual and potential instances of conflict between cyclists and pedestrians on the current narrow path (I observed the path for two hours each on four occasions).

4 people did not support the upgrade as noted below.

Respondent	Comment
Anthea	for residents living in this area money should be spent on a much larger and covered play area for the children rather than this walkway that will not as per say get cyclists off our roads
Ashley Hicks	The existing concrete path is perfectly good. I use it for walking our dog on a frequent basis, and it is wide enough and the joints are smooth.it annoys me that the Melville Council is so liberal with spending my money. The cost of this project would be enormous. Reduce my rates by being more frugal with spending. Im sick to death of government waste.
Sue	I WALK THIS PATHWAY EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK AND I CAN'T SEE AN ISSUE WITH IT.ITS NOT DANGEROUS AND UPGRADING IT WOULD ONLY IMPROVE ITS APPEARANCE WHICH IS PROBABLY A WASTE OF MONEY IN MY VIEW
Manfred Henze	Silly idea. The existing path is safe and fine and does not need any upgrading. Don't try to do everything to perfection. There are better things to spend taxpayers money

One person identified their preference for the walking path to be closer to the road 'as it is quite scary as a single woman walking along the existing path in the evening past all those bushes.'

Appendix I – Engagement Materials

Email sent to Random Sample



What do you think about upgrading the existing path at Jeff Joseph Reserve?

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The 1,100m of existing 2.1m wide concrete path (left) would be upgraded to a 3.5m wide shared use red asphalt path (right).





To receive funding we need to know if the community support the project. Should the City be successful, funding for the detailed design and subsequent installation will be 50% from the Department of Transport and 50% from the City of Melville.

Community Engagement closes at 10 am on Wednesday, 4 September 2019. Click the link below to take the short survey.

Take the survey

Visit <u>Melville Talks</u> to find out more about the Jeff Joseph Path Upgrade Community Engagement including FAQs.

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Who are we engaging with?

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How can people get involved?

Direct emails will be sent to a random sample of Applecross residents and ratepayers to ask for their feedback via a

On Melville Talks, the community can join a discussion to share their level of support, if any.

What will happen with the information from the survey and online discussion?

The information gained from community engagement will determine levels of support for the upgrade and will form part of the City's application for funding from the Department of Transport.

FAQ

? What Is a shared path?

- ? Why do you want to replace this section of path?
- P How long will the project take if the City receives funding?

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Timeline

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Community discussion and survey closes 4 September 2019

🚖 Engagement results available

9 September 2019

Grant application submitted to Department of Transport 13 September 2019

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Melville Talks Jeff Joseph path upgrade Engagement Page – FAQs

What is a shared path?

A shared path is a dual use path for pedestrians and cyclists.

Why do you want to replace this section of path?

The existing path is an old path 2m in width and the current standard width for a shared path recommended by the Department of Transport is 3.5m.

For safety reasons and physical amenity, the path should be upgraded and widened.

How long will the project take if the City receives funding?

The project will take two years to complete, one year for detailed design and another year from construction.

What will happen if the City doesn't receive funding?

The project will be entered into the forward works program and will be scheduled for funding along with design and construction dates.

Will there be alternative access during construction if the City receives funding?

An alternative route will be provided by the City of Melville during the construction phase.

When will we know if the City receives funding for the project?

The City should know the funding outcome early in 2020.

What impact will the path have on surrounding vegetation and trees?

When designing footpath infrastructure, the City of Melville takes care to preserve the existing vegetation and will deviate the line of the path to try and avoid trees and shrubs. However, there are some occasions where this is not possible. If this occurs the City's policy is to plant two more trees to compensate for the loss of one. With respect to the foreshore, the City is constrained by the Swan River Trust area and will narrow the path width to avoid encroaching on the riparian zone.

The funding we seek will include a detailed design which will show where all the existing trees are situated. The designer will make every effort to avoid the trees. Once the design is finished, the City will have a much better idea of how the project will proceed.

This is just the beginning of the process to seek funding for the path upgrade. Please be mindful we may not get the funding and hence the project would be on put on hold or may not go ahead.

Facebook Posts on City of Melville Facebook Page

22 August 2019



City of Melville August 22 at 9:00 AM · 🕥 ...

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