



Personal Memorials in Public Open Spaces

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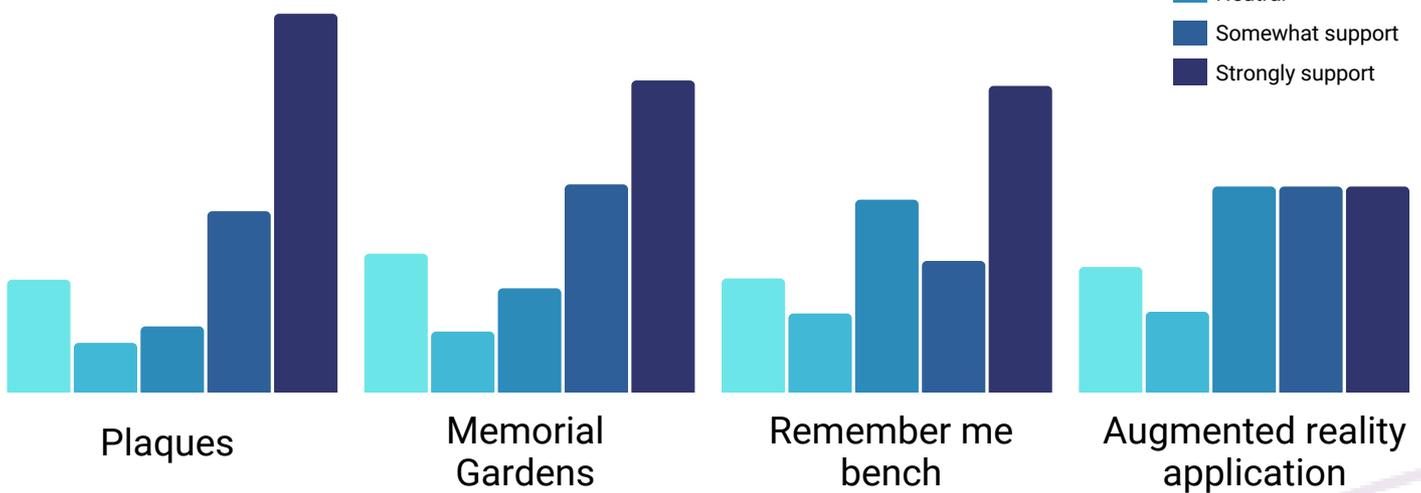
The City recognises the desire to commemorate loved ones within our Public Open Spaces (POS) as there are many special moments that happen within our beautiful parks and reserves. With only two options provided for tree or bench memorials, and on average 15 applications per year - the City is now at full capacity for memorial space.

During November to December 2023, we sought community input into alternative options to commemorate local residents and loved ones.

Feedback received will assist the City of Melville in the review of the existing process, including possible policy development and management practice.

FAST FACTS

- 47.36% of respondents identified as 60+ years of age
- 57.8% identified as female
- 85.26% identified as ratepayers
- 71.58% prefer plaques to other options
- Other suggestions
 - Engraved locks / love locks
 - QR codes on plaques
 - Memorial trees
 - Eligibility and policy review/development



ENGAGEMENT REACH

PARTICIPATION

425
Melville Talks unique visits

5.8k
Melville Talks eNews subscribers

59%
Visit either daily or multiple times a week

962
emails issued to a random sample

2.7K
Link clicks on social media

97%
Live in the City of Melville

212
Link clicks from the Melville Talks eNews

95
Survey submissions

ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS

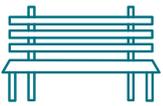
The community shared a wide range of opinions and suggestions. These have been grouped under three categories.

Local Government Examples: Investigate and consider other Councils memorial services and spaces.

"Glenelg in South Australia has a nice memorial arrangement at the pier. It has spots for multiple names. This could be an opportunity as it was respectful and aesthetically pleasing".

"Check out Mosman Park wall overlooking river. Residents can purchase a plaque to commemorate their loved ones. It is a beautiful spot and done so well"

"Fencing where residents are able to place what is called a love lock. A lock in remembrance of a deceased loved on/person with a connection to the area. Concept from Perth Bell Tower which has love locks on display"



Policy and Management: Suggestions for review of management and cost, including criteria, regulations and eligibility.

"Rather than just saying there are no more benches, council should look to create more opportunities for memorial plaques within our city public spaces e.g. along the edges of our river jetty's"

"There definitely needs to be a limitation on the number of benches and memorial plaques at public park locations as there was clearly a time when it got out of hand such as Quarantine Park Bicton where it has become a park of benches."

"I don't believe ratepayers money (even indirectly through just allocation of resources to arrange a plaque etc) or council resources should be invested in memorials."



Other Types of Memorials: Various suggestions for alternative memorial types to the four suggested.

"Creation of a bridge of memories in a park or foreshore which is constructed to enable adornment of heart shaped locks engraved with the name of a loved one who has passed".

"As I get older I feel this topic is quite significant. They don't need to be prominent but subtle and indiscreet. That should be possible. It just has to be of significance to the family/friends".

"Memorial seeds planted with a choice of a flower/tree".

