



City of
Melville

REPORT



SHIRLEY STRICKLAND DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

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City of Melville Administration Building



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Workshop Purpose

To involve residents in thinking about and identifying their preferences for the 'fit out' of the public open space in the park and to identify any issues, concerns or ideas to be considered during construction.

Engagement opportunities for participants

- To be informed about project personnel, detail, tasks and timelines
- To see community input using the social map
- To identify ideas and preferred options with architects and artists working on the project using PollEverywhere

Engagement Tool

To obtain individual, unfiltered inputs from participants which could be viewed by everyone present, questions using various display formats were uploaded onto PollEverywhere. People who opted out of this process were able to write down their responses and submit them later.

Display formats for the open questions included word clouds, text walls and text blocks. Closed questions were put to the audience which included a 'clickable' image selection, a donut chart and column charts.

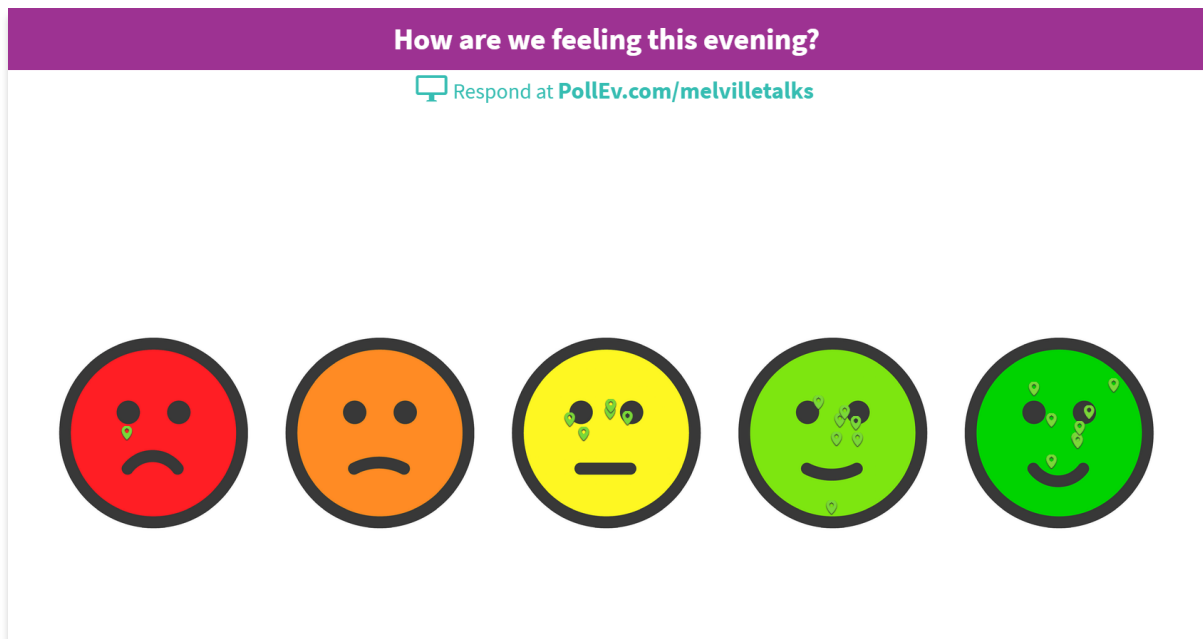
It should be noted that all text responses supplied have not been edited and are shown in their original form.

Getting to know you

The first segment of the evening included questions designed to gauge how residents were feeling about the process as a group and from there, to describe themselves and their circumstances to one another in a way that was informative, but confidential.

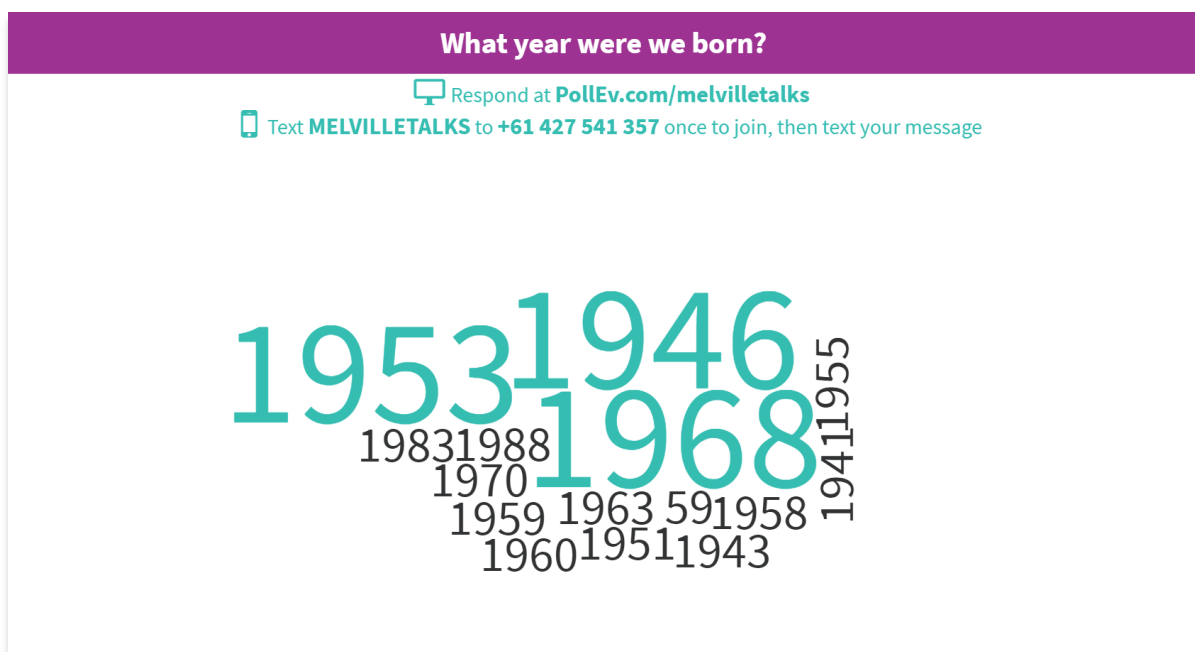
31 local residents were in attendance.

Question 1



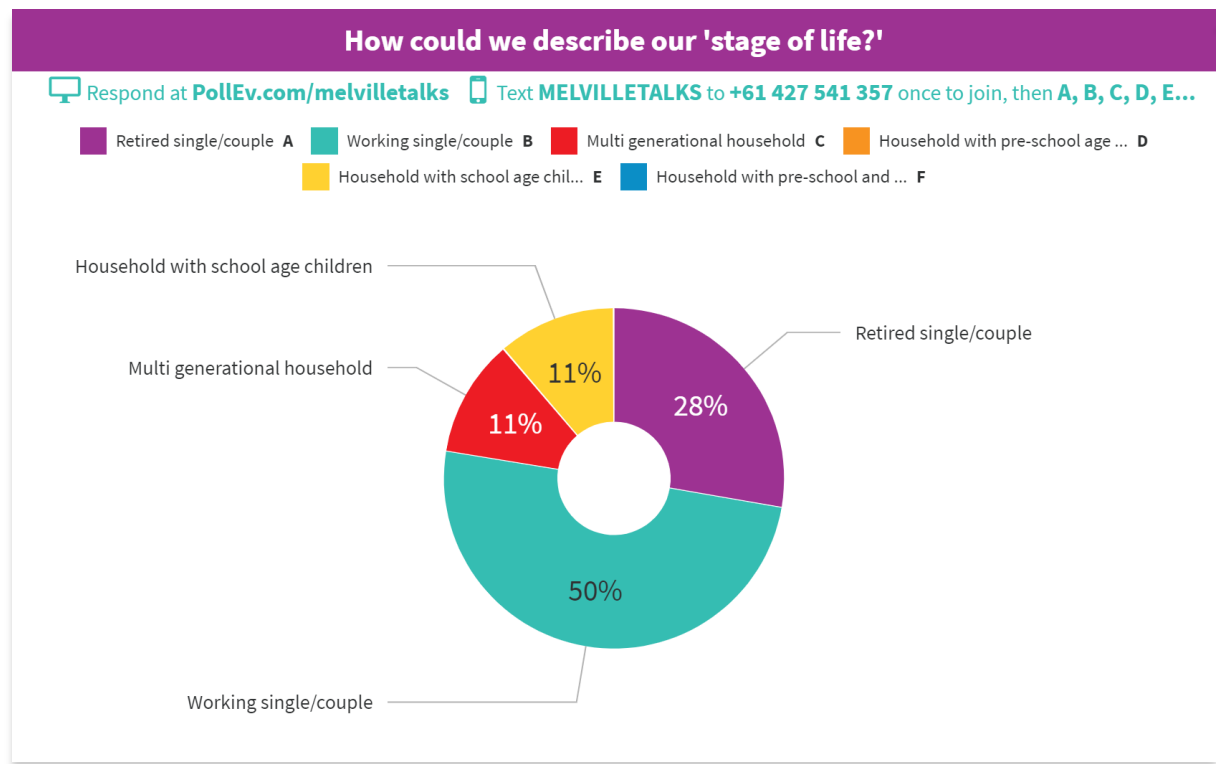
Question 2

Years of birth to identify the generations represented were shown as follows.



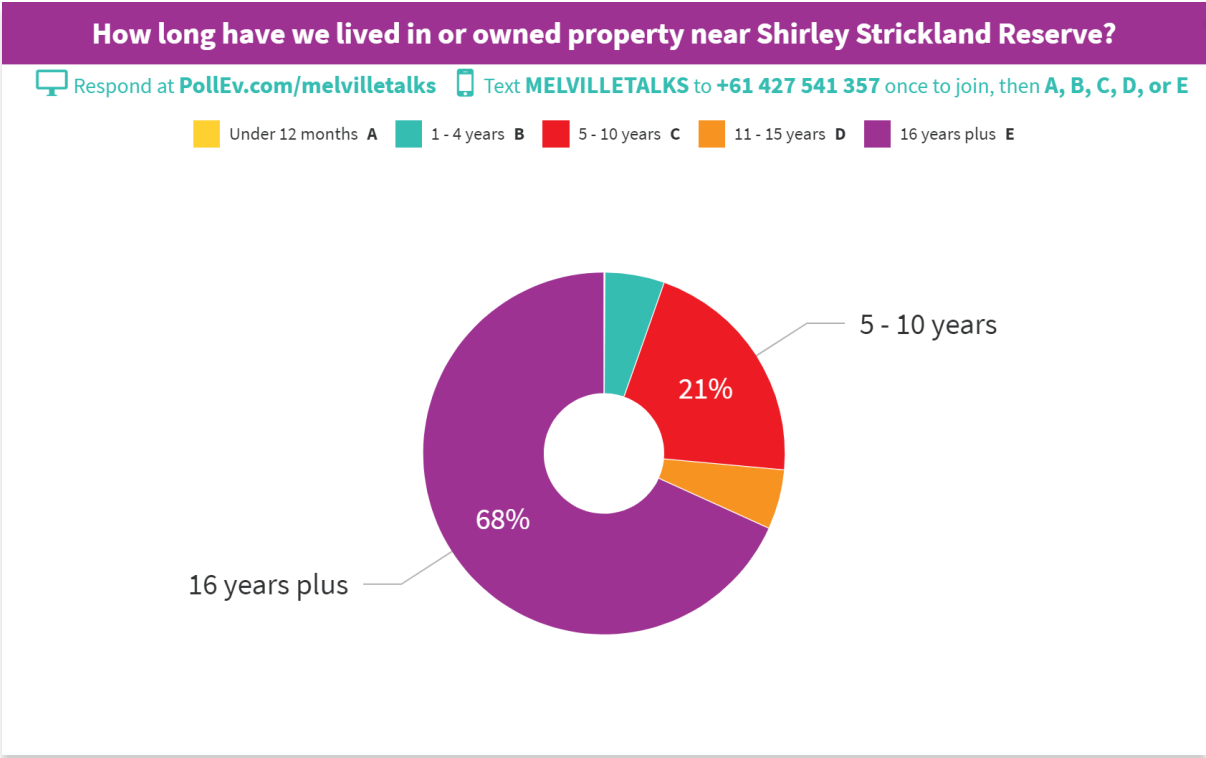
Question 3

Similarly, lifestages were identified. The pie chart shows that 50% of the residents attending the workshop were working singles/couples with the next segment being retired singles/couples.



Life Stage	% residents
Retired single/couple	28%
Working single/couple	50%
Multi generational household	11%
Household with pre-school age children	0%
Household with school age children	11%
Household with pre-school and school age children	0%

Question 4



Length of residence	% residents
Under 12 months	0%
1 - 4 years	5.3%
5 - 10 years	21.1%
11 - 15 years	5.3%
16 years plus	68.4%

Question 5

My burning question for this workshop is...

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"While upgrading the oval, the natural beauty of the oval and with all trees."

"I would like to see trees replaced toilets upgraded and play place improved"

"Plant more trees and new child's playground, exercise equipment"

"What is the oval going to be used for, how much of the existing tree cover going to change, and how long are the changes going to take to implement and complete?"

"Will there be shade / shelter over the new play ground & proposed picknick tables"

"Will the beauty of the area and if possible all the magnificent trees survive?"

"Will the park remain multifunctional and as an arbor ium"

All responses

To enable residents to identify the key questions they wanted answered at the workshop, a "Burning Question" was asked and responses were displayed using a text wall. All responses are shown below.

- When will the works commence
- When will work get underway?
- When will it be complete?
- Are we keeping all the trees on the park
- Will the beauty of the area and if possible all the magnificent trees survive?
- Is the park remaining as a free running dog park?
- What's planned and will there be something for me.
- How does the development of Shirley Strickland Reserve fit into the larger picture of development plans/goals in the City of Melville?
- Will the park remain multifunctional and as an arbor ium
- Will there be shade / shelter over the new play ground & proposed picknick tables
- What is the oval going to be used for, how much of the existing tree cover going to change, and how long are the changes going to take to implement and complete ?
- Is there going to be a walking track?
- While upgrading the oval, the natural beauty of the oval and with all trees.
- Is cricket pitch still 50m dia without buffer zone ?
- Is design adequate for flexible use as welcoming place with biodiversity and great people access.
- That the space is preserved for various user group interests and needs
- Plant more trees and new child's playground, exercise equipment

Residents were advised that every effort would be made to respond to questions at the workshop and that responses would be made available on MelvilleTalks. Residents were advised that a Q&A tool and/or a forum would also be made available.

Question 6

What facilities would you like for dogs?

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"Somewhere other than the present smelly bins to place the"pc "Water fountain for dogs"

"Lots of open area for dogs to be dogs."

"A drinking water fountain on the smaller oval"

"Extra drink bowls" "Grassed areas to the boundary"

All responses

Given the feedback to date suggesting that the primary use of the park is for dog walking/exercise, residents were asked about the **facilities they'd like to see for dogs**.

- Somewhere other than the present smelly bins to place the"poo"!
- Water fountain for dogs
- Extra drink bowls
- Lots of open area for dogs to be dogs.
- A drinking water fountain on the smaller oval
- Grassed areas to the boundary

Architects presentation and resident feedback

A master plan was presented by Architects Carl Payne and Mo Abdullah-Lavalette from Donovan Payne Architects who the City of Melville has retained to design and deliver new facilities for Shirley Strickland Reserve. A landscape concept plan was also presented by their Landscape Architects.



For the full presentation visit www.melvilletalks.com.au/sscw

A question and answer session followed with residents shown examples of outdoor seating, play equipment and fitness equipment and asked to select those they liked.

A follow up question identified what it was they liked.

Question 1

What type of seating would you like to see along pathways

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Question 2

Tell us more?

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"How many people actually sit down at the park apart from watching sport and the seating doesn't appear to be helpful for that"

"I'd like to see a variety of different seating options to suit different age groups. For hanging out, for resting, for nursing babies. Etc"

"Wooden seating, a more natural look"

"Mix of seating options, i.e. If with a family group watching them play so you can sit together as a group or alone"

"Made of natural products. Back rests important"

"Ordinary bench seats are fine !"

"Non reclining"

"The seat has a sort of "table" as well."

"I like the idea of being able to read and relax in public space under trees and in the community."

"Comfortable seating with backs. Some semi circle areas around the park in trees"

"Comfortable and visually appealing seating"

"Tables with seating"

All responses

- Seating looks comfortable and relaxing
- More in tune with the environment
- they look comfortable and inviting to sit on
- Tables with seating
- Comfortable and visually appealing seating
- Comfortable seating with backs. Some semi circle areas around the park in trees
- I like the idea of being able to read and relax in public space under trees and in the community.
- The seat has a sort of "table" as well.
- Non reclining
- Ordinary bench seats are fine!
- Made of natural products. Back rests important
- Mix of seating options, i.e. If with a family group watching them play so you can sit together as a group or alone
- Wooden seating, a more natural look
- I'd like to see a variety of different seating options to suit different age groups. For hanging out, for resting, for nursing babies. Etc
- How many people actually sit down at the park apart from watching sport and the seating doesn't appear to be helpful for that

Question 3

Which types of fitness equipment interest you?

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Question 4

Tell us more?

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"You can create your own workout circuit and the run around the reserve."

"When exercising having a spot that isn't on the main track, a little aside from everything"

"Looks like fun!"

"Exercise equipment for various different activities"

"....."

All responses

- Cost effective and low maintenance
- Various equipment to utilize
- Variety and functional.
- ease of use
- Minimise impact on the natural surrounds.
- Exercise equipment for various different activities
- Looks like fun!
- When exercising having a spot that isn't on the main track, a little aside from everything
- You can create your own workout circuit and the run around the reserve.

Question 5

Which style of playground equipment do you prefer?

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The image displays four different playground equipment styles arranged in a 2x2 grid. The top-left image shows a large, complex metal structure with multiple slides and climbing areas. The top-right image shows a modern metal structure with hanging rings and a small slide. The bottom-left image shows a wooden structure with slides and climbing areas, with a red circle highlighting a specific section. The bottom-right image shows a naturalistic structure with a large arch and a small boat.

Question 6

Tell us more?

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"Trees for natural shade. Open ended play elements/experiences to support multi-age play."

"A variety of play equipment organic so fits in . also cooler to use in the heat of the day . I do believe the playground should be fenced to keep the dogs out ."

All responses

- Looks fun and interesting
- Appears to offer more things to do
- Most usable by different age groups
- Zzz
- Looks interesting and fun
- Play and explore for children. They can create their own games.
- Sandy one suits new surf park ;)
- Smaller kids love this "swing".
- Nature based important
- Less limited and more variety of activities in the playground makes it more enjoyable
- Prefer something more in keeping with the natural environment like wireless hill for example
- A variety of play equipment organic so fits in . also cooler to use in the heat of the day . I do believe the playground should be fenced to keep the dogs out .
- Trees for natural shade. Open ended play elements/experiences to support multi-age play

Artists' presentation and resident feedback

The artists described their approach to creating art and identified how residents could help in that process. They had three main questions to put to residents.

Conceptual Approach & Overview

Our approach for the creation of artworks for the **Shirley Strickland Reserve** are grounded in the **landscape**, linking these concepts to the role that the late Shirley Strickland de la Hunty played in the environmental conservation movement in Western Australia.

We propose to develop a narrative around the flora, inspired by the form, shape and colour of **seed pods** from the site as a means to create artworks that reflect a sense of place by creating an **interface between Landscape, Heritage and History**.

Site



*The artworks follow a narrative, an **imaginary line** that weaves through the Reserve. In this context, we are keen to investigate how this narrative embedded within the landscape celebrates the late Shirley Strickland de la Hunty legacy to the conservation movement in Western Australia.*

The proposed location of the sculptural artworks around the fitness paths on one hand highlight Shirley Strickland's track and field achievements, but also to bring to the forefront people's connection to the site through the integrated textual artworks.

Question 1

What does Shirley Strickland Reserve mean to you?

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"Sport and exercise" "Friendships" "Mr Ted the Airedale thinks it's the best place to be and to meet his dog friends and exercise"

"A place to exercise my dog, socialise, enjoy waking through the trees, watching and listening to the birds. I have spent many hours at the playplace in the sun with my grandchildren"

"Access and diversity for all. Sporting participation. Environment and biodiversity." "Trees. Meandering pathways. Landform."

"Doggy heaven!" "opportunity to interact with like minded people" "Peacefull, sounds of nature, people enjoying the space"

"Is there a gardener or anybody with horticultural qualifications involved in this project" "Urban 'wilderness'"

"Nature, pleasant relaxation, community"

"It gives a sense of freedom space, serenity and escape from the built environment"

"The Reserve is the heart of the local community" "an open place that allows reflection" "A centre for community and friendship"

"Family Funtime, peaceful times and a place to meet and greet others" "Freedom from restrictions"

All responses

- Family and community
- Community
- nature
- Shade & relaxation
- Friendships
- The Reserve is the heart of the local community
- Trees. Meandering pathways. Landform.
- Friendships and activity
- Nature, pleasant relaxation, community
- Family Funtime, peaceful times and a place to meet and greet others
- Peacefull, sounds of nature, people enjoying the space
- Sport and exercise
- It gives a sense of freedom space, serenity and escape from the built environment
- A centre for community and friendship
- an open place that allows reflection
- A haven when I need to clear my mind. I can sit with eyes closed and hear and smell the trees above. I can see the dogs chasing each other and the joy they find in relating to each other.
- As long as there's no fibreglass bobtail 's , kangaroos ect . I think they're an eye sore . I don't mind as long as its tasteful.
- Freedom from restrictions
- Access and diversity for all. Sporting participation. Environment and biodiversity.

- Inspirational
- Is there a gardener or anybody with horticultural qualifications involved in this project
- opportunity to interact with like minded people
- Doggy heaven!
- A place where people can support their family in a sporting situation and at the same time exercise their dog
- exercise for dogs and grand kids
- Mr Ted the Airedale thinks it's the best place to be and to meet his dog friends and exercise
- A place to exercise my dog, socialise, enjoy waking through the trees, watching and listening to the birds. I have spent many hours at the playplace in the sun with my grandchildren
- Urban 'wilderness'
- Why concrete over pathways

Question 2

What is your fondest memory of the reserve?

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"Driving along Sweetman Rod to view a property for sale and seeing a cricket match with enthusiastic supporters using the pitch. We placed an offer that day and immediately bought the house, where we still live."

"kids splashing in the puddles getting muddy feet"

"Boo book owls calls at night" "All green with shade and the sounds of birds"

"Being a founding member of the "Strickland Striders" middle distance running club 1984 till 1991. We used to do "pyramids" 200m then 400m from 0500 till 0700 Mon to Sat"

"Our granddaughter and her new friend rolling down the "hill"... Even my friend in her 60's joined in!"

"Seeing fellow dog walkers at 7am in the middle of winter dressed for an arctic trek" "Watching local footy and walking the dog"

"Contemplating to the night stars from the viewing deck making major life decisions"

"Playing croquet with our whole family this year (with a glass of wine !)" "Seeing the dogs and kids run through the puddles this past winter"

"The joy of dogs and children playing"

All responses

- Our two year running and rolling down the bank between the ovals.
- Exercising my dog and socialising
- Seeing the dogs and kids run through the puddles this past winter
- Watching local footy and walking the dog
- Walking our dog and just talking to total strangers who are also walking their dogs
- Our granddaughter and her new friend rolling down the "hill"... Even my friend in her 60's joined in!
- kids splashing in the puddles getting muddy feet
- All green with shade and the sounds of birds
- Seeing fellow dog walkers at 7am in the middle of winter dressed for an arctic trek
- Contemplating to the night stars from the viewing deck making major life decisions
- The amazing bird life with the goshawks returned to raise another brood and the recent sightings of a flock of pardalotes
- Gathering place in my youth. Football. And meeting at night before on to someone house or entertainment (pre mobile phone) ;)
- Driving along Sweetman Rod to view a property for sale and seeing a cricket match with enthusiastic supporters using the pitch. We placed an offer that day and immediately bought the house, where we still live.
- Playing croquet with our whole family this year (with a glass of wine !)
- watching the galahs use their nesting hollows and the black cockatoos picking pine cones
- Being a founding member of the "Strickland Striders" middle distance running club 1984 till 1991. We used to do "pyramids" 200m then 400m from 0500 till 0700 Mon to Sat
- Boo book owls calls at night
- The joy of dogs and children playing

Question 3

If you were to describe the Shirley Strickland Reserve to someone who had never been there, what would you say?

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"A local green meeting place"

"The centre of Ardross and a place that the locals strongly defend."

"Lush beautiful grassed ovals surrounded by trees"

"A valuable open space where the trees are magnificent. It is green and cool even on the hottest day."

"Firstly a dog park secondly a sporting oval"

"Parts of it are fantastic and a real amenity, the verges on the south end are a disgrace and need some attention"

"A green oasis in the heart of urban sprawl"

"Like a village green"

"Big trees and happy dogs."

All responses

- The lungs of the area
- Big trees and happy dogs.
- Like a village green
- A green oasis in the heart of urban sprawl
- Parts of it are fantastic and a real amenity, the verges on the south end are a disgrace and need some attention
- Firstly a dog park secondly a sporting oval
- A valuable open space where the trees are magnificent. It is green and cool even on the hottest day.
- Lush beautiful grassed ovals surrounded by trees
- The centre of Ardross and a place that the locals strongly defend.
- A local green meeting place
- Let us show you our amazing dog walking and sports park everything seems to work well dogs sports walkers etc
- Recently encountered a family from elsewhere who came to see it because dad was due to play footy there the next weekend. They were blown away by how lovely it is "Perth's best kept secret".
- A valuable social asset for residents whose natural values need enhancing
- Old style rundown sporting oval. Taken over by dog people :) Surrounded by some fine trees.
- A place of nature to either be social or solitary.
- Good mix of Sporting grounds ringed with trees and natural space
- It has beautiful trees but is tired and needs TLC
- A sports field surrounded by beautiful natural trees affording enjoyment to a wide and disparate community.
- Advise visitors to ignore state of club rooms

Q&A Session

Toward the end of the workshop, an opportunity was provided for residents to ask more questions from specific project team members by prefacing their question with:

- (a) Project Manager
- (b) Architects
- (c) Artists
- (d) Recreation staff.

The list was reviewed and responded to by the appropriate team member in the time available.

Please ask your question and indicate who it is for: A = Project Manager , B = Architect, C = Artists, D = Recreation Team

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"B: is the lighting being reassessed or is the existing lighting being retained? Some low level lighting after dark would aid security and people walking around after dark."

"The nature area corner Mitchell st and Coogie road will that be upgraded its about time "

"A you do realise the park war once a swamp then a rubbish tip ? So you will need a deep geotechnical investigation for footings "

"B. Are there still plans for a family BBQ area to help bring friends and family together."

"A Will a budget be made available for annual building maintenance and grounds maintenance "

"Budget: You've told us of money from State Government and LotteryWest. But that is only a small part of total cost? Project manager"

"are there going to be toilet facilities for use apart from when there are sporting events "

"Is development dependent on selling bowls clubs?"

"B "

"D. How will local residents/community and sporting clubs communicate and interact to maximise the use of the facility by all the community."

"A will you develop an adequate budget for all the project components? If not will you phase the project over say 3 financial years?"

All responses

- A. When will it start and finish
- A. Start date and Completion date.
- A Pls clarify whether the sandy verges will be rehabilitated with plants and if there will be reticulation to maintain the native plants that are to be planted
- D can the perimeter of the reserve be mulched to remove the sand drift and the bollards relocated to the edge to stop cars destroying the mulch.
- What is building design. Concepts available online ? Is building flexible in its use options. What vegetation plantings and where? What about solar including lighting around park
- A is there budget split, i.e. How much is for the park and paths, how much is for play ground, how much in club house ?
- Could you possibly look at having windows overlooking the oval behind the rooms

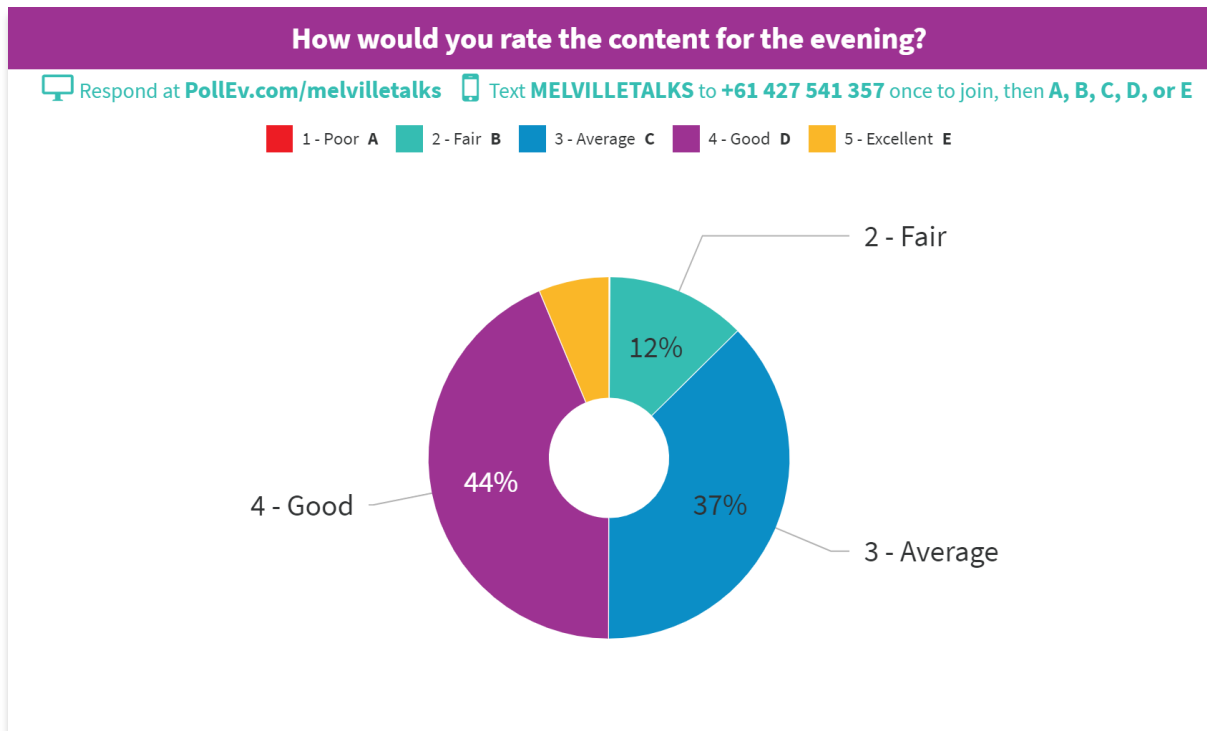
- B. Remember please that if you try and please everyone it could end up a "dog's breakfast" so to say...
- For A: How familiar are you with the history and physical condition of SSR through different times of day and the year?
- Is there any members of the team with horticultural or gardening qualifications ?
- D ... Is there any mention of putting in a area for children aged 10- 15 . Basketball back board / netball hoop . Or small skate area .
- What about staged development.
- A will you develop an adequate budget for all the project components? If not will you phase the project over day 2 financial years?
- D. How will local residents/community and sporting clubs communicate and interact to maximise the use of the facility by all the community.
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- The nature area corner Mitchell st and Coogie road will that be upgraded its about time
- B: is the lighting being reassessed or is the existing lighting being retained? Some low level lighting after dark would aid security and people walking around after dark.

Residents were advised that unanswered questions would be responded to online via MelvilleTalks.

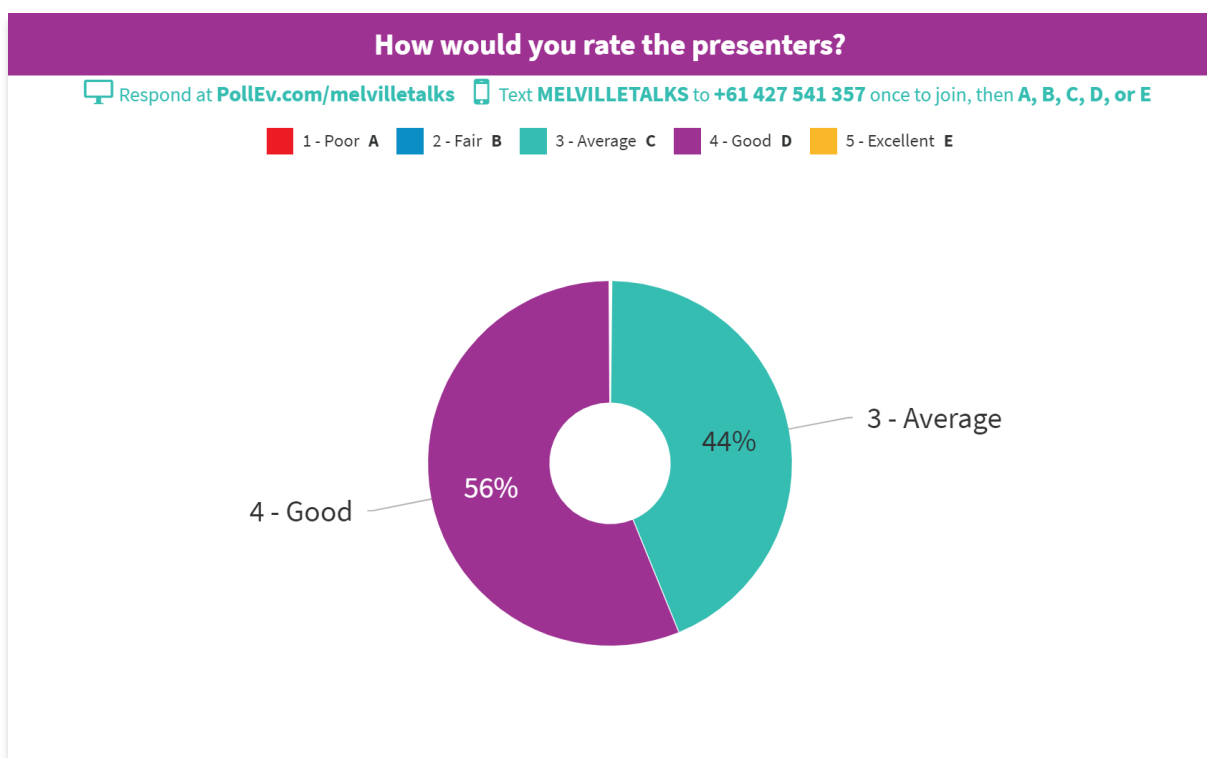
Workshop Evaluation

PollEverywhere was used to answer two closed questions and one open question. Responses are shown below.

Question 1



Question 2



Question 3

How do you feel having attended the workshop?

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"Worth 2 hours"

"There are questions that haven't been addressed but good try"

"More informed about the process and timeline. Good job."

"Better Informed"

"Far better informed of the process"

"Not really any further forward with information"

"A little more informed"

"Better informed"

"Concerned"

"More concerned"

"Much better informed."

"Only slightly more informed"

All responses

- Only slightly more informed
- Much better informed.
- More concerned
- Concerned
- Better informed
- A little more informed
- Not really any further forward with information
- Far better informed of the process
- Better Informed
- More informed about the process and timeline. Good job.
- There are questions that haven't been addressed but good try
- Worth 2 hours
- I feel that Paul would rather have not been here
- Stop procrastinating and get on with it
- Less than satisfied for progress made since Concept Plan was approved at December 2016 and surprised that work not expected to start before June 2019.
- Grateful for the opportunity but still not sure our concerns are fully understood
- A wasted opportunity to excite the community
- Some info provided but a lot more to come I hope