

A PARK CLOSE TO HOME – MORELAND CITY COUNCIL

TINNING STREET ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY – PHASE 1

A Park Close to Home is an exciting project being undertaken by Moreland City Council to provide more local green space in high-density areas of Brunswick through two new parks. Stage 1 of the project saw consultation undertaken for the Tinning Street site. Gathering ideas and aspirations is important for ensuring responsive, well-designed spaces that meet the needs of the local community.

Four consultation sessions have been undertaken with key stakeholders:

- > Walking site visit with the Tinning Street Kindergarten
- > 2 x Community drop in sessions
- > Brunswick North Primary school engagement with students and parents at pick-up time

This report will summarise key recurring themes. Raw data from individual sessions have been included as appendices in this report.

ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Tinning Street Kindergarten

On the 15th of May 2019, the A Park Close to Home team engaged in a hands-on consultation session with students from the Tinning Street Kindergarten. Approximately 18 children aged 3 to 4 were in attendance. Students were taken on a walking tour past the Tinning St site and to nearby Warr Park to gain some inspiration. Once at Warr Park, students were provided with an A3 Aerial printout of the site and various modelling materials such as clay, small sticks and branches to model what they would like to see in the new park.

Students were very engaged in the activity which presented a number of ideas including: slides, a sandpit with jewels, dinosaur fossils or eggs at the bottom, grass, a skate ramp, messy mud play and a wombat or goose habitat. Examples of models produced have been included below.



Community Drop-in Sessions

Two community drop-in sessions were run on the 30th of May and 1st of June 2019 as part of the Tinning St Engagement. Both sessions were well attended with over 60 attendees dropping by over the two sessions. There were three key activities undertaken during the consultation:

Voting Jars

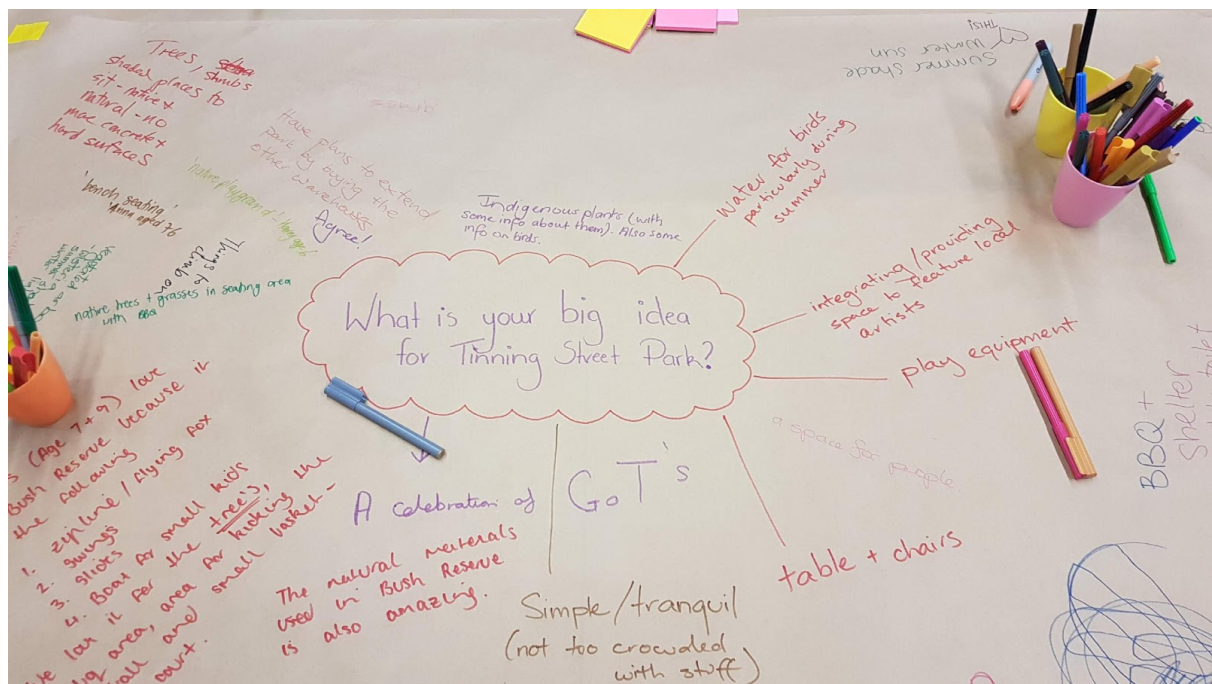
Voting Jars looked specifically at the overall function of the park. Participants were asked to place a pom-pom in the jar of the functions they would most like to see in the park.

Dotmocracy Boards

The dotmocracy activity presented three A1 poster-boards with inspirational images relating to both potential function and materiality for the Tinning St Park. Attendees then took sticky dots and placed them on the images that appealed most to them.

Additional Suggestions

Additional feedback was collected through two key questions: 'What is your big idea for Tinning St?' and 'What about Brunswick would you like to see showcased in this park?' Further suggestions were collected in a suggestions jar.



Key Themes

Key themes that came out of the sessions included:

1. Creating a space for play with the incorporation of native plants and materials.
2. Lots of trees and increased canopy cover.
3. Accessible play for children of all ages and abilities.
4. Incorporation of street art, sculptures and murals by local artists and recognition of local history, culture and identity in the new park.
5. Improved amenities, including drink bottle refill stations, toilets and seating.



The suggestion of a dog park/dog off-leash area was highly contested. A number of attendees were in favour of such a space, however a number of residents were strongly against the idea, saying it would make the area untidy and unsafe. One attendee suggested a multi-purpose space, so it could be a dog off-leash park after 7pm and all other times could be dedicated to play, as a way of pleasing both groups.

Brunswick North Primary School Engagement

On the 7th of June 2019, the A Park Close to Home team attended Brunswick North Primary School at pick-up time for a drop-in engagement session with students, parents and staff from the school. Brunswick North was selected due to its close proximity to the Tinning St site. Students and parents were eager to provide ideas for the park, with the consultation instantly attracting the interest of on-lookers. The same activities were undertaken as the aforementioned community drop-in sessions.

The clear favourite idea for the Tinning St Park was nature play which received a resounding 30 votes followed closely by the addition of playgrounds, with 27 votes.



Online 'Have your say' Platform

An additional online platform was available for those who were unable to attend a community drop-in session, or who had additional thoughts after attending one of the sessions. 42 emails were received via this platform, with every contribution showing strong support for the park. Many also thanked Moreland for their support in, not only implementing the A Park Close to Home initiative, but ensuring there was an opportunity for the community to provide input and ideas.

The top four ideas that came through (in order of support) included: outdoor exercise equipment, BBQ facilities, places to climb, and public toilets. Additional popular suggestions included: swings, natural landscape, flying fox, dog off-leash area, night lighting, traffic dampening, grass open area, and fun and functional seating.

An additional detailed suggestion was made regarding integrating historic elements of the area in the park. The park itself was traditionally a Chinese market garden. The suggestion also included linking the area to surrounding businesses, such as the Brunswick Turkish Child Care Cooperative and the Rope Works Site.

ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

This report will continue by including a detailed summary of activities undertaken during the community drop-in sessions and Brunswick North Primary School sessions.

Overall Results from the Voting Jars

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- > Grow & Garden- 52 Vote
- > Recreate- 10 Votes
- > Exercise- 10 Votes
- > Relax & Reflect- 23 Votes
- > Play- 79 Votes
- > Exposure to Nature- 23 Votes

Overall Results from the Dotmocracy Activity

Across the three sessions, 339 votes on the dotmocracy activity were received.

Description	Votes
Native Plantings	36
Greenery	24
Notice Boards	3
Playgrounds	48
Nature Play	51
Adventure Play	22
Little Library	5
Murals & Sculptures from Local Artists	29
Bike Parking	13
Sports	24
Gym Equipment	12
Edible/Community Gardens	25
Community Composting/Worm Farms	11
BBQ Facilities	16
Seating	14
Shelter	6

Summary of Additional Ideas & Suggestions

Analysis of all collected data from the questions asked in consultation and additional suggestions, has identified 12 reoccurring themes:

- > Play equipment & nature play- 32
- > A space for people- amenities include seating, shelter, drink bottle refill, BBQs- 15
- > Native plants & greenery- 14
- > Creativity, local music & art- 10
- > Cultural diversity & history of Brunswick- 10
- > Accessibility inclusion & all ages- 9
- > Indigenous plants & history- 7
- > Traffic dampening- 7
- > Lighting- 5
- > Bike parking- 3
- > Keep it simple- 3
- > Productive plantings & community gardens- 3

APPENDIX: TINNING ST ENGAGEMENT RAW DATA

COMMUNITY SESSION 1:

- > Thursday 30th May 2019, 4-5:30pm
- > Brunswick Neighbourhood House

Voting Activity

- > Grow & Garden- 1 Vote
- > Recreate- 3 Votes
- > Exercise- 2 Votes
- > Relax & Reflect- 7 Votes
- > Play- 7 Votes
- > Exposure to Nature- 9 Votes

Dotmocracy Activity

Description	Votes
Native Plantings	15
Greenery	7
Notice Boards	1
Playgrounds	5
Nature Play	8
Adventure Play	3
Little Library	1
Murals & Sculptures from Local Artists	6
Bike Parking	1
Sports	7
Gym Equipment	3
Edible/Community Gardens	1
Community Composting/Worm Farms	0
BBQ Facilities	7
Seating	5
Shelter	4

What about Brunswick would you like to see celebrated in this park?

- > Indigenous plants & history
- > Connection with the proposed Skyrail Park
- > Colour
- > Creativity
- > Accessibility inclusion
- > Reflecting the hub for design, creativity, art, music
- > Art scene
- > Fun
- > Indigenous plants & culture
- > Indigenous history/culture & bushfoods
- > Indigenous plants
- > Music

- > Represent the various cultures in Brunswick
- > Somewhere to sit
- > More trees
- > Thick vegetation

What is your big idea for the Tinning St Park?

- > My kids (age 7 & 9) love Bush Reserve because it has the following:
 - > Zipline/flying fox
 - > Swings
 - > Slides
 - > Boats for small kids
 - > We love it for the tree's, BBQ area, area for kicking the football and small basketball court
 - > The natural materials used in Bush Reserve are also amazing
 - > Water fountain and drink bottle refill station
 - > A celebration of Game of Thrones
 - > Simple/tranquil (not too crowded with stuff)- 2 people wrote 'agree'
 - > Table and chairs
 - > A space for people
 - > Play equipment
 - > BBQ
 - > Shelter
 - > Accessible toilets
 - > Keep it simple
 - > Pizza oven
 - > Play equipment
 - > Trees/shrubs, shaded places to sit- native & natural- no more concrete & hard surfaces
 - > 'Bench seating'- Anna aged 76
 - > 'Nature playground'- Harry age 6
 - > 'Basketball court'- Fred aged 19
 - > Vegetated arbour- wisteria = summer shade, winter light
 - > Have plans to extend park by buying the other warehouses- 1 x agree
 - > Traffic dampening for this section of Tinning St
 - > Native trees & grasses in seating area with BBQ
 - > Grass- for balls, sitting, lying, green
 - > Nut grove/other low maintenance edible/productive trees
 - > Celebrate Indigenous/bush food plants
 - > Indigenous plants (with some info about them). Also, some info on birds
 - > All ages 0-100!
 - > Water for birds, particularly during summer
 - > Sun safety
 - > Integrating/providing space to feature local artists
 - > Summer shade, Winter sun- 1 x agree
 - > Massive wooden fort like playground with different age level equipment- Kitchen play underneath ER
 - > Great playgrounds- Beavers Road & Woolhouse St Wooden Structure/ Quarries Park Playground
 - > Climbing wall
 - > Vegie patches & kids community gardens
 - > Bike trail for kids throughout
 - > Weekend markets nearly!

- > Skate ramps
- > Swings
- > Slide
- > BBQ

Additional Suggestions:

- > Climbing walls for kids
- > All ability play equipment- swings
- > NO gym equipment
- > No plastic play equipment
- > Native plants & greenery
- > Avoid artificial materials
- > Bush reserve is a favourite

COMMUNITY SESSION 2:

- > Saturday 1st June 2019, 2-3:30pm
- > Brunswick Neighbourhood House

Voting Activity

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- > Grow & Garden- 45 Votes
- > Recreate- 6 Votes
- > Exercise- 4 Votes
- > Relax & Reflect- 9 Votes
- > Play- 32 Votes
- > Exposure to Nature- 8 Votes

Dotmocracy Activity

Description	Votes
Native Plantings	12
Greenery	8
Notice Boards	2
Playgrounds	16
Nature Play	13
Adventure Play	7
Little Library	4
Murals & Sculptures from local artists	12
Bike Parking	4
Sports	6
Gym Equipment	6
Edible/Community Gardens	14
Community Composting/Worm Farms	7
BBQ Facilities	4
Seating	4
Shelter	0

What about Brunswick would you like to see celebrated in this park?

- > Community garden
- > Traffic dampening- especially with small children around
- > There is a great need for a safe park space for babies and small children. Please no off-leash dog area. Need: trees, seats, play equipment like the 'Denzil Don Park'. Two swings- one for babies. Slide. No parking at the entrance so small children can be observed. Parking to the side of the park. Area where small children can learn to ride their bikes. Trees. Bench seating. Good lighting but not facing housing
- > Diversity x 5 Agree
- > Street art/murals
- > Older kids 9+ onwards

- > Park for all ages (not just young families)
- > Community
- > Traffic dampening to protect kids crossing roads
- > Local culture & history
- > Play tram
- > Urban art
- > Vertical playground (fort)
- > Seating
- > Some fencing to make it seem somewhat enclosed and not too exposed
- > Dog friendly
- > Well-lit to make it feel safe
- > Giant slide
- > Obstacle course
- > Slide around the park
- > Creative greenery for a relaxing space
- > Local art from local artists
- > Community
- > Indigenous & Torres Strait Islander people, culture & history

What is your big idea for the Tinning St Park?

- > Giant monkey bars
- > Bike parking to encourage sustainable transport e.g. not cars to the park- BUT not allowing bike riders to traverse the space on their bikes. They need to dismount and walk through
- > More greenery
- > A sustainable safe local space where residents can come together. Meet and make new friends, support each other and create ecofriendly useable items that they can share and enjoy.- Agree
- > Art installation from local artists & outdoor gym & table tennis facilities would be great
- > Nature play
- > Climbing, climbing and more climbing equipment. Sandpit would also be nice. Please keep it green.
- > Mix of lawn space and hills, paths and hidey holes, making it a place to explore
- > A space for locals that is safe, sustainable and inclusive for everyone
- > A space for local residents to relax and reflect on local culture & a safe sustainable park
- > Trees for shade
- > Plenty of natural greenery in general
- > Would love a space for a picnic
- > Not sure space is large enough but a dog off-leash area
- > Spaces for people to express thoughts, ideas, feelings, on local areas- e.g. hanging blackboards in the trees, community letterbox for feedback
- > Large scale community map for people and to collect local knowledge
- > 'LETS' style exchange e.g. dog walking swaps & community help/swap
- > Free WIFI x 1 Agree
- > Seating
- > Library
- > Dinosaur park
- > Drink taps
- > Community fire pit
- > Rotunda
- > There 100% needs to be an enclosed off-leash dog walking area like at Gilpin Park. This needs to be well lit for people who need to walk their dogs after dark. The material on the

ground in this enclosure area needs to be able to be able to soak up the moisture so that it doesn't become a mud pit

- > The lighting does not need to be hard-wire, use solar power!
- > Seating for older people to chat
- > A bocce court
- > Outdoor checkers/chess
- > Large enclosed off-leash dog space- well-lit- yes please!
- > Play equipment
- > BBQ
- > A full circle to climb around e.g. stumps, balancing beam, logs
- > Traffic needs to be slowed especially on the weekend
- > Recycling bins
- > Big trees- including fruit trees- lemons, mandarin, oranges
- > Traffic dampening- no car parking directly adjacent to the park
- > Climbing frame
- > Fort along a wall/warehouse
- > Big slide around the park
- > The area is not big enough to support off-leash dog areas- There are plenty of green spaces that are already off leash. There needs to be a balance between pets and children and a community space for all, not just kids- agree
- > A sense of arrival/lighting when you arrive in the park taking the short cut from the station down the back alley. Potentially some street art along the way

Additional Suggestions:

- > Fairy house
- > Also, reminders of the working-class history of Brunswick including its migrant history
- > Fencing so dogs can be off-leash (maybe just at night)
- > Tree house
- > Dinosaur
- > A theme would be good too. Maybe dinosaurs
- > Child friendly
- > Focus on bike parks not cars
- > A really big slide
- > Quiet seating spots for older people
- > A bocce space
- > Improve the lane- add plants to the lane
- > Clean up the lane- add greenery
- > Reminders of past local industries- clothing industries, the neighbouring rope factory
- > Simple non-moving gym equipment like a pull up bar
- > Dog access between 7pm-7am- multiuse of space
- > A sensory area for kids with disabilities would be great

PRIMARY SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT:

- > Saturday 7th June 2019, 3-4:30pm
- > Brunswick North Primary School

Voting Activity

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- > Grow & Garden- 6 Votes
- > Recreate- 1 Votes
- > Exercise- 4 Votes
- > Relax & Reflect- 7 Votes
- > Play- 40 Votes
- > Exposure to Nature- 6 Votes

Dotmocracy Activity

Description	Votes
Native Plantings	9
Greenery	9
Notice Boards	0
Playgrounds	27
Nature Play	30
Adventure Play	12
Little Library	0
Murals & Sculptures from local artists	11
Bike Parking	4
Sports	11
Gym Equipment	3
Edible/Community Gardens	10
Community Composting/Worm Farms	4
BBQ Facilities	5
Seating	5
Shelter	2

Additional Suggestions:

- > Swings- more than 2
- > Water play
- > Toilets
- > (Kids) bike path
- > Soccer goals
- > No dogs
- > Skate park
- > Toilets please
- > Traffic buffering for this area so that children are safe

ONLINE 'HAVE YOUR SAY' PLATFORM

Suggestions:

- > Outdoor gym equipment & exercise stations- 7 votes
- > Places for children to climb – 3 votes
- > Swings- 2 votes
- > Nature play
- > Natural landscape - 2 votes
- > Toilets- 3 votes
- > Drinking fountain/water refill station – 2 votes
- > Winter sun, summer shade
- > Accessible play equipment
- > Fence around the area to make it safe for children
- > Recognition of local history & heritage- see email 30 for specifics
- > Flying fox- 2 votes
- > Train theme in the park
- > Shade cloth for sun protection
- > Rotunda
- > All ages play equipment
- > BBQ- 4 votes
- > Sporting facilities- Half basketball court/soccer goals
- > Native trees
- > Local artwork recognising the local aboriginal community
- > Dog off-leash area- potentially fenced – 2 votes
- > Night lighting – 2 votes
- > Dog poo bags & drinking bowls
- > Small bike path
- > Platform for performances
- > Cafes
- > Extend the park
- > Area of silence or contemplation
- > Acknowledge the traditional owners of the area
- > Acknowledge and remember Jill Meagher, Eurydice Dixon
- > Traffic dampening- slow cars in Tinning St – 2 votes
- > Children's garden
- > Local management committee for the park made up of surrounding residents
- > Grass open area – 2 votes
- > Fun and functional seating – 2 votes
- > Water play
- > Dog-free space
- > Smoke-free park