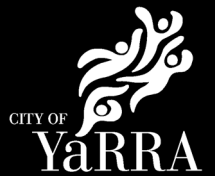




Golden Square Bicentennial Park

Consultation Phase 2 Report -
Draft Masterplan Feedback and
Analysis



Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra. We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra. We pay our respects to Elders from all nations and to their Elders past, present and future.

Golden Square Bicentennial Park Landscape Masterplan

Consultation Phase Two – 13 February to 6 March 2023

A draft masterplan was developed based on the results of an initial round of consultation held in August 2022, and presented to the community to test its recommendations. This report provides the consultation results, analysis and outcomes that will be applied to finalise the draft masterplan.

Background

The draft masterplan was developed by Jeavons Landscape Architects, based on an analysis of the existing site conditions and the community values captured from the first round of consultation in 2022. The draft was presented to the community through Council's Your Say Yarra (YSY) page, officers also made themselves available to go through the design in more detail and answer any questions at a face-to-face session held in the park.

Four questions were asked in the online survey about the draft masterplan, to test and refine the ideas presented.

1. What do you like about the masterplan?
2. How could the masterplan be improved?
3. What are your thoughts on replacing the ageing rotunda?
4. Do you have any other comments?

The YSY page is: <https://yoursayyarra.com.au/goldensquare>

The draft masterplan used for the second round of consultation can be seen in [Appendix 1](#).

Summary of engagement

The phase 2 survey was live on the YSY page from 13 February to 6 March.

- Online survey through YSY – 38 Contributions
- Direct email responses – 2 received

Face to face session on Saturday 25 February from 10am to 12pm

- 16 local residents dropped in to provide comments
- Cr Herschel and Cr Landes attended

Details on the communications and engagement activities can be seen in [Appendix 2](#).

Survey results

The questions in the survey required long form answers. All the responses have been read by one person, then summarised and themed accordingly. The summarised results are shown in the tables below and include comments received on site and from the emails received.

Verbatim answers can be seen in [Appendix 3](#).

1. What do you like about the Masterplan?

YSY Survey - Answered: 33 (86.8%) Skipped: 5

Themes	Number of responses
General support	11
Perimeter planting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Don't like feeling looked on from outside - Improve biodiversity and air quality - Support native planting (3) - Increased green 	10
Playground improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment for older children - Accessible equipment - Not as high as equipment at Citizens Park - In-built trampolines - More swings - Natural materials 	4
Not supportive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing liked about the plan - Basic - Not impressed - Dismayed - Mass planting around the edges removes visibility and compromises community safety - More grass not less, don't compromise grass coverage for garden beds 	4
Improved BBQ area	3
Lawn upgrade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - drainage improvement - Swamp in winter, concrete in summer 	3

Looks refreshed	2
Improved shade	2
Not trying to do too much	2
Removal of bollards	2
Covered seating for picnic table	1
Improved seating	1
Improved walkways	1
Improved walkways and pram crossing	1
Improves existing amenities	1
Meal areas for small or large gatherings	1
No toilet	1
Preserving the character of the park	1
Provisions to sit down and watch kids	1
Reflective area	1

Outcomes

Support for the project outweighs opposition to it, and the draft masterplan will be finalised in its current configuration with minor modifications made. Suggestions made around specific aspects of the draft will be implemented in the detail design phase.

Low level planting will be implemented in the proposed garden beds and maintained to ensure sightlines and safety are not compromised.

2. How could the Masterplan be improved?

YSY Survey - Answered: 33 (86.8%) Skipped: 5

Themes	Number of responses
Timeframe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement all at once - Rate of development in the area means urgent work is required - Playground should be in the first 2 years 	8
Inclusion of other park infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basketball 4 - Pull up bar - Fenced area for dogs - Toilets 4.5 - Walking track around edge - Seating around BBQ - More seats around the edges - Entrance treatments 	7
Lighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a lighting plan 	4
Trees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preserve the fairy tree - No trees with berries to deter bats - Birds ok - Trees to attract crimson rosellas 	4
Plants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use flowering plants and trees - Use low maintenance plants for perimeter 	2
Community garden or fruit trees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Veg beds to share 	2
Do not remove bollards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to deter people from driving into the park - They're fun 	2
Water play <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use recycled water, water efficient playground. 	2

Fix paving in rotunda	1
Improve cross overs	1
Issue of dog use and continual degradation of grass	1
Make park more like; <i>Lincolns Square South, Royal Park Nature Play, Ian Potter Children's Garden, Booran Reserve, Rye and Sorrento Adventure playgrounds (although getting dated) Gumnut Park, Wallen Water, Kew</i>	1
No issues	1
Playground – do not increase footprint. Go higher. - Include sunshade	1
Renovate the gazebo	1
Replacement of bollards with suitable materials that don't rot	1
Retain bins and dog poo bags	1
Safety compromised because of visual barrier from plants	1
Soundproof fence along railway line	1
Traffic light; no need to move. So few people use them.	1

Outcomes

The timing and delivery of projects was the main concern raised by residents in the survey and those who attended the pop-up session. Implementation for the masterplan is based on the annual budget cycle and we will continue to apply for funding to realise the recommendations of the masterplan.

The development of a lighting plan will be added to the list of actions for the masterplan.

The playground upgrade will be moved to the short-term list.

To preserve the amenity of the park, not all new infrastructure requests can be fulfilled. A basketball court, a fenced area for dogs and toilets are not seen as suitable components for a park of this size.

CPTED principles will be used in the detailed design and delivery of the masterplan to ensure safety is considered in every aspect of the design, from the planting beds to pathways and the playground.

3. What are your thoughts on replacing the ageing rotunda?

YSY Survey - Answered: 31 (81.6%) Skipped: 7

Themes	Number of responses
<p>Support</p> <p><i>General comments</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designs look great - Current rotunda is awkward - uncomfortable to sit it (2) - Current rotunda not ideal - It's grosse and starting to rot - Current size inadequate <p><i>Future design</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have it open instead of closed - Have it weatherproof (2) - Current shape protects it from rain - Modern materials and bigger - Keep the library box - Note heritage profile of the area 	12
<p>Just refurbish it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Like the heritage look - Sympathetic to heritage - Just preserve it - But add 2 entries - Sentimental value 	8
Neutral	5
<p>Replace pavers/better flooring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use bluestone not cheap concrete 	4
Works scheduled too far away	1

Outcomes

The proposal for a new and upgraded rotunda structure will remain on the plan. The design will be finalised during the detailed design phase. We will consider the history of the site and the heritage quality of the park and surrounds when developing the new rotunda.

4. Do you have any other comments?

YSY Survey - Answered: 23 (60.5%) Skipped :15

Themes	Number of responses
Timeframes, delivery too far away	4
Great that Council is looking to improve our small backyard	3
Inequity of spending in Burnley compared to other parts of Yarra needs to be addressed	3
Need greater space for park usage given growth in the area	2
Toilets	2
Fine as it is, don't need to do much	2
Fix rotunda floor	2
Appreciate continued dog off lead facilities	1
Community planting days, create a sense of ownership, education and connection	1
Current plant palette is mixed and seems piecemeal	1
Dog poo, more local laws patrols	1
Fig trees great for shade but bring bats	1
Incorrect junction at the corner of Parkville and Gibdon as a priority	1
Introduction of design for country adopted to help or educate young kids; could be native species or story telling	1
Maintain the free library	1
Need for ongoing maintenance	1
Not creating a 'good' park, just a different park	1

Only improving it for people who don't live locally	1
Pull up bar	1
Reduce noise pollution, soundproof fence along railway line	1
Remove sewer vent	1
Stick to plans, keep it simple	1

Outcomes

Community sentiments around the timing of delivery and the perceived inequity of capital investment in Burnley will be shared with Council.

Other comments have been noted and will be considered again during detail design.

Next steps

The draft masterplan will be finalised based on the consultation results and analysis. This will be uploaded on the project's YSY page and community members will be able to view the final plan before it is presented to Council for endorsement. Any comments on the plan will be collated and provided to Council to review before a decision is made on whether to adopt the plan.

If the plan is endorsed, it will be used as a basis for capital works planning and budget bids in future years.

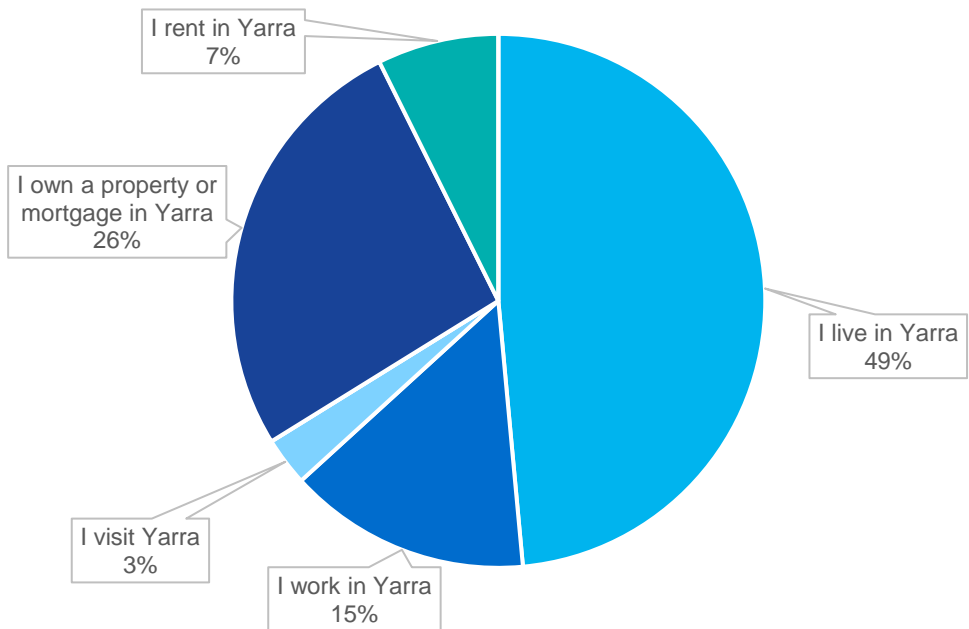
Projects from the adopted masterplan will be implemented as funding becomes available.

Some of the works such as the playground upgrade or rotunda renewal will require further community engagement before they are implemented.

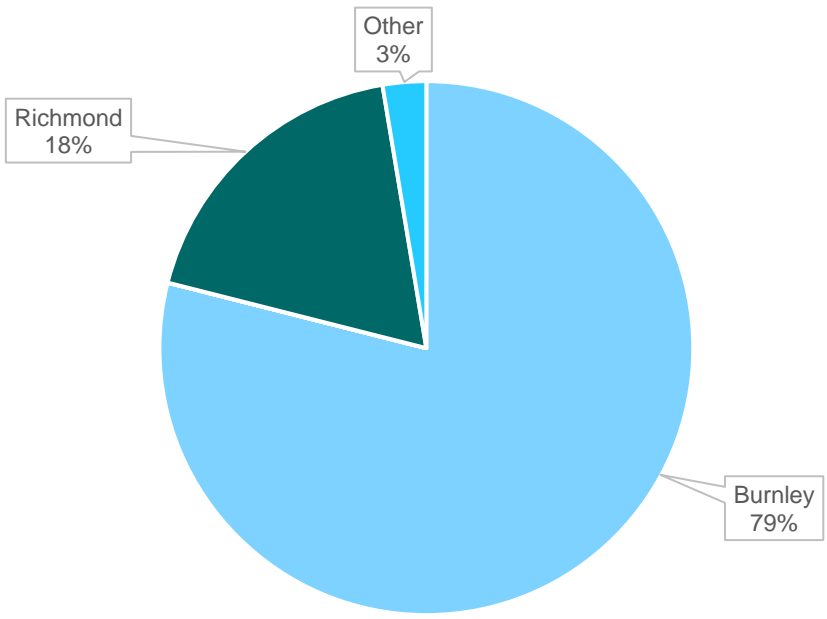
Comments included in this round of analysis will be considered during future works.

Demographic Statistics from respondents of YSY Survey

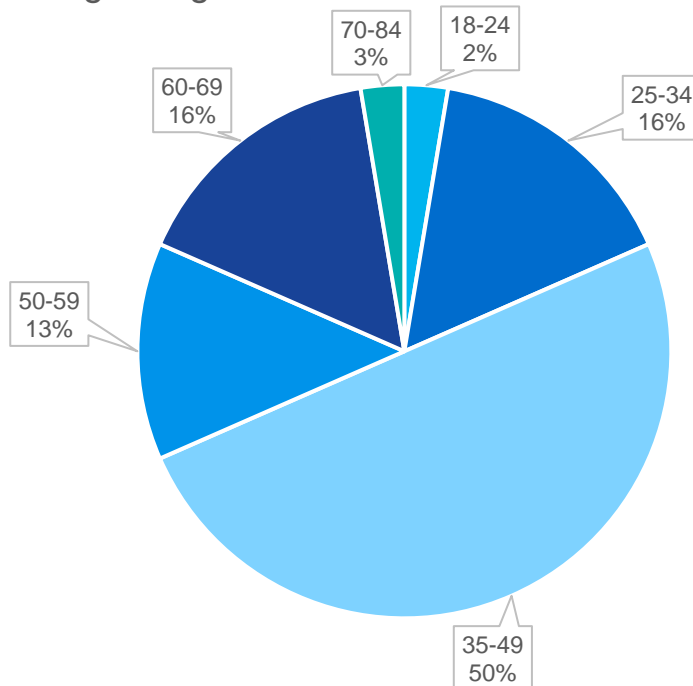
What is your connection to Yarra?



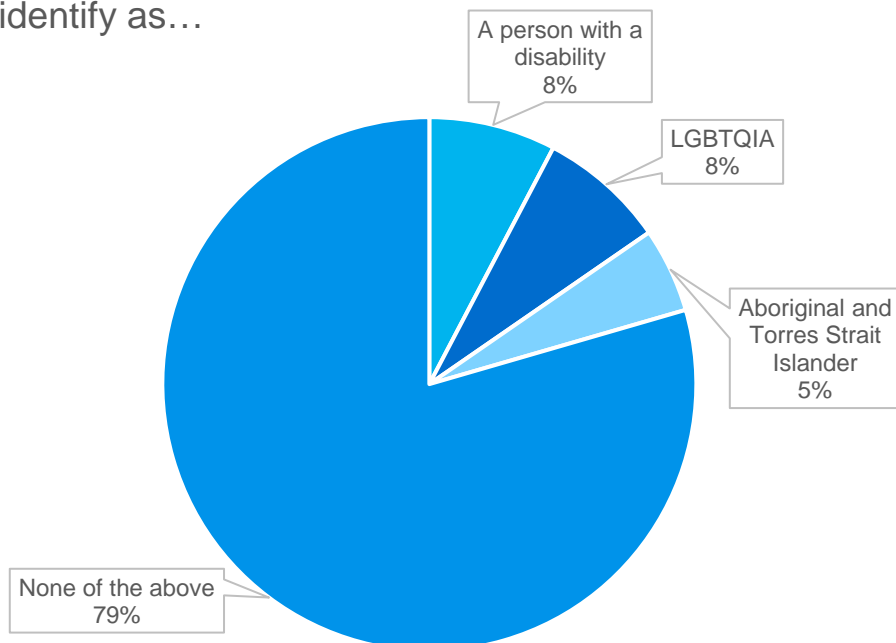
What suburb do you live in?



What is your age range?



Do you identify as...



Appendix 1

Draft Masterplan presented for community consultation

Landscape Master Plan Vision

The Landscape Master Plan has been developed to guide the future improvements and ongoing maintenance of Golden Square Park to include:

- Retaining Golden Square Park as a hidden urban green retreat for local community.
- A place for the community to gather and play.
- Retaining the existing mixed tree planting character.

The recommendations below reflect the results of the community consultation.

Recommendations - Short Term

General

Remediate the existing lawn area and improve path connection to the train station.

- 01 Open Lawn Area**
Improve lawn area for ball sports, gathering and dogs off lead. Level surface, top dress, new irrigation, and reduce pits in lawn area.
- 02 Existing Signalised Crossing**
Undertake feasibility study to support closure of existing pedestrian crossing at corner of Stawell Street and Madden Grove, to encourage pedestrians to use existing signalised pedestrian crossing to access the train station.
- 03 Reserve Entry**
New path and plaques relocated within feature entry garden beds
- 04 New Path**
A new path is to be constructed from existing pram crossing locations to connect to existing main path network.

Recommendations - Mid Term

General

Provide inclusive access to landscape amenities, upgrade and replace existing ageing infrastructure.

- 05 Playspace**
Redesign play space to improve accessibility, play value, shade, and offer a greater range of play opportunities for different ages and abilities. Include accessible play elements, routes and seating locations within the proposed play footprint. The existing mound is to be replaced with a lower mound to improve sight lines and reduce slip risk on steep surface.
- 06 Picnic Shelter and BBQ**
Improve the existing BBQ area with new picnic settings under a shelter, accessible BBQ unit and paved surface to improve access. The lawn area behind the proposed shelter provides a spill out area for larger gatherings.
- 07 Perimeter Planting**
Replace existing perimeter timber bollards with ground cover and shrub planting around the perimeter. The new garden beds aims to improve biodiversity and create a visual barrier around the park.

Recommendations - Long Term

General

Provide inclusive access to landscape amenities, upgrade and replace existing ageing infrastructure.

- 08 Main Shelter**
Replace existing rotunda with a contemporary shelter, providing plenty of seating and improved access under the shelter.
- 09 Quiet Space for Reflection**
Create a space that provides an opportunity for quiet reflection. Include seating as part of furniture replacement program under existing shade trees and sensory plants.

Recommendations - On going

Tree Planting

Continue to maintain and care for existing trees within the park. Consider removal of some existing trees to improve passive surveillance. Consider introducing deciduous trees within the reserve to improve biodiversity and options for all year shade/sun aspect.

Furniture

Replace ageing furniture with a consistent suite across the park.



LEGEND

- Existing trees, predominantly native evergreen
- Existing Palm trees
- Existing Pine trees
- Existing feature evergreen trees
- Existing feature deciduous trees
- Existing tree to be removed in future to improve sightlines and protect infrastructure
- Proposed Trees - exact species to be confirmed
- Existing garden beds
- Proposed garden beds
- Garden bed mulch surface
- Lawn surface
- Proposed mounds formed using existing site excavated soil.
- Existing paths
- Proposed path and paved surfaces
- Proposed logs from tree removal work as informal seating edges and informal play elements
- Proposed picnic setting
- Proposed platform table
- Proposed seat with back and arm rest
- Proposed bench
- Proposed BBQ
- Proposed Bins
- Proposed drink fountain
- Existing light
- Relocated plaques
- Indicative dog off leash area
- Indicative future playground footprint
- Indicative lawn area for recreational activities

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Golden Square Bicentennial Park Landscape Master Plan

Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Country
Parkville Street, Burnley VIC



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Proposed contemporary update to main and picnic shelter

Proposed low planting to perimeter of park



Proposed play equipment to promote social inclusion



Proposed play structures to cater for all ages and social inclusion



Proposed land form for play

Proposed natural elements and material for play

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Appendix 2

Community engagement activities

Activity	Details	Audience	Timing	Result
Your Say Yarra (YSY) page	<p>Landing page for all online engagement. Providing information on the purpose of the consultation and how to provide feedback.</p> <p>The page also provided details on the pop-up event, how to request an interpreter and how to contact the team directly.</p> <p>The survey to provide feedback was also located on this page.</p>	The whole Yarra community could access this page.	The page was published at 9am on Monday 13 February. It is still available but is no longer open for feedback.	<p>Page views – 1,227</p> <p>Visitors – 535</p>
Online YSY feedback survey	Community members had the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Masterplan.	The whole Yarra community could access this survey.	The survey was launched at 9am on Monday 13 February and closed at 9am on Monday 6 March.	Contributions – 38 online
Postcard letterbox drop	Postcards detailing the consultation and the pop-up event were distributed to residents and businesses in the area.	Approx. 300 local residents and businesses in the affected area	Monday 13 February	109 QR code usages (across all postcard and corflute poster outputs)
Email sent to Golden Square contributors from the first round	An email campaign was sent to our Golden square contributor list	Golden Square email subscribers	Email was sent at the launch of the consultation on Monday 13 February	The email was sent to 87 email addresses. 74 emails were opened which resulted in 58

				recipients clicking through to the YSY page.
Social media post	A social post advertising the launch of the consultation and linking back to the YSY page was sent on Facebook	Social media followers	Tuesday 14 February	The Facebook post reached 1,847 people with 11 reactions/engagements and 51 people clicking through to the YSY page.
Social media post	A social post advertising the pop-up event and linking back to the YSY page was sent on Facebook	Social media followers	Friday 24 February	The Facebook post reached 781 people with 3 reactions/engagements and 7 clicks through to the YSY site.
Yarra Life – detailing consultation and linking back to YSY page	Email newsletter to approx. 11,600 subscribers	Broad Yarra community		86 clicks on link to consultation page
YSY EDM-promoting consultations	Email newsletter sent to 521 subscribers	YSY subscribers		21 clicks on link to consultation page

Signage at Golden Square	A1 corflute promoting pop-up events and QR code link to YSY page	Park users	Available from Monday 13 February	109 QR code usages (across all postcard and corflute poster outputs)
Additional Council enewsletters – Leisure	Email newsletter to subscribers	Yarra Leisure subscribers	N/a	N/a
Outreach to underrepresented cohorts				
Pop-up events	<p>in-person pop-up consultation was held at Golden Square.</p> <p>This gave people an opportunity to come and speak to officers in person.</p>	People who work/visit/live near Golden Square	Saturday 25 February from 10am to midday	No hard copy surveys were filled in but notes were taken while officers spoke to attendees.

Appendix 3

Verbatim responses

YSY Survey

What do you like about the Masterplan?

Reduced mound in the playground
More shade
BBQ areas

The master plan is based on improvements and the suggestions are pretty straight forward.

Overall I think the plan would be a good improvement to the existing area.

Refreshed space

The perimeter planting is nice. I've never liked how 'looked in on' i've felt when sitting in this park. Feels like people on the street and train station stare in.

The levelling of the lawn and improved drainage is important and if done right, will be a great addition. The pram crossings are good too as it will avoid the 'goat track' style cut through.

Improved pathway lighting - nights are dark early during winter and many people walking from burnley station cut through the park. It is poorly lit so some improvements would benefit a feeling of safety at night.

Fabulous to see this area refreshed and updated. Increase of vegetation is a must do to improve biodiversity and assist with air quality

I like the added vegetation, improved BBQ area and improvements to the playground.

I think it looks fantastic but would love it to happen sooner than existing timelines

It's good, improves on the current amenities.

I like the removal of bollards and plantings
I like the covered seating over picnic table
I like the idea of reflective seating
Removal of some trees replaced with more appropriate tree planting
Needs to be more aesthetic
Renovate the gazebo

The changes will improve varied parts of the park and so have maximised positive impact for those using it. We definitely need improved vegetation and walk ways and the ongoing maintenance afterwards.

I like the extra shrub planting and long term plan to improve the rotunda but I don't think the lawn needs to be improved. And the paths are fine as they are. The park is lovely as it is the playground was only recently upgraded.

Great but it needs adult exercise equipment- eg a pull-up bar

I like the improved seating and meals areas for small or larger gatherings.

New play equipment including some elements for older children and accessibility items sounds fantastic. Please have some sun shade too. The park is visited by many children. Please don't make it as high as the slide at Citizens Park, as that looks a bit unsafe. In-built trampolines are also popular like at Thomas St Reserve Playground in Hampton so we'd love to see that in there too. 3-4 swings (maybe 1 basket swing) would be great as often many kids are waiting.

This master plan is Ok.

Fantastic suggestions and agree

The design examples showing natural materials in the play area look fantastic - they would suit the character of the park, the perimeter planting will look great, upgrading the lawn is a must - it ranges from swamp to concrete throughout the year.

I'm very supportive. I like that you're not trying to do everything and it appears you'll keep it simple, which is very much in line with the existing character of the park. Please do not lose sight of this. I like the plan for the native flower beds around the perimeter and for improving the quality of the grass. Please note however that the high use of dogs in the park will likely degrade the grass and there is the never-ending issue of dog faeces.

Looks great! Upgrading the play space and bbq area with some shade will be good

Improving shade and picnic provisions

I think it's awesome

Basic. Lawn and seating not major priority. By the time the 10 years is up they will probably have to be done again.

Like it.

Nothing

simple and clear

I love how much more green there is going to be!! Hopefully more seats around the edges too.

I think it is perfect

Not impressed (Note there is not enough space in the sections below for me to write what I really would like too very disappointed in the feedback form and park design.)

Excellent. Addresses all feedback I had, even minor items.

bbq changes sound good - quiet area sounds good (invest in comfortable outdoor seating! (I believe Deakin Uni has good outdoor seating near its student accomodation)

looks good with a (but)

How could the Masterplan be improved?

Addition of toilets
Addition of basketball hoop

The Masterplan needs to include the replacement of the wooden posts that surround all park areas in Burnley especially the Golden Square Reserve. I have lived opposite of park for almost 2 years and I am staggered at the constant rate of replacement the surrounding park posts. It is very obvious that the posts are untreated or insufficiently treated for their current use. Over the past 18 months I have noted that the bases easily rot causing the posts to collapse. They are replaced with the same and continue to quickly rot and collapse again. It would be fair to state the the beneficiaries of this ongoing process are the contractors and the supplier(s). Your records will clearly support this point of contention. This is of no benefit to the residents and tax payers. Do the math and perhaps you may choose to better utilise available funds for future improvements. Perhaps the savings from this wastage could finance a sound proof fence along the railway line which is opposite the north side of the reserve.

Bring forward the works from 10 years. Prioritise the playground upgrade would be great to have a water play area, in ground trampolines, and overall better play equipment. Having the rotunda as part of the playground area would be nice to host kids birthday with oversight of playground.

Community garden and/or community fruiting trees

In regards to safety within the park I would like to query the replacing of the bollards fence with ground cover plants and shrubs in part to create a visual barrier around it.

If a visual barrier is created around the park then sight lines into the park and natural surveillance of the people using the park could be greatly reduced, if not done correctly.

Then I noted that the playground area mound is also to be reduced in height which also reduce the sight lines and natural surveillance from outside the park, especially when the shrubs on the exterior could be created a visual barrier.

In the past lighting of parks has been minimal to reduce the community from going into and using the facilities during the darkened hours as well to reduce the affect on animals within the environment.

However the use of parks within inner Melbourne has changed and is often seen as an extension of peoples backyards and/or locations for socialising before or after work (shift workers), school etc.

The lighting in the park which there appears to be only three lights in the whole park. Planting of trees to create shade is good for the daylight hours but can be a safety issue during the darkened hours as it can inhibit the spread of lighting and create much darker areas throughout the park.

In the City of Melbourne when there has been issues with sufficient lighting in parks the community use their mobile phones torch application to light the way/area for themselves. This has made some of them targets for robbery and theft.

I would suggest that a lighting plan be developed around the proposed changes to the park and its environment including the spaces and infrastructure.

Maintain a physical barrier/deterrent to cars driving onto the park. The perimeter bollards offer this already and could be painted. Improving biodiversity is not going to improve the health of the park nor the safety of persons within the park as you only propose a visual barrier. Introducing garden beds could be done within the perimeter, without removing a safety barrier to maintain both a physical and visual barrier.

Introducing a water efficient playground where water is recycled. Kids (and dogs) love the water fountain and playing in it but it wastes a lot of water. Playgrounds have been adopting the water well pumps that recycle the water which kids seem to love. This should be incorporated into the masterplan and playground improvement. (PS - keep the bins, keep the dog poo bags) - everyone in the community does the right thing -mostly.

Management of trees needs to be considered. the Fairy tree is an icon and needs preserving but the other trees are dotted species without much thought as some of these trees constantly drop limbs - causing a safety issue but also grow so tall that they obscure views (good or bad). The birds are great but the bats are not, so any berry producing trees should be avoided.

The concern is the duration of the masterplan. the short to mid-term items should be tackled in one tranche (with the exception of the lawn improvement) for cost efficiencies. With CoY approving so many developments, the population is set to increase dramatically so the park will need improvement to cater for an increase in usage by both residents (think the 2 x developments at end of Gibdon st - i.e Burnley Maltings) and the commercial buildings of Australia Post and the recent submission next to Aus post along the Swan Street precinct.

Although toilets would be handy I fear vandalism and maintenance could be problematic.

The nearest toilets are in a restaurant (which don't generally accept public usage) and in the train station. When spending time with children at the playground this results in a long distance for a child that doesn't have much time when they realise they need the toilet.

A half basketball court to shoot hoops would be good

You need to build toilets.

Please add an enclosed / fenced dog exercise area. It is not safe to let dogs run around with no barrier between the park and the busy road.

Timeframe !!

This is urgent work needs to be gone now

Adding in something for the older kids ie a basketball hoop/shooting area in the rear part of the park thats currently underused

Needs a pull up bar

A small track around the edge of the gardens for people for enjoy the new garden edging you are planting and to walk laps of the park.

A nice vegetable garden for people to manage/ share would be a great idea. Eg burnley backyard.

The playground revamp is much needed and sooner than planned. Look at the level of development in the area. I'd like to see this within the next 12 months. We would like to see a same or larger sized playground. Ropes design photo looks wonderful for older kids!

1. The foot path at the corner of Parkville and Gibdon Streets needs correcting.

When you walk down Gibson Street and cross parkville street to get to the park, the cross over is not directly in front of you, but is two meter down Parkvlle street. This is very annoying for pam user and little kids on bike.

When you cross Gibdon st (at the corner of Gibdon and Parkville street) there is a crossover to get to the footpath but the crossover does not join the park path. You have to go on the footpath, go off onto the road junction in parkville street to then get onto the park path. As this is out of the way people just walk across the grass.

2. More seating around the BBQ area is recommended.

3. The paving under the rotunda is uneven and a trip hazzard.

Stupid idea to take 10 years, let's just do it within a year - why wait

By bringing forward the play area upgrade, we would be looking forward to this immensely, we would love to see this as soon as possible. Does the plan need to allow for new office workers (Australia Post etc under construction) looking for a lunch break?

Please make sure that when you upgrade the existing playground that you should try to maintain existing a footprint and not be tempted to expand it over a broader area. If you were to expanded over a broader area, I think that it would lose the proportion and the amenity of the park for other users. I noted in the example play equipment provided in your website that one of them was quite a tall piece of clay equipment, which I think would be a good solution for this site, rather than spreading out.

Please can you include water play for the children? Yarra parks have no water play and it's gets so hot during Summer. This would be loved by children and parents alike.

Is there any plan for toilets ?

Toilets, water play for the kids (lacking in Yarra on hot days!)

A 10-year timeframe for full completion is outrageous. At worst I'd expect this plan to be implemented within 3 years if funding is not immediately available. Anything more says you are not taking on the job of improving the park seriously.

Add lighting to the area once it gets dark outside, and in the mornings. I find it quite scary and dangerous to be around.

Playground needs to be updated first and foremost

Please have some flowering plants and trees, not all green.

There is so much intervention - garden beds but no lights? Consultation clearly accounted for nothing

One thing I would like to see would be a half hard court. Basketball maybe. Something we can play on.

By listening and doing suggestions that I made, Look at these parks Lincolns Square South, Royal Park Nature Play, Ian Potter Children's Garden, Booran Reserve, Rye and Sorrento Adventure playgrounds (although getting dated) Gumnut Park, Wallen Water, Kew

No issues

preference low maintenance plants for perimeter - don't create hard and unnecessary work - honestly, though like the timber bollards, they're fun, I wouldn't remove them

the {but}being why could the pedestrian lights be changed to the corner of stall st and madden grove as i live right near the and see very few people use the lights .

What are your thoughts on replacing the ageing rotunda in the future?

No issues

The rotunda can be enlarged and improved by being opened up instead of closed.

Happy to replace. Would be good to have it weatherproof for somewhere to go if it suddenly rains.

Modern materials and a bigger footprint

The rotunda should be preserved to be sympathetic to its heritage but it does need maintenance. The bluestone pavers are uneven which makes use of the space difficult for any people using it for parties, picnics.

If replaced, weather protection would need considering as the shape of the rotunda helps protect from most directions of wind/rain.

Modernising the structure and providing better accessibility is top priority it's a shame that this is in the longer (7-10yr) scope of works.

The rotunda has proven very useful with sudden rain so I am curious if a new structure with better access will provide as good cover.

Definitely do this. It doesn't get used and is Akward and uncomfortable to sit in

Yes please, it's a bit uncomfortable, the paved floor is a shocker.

Upgrade the gazebo
Don't pull down just refurbish
Needs safer flooring

Great idea

So long as it fits in with the heritage of the surrounding protected housing and the park. Please don't out a modern eyesore in there

Great idea

I would like the heritage look kept as it fits with the area but I think a upgrade would be nice as with two entry points.

Designs look great and we're keen on an upgrade.

The rotunda is adequate but the flooring needs replacing. Kids and even the elderly have tripped on it. The structure is fine.

Great idea, please keep the library box

Do it! The rotunda often acts as a meeting point for locals with their kids or dogs (or both!), an impromptu shelter from the weather, a place for a takeaway coffee and catchup. The current rotunda is not the ideal solution for any of these activities.

I'm not really bothered about the rotunda. In fact, if you were to demolish it and replace it with a modern shelter that would be fine with me, but I will leave this issue to other people who actually use the rotunda. I never use it.

Yes more space required

Bad idea. It's part of the park's heritage. Moving it or restoring it is fine but not replacement.

As long as it's restored to its original state

No thoughts

Replace with what?

No

I think it is fine for the time being. Could this be delayed to improve sustainability?

Yes please! It's gross and starting to rot!

Love the rotunda and happy for it to be replaced by another but would hate to lose this shelter altogether.

Don't care, replace it when it needs it, not for the sake of it. Yarra's spending on parks has incurred much wasted money, Citizens Park change(not upgrade)is a prime example.Im a Parent of 2 under 5 and builder of Ian Potter and Royal Park Nature Play.

I haven't used the Rotunda, no opinions on the topic.

the rotunda is iconic, don't get rid of it. I don't unnecessary changes. The rotunda works and has sentimental value. Only make necessary repairs and minor functional improvements

Do you have any other comments?

Reduce the noise pollution of trains and create a more peaceful experience to all park visitors. As mention earlier , a sound proof fence along the railway line on the northern side of reserve.

Honestly the only thing I care about is that the free library is maintained in this space.

The eastern end of the park has a mix of native and introduced trees and does feel like piecemeal placement. The fig trees are great for shade but seem to attract bats.

With all the residential and commercial developments, there is going to need to be a greater space for park usage. The Burnley pocket is a tight community with many young families who use the Park as a meeting/gathering place much like our first nations people. An introduction of Design for Country should be adopted to help educate our young kids. Whether that be some native species or through story telling.

Lastly, if you can remove the big sewer vent or whatever that thing is - that would be great :)

Would be a great project to involve the local community/community groups in "planting days" This would have a multi level objective of creating a sense of ownership, education on how to improve biodiversity in our suburb, connection of community along with good old fashion fun! We have attended this type of activity on the Bellarine Peninsula Foreshore which have been successful and educational.

Just that I'd like this to happen sooner rather than later.
The park is really tired but it gets used a lot. We all love this park and use it daily.
Thank you for updating it

Daily need toilets. It's not a useable amenity for social and kids gatherings otherwise

Very disappointed with the time frames
Plan needs to be implemented now .. not in 10 years
If there is no money then the plan is a waste of time ... Burnley golden square is in dire need of an upgrade to at least be on equal par with Burnley gardens and Burnley park from an aesthetic point of view.
Golden square will be popular with the near completion of the swan street development and people looking for green space during lunchtime
This park will also have increased pressure for green space due to increased population with the surrounding planned residential development approved by council
Upgrade Now Please!! not in 10

The park is really fine as it is. Yo I don't need to spend a lot of money on it. It is well used and loved by the local community

Yes you need a adult pull up bar, the closest is in Barkly gardens or Kevin bartlet

Cheers

I think great the council are looking into improving our small backyard.

Thanks for looking into this.

I'm representing a household of two adults and a 3 year old.

My thoughts are that the rotunda floor and the incorrect junction at the corner of Parkville and gibbon are the two priorities

Less dog poo, fine the fuckers who don't pick up their shit.

It is exciting to see our local park develop, it is well loved by locals and visitors but would benefit from this upgrade. It is viewed by thousands passing on the train every day and would bring up the profile of the area if it is improved.

Please stick to what your plans are and keep it simple. Many thanks.

Do better or stay away. Don't waste the communities time with 10-year improvement fantasies.

10year plan is pointless. It seems Council has the same go slow attitude with regards to the park as they do with our roads in the area! le leave it long enough and it will go away!!!

You are clearly just improving the park for people who don't live locally because there is no infrastructure for the Aust Post building that you approved. Honestly, I can't believe what is happening around here

Appreciate confirmation of continued off-lead facilities for dogs

the bluestones in the rotunda would be better levelled or replaces with pavers.

If you complete your plan for this park it will be no better than it was before, it will just be different. This park is big enough to be made into a good park. I live in Richmond so not far from this park and I travel to go to good parks with my kids

don't redesign play space! only make the improvements for safety and minor functional improvements - additional paths unnecessary, it's a 20 second walk from the ligths to the footpath, improving the current paths would be good

As a lot of people use the gardens for picnics it would be handy for them to have a toilet as the nearest is a the train station

Email submission 1:

As a long term local resident of this precinct I'm extremely dismayed by the proposed Master Plan for our small local parkland.

The staff commented that the brief for this design would respect the community's earlier input. However, I see these plans are completely ignoring this.

Currently Golden Square is a modest open green space with good visibility from the surrounding streets and homes, offering a high level of community safety for those using this very popular area.

The proposed mass planting removes that very important visibility and takes over much of our green open space that is frequented by many in the Community either to sit quietly in the sun or walk on the grass around the perimeter. Others prefer to occupy the central points watching their young children playing on the play equipment or the neighbours' dogs rushing around the central space of the park. All valid options.

With the new Aust Post building, Malt House redevelopment and proposed local town house developments, our small pocket of Burnley will require MORE OPEN GREEN GRASSY SPACE NOT LESS.

The current layout provides for a variety of uses but the proposed plans remove many of these options for quieter use for this community with the designer's mass over planting!

The much larger Burnley Park and Barkly Garden offer open space to the local neighbourhoods, sadly not on offer with the current Master Plan proposal here.

I would like the North West corner (Stawell St and Maddern Grove) to be modestly replanted (ASAP) with a variety of small flowering plants (my preference small decorative agapanthus). These plants require minimal care and will add florals and colour at this memorial corner. This will be an inexpensive decorative replanting in our neglected local pocket.

The upgrading of the gazebo needs to recognise the Heritage profile of the area, as the present structure does, admittedly its size is inadequate for our ever growing community. It may need to be reconstructed with a similar larger version, with a flat blue stone floor, not a with cheap concrete floor.

Yarra Council currently does not budget sufficiently to adequately care for Golden Square, a case in point being the memorial plaques obliterated by the tatty planting, infrequently trimmed.

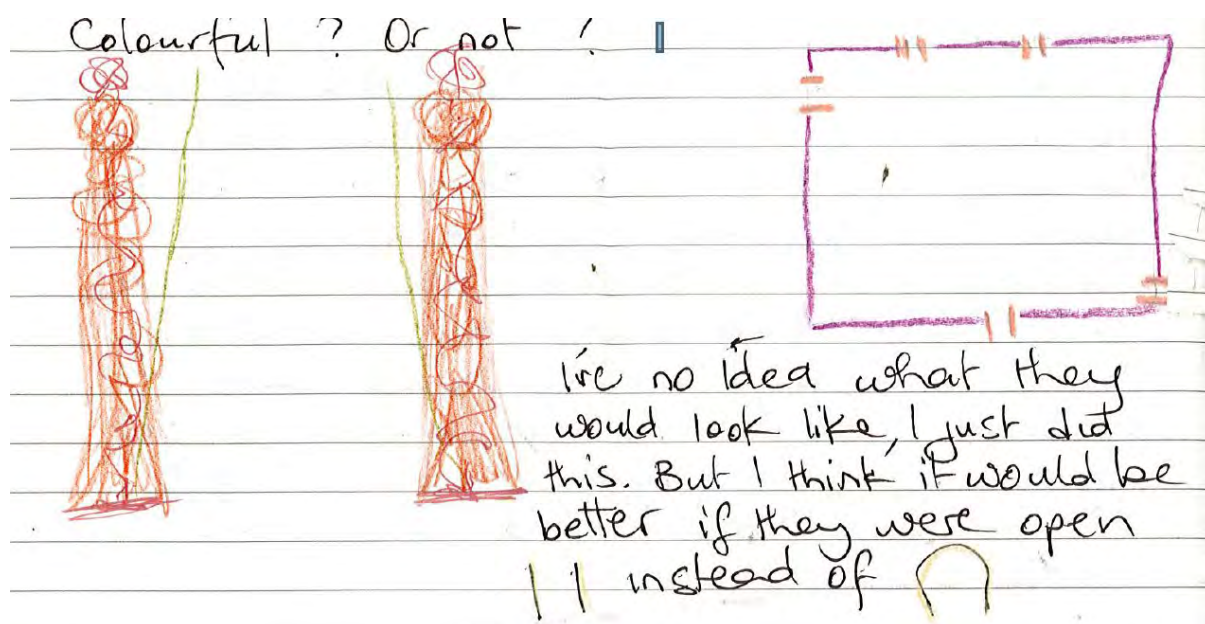
For those residing in our small pocket of Burnley minimal expenditure from the Yarra Budget is allocated. This inequity is completely unacceptable.

Surely the mowing of some nature strips but not others in the municipality is another example of the lack of financial equity Yarra continues to engage in.

By no means last the elm tree has obvious diseased foliage that require immediate attention, this tree is significant as it was part of the former Burnley Primary

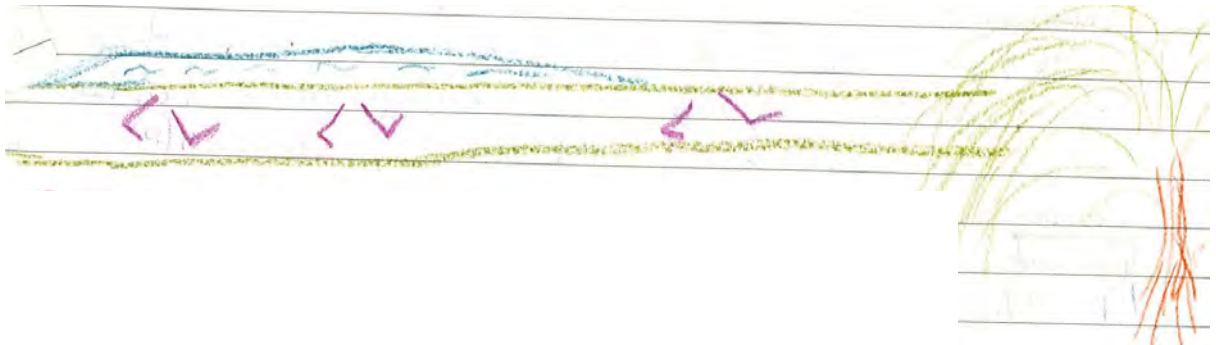
Email submission 2:

1. Along the side of the park that connects with Madden Grove. Plant trees and bushes that are native to this area and which would help block out some of the noise of trains and create the connection to nature a bit more. Like the area of Burnley Park which has a bushy area although this would only be a think layer and would have openings for paths for people to get into the park from Madden Grove. Maybe Grevilleas? And Taller Trees? Wattles?
2. Entrances into the park. I was thinking from Stawell St, Gibdon Street and Prakville Street but perhaps it would be good to have them at Madden Grove to stop people walking through the new trees and bushes there. People like going through an entrance. Some could be smaller than others though, but perhaps all connected. Each one showing different things in the park. The rainbow lorikeets, the native trees etc. I would personally have them just showing native things and other trees in the park, ie the pine trees. But there are other things that you might want to include. They could be made by a local artist. Metallic and the colour changing organically with time? Mosaic? A mix? Cermaic? Colourful? Or not? I have no idea what they would look like, I just did this. But I think it would be better if they were open **||** instead of **n** because people are growing so tall and it would be good if they weren't too narrow. It would also be good if native trees were planted with them. Ie coner madden and Stawell Street.

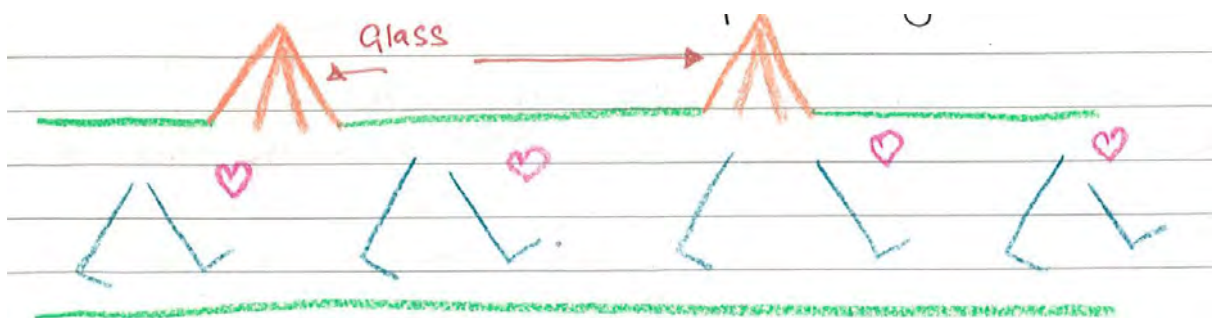


3. A couple of trees planted that would attract Crimson Rosellas. There are many Rainbow Lorikeets at the park, which is gorgeous but not really Crimson Rosellas. A friend of mind around here has planted a tree specifically to attract then (and has done so). I will get back to you on the name of the tree. Although you probably know which ones to plant.
4. I would like any planting at the park to be native. I mean, that's just my suggestion. It's so gorgeous being surrounded by native plants and we're so lucky to have them in this park.
5. Water bowls/containers put on top of structures for the birds and other animals. I.e. on top of lights, they could fill with water when it rains.

6. The new contemporary shelter to have a roof top garden. Native grasses, flowers?? For birds etc. And good for keeping it cool.
7. I'm sure you would think of this but to make sure the contemporary shelter has easy access if you have mobility issues or you have a disability. Flat or sloped. Or at least a lot of it.
8. Have some sort of water feature at the park? There is a beautiful tree on the corner of Stawell & Cheryl Street which is native. This would look gorgeous with some sort of water feature – and a seat. Or a low pathway at one section of the path with low level water. Japanese style.



9. Rotunda just moved to a park/space that really needs it. It has lovely energy.
10. Does the Fairy tree need any Restoration? Because of people climbing all over it and having things nailed into it. I know it serves a great purpose, but I want to check it is ok from all that love.
11. Show a sense of welcoming and inclusivity and acceptance and safety at the park. Have a LGBTQIA+ symbols at the contemporary seating area and BBQ. Maybe part of the path at the park could have a rainbow painted on it and another Aboriginal flag incorporated in the children's play equipment have LGBTQIA+ stuff for children growing up. I.e., a rainbow floor again, a unicorn playpiece, a First Nation's flag. Show the tra. culture in the play equipment. i.e., the stories, spirits from this area (as long as they're good spirits!) Words?
12. The underpass to the park. It's excellent to have 2 underpassss so close together, we have been really looked fter by our Council. However, this second one is very noisy because – at this point, the trains are still travelling really fast and so are really loud. At the ceiling of the underpass, are the open areas of this ceiling able to be covered, perhaps with glass, so people don't have to hear such a LOUD sound of trains travelling constantly over them. I'm sure that's what's helped deafen me.



- Change the name of the park. I know the history but it still seems really boring.
- Female symbol at the Traffic Lights? & at Swan Street.



Face to face session comments:

What do you like about the Masterplan?

Playground

Soft planting
Bollards going

Good.
Can sit down and watch kids.
Not changing very much.
Pleased not to see a toilet.

How could the Masterplan be improved?

Concern that playground improvements are too far away
and need to be done sooner.

Prioritise fairy tree needs to be done immediately.
Move main crossing to corner next to café.
Consider putting toilets in.

Make playground like Victoria Park in Kew
Maintaining Fairy tree
Add lighting to rotunda, censored lights.
Add glass bin to park.

Don't use the cheapest/nastiest option.

Bins on the corner, not in the park.
Include a tolerance for risk.
Masterplan is too pretty.

Rotunda not very big.
More seats.

What are your thoughts on replacing the ageing rotunda in the future?

Floor surface is not safe or user friendly.

Do you have any other comments?

TIME

No money spent in Burnley
Last trees were planted 7 years ago
Only general maintenance provided
Want parity for parklands.
Development in the areas is putting more pressure on the park.
It is used by a lot of office workers for lunch.
Pressure on carparking.
Tap for dogs

Lack of equity in Yarra.
Quality of the work done.
Dog plans on other end of path.
Urgent attention for elm.
Open space should be a priority, not just recreation type. We all have needs.

Elm tree needs to be preserved.

Don't need toilets.
It's a park for locals, let it stay a quiet little park.
Maintain the planting.
Plant species that work with the gum trees.
Parking for netball courts, commuters, tradies.
Used to be a flying fox and swing in the playground that got taken out.
Preserve the quality of the Burnley pocket.

Look after the fairy tree