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Disc Golf Engagement Summary Report

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The materials presented are from the Disc Golf consultation to date. As such Banyule City Council may receive further submissions in relation to this project proposal, as well as take into consideration the feedback provided at the community submitters meeting to be held on August 11, 2021. As such this report is for information purposes only. The information is provided solely on the basis that readers will be responsible for making their own assessment of the matters discuss

Introduction

A \$30,000 allocation for Disc Golf was included as part of the 2019/20 Banyule City Council Budget following a formal budget submission from community members and members of Melbourne Disc Golf.

Council received and considered four formal submissions in support of the proposal, there were no objections received.

Disc Golf as an activity aligns strongly with Banyule City Council's key Recreation Plan objective:

- To provide informal opportunities so that our community can access and participate in diverse recreation activities

Warringal Park was identified as the most suitable location following site investigations and meetings with course designers (appendix 1 and 2).

This report presents the engagement findings collected across 2021 to help inform Council's decision about the future of Disc Golf at Warringal Park.

Executive Summary

The following report outlines key engagement and consultation tools used to understand the level of support or concern regarding the Disc Golf Proposal Project.

Banyule City Council ran a stream of engagement tools and promotion of these opportunities from March 2021-July 2021 and ongoing including:

- Disc Golf come and try day
- Shaping Banyule survey platform
 - Warringal Park signage promoting Shaping Banyule platform
 - Distribution of 1500 postcards promoting Shaping Banyule platform
- Community consultation forum facilitated by Caravan Conversations in partnership with Banyule City Council

Approximately 353 people participated in one or more of the above engagement opportunities and Council received a range of feedback throughout this process including emails direct to Council.

Overall, the consultation indicates that more people are in opposition to, or have concerns about, the proposal than support it. Key reasons for concern included safety, risk, privatisation of parklands, overcrowding and excessive use of Warringal Park and the interruption of dog club training activities.

However, there was some support for the project and these people could see the merit of this activity. Reasons included that, it's a free outdoor activity, gets people and families active and it's in a great location.

Next steps:

- Community submitters meeting on Wednesday 11 August 2021
- Consultation findings and recommendation presented to Council meeting on Monday August 30

Engagement Approach

The engagement process was focused primarily on understanding:

- Level of support for the Disc Golf Proposal.
- Use profile for Warringal Park (who uses it, what they are using it for).
- Concerns and benefits as seen by the community regarding the introduction of the Disc Golf Proposal
- Ideas to successfully implement Disc Golf into Warringal Park.

The engagement process was not focused on understanding:

- Other improvements for Warringal Park
- Other locations for Disc Golf
- Other potential activities for inclusion within Warringal Park.

Between March and June 2021 three engagement methods were included as part of this project, to understand the level of community support for the proposal and identify any concerns that could be alleviated through design or programming changes.

The three engagement methods offered were:

1. Come and try day (March 2021) to provide participants with an opportunity to see and directly experience the activity and ask questions.
2. Online survey engagement through Shaping Banyule.
3. Consultation forum seeking alternatives to identified challenges.

Participation in the engagement and consultation was driven by the Shaping Banyule online platform and a communications campaign delivered by Council.

This included:

- Signage installed at key outdoor locations within the parklands advertising the Disc Golf project proposal on Shaping Banyule and encouraging people to provide feedback
- 1500 postcards were distributed to homes, and adjoining properties within a 1km radius of the park advertising Shaping Banyule (appendix 3)
- Direct email to community members who had previously engaged with Council in support or opposition, advertising the consultation opportunities
- Social media post promoting the come and try day (see appendix 4)

In addition to these publicly promoted engagement activities participants submitted feedback directly to Councillors and Council Officers in the form of emails, letters and phone calls.

Given the interest in this project many people participated in the engagement via multiple methods, for example completing a survey online and sending in a direct email submission. As such these people's feedback has been included across the multiple forums.

Participation in Engagement

Table 1 shows each of our engagement activities and the number of participants engaged per activity. In total 353 participants engaged across four different forums.

Table 1 – Participation by Engagement activity

| Engagement activity | Indicative number of participants |
|--|--|
| Attendance at Open Day | 125 registered, 30 attended <i>(numbers low due to bad weather)</i> |
| Participation through Shaping Banyule (diagram 3 shows performance summary) | 243 Contributors |
| Submission direct to Council | 59 Participants |
| Attendance at Community Forum | 21 |
| Total participation in engagement activities | 353 (some attending multiple forums) |

Below is a snapshot of the Shaping Banyule page performance. For a full breakdown of the performance and demographic analysis of our main consultation tool ‘Shaping Banyule’ (see appendix 5)

- The Disc Golf Shaping Banyule page had 1,355 views.
- From the above, Banyule City Council had 223 unique submissions of people filling in the survey. We understood that many families used the same computer within their homes and facilities, as such Council took this into consideration when analysing the IP addresses and included 243 submissions from within the Shaping Banyule Platform for this report
- From this we can surmise that there were approximately 1,000 people who visited the page and were not motivated either way to submit any feedback on the proposal

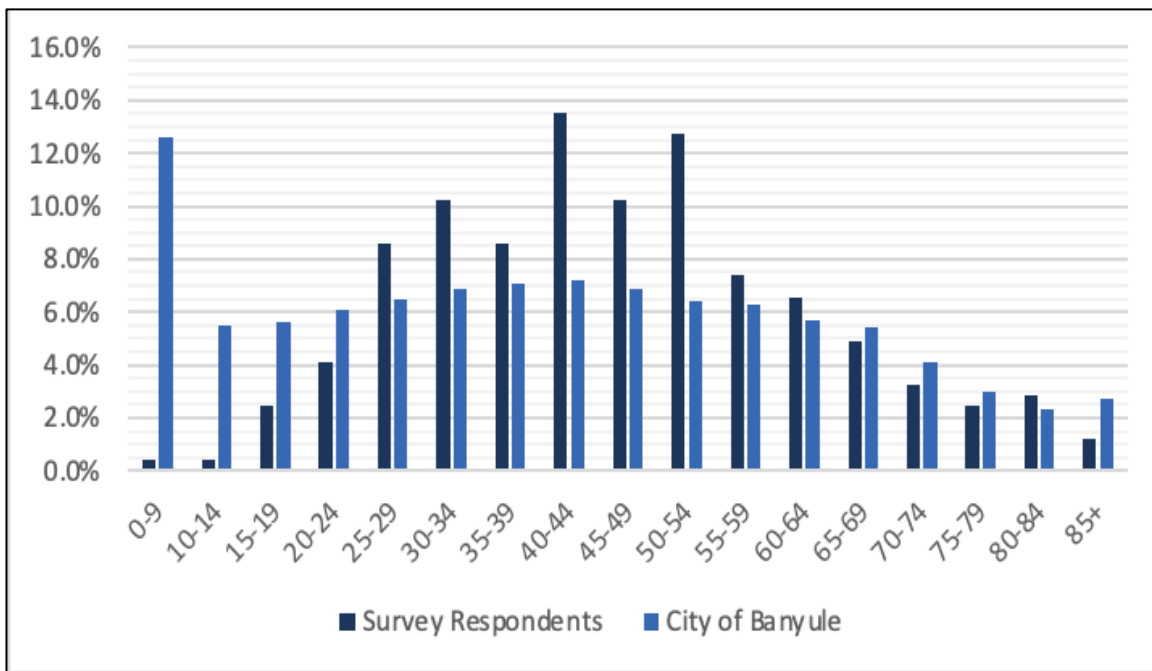
Survey Consultation Findings

243 people contributed to the online survey on Shaping Banyule. This next section details the key responses from this survey which sought specific feedback on:

- Level of support for Disc Golf
- Identification of support
- Identification of concerns/opposition
- How they use the park

Graph 1 below illustrates the ages of people who completed the survey compared to the age cohorts of Banyule's population.

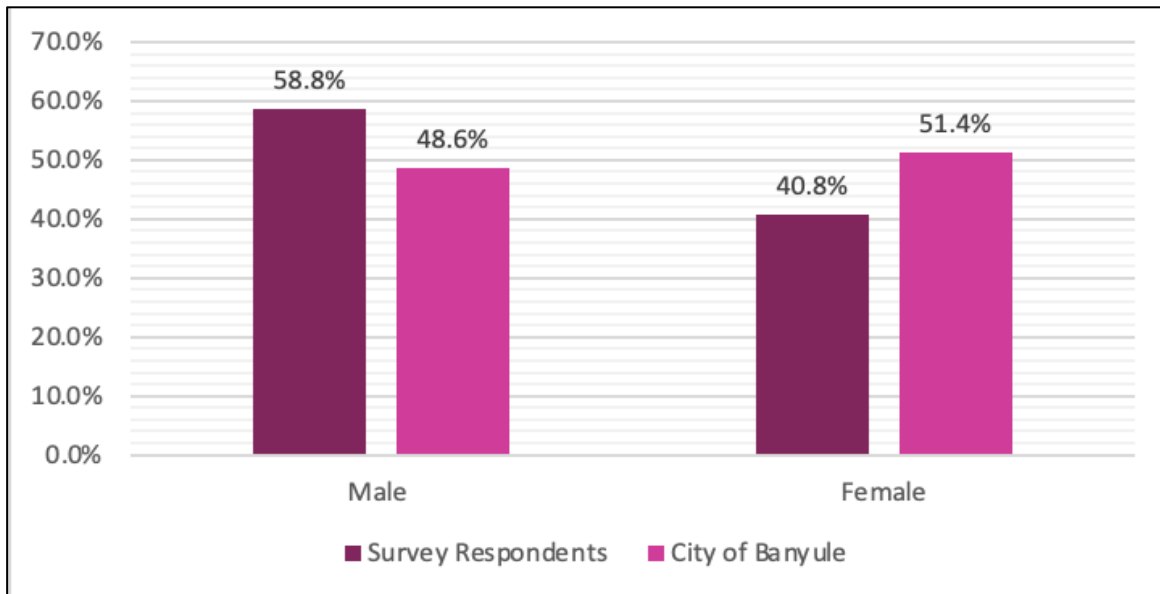
Graph 1. Age cohorts of survey respondents compared to Banyule's population



- Most responses were from the 40 – 44 age group, followed by the 50 - 54 age group.
- There is a greater representation of respondents completing the survey between 25 - 59 than compared to Banyule's population

Graph 2 illustrates the gender representation in City of Banyule compared with survey respondents.

Graph 2. Gender representation in Banyule



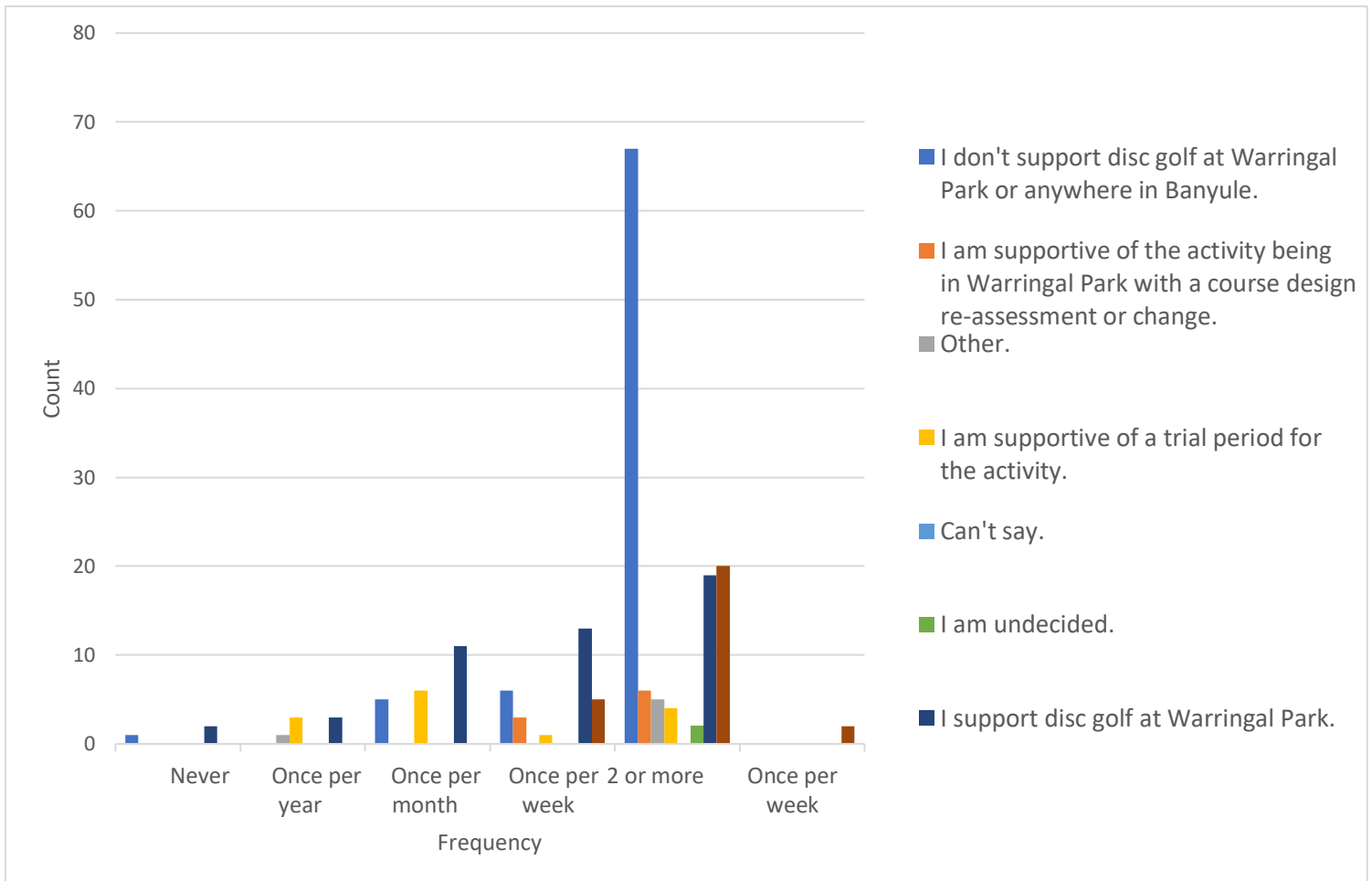
- There was one person who selected 'other identity' as their gender representation and took part in the survey
- Majority of responses (60%) were Male. With around 40% of respondents identifying as female.
- There is also greater representation of male respondents completing the survey compared to Banyule's male population

Level of support for Disc Golf

Online participants were asked to indicate their level of support for the proposal.

Graph 3 represents the Banyule residents who completed the survey, how many times a week they attend Warringal park and their attitude towards Disc Golf.

Graph 3. Level of support for Disc Golf from people that live in Banyule

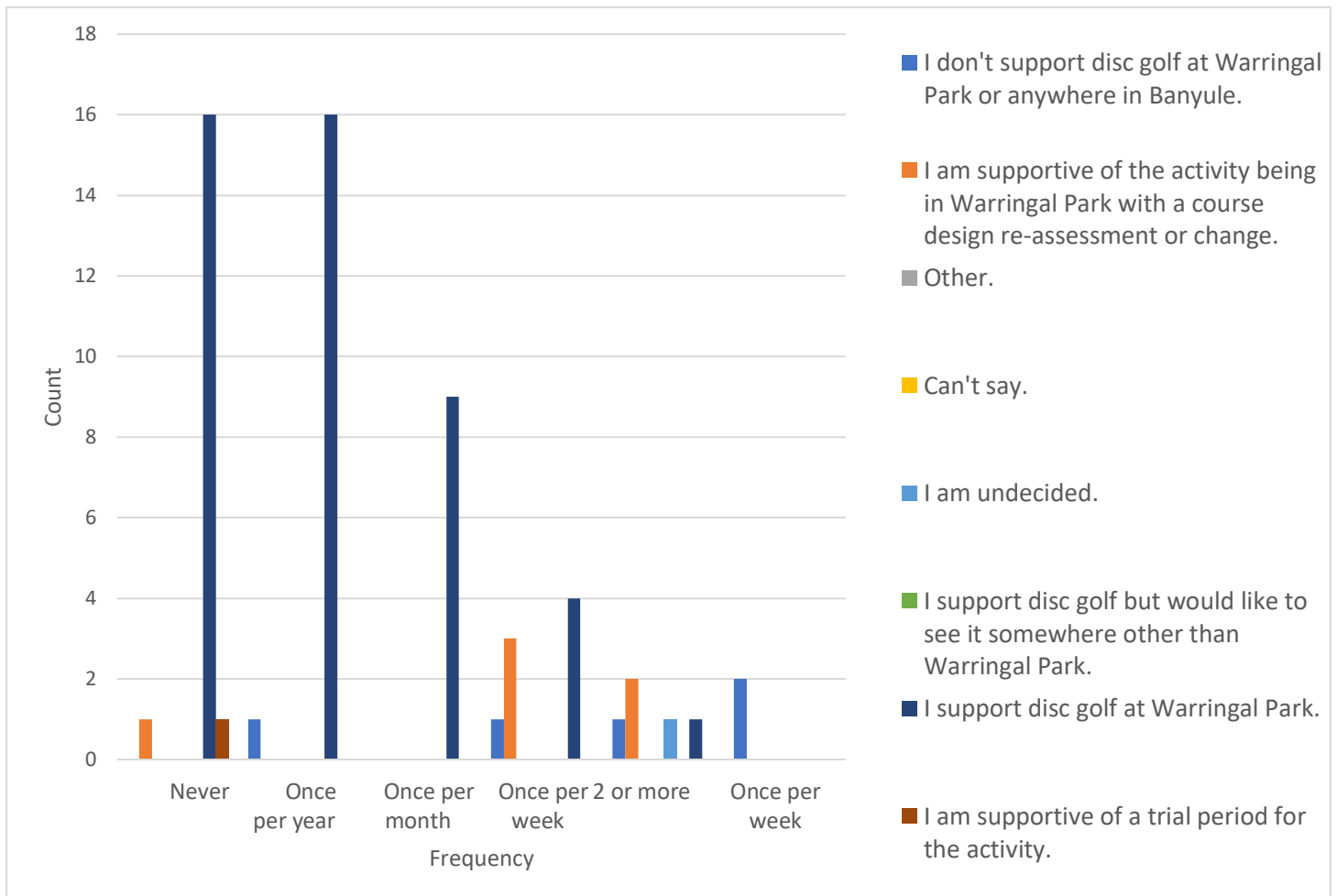


Key Responses

- Out of the 243 responses 184 (76%) were Banyule residents
- Banyule residents who visit Warringal park frequently indicated little to no support for the Disc Golf course, of which there were 70 responses
- 40 people support Disc Golf at Warringal park or are supportive of it somewhere else.

Graph 4 represents the people who live outside of Banyule, how many times a week they attend Warringal park and their attitude towards Disc Golf.

Graph 4. Level of support for people living outside of Banyule City Council

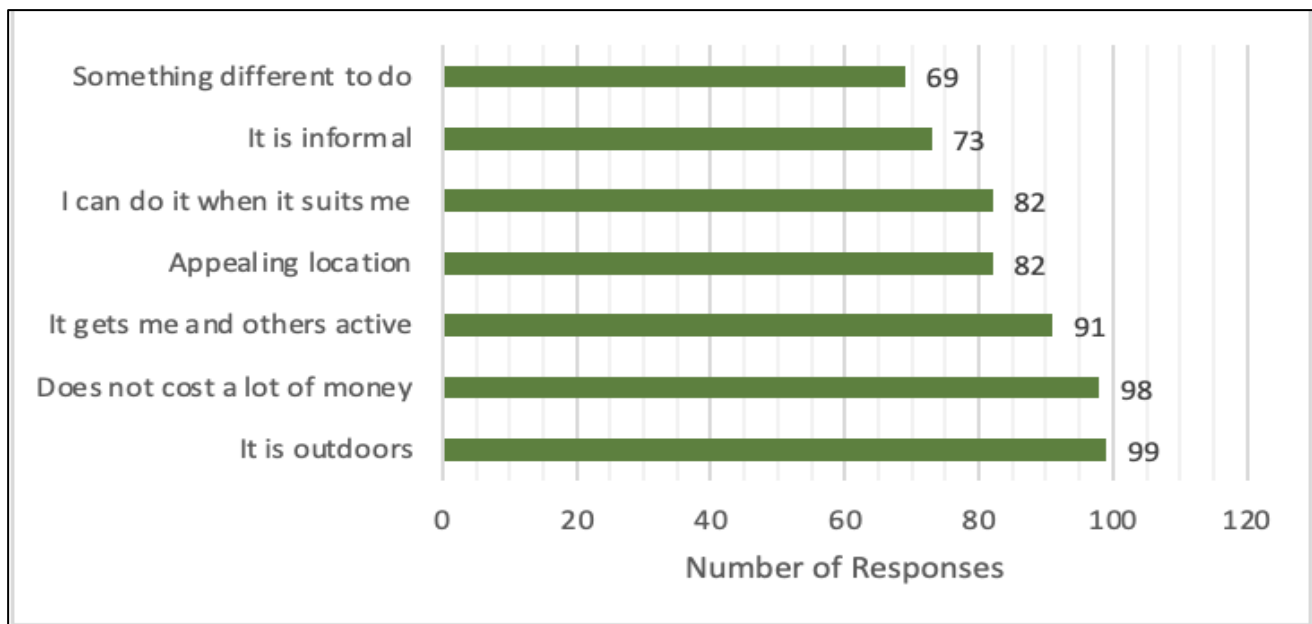


Key Responses

- Non-Banyule residents represent 24%, 59 people.
- Those who live outside of Banyule were more supportive of the course being implemented with 46 people of those 59 selecting that they support Disc Golf at Warringal Park.
- Three people noted that they were undecided on their level of support.

Graph 5 showed reasons for support for Disc Golf from all responses within the Shaping Banyule platform

Graph 5. Key Reasons for Support



- Majority saying that they supported the proposal because it's outdoors, doesn't cost a lot of money, and gets themselves and others active.

Participants were also able to select 'Other' and provide their response. Feedback received indicates a shared view of Disc Golf being an inclusive community sport that has the potential to cater to a variety of skill sets and needs of residents and visitors.

Comments included:

- "There is a really great community around Disc Golf in Melbourne."
- "It is a sport with a community aspect."
- "Encourages community connections."
- "Great to introduce new players to."

Comments shared in this section referenced the proposal as being considerate of pets that are currently taken through the area, as well as the environment surrounding the course itself.

- "I can take my dog with me too."
- "I can walk my dog at the same time, it is not a restricted activity if COVID restrictions come back in."
- "I'm old and won't use it, but new physical activities should be encouraged, and this has a low impact on the environment."

Feedback also suggests the course is beneficial to community health, with specific mentions of remaining active and losing weight, as well as the use of the space for rehabilitation as it is situated on an appropriately leveled surface.

- "I have been using disc golf as an activity to help me improve fitness and lose weight."
- "It is a great, gentle sport for rehabilitation. I have been playing to regain strength, balance and fitness, but the other close course has very hilly terrain, so it is difficult for me. Warringal Park would be perfect."

Online survey participants were also invited to provide any further information or detail that they wished the project team to consider. Much of the feedback received reiterated discussion points already raised.

Disc Golf concerns

Online participants were asked if they had any concerns about Warringal Park Disc Golf. They were able to answer either 'Yes', 'No' or 'Can't say'. Of the participants that were concerned about the proposal, participants were able to select from a pre-populated list.

The below table indicates what participants said.

Table 2 - Indicating if the participant had concerns about Disc Golf being implemented at Warringal Park

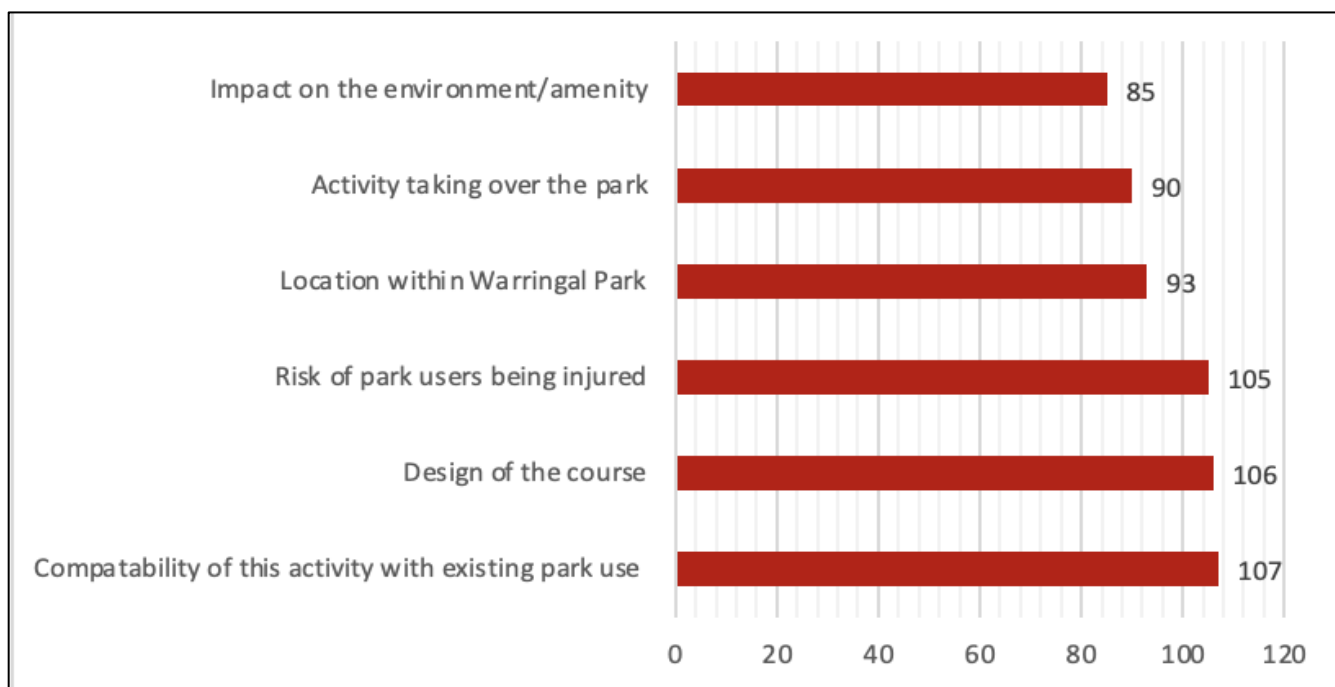
| Do you have concerns about the Warringal Park Disc Golf? | | |
|--|-----|-----------|
| Yes | No | Can't Say |
| 56% | 43% | 1% |

Respondents were asked to identify what their concerns were from a pre-populated choices as indicated below.

Graph 6 below highlights the most common concern was the compatibility of the activity with the existing use of Warringal Park. The other two key factors for concern were:

- Design of the course
- Risk of park users being injured

Graph 6. Key Concerns Explained



Participants were also able to use free text to provide an alternative response or additional comments regarding their concerns. Summarised below are the key concerns and the percentage for whom it was a concern:

- 17% of respondents raised concerns about safety, injury or conflict between disc golf participants and current users of the space.
- 10% of participants mentioned Council specifically, often regarding communication with residents or transparency in actions
- 8% of respondents express their thoughts about the disc golf course as being a waste of money, or poor allocation of finances.

The other concern that was highlighted through the feedback was that the Disc Golf course will not add value, or is not considered necessary, for the area in which it is being proposed.

The following responses are provided verbatim by survey participants to highlight this:

- “This area is already very busy over weekends, and this will just bring more people. I feel that the relative peace and serenity it offers to apartment dwellers and those who have small backyards will be destroyed. I'm not sure why you think we need this here?”
- Seems like a waste of money. It would be better to use something that people would use regularly
- It takes up a big area for a specific group who has another venue nearby.
- It is unwanted and not needed. Who asked for this?

Other concerns identified more than once but less frequently are summarised below:

Concerns for safety: under 5% of respondents raised safety and conflict concerns. These often include injury caused by disc golf equipment, either to pets or people. Other comments outline potential conflict between current users of the space, and those utilising the space for disc golf.

Quotes:

Injury caused by equipment:

- “That it will hurt my dog.”
- “With a disability I am concerned about my ability to quickly dodge an errant disc.”
- “The look of the disc holders scattered across the park & lost/broken discs thrown around when users are finished with them.”
- “The third hole cuts through an area where large groups gather with their dogs, I think that hole potentially should be changed/moved.”

Conflict between users of the space:

- “Baskets 2,3 & 8 are too close to the Trail. Baskets 5 & 6 are too close to the current playing fields.”
- “The possibility of events/tournaments/leagues being held, disc golf users being rowdy, rude and ignoring basic code of conduct.”

Spending taxpayers money: 4% of participants expressed their concerns with the financial aspect of the project. The feedback suggests the course is an improper use of funds or is considered a waste of funds entirely. Other comments recommend more suitable locations.

Quotes:

- Money should be allocated elsewhere:
 - “I see this as a waste of council funds and would be better used to help lower council rates for elderly or other people needing it.”
- Waste of money:
 - “Waste of rate payer money.”
 - “Wasting ratepayers money on something unheard of, unwanted.”
- Improper use of funds:
 - “The use of Council funds to provide a resource requested by an external group.”
 - “I do not agree on the funds used to place concrete pads and baskets in these park areas.”

Environmental damage: Similarly, only around 2% of respondents were most concerned about potential environmental damage from the proposed disc golf implementation, the content of the comments included damage to flora and fauna, as well as specific mentions of damage caused by equipment.

Quotes:

- Flora and fauna:
 - “Disturbing animal habitats, soil erosion around the nets, degradation of the environment.”
 - “Impact to the native flora and fauna of the park.”
- Equipment damage:
 - “The flying discs disturbed the birds, not only those foraging on the ground, but also those in the trees when the flying discs hit the trees. It also became obvious that the trees themselves would be harmed by the flying discs, with wounds to their bark and also branches being broken off.”

Privatisation: Some expressed worries regarding the natural environment being disturbed by private company ownership, limited access to the park itself and the motivation behind the particular company’s interest.

Quotes:

- Environmental impacts of privatisation:
 - “This proposal is of deep concern on many levels (as indicated) but we (my husband and I) also have deep concern about handing over parts of a public space to a private company. It could be the thin edge of the wedge and encourage further erosions on a beautiful, large public area.”
- Accessibility:
 - “...limiting access to park.”
- Interest and motivation:
 - “The proposal appears to have been pursued by individuals with an undisclosed financial interest; and there is no independent evidence of the need for it, other than what they claim.”

Vandalism: A solitary participant raised concerns about vandalism in relation to the installation of disc golf in Warringal Park, “*a magnet for vandals with chain baskets.*”

Use outside of hours: An outlier expressed concerns regarding additional use, outside of ordinary hours, *“encouraging inappropriate use at night.”*

Worsened traffic: A participant raised concerns about parking and traffic conditions worsening, *“crowding and running out of parking.”*

Additional Comments

Of those participants that were in support of the proposal, participants were able to select from a pre-populated list, from this list the key benefits were ‘It’s outdoors’ (99 responses) and ‘It is something that doesn't cost a lot of money’ (98 responses).

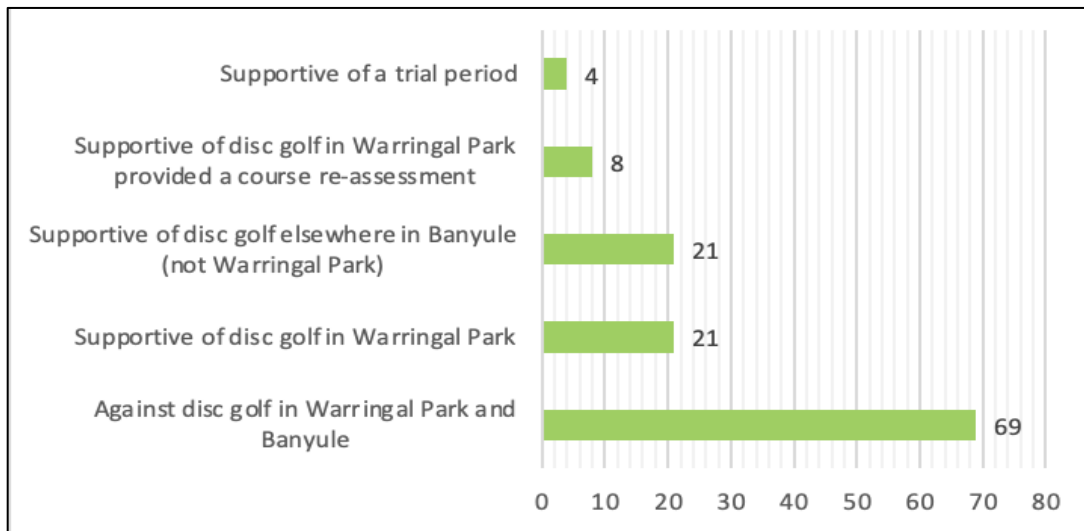
The other items that were 5% or below included:

- Participants feel that Warringal Park is fine as it is and doesn't require a disc golf course.
- Feedback in support of current or future dog facilities, exceed those expressing a negative viewpoint of dog facilities
- Some comments examine whether the disc golf course is necessary, these comments often relate to the course potentially being unnecessary or unpopular.
- Some expressed in the ‘other’ section suggest the course is unattractive or may interfere with the current appeal of the park itself.
- Respondents raised concerns about the natural environment and the protection of flora and fauna in Warringal Park.
- Feedback requests for other additional recreational facilities to be implemented.
- A small amount of respondents referenced inclusion within their feedback
- Some comments express a requirement for maintenance.
- Some comments referenced parking and traffic, or the improvement of these facilities and conditions
- Some participants expressed their desire for more events, whether that be in relation to food, art installations or festivals.
- One or two participants made comments regarding waste collection within Warringal Park
- Some participants discussed the use of signage to prevent injury and potential hazards

Typical Park User

In addition to understanding feedback on disc golf engagement, participants were asked to provide information about their use and enjoyment of the park. Park users that identified as using the park '2 or more times a week' or 'once per week' are categorised as *high frequency users*. There were 123 of these people who selected one of these options.

Graph 7. Peoples attitude towards the Disc Golf course who are high frequency



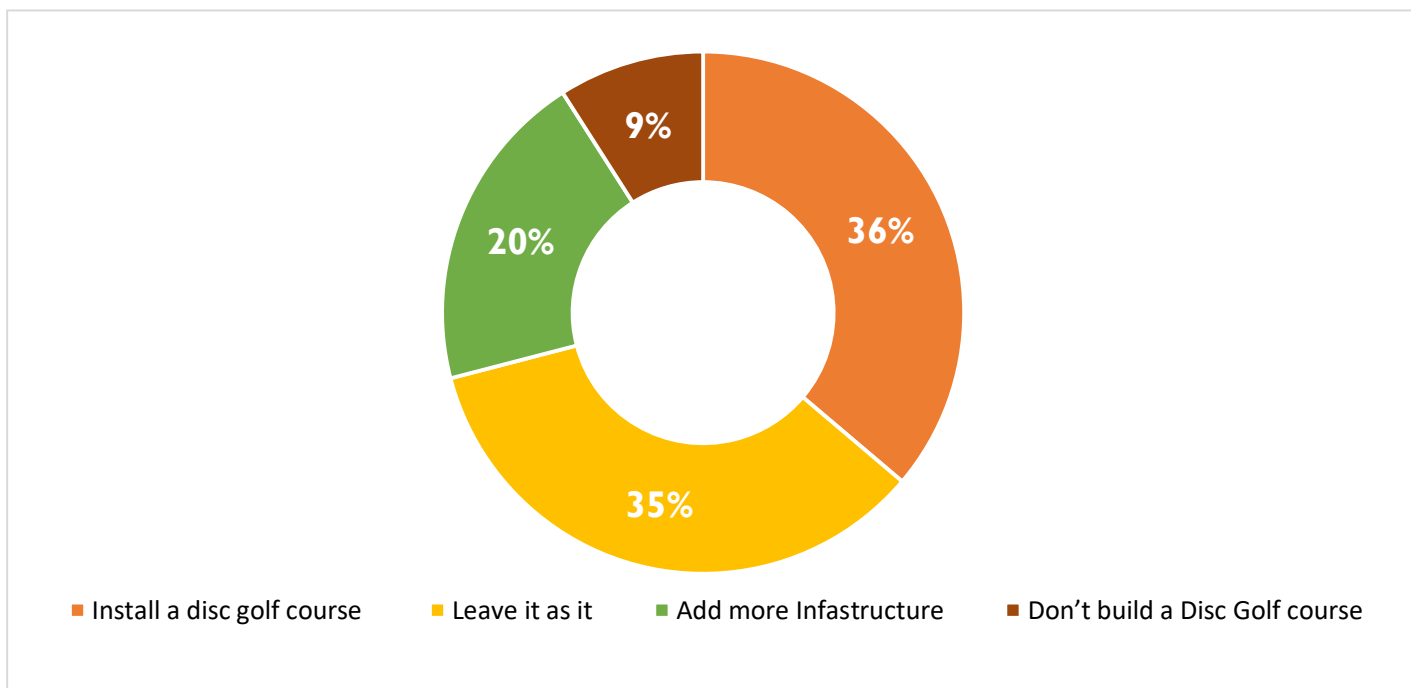
Key results in relation to frequent user of parks response to disc golf are:

- Frequent users of the park were clearly against Disc Golf, with that being the most common response (69 people).
- Only 21 respondents were happy with the current plans for Disc Golf in Warringal Park,
- And 21 respondents were happy with Disc Golf elsewhere in Banyule and even less were willing to have the course amended or a trial period.

Encourage more visitation

Online survey participants were also asked if there was anything that would encourage them to visit Warringal Park more frequently. 222 people answered this question. The 21 other participants skipped or didn't answer this question.

Graph 8. Illustrates a breakdown of what people said that would encourage them to visit Warringal Park more



- Install a Disc Golf Course - 76 people said they would attend more if there was a Disc Golf course installed at Warringal Park
- Leave it as it is - 73 people said they love Warringal Park as it is, nothing needs to change for more frequent visits
- Add more Infrastructure - 42 people asked for things to be added to Warringal Park such as more outdoor exercise equipment, bins, make wider paths, separate bike and walking paths, add more seating, add more dog poo bins, improve/add public toilets, increase the lighting at night, build a dog park, add more art installations in the park, add human and dog water stations, increase parking to solve traffic problems.
- Don't build a Disc Golf Course- 19 people directly said not to build the Disc Golf Course at Warringal Park

The following responses are provided verbatim by survey participants to highlight the results above:

- "Leave it alone - it is a place where one can experience the peace of nature."
- "I enjoy the safe open spaces. I will continue to visit on a weekly basis. If Disc golf is permitted, I would be forced to find another venue as I have grave concerns regarding safety."

Other comments are grouped below in themes:

Course correction and upgrades: under 6% of participants support Disc Golf, with specific course corrections mentioned.

The following responses are provided verbatim by survey participants:

- Proper utilisation of space:
 - “Please consider starting and finishing the course from the carpark near the theatre. Also spread the course onto the other side of the path and utilize the large area opposite the oval in the bend of the river.”
- Concerns for safety:
 - “The layout of the course does not take into account all relevant safety considerations.”
- Consideration of other users:
 - “The third hole cuts through an area where large groups gather with their dogs. I think that hole potentially should be changed/moved.”

Additional furniture and amenities: Around 10% of participants confirmed that they would be more inclined to visit Warringal Park more frequently, if Council implemented better furniture, amenities, trails and/or lighting.

The following responses are provided verbatim by survey participants:

- “..possibly some more seats.”
- “Provide more activities/facilities to encourage a visit.”
- “Pave the main Yarra Trail leading to Warringal Park.”
- “Better paths and facilities.”

The natural environment: Around 3% of respondents explained that a further protection of the natural environment would encourage them to visit Warringal Park.

The following responses are provided verbatim by survey participants:

- “Plant more vegetation, especially understory plants.”
- “Continued revegetation to create wildlife habitat.”
- “Plant many more trees more frequently.”

Warringal Park events and festivals: under 5% of participants would be more likely to visit should Council organise more events in the area, centred around food, festivals and art.

The following responses are provided verbatim by survey participants:

- “Art installations...”
- “More festivals and events.”
- “A local food truck park given there are lots of weekend visitors here and now spectators for the local football matches.”

Movement and traffic: Around 3% of comments related to movement, including specific mentions of bikes, paths, traffic and parking.

The following responses are provided verbatim by survey participants:

- Paths and bicycles:
 - “Separate cyclists & walkers.”
 - “Control bikes on the shared pathway.”
- Vehicles and traffic:
 - “Assist with the traffic on Rosanna Rd/lower Heidelberg Rd. It’s a nightmare as are the speed cameras.”

Dog facilities: under 5% of respondents made comments referencing dog facilities when asked what Council could do to encourage them to use the space.

The following responses are provided verbatim by survey participants:

- “Human and dog water station and doggy bags and rubbish bins.”
- “Build a dog park.”
- “More rubbish bins in this and all parks would help reduce the amount of litter and dog poop.”
- “Encourage dog owners to pick up after their dogs.”

Maintenance: Around 5% of comments related to maintenance of the park itself, or the Disc Golf course in particular.

The following responses are provided verbatim by survey participants:

- “Formalise and top dress muddy pathways.”
- “Improved toilet facilities.” “Maintain a safe, clean, user

Limitations of Data

It is important to note the following limitations within this data collected:

- **Duplication in data:** Participants were able to participate in more than one engagement activity. Considering the level of interest in this project we expect that some people completed multiple surveys and submissions. Through the collection of IP Addresses on the survey we know that 40 responses came through 15 IP Addresses and had some crossover of demographic information and feedback.
- **Gaps in demographic data:** All elements of participation were voluntary which means there are inconsistencies and gaps in the collected data. Participants could answer any number of questions, could choose to provide or withhold demographic information. For this reason, demographic data is not known across all methods.
- **Submitters Meeting still to occur on Wednesday August 11**

Email Submissions

Across the consultation period 59 participants sent 73 submissions to Councillors and Council Officers via email and post. These are separate from shaping Banyule but part of the consultation process. Of the submissions received 57 were objections and 4 in support.

Reoccurring themes Identified from the email submissions were:

- This an unsafe activity in an already busy park
- People will get hit by a disc
- Warringal Park doesn't need any more sports
- Interrupt the Kintala puppy school business
- A waste of Council funds, put it towards something that's needed and requested
- Banyule residents don't want to pay for the insurance claims
- Environmental concerns around flora and fauna
- It will create parking issues
- Risk of parklands closure
- Who will make sure that the players are doing the right thing?
- Melbourne Disc Golf has been lobbying Banyule City Council

See (appendix 6) for full detail of direct email feedback about the proposal, timing of submission(s) and summary of all points raised.

Community Forum

A community forum was held on 23 June 2021. The original intent of the forum was to consider community feedback collected through Shaping Banyule and consider ways to address concerns or challenges raised through the course design, programming inclusions or contract considerations. Of the 21 of people that attended the workshop at least 20 were in opposition to the proposal and unable to consider solutions to the challenges or concerns raised.

Appendix 7 shows the original agenda and pre participant activity prepared for this workshop. In recognising community sentiment, the session was used to discuss challenges previously raised and discussed in the online survey and submission. The one person who was there in response to the original intent of the meeting left as a result in the change to the agenda.

The key points raised at this workshop are summarised below.

Poor consultation process and communication

Some participants expressed concern with the lack of communication following consultation activities and had hoped to see the results of Shaping Banyule and submissions received. Few were concerned about how the proposal came into consideration from the beginning.

Not needed or wanted by general community

Participants reiterated that Warringal Park already meets community needs and additional activities are not needed to 'increase use'.

Commercialisation and private interest in the park

Some participants believed that the proposal from Disc Golf Australia was a step in the wrong direction towards creating private use/interest in the park.

Safety and conflict of use

Inline with feedback collected through other methods, safety and conflict between users was the biggest concern discussed. Potential for injury to other park users and the interference between passive recreation users (walkers) and formal users (football and dog agility) among the highest reasons stated.

Reallocating funds for other improvements

Some participants felt the funds spent to date on planning and consultation and funds proposed could be better spent making improvements to the park. Improvements noted included fixing dangerous steps and access points, sealing pathways, signage and club room facilities.

Next Steps

Engagement in this project has created significant localised interest. This engagement summary report will be made available to the community and used to inform the Council Report for the August 2021 Ordinary Meeting.

The next steps in this project are:

- Community submitters meeting on Wednesday 11 August 2021
- Consultation findings and recommendation presented to Council meeting on Monday August 30

Appendices

Appendix 1. Proposed Course Design



Appendix 2. Disc Golf site assessment review



Disc Golf Course Site Assessment Review Banyule City Council September 11th 2020

The investigation and assessment of potential sites for the activity of disc golf, includes the consideration of several factors to help ascertain the suitability of a particular site. These criteria are chosen with the goal of finding the most realistic and safe solution for creating a sustainable disc golf facility, designed to serve participants and enhance the park experience for all users for many years to come. Criteria used to assess a sites suitability include:

1. Course Design Layout - Environment
2. Local Community and Neighbourhood School Accessibility
3. Amenities and Parking
4. Transport Accessibility
5. Existing Recreation Facilities
6. Park Connectivity
7. Club Development, Events and Sustained Participation
8. Safety and Risk Management

The most recent disc golf course proposal to the City in 2018 included suggestions of sites which showed some potential to install a disc golf course facility. These included: Warringal Parklands/Banyule Flats, Rosanna Parklands and Binnak Park.

Of the locations suggested, Warringal Parklands was deemed to be the most suitable site - based on the site suitability criteria.

Whilst Rosanna Parklands were also mentioned in the proposal, upon review it has been determined that this site does not present the same opportunity for a disc golf course that would meet the expectations of the local Melbourne disc golf community or provide the local community with an experience of disc golf that truly offers the activity's potential.

These reasons include:

- Limited area for safe course design
- Lack of area for diversity in hole length
- High traffic parks and path networks



Binnak Park was also included in the proposal as a potential site. During early stages of the project development, it was determined that the site did not offer the same potential as Warringal. This is very much still the case now. Whilst the area would be suitable for disc golf in terms of the environment, the size and length of the facility would have to be dramatically decreased due to the actual usable space in which to activate with disc golf.

Only 1 to 2 holes would be possible at this site, which would mean the facility is not a traditional disc golf course (with a minimum of 9 holes). Such lack of diversity in the hole length, design and overall course length could not ensure a proper experience of the sport. This could affect return visitation by the public and ultimately the facilities overall sustainability.

The search for a suitable site for a disc golf course began many years ago when Melbourne Disc Golf hosted monthly leagues events at Price Park in Rosanna. There was a proposal submitted and disc golf did make it in the development plans for the park upgrade.

However, unfortunately at the time, disc golf did not make it to the final draft and was omitted by the park designers.

Upon review, despite the additions to the site from the previous development, Price Park would be the most suitable site for disc golf in the City aside from Warringal Parklands.

Price Park only has one path network which is found on the park perimeter which allows for further use of the open space within the park for disc golf. The diversity of flora, elevation and mix of treed and open spaced areas provides ample opportunity to create a family friendly disc golf facility that would be accessible and encourage participation from the local community. In addition to the parks suitability for a safe and sustainable disc golf course design layout, the area also offers an allocated fenced dog area, street parking, an existing playground, BBQ facilities and amenities.

With Price Park's history of Melbourne Disc Golf's monthly community league events, the local residential community of Rosanna are already familiar with the sport having seen it played there for a number of years.

It is the recommendation of RAD that should Banyule City Council seek to investigate an alternate site for the 9 disc golf course, that this location be Price Park.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Ferguson', is positioned above the printed name.

Andrew Ferguson
General Manager/ Course Designer
RAD

SITE SUITABILITY CRITERIA

Course Design Layout - Environment

The potential to create a fun and challenging course layout for both beginner and advanced participants is based on the potential to utilise the sites topography - including changes in elevation, diversity in fauna and density of foliage. Such variation enables exciting and challenging course design - providing a rewarding experience for players and helping to ensure return visitation and sustainability of the facility. In order to achieve an accomplished facility, our course layout design process is based on a number of design goals. These include:

- a) Satisfy the design requirements of the people and organisations who approve use of the land and fund the equipment for the course. That includes meeting local, state and federal construction and safety requirements.
- b) Design the course to have sufficient visibility of players, pedestrians and vehicles who may pass near or through it.
- c) Design course with the potential for multiple configurations to serve not only beginners but players with advanced skills; consistent with the budget and design needs in (goal a.) above.
- d) Design a well balanced course with a wide range of hole lengths and a diverse mixture of holes requiring controlled left, right and straight throws.
- e) Utilise elevation changes and available foliage as well as possible. Take care to minimise potential damage to foliage and reduce the chances for erosion.

Local Community and Neighbourhood School Accessibility

The sites proximity to local schools and community groups, encouraging student and local resident participation through excursions and after school/work and weekend play at the venue.

Amenities and Parking

Accessibility to toilet/BBQ facilities and sufficient parking availability.

Transport Accessibility

The sites proximity to public transport and local bike path network to improve accessibility for visitors travelling without vehicle access.

Existing Recreation Facilities

The sites proximity to other recreational facilities and playgrounds - helping to create a hub for leisure activities in the area.

Park Connectivity

Potential for utilising disc golf to improve connectivity of existing park facilities and path networks.



Club Development, Events and Sustained Participation

The capacity to deliver an exciting, challenging and sustainable facility design for players of all abilities - leading to consistent participation and the potential for hosting community events by a formalised local club.

Safety and Risk Management

Ability to create a course design layout to meet the required standards and expectations of the client, whilst mitigating potential risks associated to the injury of participants and other park users.

**The designs methods of RAD course designers are based on the systems and procedures as laid out by the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA), the sports global governing body.*

Appendix 4. “Come and Try” Facebook Post

This post was created to encourage people to come along to the Disc Golf come and try day to understand the proposal and provide a direct opportunity for them to talk to officers and Council.

This post reached 1,362 people and had 36 people engage with the post by clicking on the link.

Banyule City Council
March 18 · 🌐

Pick up a new sport and challenge yourself. Join us on Sunday, 21 March for a first hand experience at disc golfing, learn from the experts and make new friends along the way. Learn what it's about and register beyond the link.

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Come and try disc golf
Connect with nature with a fun activity. Join us to try your hand at Disc Golf at the proposed c...

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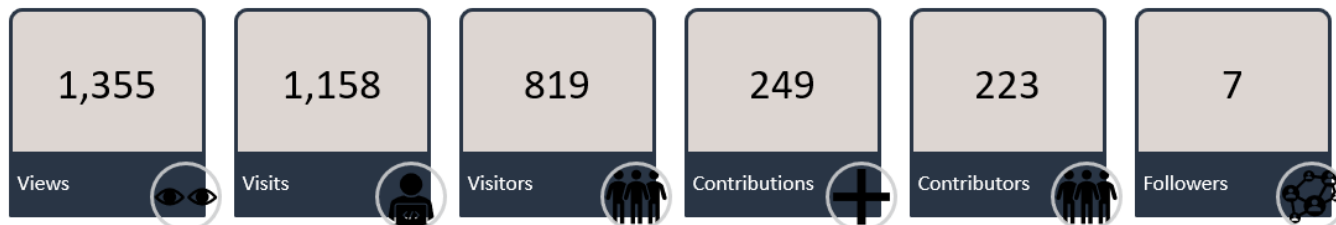
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Appendix 5. Shaping Banyule Performance Summary

Online Survey

Participants were invited to provide feedback via a 7-minute survey, the survey was hosted online through Shaping Banyule. Following is a summary of the responses to these survey questions,

The diagram below shows the performance of the Disc Golf Shaping Banyule platform



Views

- The number of times a specific page has been loaded.
- Multiple views are likely to be recorded during a single visit.
- Similar to the number of times a specific question is made during a visit to a service centre.

Visits

- The number of times the site has been loaded and represent both the entry-point and exit of the site.
- A visitor can record multiple visits in a single day.
- Similar to the number of times people walk-in through the doors of a service centre.

Visitors

- An estimate of the number of individuals who loaded the site.
- A visitor can record multiple visits and multiple views in a single day.

Contributions

- Is the amount of times the survey was filled in not taking into consideration the duplicate entries from the same IP address

Contributors

- Removes duplicates of the IP address to provide how many separate individual responses there were for the survey

Followers

- Indicates how many people chose to follow the project through Shaping Banyule

Key findings from the analysis of the community feedback

In this section we look at feedback collected from across the engagement methods. Feedback is presented by engagement method.

Demographics

There were 243 people that contributed to the survey on Shaping Banyule.

The below table shows a comparison of demographic descriptors against the Census Community Profile for the area. Demographic details were not submitted by or all participants, so the participation profile below has been generated mostly based on the characteristics reported by the survey respondents.

| AGE OF PARTICIPANTS | TOTAL PARTICIPANTS IN SURVEY | TOTAL IN CITY OF BANYULE | % SURVEY RESPONDENTS | % OF BANYULE POPULATION | REPRESENTATION |
|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 0-9 | 1 | 15343 | 0.4% | 12.6% | Under-represented |
| 10-14 | 1 | 6672 | 0.4% | 5.5% | Under-represented |
| 15-19 | 6 | 6834 | 2.5% | 5.6% | Under-represented |
| 20-24 | 10 | 7410 | 4.1% | 6.1% | Under-represented |
| 25-29 | 21 | 7889 | 8.6% | 6.5% | Over-represented |
| 30-34 | 25 | 8358 | 10.2% | 6.9% | Over-represented |
| 35-39 | 21 | 8593 | 8.6% | 7.1% | Over-represented |
| 40-44 | 33 | 8776 | 13.5% | 7.2% | Over-represented |
| 45-49 | 25 | 8370 | 10.2% | 6.9% | Over-represented |
| 50-54 | 31 | 7851 | 12.7% | 6.4% | Over-represented |
| 55-59 | 18 | 7653 | 7.4% | 6.3% | Over-represented |
| 60-64 | 16 | 6887 | 6.6% | 5.7% | Over-represented |
| 65-69 | 11 | 6534 | 4.9% | 5.4% | Adequate |
| 70-74 | 8 | 4976 | 3.3% | 4.1% | Under-represented |
| 75-79 | 6 | 3681 | 2.5% | 3.0% | Under-represented |
| 80-84 | 7 | 2782 | 2.9% | 2.3% | Over-represented |
| 85+ | 3 | 3253 | 1.2% | 2.7% | Under-represented |

Table 1 – Comparison of participation across different age groups

The above table relates to a comparison of age breakdown between respondents to the survey and residents of the City of Banyule. The age brackets are broken down into 5 year intervals (except from 0-9 and 85+) and the totals of both populations are shown in the 'total' columns. The '%' columns show what percentage of each population contains people from a certain age bracket. The 'representation' column shows whether an age bracket was over, under or adequately represented in the survey.

People of the ages 0-24, 70-79 and 85+ were underrepresented in the survey when compared to the population of the City of Banyule, whilst people of the ages 25-64 and 80-84 were overrepresented. The age bracket of 65-69 had an adequate representation in the survey.

Appendix 6. Direct Email Submissions

| Position | Date | Key Points | | |
|-----------|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Objection | 2/3/21 | Waste of money | Lead to the destruction of park | Leave park as is |
| Objection | 17/3/21, 4/4/21, 18/4/21, 29/5/21, 30/5/21 | Inappropriate use in the location | Lobbying from Disc Golf | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance |
| Objection | 18/3/21, 22/3/21, 9/04/21 | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Player responsibility | Interrupt current users of the park |
| Objection | 18/3/21, 18/3/21, 21/3/21, 21/4/21, 2/5/21 | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Lobbying from Disc Golf | Leave park as is |
| Objection | 21/3/21, 31/5/21 | Out or character with the park | Park capacity | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance |
| Objection | 31/3/21 | Waste of money | Poor consultation process | |
| Objection | 31/3/21 | Leave the parklands as is | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Interrupt current users of the park |
| Objection | 9/4/21 | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Inappropriate use in the location | |
| Objection | 13/4/21, 16/4/21, 21/4/21 | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Poor consultation process | Risk of parklands closure |
| Objection | 16/4/21 | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Not enough people supporting it | Commercialising the park/ privatisation |
| Objection | 23/4/21 | Waste of money | The decision to engage a designer to design a proposed course for the selected location | The decision not to put up any fencing |

| Position | Date | Key Points | | |
|-----------|---------|--|---|---|
| Objection | 25/4/21 | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Shared use | Loss of passive recreation space |
| Objection | 29/4/21 | A number of safety and environmental concerns | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | |
| Objection | 4/5/21 | Conflict with park and sport users | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Parking concerns |
| Objection | 5/5/21 | Ruining the peace and beauty | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | How this is being funded |
| Objection | 17/5/21 | Losing too much open space | Urban density is increasing | |
| Objection | 18/5/21 | Inappropriate use in the location | Losing too much green space | |
| Objection | 18/5/21 | Don't take our park away from us | Park should be reserved for local residents paying for it | Parking concerns |
| Objection | 19/5/21 | Inappropriate layout | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | |
| Objection | 24/5/21 | Concrete pads, unsightly steel/chain baskets and signage will have a negative impact on the unique, peaceful, bushland | More people to the park and traffic | Preference for other improvements (BBQ's benches and picnic tables) |
| Objection | 24/5/21 | Waste of money | We have a child with cerebral palsy who uses the parkland regularly. She is in a wheelchair and will not be | Makes park too busy/traffic |

| Position | Date | Key Points | | |
|-----------|------------------|---|---|--|
| | | | able to dodge a flying disc. | |
| Objection | 26/5/21 | Course design | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Impact to Kintala dog business |
| Objection | 27/5/21 | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Impact to trees, vegetation and birds | Impact current users of the park |
| Objection | 27/5/21 | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | | |
| Objection | 27/5/21 | Inappropriate use in the location | Waste of money | |
| Objection | 2/7/21 | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Impact to Kintala dog club | Impact on environment and animals |
| Objection | 30/5/21 | Lobbying from Disc Golf | The unnecessary introduction into the beautiful parklands | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance |
| Objection | 31/5/21, 28/6/21 | Commercialising the park/ privatisation | ruining the environment | |
| Objection | 31/5/21 | Inappropriate use in the location | Enjoy the open space that's left | |
| Objection | 31/5/21 | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Courses are not shared spaces | Inappropriate use in the location |
| Objection | 31/5/21 | Clash with existing park users | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | This space is precious |
| Objection | 31/5/21 | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Council subsidising Disc Golf | There is no need for the council to enforce 'entertainment' on us. |

| Position | Date | Key Points | | |
|-----------|------------|---|--|---|
| Objection | 31/5/21 | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Re-design the Disc Course away from areas used by Kintala. | |
| Objection | 1/6/21 | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Impact to Kintala dog business | The Banyule Flats area is a wonderful area for recreation and I thank Banyule Council for such a wonderful facility |
| Objection | 1/6/21 | No needed by the local community | Impact on enjoyment of the park | |
| Objection | 3/6/21 | The current proposal is a health hazard | Commercialising the park/ privatisation | This disc golf proposal is just the most recent of Banyule Council's excursions of this type |
| Objection | 30/6/21 | Concerned how the course is very close to well used paths | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Waste of money preference for other park improvements |
| Objection | 23/3/21 | Poor consultation process | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Impact on enjoyment at park |
| Objection | 29/5/21 | Clash with existing park users | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | interrupt the dog training program |
| Objection | 22/05/2021 | Poor communication and lack of transparency | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | |
| Objection | 11/5/21 | Commercialising the park/ privatisation | | |

| Position | Date | Key Points | | |
|-----------|---------|--|---|--|
| Objection | 21/3/21 | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | | Council would never put golf in a public park so why disc golf? You don't even yell 'fore' before you let go of the disc |
| Objection | 30/1/21 | Looking for updates for disc golf | | |
| Objection | 29/7/20 | Poor communication and lack of transparency | Poor consultation process | Not wanted or needed by community |
| Objection | 1/6/20 | Disc Golf would appear to be a highly competitive individual | I acknowledge my own long association with the Kintala Dog Club which meets on a Saturday morning on part of the grounds. | The speed and distance of the travelling discs is chilling only exceeded by the passion and aggression of some of the players. |
| Objection | 1/6/20 | Clash with existing park users | Visual impact 'a lot of concrete' | Safety and increased parking pressures |
| Objection | 1/7/20 | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Commercialising the park/ privatisation | Clash with existing park users |
| Objection | 26/6/20 | Location | Safety concerns | What are the benefits |
| Objection | 21/6/20 | Poor communication and lack of transparency | | |

| Position | Date | Key Points | | |
|-----------|-----------|---|--|--|
| Objection | 18/6/21 | Innapropriate location for activity | Poor consultation process | |
| Objection | 21/3/21 | Poor consultation process | Risk/unsafe activity/insurance | Waste of money |
| Objection | 12/7/05 | I was excited to see the disc golf signs down at Warringal Parklands! | Preference for using the space to organise a company outing or event at the course | |
| Objection | 12/7/05 | Concerns about Disc Golf Course | | |
| Objection | 27/7/21 | Safety concerns | Interference with puppy school | |
| Objection | 21/3/2021 | Group objection recorded from com and try day | | |
| Support | 18/3/21 | Nostalgia | More exercise | |
| Support | 11/5/21 | Add an extra activity for people to enjoy | Free activity | |
| Support | 29/6/21 | Liked the proposal | Potential course redesign | |
| Support | 18/1/21 | It's a great way to get communities together and fun for all ages | I would love to see this open to the public as soon as it is safely an option for us | It can be a great way for the Council to accept donations for general upkeep |

Appendix 7. Community Forum Agenda and Participant Activity

Banyule City Council
DISC Golf in Warringal Park
Wednesday 23 June 2021
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

| Time | Item |
|---------|---|
| 6:00 pm | Welcome + Overview Introduction Agreements |
| 6:10 pm | Overview of Engagement Findings Outcomes of engagement Information as a result of concerns and queries |
| 6:20 pm | Working through focus areas (three discussions) If this were to go ahead, what are the design considerations, program implications and conditions that would need to exist to manage this, or create a compromise: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Safety or interfering with other users· Impact on natural amenity and wildlife· Ensuring shared use |
| 7:05 pm | What solution achieves your desired outcome? From the discussion, what solution addresses the problem and provides a satisfactory outcome? |
| 7:15 pm | Your overall opinion After today's discussion what are your thoughts about Disc Golf into Warringal Park? |
| 7:25 pm | Next Steps + Close Opportunity to speak to Council |

Preparation Activity Disc Golf Community Workshop

Banyule City Council is exploring the use of Warringal Park for a community Disc Golf Course. Further information about Disc Golf is provided on the project page.

This community workshop forms part of the consultation being carried out by Council to understand concerns and possibilities for Disc Golf at Warringal Park.

Outcomes from this workshop will be considered alongside public consultation carried out in April and May 2021, and the Community Submitters session to be held in August 2021.

To maximise our time together and ensure that we are working through the structured activities well informed, please take the time to review and complete the activities.

Answer these:

Ideation Concern 1 Safety or interference with other users

Through the consultation, the biggest community concern was ensuring the safety of other park users and reducing interference. Of particular concern was being hit by a Disc.

Consider the possible solutions to this concern, consider:

- Design modifications (course, positioning of nets, planting)
- Programming or instructions (build in instruction posts, instructional video online)
- Ongoing monitoring (reporting function).

Use this space to note your ideas to manage this particular concern.

Ideation Concern 2 Impact on the natural amenity and wildlife

Through the consultation, the second concern was disruption to wildlife and the natural fauna.

Consider the possible solutions to this concern, consider:

- Design modifications (course design, materiality of nets, planting buffers)
- Programming or instructions (education about known habitats)
- Ongoing monitoring (reporting function).

Use this space to note your ideas to manage this particular concern.

Ideation Concern 3 Ensuring shared use

Through the consultation, there was some concern that Disc Golf has the potential to take away from the other activities that are enjoyed onsite. Walking, dog obedience training and bird watching. Of particular concern was that this course would be used for formal competition.

Consider the possible solutions to this concern, consider:

- Design modifications (moving course location away from other uses)
- Programming or instructions (reducing the number of nets, creating a trial, management of hours)
- Ongoing monitoring (reporting function, online booking at accepted times).

Use this space to note your ideas to manage this particular concern.