# Greensborough War Memorial Park – Youth space and public toilet

Youth and Champions Group Members engagement findings report, December 2025



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# Executive summary

This report combines community feedback with strategic directions to outline key themes and preliminary ideas that can inform the concept design for a youth space and a new public toilet at Greensborough War Memorial Park. A draft concept design will then be shared with the broader community and key stakeholders for further feedback and engagement before the design is finalised.

Located within walking distance of the Greensborough Activity Centre, Greensborough War Memorial Park is an important neighbourhood space centred around its war memorial and used for daily recreation, picnics, organised sport, play and community events such as Carols by Candlelight. The park has a playground, BBQs, a rotunda, public art, two public toilets and a busy sports oval with associated pavilion.

Council is currently upgrading the memorial area and has identified the park as a priority for youth activation.

This draft report summarises early insights from 41 people which included 24 young people (both primary and secondary aged students) and 17 members from Banyule's various Champions Groups regarding opportunities to transform Greensborough War Memorial Park into an activated, inclusive and youth friendly public space. This preliminary engagement focussed on seeking feedback and insights on proposed elements for the planned youth space and public toilet projects that will be delivered by Council over the next two years.

The findings indicate strong interest in

- improved connectivity and appropriate lighting to support safe movement as well as visibility for socialising and recreation
- upgraded toilets, water points, bins and essential amenities
- nature based landscaping, shaded spaces and seating for gathering
- enhanced sports, recreation and creative activity zones
- inclusive design with wide and accessible paths linking key areas of the park
- enhanced sports, adventurous play and creative activity zones that appeal to both younger and older young people
- improved maintenance and overall upkeep

These emerging themes align strongly with the Banyule Youth Spaces Plan and Implementation Plan, which identifies Greensborough as a priority location for diverse youth recreation, social connection and informal gathering. Strategic guidance emphasises multi use courts, challenging and adventure play, fitness opportunities, social and passive recreation space and enhanced landscaping, planting, shade and amenity as a key priority for local young people.



1 Indi School students, teachers and Council staff shared ideas on site (October 2025)

# Background

Endorsed by Council in 2024, **Banyule's Youth Spaces Implementation Plan** highlights the importance of distributed, inclusive and locally responsive youth spaces across the municipality. Greensborough was specifically identified as a location with strong potential for:

- urban play
- multi use recreation
- large social gathering areas
- passive recreation nodes
- play and fitness zones suitable for young people

Greensborough War Memorial Park (GWMP) currently contains a mixture of play, sport and passive recreation assets. However, feedback received during this initial phase of community consultation suggests that the park is under activated, lacks adequate lighting, path connections, signage, seating and amenities, and does not currently function as a dedicated youth space.




2 Youth Spaces Implementation Plan (2024) indicative locations for GWMP Youth Space.

The Youth Spaces Implementation Plan recognises GWMP's strategic location and easy accessibility as an advantage. This park serves an idea space catering to a broad demographic range, including pre-teens, teenagers, and young adults. It offers excellent opportunities for a more diverse urban play space. The Youth

Spaces Implementation Plan recommences that future youth space at GWMP include more challenging and adventure play, and a multi-purpose sports facility that engages social interactions.




3 Youth Spaces Implementation Plan (2024) recommended elements for the Youth Space for Greensborough War Memorial Park

In preparation to commence design of the new youth space for GWMP, a targeted approach to the first phase of community engagement was developed to inform Council's planning by capturing the needs, aspirations and ideas of local young people, while ensuring alignment with the strategic frameworks that guide youth space delivery in Banyule.

**The Banyule Public Toilet Plan 2023** acknowledges the two existing sets of public toilets in Greensborough War Memorial Park and that more detailed planning and consultation will be undertaken with park users to better understand the public toilet needs across the park, in conjunction with other projects planned for the park. This will confirm whether the East toilets (closest to Henry Street) may be decommissioned or potentially relocated.



5 'East' toilets at GWMP, behind the Henry Street community hall



4 'West' toilets at GWMP near the pavilion

# A note on the 2002 masterplan

A masterplan for Greensborough War Memorial Park was prepared in consultation with the community and endorsed by Council in 2002, see Appendix 1. The masterplan includes a list of actions which have been mostly implemented over the years since. Recent new initiatives have occurred including relocation of the cricket nets away from the oval, and relocation and realignment of the war memorial.

The masterplan aims include

- Ensure that Greensborough War Memorial Reserve continues to be an attractive and functional Local Park and important community asset
- Facilitate the enhancement of the recreational, functional, aesthetic and educational aspects of the Reserve
- Ensure the upgrading of the Reserve infrastructure and the enhancement of the landscape and environmental quality is undertaken with community input and acceptance and in a sustainable manner
- Co-coordinate the maintenance and management of the Reserve

Any new proposals for GWMP should consider the aims and considerations of the 2002 masterplan, while incorporating current best practice design and project delivery as highlighted in the Banyule Public Realm Framework (2024) and other relevant strategic documents.

# Banyule Champions Groups Bus Tours

Banyule Council has an established Connected Communities Advisory Committee. The mission of the Connected Communities Advisory Committee is to promote respect, inclusion, understanding and unity. It guides our inclusive practices and health and wellbeing priorities. Four Champions Groups have also been established for people who prefer to meet informally to share their knowledge and insights. Champions Group members work with Council and offer their lived experience and local insights to help Council shape projects, planning and engagement processes.



6 Banyule Champions group providing feedback about the park with Council officers

The Champions Groups provide advice to the relevant advisory committee and Council and include

- Age-friendly champions
- LGBTIQA+ champions
- Multicultural champions
- Disability champions

The Council Plan priority theme “Our Inclusive, Healthy and Connected Community” includes an action for Council to “Identify ways to promote safe and equitable access to Banyule’s open spaces by engaging with underserved people with lived experience”.

Banyule’s Champions Groups are key stakeholders in promoting safe and equitable access to open spaces. To strengthen this role, Council trialled a new engagement initiative—the inaugural Champions Groups Bus Tours. These tours provided an opportunity to engage directly with underserved community members who have lived experience of access and inclusion challenges. Across two tours in October and November 2025, participants

visited three major open space projects, including Greensborough War Memorial Park, offering valuable insights that have been captured in this report.

# Summary of previous engagement

## Youth Spaces Plan (2021) and Implementation Plan (2024)

Endorsed by Council in 2021, the development of the Youth Spaces Plan included active engagement with 348 community members through surveys, workshops/events and group discussions. In 2024, a second phase of engagement was undertaken to develop the Banyule Youth Spaces Implementation Plan, which was adopted by Council in April 2024.

The Implementation Plan guides Council to provide outdoor recreation places and spaces for young people aged 12 – 25 years across Banyule. It makes sure these places and spaces are youth friendly, that they enable young people to feel included and that they are holistic, innovative and meaningful for young people across Banyule.

## Public Toilet Plan (2023)

The Banyule Public Toilet Plan was adopted (with amendments) by Council in December 2023. Two rounds of engagement took place. The first in April / May 2023 and a total of 545 people completed the survey. The second engagement occurred in October 2023 and a total of 50 people completed the survey.

A detailed condition audit of all toilets across Banyule was undertaken. This audit included physical condition inspection of each toilet to assist in determining remaining useful life of toilet facilities and their renewal requirements. Community feedback was also considered to prepare the renewal program.

The timing of the replacement program has been developed utilizing the condition data of existing toilets and their usage, meaning those public toilets in Banyule in the worst condition are replaced first.

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7 A mural features on the existing public toilet ‘east’ closest to Henry Street

# Engagement methodology

This community engagement included face to face engagement with 41 people including young people and two on site bus tours with Banyule Champions group members, to enable place-based discussion and observation of the park's opportunities and constraints.

Consultations took place with:

- **24 young people aged 10–17 years** who shared their ideas for what they valued and could be improved on site at the park. Youth engagement included 7 secondary aged students from Indie School and 17 primary aged students from Greensborough Primary School, providing a mix of perspectives from younger and older young people. The two groups of school students attended workshops at the park separately on 8 October 2025.
- **17 adults** from LGBTIQA+, Age Friendly, Multicultural and Disability Champions Groups attended the bus tours. Champions Group members offered perspectives from midlife and older community members with lived experience across access, inclusion, safety and community use. Champions who participated included varied genders, cultural backgrounds and ages. The Champions attended two onsite bus tours on the 28th October and 8th November 2025.



8 Students and teachers from Greensborough Primary School explore the park (October 2025)

Young people were asked about:

- what makes parks enjoyable
- what discourages them from visiting
- what a youth space should include
- preferred locations for new infrastructure
- amenities and design priorities

Champions were asked to identify:

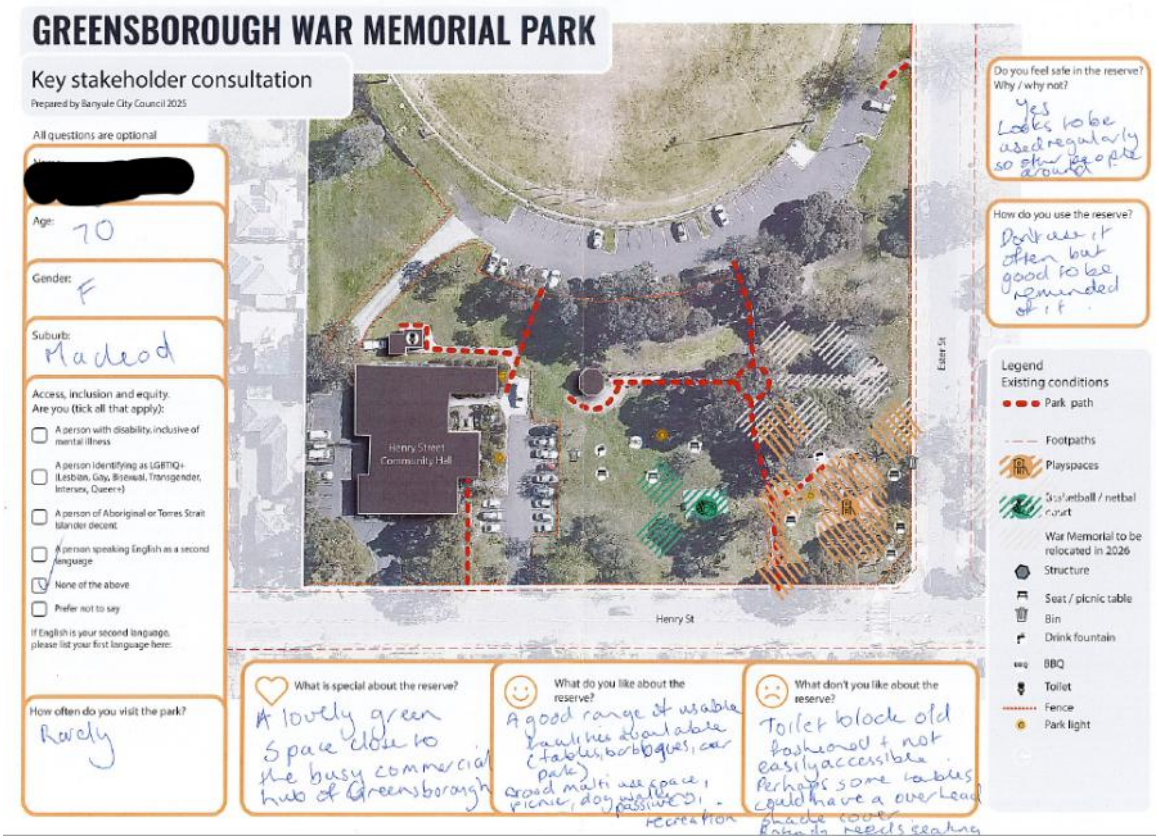
- challenges
- accessibility issues
- safety and maintenance concerns
- ideas to improve inclusivity and usability
- opportunities to activate underutilised areas



9 Sharing ideas at GWMP on the Champions Group Bus Tour (November 2025)




10 Example of an activity sheet completed by young people while at the park




11 An activity sheet completed by a Champions Group Member while visiting the park

# Key findings and themes

This section brings together the strongest and most consistent themes identified by young people and Banyule Champions groups, alongside relevant Banyule strategies, to outline clear opportunities for activating Greensborough War Memorial Park as a youth friendly space. Given the small but diverse group of participants, unique ideas have been retained alongside recurring themes. This information will inform development of a draft concept plan for the GWMP youth space, that will be shared with the community for further feedback in 2026.

## **Theme 1:** Safe, connected movement and access across the park

### What young people told us

Young people consistently raised concerns about moving safely and easily through the park.

> "Current path to the carpark is dangerous."

They highlighted uneven and unsafe paths, steep slopes, poor access to the rotunda and toilets, paths leading directly into carparks, limited entrances and a lack of ramps for accessibility. Many asked for more entrances (including from Ester Street), gates at entrances, additional paths connecting key areas, and fencing near the oval to prevent balls rolling into carparks. Young people also noted the need for fencing around the park for safety and accessibility.



12 Irregular surfaces and lack of connectivity around the oval perimeter present access challenges.

### What the Champions Group members told us

Champions Groups members reinforced concerns about accessibility and safety, noting uneven surfaces, steep gradients, narrow or discontinuous paths. They noted unsafe conditions around the oval, especially for wheelchair users and those with walkers and carpark edges. They also highlighted access issues related to transport interfaces, including the orientation of the nearby bus stop and difficulty seeing approaching buses.

Young people and Champions highlighted the lack of lighting across the park as a major safety concern, particularly along paths, near toilets, social areas and around the playground.



13 Existing barriers and lack of path connections impact accessibility at GWMP

### Opportunity for activation

Create a clear, safe and accessible movement network connecting key activity areas (rotunda, playground, sports courts, oval, toilets and carparks). This includes upgraded and widened paths, accessible ramps, safer transitions near carparks, improved entry points, gates where appropriate, and fencing to manage safety risks. Provide ample lighting across the park. This aligns with Council's Access and Inclusion and Open Space strategies.

## **Theme 2:** Social spaces, seating and BBQ areas

### What young people told us

One of the strongest themes was the need for places to sit, gather and socialise, especially for larger groups. Young people asked for more benches (including larger benches and some with back rests) as well as *"multiple seating areas across the park"* for different groups. Youth wanted a mural or street art behind seating to be able to make videos. We heard they wanted tables near BBQs, covered seating, seating in and around the rotunda, and cleaner BBQ facilities. Many noted that scattered or awkward seating layouts made it harder to sit together. Lighting was also identified as important to support evening use of seating and BBQ areas. A treehouse was noted as an option for hangout space for young people, highlighting a consistent them of wanting to be elevated in a space. Shade and covered areas were important with built material as well as mature trees.



14 The existing BBQ and picnic area at GWMP

### What the Champions Group members told us

Champions Group members echoed the need for improved seating and shade, particularly around the rotunda and social areas. They supported better distribution of tables and seating to allow for multiple groups and intergenerational use. Both youth and Champions noted the need for seating around activity areas, especially the playground to enable supervision.

### Opportunity for activation

Develop multiple social nodes across the park with seating, tables, shade and rain proof structures with lighting, rather than relying on a single gathering point. Ensure seating can accommodate larger groups. Upgrade BBQ facilities and rotunda seating, and design seating layouts that support conversation and group use. Include a mural / street art behind seating to enable young people to use this as a backdrop to creating videos. Ensure enough seating around the playground to allow for supervision.

> "Provide seating behind the oval to watch football and cricket".

This aligns with the Youth Spaces Plan emphasis on safe, attractive and flexible social gathering spaces.

## **Theme 3:** Toilets and essential amenities

### What young people told us

Young people described the current toilets as too far away, poorly connected by paths, lacking soap, hand driers, *"proper locks"* nappy change tables and wipes as well as being dirty and unsafe. They wanted toilets closer

to key activity areas and identified several possible sites either near the playground or rotunda and oval, with better lighting, visibility and clearer access.

### What the Champions Group members told us

> "The toilets are not accessible and not in a safe location."

Champions highlighted accessibility issues, including narrow doorways, poor lighting, lack of passive surveillance and the isolated location of existing toilets. Many conversations indicated that people would not enter the existing toilets as they feel very unsafe, are smelly and uninviting. The 'west' toilets were notes as being particularly 'scary' and hidden by vegetation. They also raised concerns that the current facilities are not gender neutral and may feel unsafe for LGBTIQA+ and trans and gender diverse community members.

### Opportunity for activation

Apply the Banyule Toilet Plan principles by ensuring toilets are visible, well-lit, accessible and located near activity areas, with clear paths and signage. Amenity upgrades should be integrated into the overall park activation rather than treated as standalone infrastructure.

## **Theme 4:** Adventure play and youth focused recreation

### What young people told us

Young people strongly requested bigger, more exciting and more challenging play, particularly for older children and teenagers. More swings, higher monkey bars and a seesaw was requested in the playground. High interest ideas for older children included flying foxes, ziplines, large swings, ninja-style courses, a scavenger hunt, taller playground equipment and slides in a separate area to the younger playground. A cover over the playground was suggested to offer shade and rain cover.

Noting the importance of challenge and managed risk in youth spaces, a student commented that

> "...a boring park is one that is too safe."

### What the Champions Group members told us

The Champions Group members supported the inclusion of challenging and inclusive play elements, such as all abilities swings, nature play and climbing features.

### Opportunity for activation

Introduce high activity, youth-oriented play and recreation elements that offer challenge and excitement while managing risk appropriately. We heard a desire to

> "...make it accessible to everyone"

A suggestion was made to include appropriate equipment, fencing and benches for supervision. This aligns with the Youth Spaces Implementation Plan's focus on adventure play and engagement for older age groups.

## **Theme 5:** Sports facilities that are flexible and inclusive

### What young people told us

Sport was a major drawcard, with requests for larger basketball courts, multiple hoops, the ability to play both basketball and netball. Softer court surfaces to reduce injury were specifically noted.

> "Please, have rubber on the surface so it doesn't hurt when you fall".

Fencing behind football goals, and safer edges near carparks were highlighted by several young people.

> "Have a fence on the eastern side behind the goals on the sports oval to stop footballs and other balls from rolling into the car park. Balls can get stuck under the cars and we can't get them."

In addition to basketball (with some requesting full court) and netball, young people requested opportunities for football, pickleball, soccer, table tennis, bike riding, gym equipment and informal fitness activities such as obstacle or circuit style play.

### What the Champions Group members told us

The Champions Group members supported larger and more inclusive sports spaces, including all abilities and multi-use sports areas and complementary activities such as outdoor chess or table tennis. Champions noted the benefit of concreted areas for other activities such as Thai Chi.

### Opportunity for activation

Upgrade the existing basketball court to function as a flexible, multi-purpose zone with improved surfaces, adaptable markings, safety fencing and adjacent seating and shade, supporting both active play and social use.

## **Theme 6:** Water: drinking, cooling and play

### What young people told us

Water was one of the most frequently mentioned needs. Young people asked for more drinking water taps and fountains for people and dogs, better watering of plants, and water play features such as jets, splash areas or slides.

### What the Champions Group members told us

The Champions Group members supported improved access to water, including dog friendly taps noting the need for

> "better access to water across the park."

### Opportunity for activation

Provide well distributed drinking water points throughout the park and explore feasible, low maintenance or seasonal water play and cooling features, subject to operational and heritage considerations.

## **Theme 7:** Nature, shade and colour

### What young people told us

> "There isn't a lot of alive flowers or colour."

Young people wanted the park to feel more colourful, green and alive. They asked for more trees, flowers, gum trees, habitat areas, shade and greater variety in planting.

### What the Champions Group members told us

The Champions Groups members echoed the need for increased tree canopy, native planting, improved understory vegetation and better integration of landscaping along paths and social areas. Additional ideas included nature play elements and a small community or veggie garden.

### Opportunity for activation

Enhance the park's natural character through increased tree planting, colourful gardens, shade structures, habitat and nature-play elements integrated with seating and pathways, supporting comfort, wellbeing and biodiversity.

# **Theme 8:** Creative, cultural and digital spaces

## What young people told us

Young people requested an

> *“area to play music and dance,”*
>
> *“a mural that we can sit at and socialise to film TikToks.”*

Young people expressed interest in mural walls and street art, performance and dance spaces and access to Wi-Fi and power. We heard the need to have respect for the war memorial and its meaning, with many young people noting that is what made the park special.

## What the Champions Group members told us

> “The rotunda has tremendous potential for youth music.”

The Champions Group members supported murals, street art, and creative spaces, suggested the food relief space ideal for a mural wall, and highlighted opportunities for Acknowledgement of Country and cultural interpretation.

## Opportunity for activation

Create dedicated creative and cultural spaces, such as mural walls, street art, and small performance areas, supported by power and Wi-Fi, while maintaining respectful separation from commemorative areas.



15 The rotunda at GWMP can be booked for community use.

# **Theme 9:** Cleanliness, maintenance and ongoing care

## What young people told us

Cleanliness strongly influenced whether young people wanted to use the park.

> "I don't like parks that are dirty."

Dirty toilets, BBQs, litter and poorly maintained areas discouraged use. Many young people noted that dog owners should clean up dog poo, further highlighting that a *"clean and respectful" area* made a park special.

## What the Champions Group members told us

> "Better care of plants and BBQs is needed."

The Champions Groups members reinforced the importance of maintenance, noting that even well-designed spaces can quickly become unwelcoming without regular care.

## Opportunity for activation

Design activation with maintenance in mind, including durable materials, hardy plants, clear bin placement and servicing considerations, recognising that ongoing upkeep is essential to the success of youth spaces.

The engagement highlights a strong opportunity to transform Greensborough War Memorial Park into a connected, inclusive and lively youth space that balances adventure, sport, social connection, nature and essential amenities, while respecting its commemorative role. These consolidated themes provide a clear foundation for Council to develop a draft concept plan for further community feedback.



16 Banyule Champions group members identifying opportunities for the park

# Outcome and next steps

## Outcome

This section translates the engagement findings into clear design direction, with priorities and requirements to guide Council's development of a draft concept plan for the youth space and toilet location.

Council will use the findings in this report to prepare a draft concept plan for the youth space and new toilet location at Greensborough War Memorial Park, incorporating the priorities and ideas identified through youth engagement and feedback from the Champions group members.

To build on this community engagement, Council will prepare **a holistic park upgrade plan** that aligns all current and future projects. This plan will prioritise connectivity, cohesion, and accessibility, ensuring that improvements across the park are integrated rather than delivered in isolation. By embedding Council's strategic objectives—such as fostering social connection, promoting health and wellbeing, enhancing biodiversity, and creating inclusive spaces—the plan will deliver a park that supports community life and environmental resilience. Community insights will shape every stage of design and delivery, ensuring that the youth space, public toilet, and other initiatives contribute to a unified, vibrant and sustainable park experience.

## Next steps

The draft plans will be shared with broader community consultation in 2026, including online and face to face engagement and opportunities for residents, young people, community organisations and park users to review the proposals, provide feedback and help shape the final plan. Targeted engagement with the sports clubs who reside at Greensborough War Memorial Park, Greensborough RSL and community groups and services associated with the Henry Street community hall / site will also occur early 2026

Funding is currently planned for delivery of the new public toilet in 2026-2027, while funding for delivery of the youth space is planned for 2027-2028 financial year.







17 & 18 The War Memorial is currently being relocated to the western precinct within the park, due for completion during March 2026

# Turning community feedback into design direction

## Key design principles for the draft concept plan

The below key design principles have been informed the youth and Champions Group member engagement findings and in consideration of Council's key strategies relating to public realm, youth, assets, community, sport and the environment.

- **Youth friendly activation** with a balance of social, play and active recreation.
- **Safety and visibility**, including lighting, passive surveillance and accessible paths.
- **Inclusivity and universal design**, ensuring all-abilities access and gender inclusive amenities.
- **Nature positive** spaces, increasing shade, biodiversity and green character.
- **Flexible and multi-use** spaces that support a broad range of youth activities.
- **Respect** for the park's commemorative function, ensuring memorial elements remain dignified.

## Key elements of park identified through engagement

- **Active sport** - The sports and active recreation areas (oval and spaces to exercise).
- **Playground** for children, including younger inclusive play with seating for supervision.
- **Youth Space** – multipurpose court, hang out spaces more challenging adventure play with flying fox/zipline and large swings.
- **Picnic facilities** and hangout spaces precincts with BBQs, shade and diverse seating clusters.
- **Rotunda** – creative expression precinct, including murals, street art, music or small performance space.
- **Nature** and landscaping, with shaded sitting areas and biodiversity pockets.
- **Paths, toilets and amenities** - Improved amenities, specifically paths and toilets that are clearly visible, well maintained and accessible.

The limitation of this engagement should be acknowledged here as the engagement activities focussed primarily on the area of park east of the oval, fronting Henry and Ester Streets, therefore specific feedback regarding the west precinct (cricket nets, carpark, sculptures and new War Memorial) was not received, and further engagement with the community regarding the 'west' toilet closest to the pavilion is required.

## The top priorities that MUST be considered in the design

*Based on most requested features, alignment with strategy, and accessibility and safety requirements*

- Accessible equipment and infrastructure for all abilities to feature in all future projects
- Upgrade of toilet facilities 'east' in a more central and accessible location, including visibility, safety, accessibility, gender inclusive design.
- Improved lighting across key pathways, nodes and gathering areas, including key around the playground and courts.
- Multiple seating and hang out clusters, with shade and proximity to activity areas.
- Expanded multi use sports courts supporting basketball, soccer, netball and flexible programming.
- High activity recreation features, for example flying fox/zipline, large swings and inclusive equipment.
- Improved path network, including a path around the oval, ensuring accessible cross park movement and links to rotunda, courts, playground and carpark
- Tree planting and nature-based landscaping across the site.
- BBQ and social gathering precinct with lighting, shade and rain cover.
- Improved wayfinding, including signage to toilets, play areas, rotunda and paths.
- All abilities sports and multi-purpose areas or play features.

- More bins and water taps be distributed throughout the park.

### The priorities that SHOULD be considered

*Based on strong community support and strategic alignment*

- Provision of Wi-Fi and accessible power outlets should be considered to support social connection, creative use, performances and device charging, reflecting youth interest in contemporary, tech enabled public spaces.
- A creative expression zone, such as a mural wall or other street art.
- Performance or music space, potentially integrated with rotunda.
- Adventurous youth playground separate from the existing play space for younger children.
- Better integration with the oval, including fencing to catch sports balls and seating for spectators.
- Water-play to be investigated in context to operational requirements, heritage overlay and strategic frameworks
- Bike loops / riding paths around the park (supporting the implementation plan's focus on active recreation, flexible movement and safe circulation).

### Elements that COULD be explored further

*Based on less requested requirements or requiring feasibility consideration*

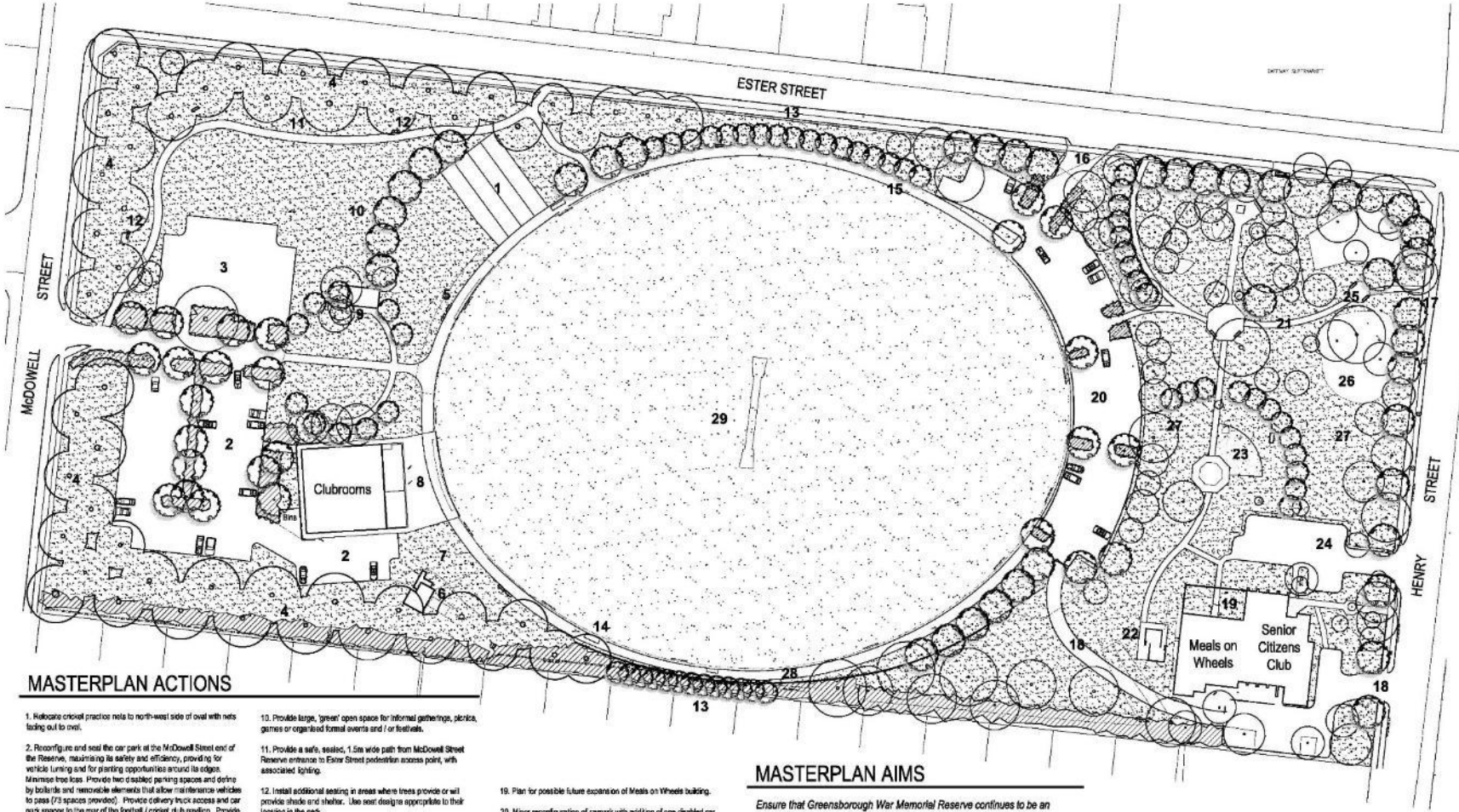
- Treehouse or elevated nature play structure.
- Splash pad or water play.
- Bocce or chess recreation area.
- Additional shaded pavilions or rotunda upgrades.
- Biodiversity features such as butterfly gardens, koala gardens or native planting islands.

# Acknowledgements

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We also acknowledge our independent consultant, **Marta Blumeris**, for her expertise in analysis and preparation of this report. This work has been guided by the **Banyule Youth Spaces Implementation Plan**, **Public Toilet Plan** as well as Banyule's broader **Public Open Space Strategy**, **Active Banyule Plan, Inclusive Banyule Plan, Biodiversity Plan, Banyule Public Realm Framework** and related strategic objectives. These frameworks ensure that the recommendations in this report align with Council's commitment to creating inclusive, connected, and sustainable public spaces that foster social connection, health and wellbeing, and biodiversity.

# Appendix 1 – Masterplan endorsed by Council 2002




All dimensions to be checked on site before commencing work.
The locations of underground services are indicative only.
The location of all services shall be verified on site.

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Notes

1. This plan is based on site survey by Lawlor and Loy Pty Ltd of February 2002 (drawing reference no. 5068).
2. This plan is to be read in conjunction with the Landscape Masterplan Explanatory Report.

Legend

- Existing tree to be retained.
- Proposed tree species.
- Proposed habitat planting; native/indigenous species.
- Grass area.
- Proposed gravel area.
- Proposed path.
- Proposed seats/benches.

## MASTERPLAN ACTIONS

1. Relocate cricket practice nets to north-west side of oval with nets facing out to oval.

2. Reconfigure and seal the car park at the McDowell Street end of the Reserve, maximising its safety and efficiency, providing for vehicle turning and for planting opportunities around its edges. Minimise tree loss. Provide two disabled parking spaces and define by bollards and removable elements that allow maintenance vehicles to pass (73 spaces provided). Provide delivery truck access and car park spaces to the rear of the football / cricket club pavilion. Provide a bin enclosure for the clubrooms to house rubbish and recycling bins, and from which to wheel bins to appropriate positions for use during matches and other events.

3. Provide sealed area for use as a basketball / netball court and as an overflow car park for use during sports fixtures.

4. Proposed removal of existing cypress trees due to their declining health and increased risk of falling branches. Proposed replacement with either:
- *Cupressus macrocarpa* (Monterey Cypress);
- *Quercus palustris* (Pin Oak); or
- *Eucalyptus melliodora* (Yellow Box).

Please refer to the questionnaire for further detail and how to provide Council with your preferred choice.

5. Demolish existing concrete terraces, grade levels and re-grass.

6. Remove storage container.

7. Provide a grassed area for spectators.

8. Proposed paved area in front of football / cricket clubrooms provides ease of access to clubrooms, a tidy appearance and an outdoor area for watching games.

9. Upgrade public toilets by improving landscaping around the outside. Ensure personal safety is not compromised by new plantings. Consider possible relocation of toilets to adjoin the clubrooms should the opportunity arise. Provide 'green' open space between toilets and clubrooms, for picnicking, informal play, gatherings and watching games. Provide a drinking fountain with additional dog drinking bowl facility.

10. Provide large, 'green' open space for informal gatherings, picnics, games or organised formal events and / or festivals.

11. Provide a safe, sealed, 1.5m wide path from McDowell Street Reserve entrance to Ester Street pedestrian access point, with associated lighting.

12. Install additional seating in areas where trees provide or will provide shade and shelter. Use seat designs appropriate to their location in the park.

13. Plan for removal of *Cupressus sempervirens* species and replace with medium sized, deciduous trees. To the north of the oval this allows greater levels of sunlight to the oval whilst also providing shade in summer. To the south of the oval plan for removal of those trees and provide screening / fencing on the retaining wall to retain privacy to residents on south side of the Reserve.

14. Install additional drainage around oval. Investigate and manage oval drainage requirements including top-dressing, levelling or sub-surface drainage.

15. Close through road from east to west ends of the Reserve. Provide a safe, sealed pedestrian path between east and west ends of the Reserve.

16. Provide a safe, clearly defined, entrance / exit off Ester Street to the Reserve.

17. Remove vehicle entry from Henry Street. Demolish road, regrade and re-grass to provide greater recreational potential of the north eastern corner of the Reserve. Retain pedestrian access from Henry Street into the Reserve.

18. Provide one-way access for Meals on Wheels delivery and staff vehicles off Henry Street and out through the proposed Ester Street exit via the car park. One-way access reduces the congestion of delivery vehicles turning in the Meals on Wheels car park area and the potential for incidents on Henry Street due to the crest on the hill that limits visibility of on coming traffic. Access is restricted to Meals on Wheels vehicles during working hours only and maintenance vehicles.

19. Plan for possible future expansion of Meals on Wheels building.

20. Minor reconfiguration of carpark with addition of one disabled car park space adjacent to path. Plant over-storey trees for shade and groundcovers in garden bed areas of car park.

21. Install safe, sealed paths connecting War Memorial, rotunda, barbeque, toilets and play area. Provide paved, seating areas under shade. Provide drinking fountain within safe and easy access of the play and barbeque areas.

22. Upgrade and provide safe, paved path access to toilets. Plan for possible future relocation of toilets to be within any future Meals on Wheels building extension.

23. Provide small, gravel paved, gathering area in front of rotunda and accessible from barbeques.

24. Retain unchanged the Senior Citizens Club car park.

25. Provide additional seating and shade adjacent to existing play equipment.

26. Plan for and install play equipment for senior children, including swings. Provide facilities for all abilities.

27. Plan for and commence implementation of phased replanting of the eastern end of the Reserve. Ensure plants are chosen for their long-term suitability to the site and positioned to provide screening, structure and shade as required.

28. Construct safe, sealed path around south side of oval.

29. Install a new, low tubular steel and chain mesh oval boundary fence, as the existing fence deteriorates. Includes gates placed appropriately for maintenance and pedestrian access.

## MASTERPLAN AIMS

*Ensure that Greensborough War Memorial Reserve continues to be an attractive and functional Local Park and an important community asset.*

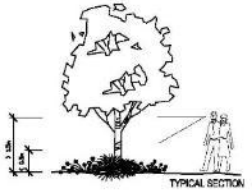
*Facilitate the enhancement of the recreational, functional, aesthetic and educational aspects of the Reserve.*

*Ensure the upgrading of the Reserve infrastructure and the enhancement of the landscape and environmental quality is undertaken with community input and acceptance and in a sustainable manner.*

*Co-ordinate the maintenance and management of the Reserve.*

## MASTERPLAN CONSIDERATIONS

- *Incorporate improved access for all throughout the Reserve.*
- *Maintain a balance between the 'Local Park' and the major sporting facilities and functions of the Reserve.*
- *Ensure that the sporting uses of the Reserve are maintained in harmony with its play opportunities and scenic qualities.*
- *Ensure that there is a clear community endorsed strategy for the long term treatment of the memorial tree avenue.*
- *Maintain a high level visibility and surveillance across the park by maintaining low growing plants (below 0.5m height) and tree canopies above 1.5m. This applies to existing and proposed vegetation.*
- *Ensure the continuing consultation and input of the local community in the day-to-day management of the Reserve.*
- *Implement planting and arboricultural work to enhance the visual and wildlife qualities of the Reserve.*




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# Appendix 2 - Activity Sheets from school groups

## How do you get to the Rotunda?

This worksheet was prepared by Banyule City Council for use at Greensborough War Memorial Park, October 2025.

Name: [redacted]

Age: 11

Gender: girl

Notes:
- all paths lead to carpark.
- Need ramps for big drops.
- Needs tuckties.
- Pathway doesn't lead directly to Rotunda.
- Ramp isn't safe and smooth.

### Draw your way to the Rotunda

Draw how you got from our start point, the zebra crossing, to the Rotunda. What did you see? How did you get there? What was interesting about your journey?




### Draw or write:

- What is special about the park?
- What do you like about the park?
- What don't you like about the park?

## How do you get to the Rotunda?

This worksheet was prepared by Banyule City Council for use at Greensborough War Memorial Park, October 2025.

Name: [redacted]

Age: 11

Gender: Male

Notes:

These are our notes

### Draw your way to the Rotunda

Draw how you got from our start point, the zebra crossing, to the Rotunda. What did you see? How did you get there? What was interesting about your journey?




### Draw or write:

- What is special about the park?
- What do you like about the park?
- What don't you like about the park?

# Help us make our Park better for young people

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Name:

Age:

Gender:

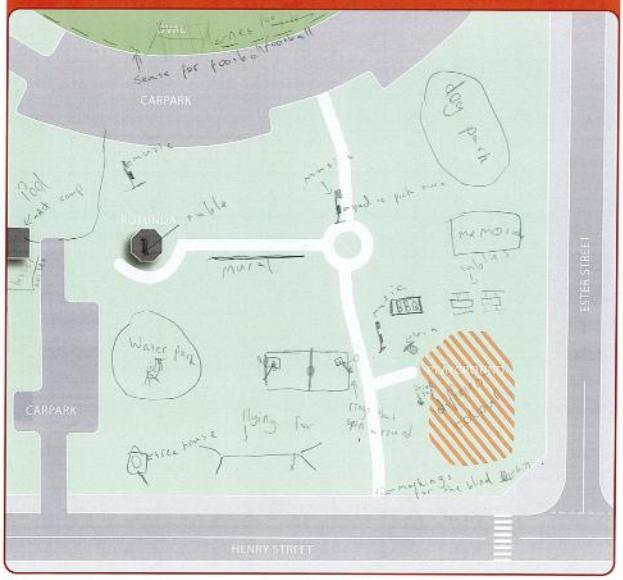
What makes a park special?

What would make you want to go to a park?

What would make you not want to go to a park?

## Draw or write about a new youth space

What should a new youth space look like? What should be in it? How will you get to it?




## Toolbox:

Use these as inspiration or circle what you want to have





# Help us make our Park better for young people

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Name: Eliot

Age: 11

Gender: girl

What makes a park special?

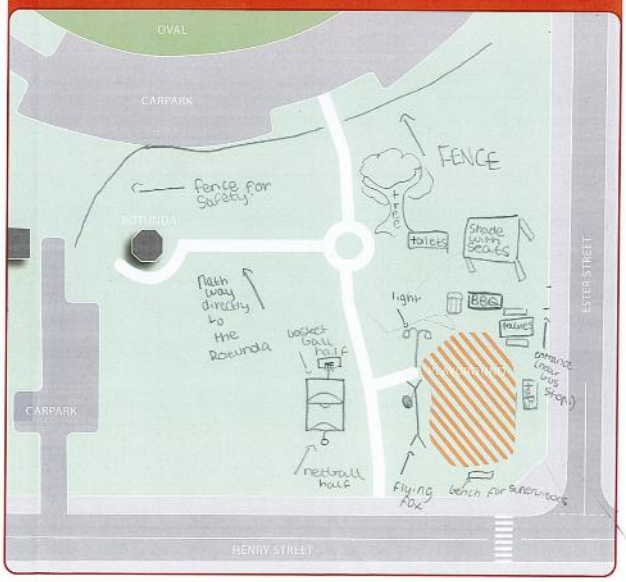
being able to spent time with friend.

What would make you want to go to a park?

What would make you not want to go to a park?


## Draw or write about a new youth space

What should a new youth space look like? What should be in it? How will you get to it?

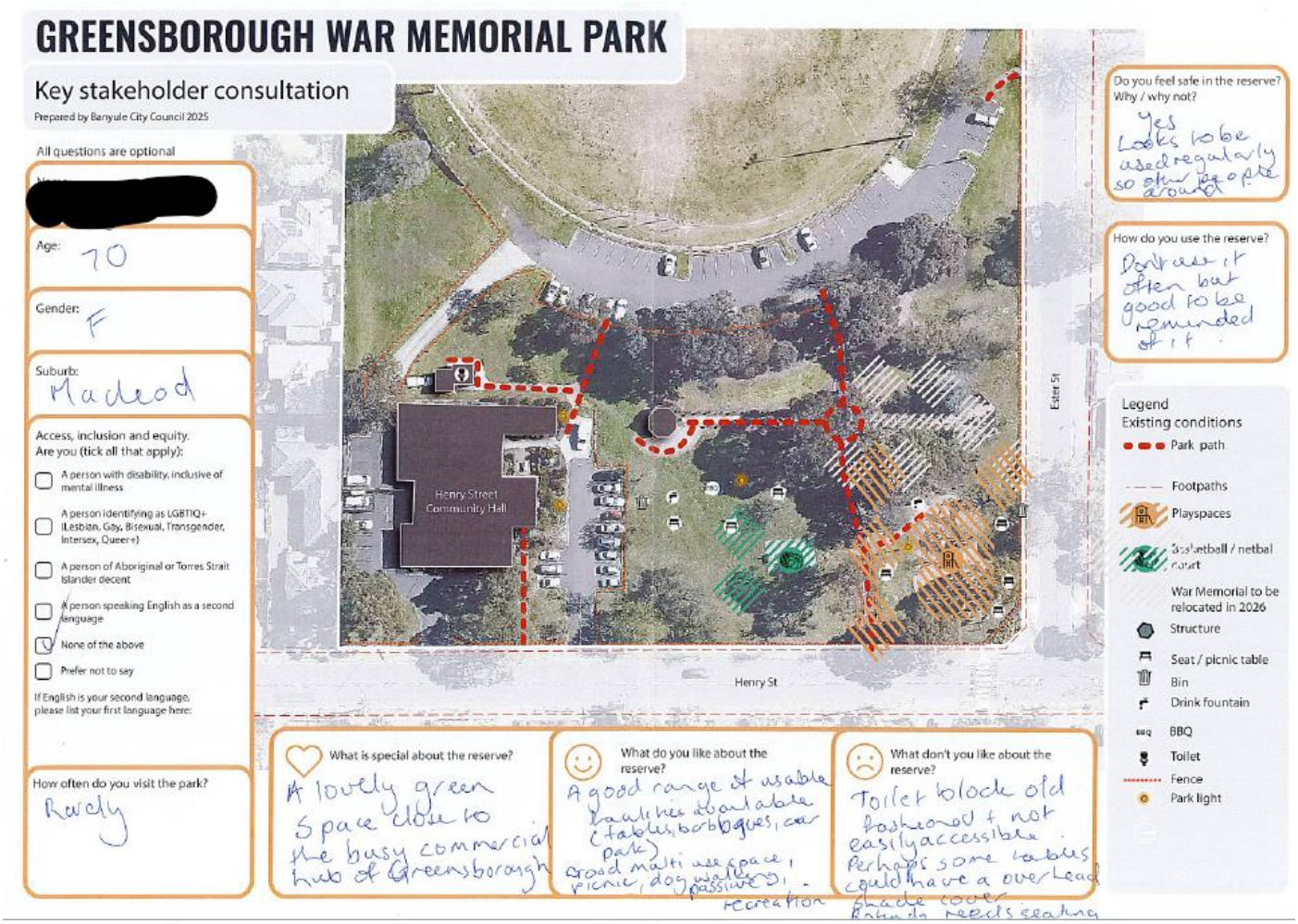


## Toolbox:

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# Appendix 2 - Activity sheets from Champion Group tours



# GREENSBOROUGH WAR MEMORIAL PARK

## Key stakeholder consultation

Prepared by Banyule City Council 2025

All questions are optional

Name: [redacted]

Age: 54

Gender: Female

Suburb: Bundoora

Access, inclusion and equity.
Are you (tick all that apply):

- [x] A person with disability, inclusive of mental illness
- [ ] A person identifying as LGBTIQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer+)
- [ ] A person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander decent
- [ ] A person speaking English as a second language
- [ ] None of the above
- [ ] Prefer not to say

If English is your second language, please list your first language here:

How often do you visit the park?




Do you feel safe in the reserve? Why / why not?

How do you use the reserve?

Legend
Existing conditions
- Park path
- Footpaths
- Playspaces
- Basketball / netball court
- War Memorial to be relocated in 2026
- Structure
- Seat / picnic table
- Bin
- Drink fountain
- BBQ
- Toilet
- Fence
- Park light

What is special about the reserve?
The Greenery
That it honoders the fallen Soldiers from World War 1.

What do you like about the reserve?
That it has different areas.

What don't you like about the reserve?
uneven surfaces.
no accessible toilets
Better signage for toilets
More walking paths

# GREENSBOROUGH WAR MEMORIAL PARK

## Key stakeholder consultation

Prepared by Banyule City Council 2025

All questions are optional

Name: [redacted]

Age: 56

Gender: M

Suburb: Watsonia

Access, inclusion and equity.
Are you (tick all that apply):

- [ ] A person with disability, inclusive of mental illness
- [x] A person identifying as LGBTIQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer+)
- [ ] A person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander decent
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If English is your second language, please list your first language here:

How often do you visit the park?

Rarely




Do you feel safe in the reserve? Why / why not?

No. Toilets are not in safe location
Toilets not accessible
Paths not accessible

How do you use the reserve?

Note: happy to provide further consultation on LGBTQIA+ issues and toilet safety issues

Legend
Existing conditions
- Park path
- Footpaths
- Playspaces
- Basketball / netball court
- War Memorial to be relocated in 2026
- Structure
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- Fence
- Park light

What is special about the reserve?
- Proximity to G' Borough
- shady, vegetation
- Rotunda has tremendous potential.

What do you like about the reserve?

What don't you like about the reserve?
- Toilets are not gender neutral. Not safe for LGBTQIA+ ammunity (esp. TG).
- not enough rubbish bins

# GREENSBOROUGH WAR MEMORIAL PARK

## Key stakeholder consultation

Prepared by Banyule City Council 2025

All questions are optional

Name: [redacted]

Age: 60

Gender: F

Suburb: WATSONIA

Access, inclusion and equity.
Are you (tick all that apply):

- [ ] A person with disability, inclusive of mental illness
- [ ] A person identifying as LGBTIQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer+)
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- [x] None of the above
- [ ] Prefer not to say

If English is your second language, please list your first language here:

How often do you visit the park?

NEVER




Do you feel safe in the reserve? Why / why not?

yes - never main Roads Feels open + safe

How do you use the reserve?

could walk around oval - noticed dog walkers People on basketball ct People sitting in park

Legend
Existing conditions

- Park path
- Footpaths
- Playspaces
- Basketball / netball court
- War Memorial to be relocated in 2026
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Community garden ? BBQs ? Toilets too ? Nature play. needs accessible toilets ? Shaped pathway / passive space

What is special about the reserve?

- [ ] WAR memorial
- [ ] THIS SPACE

What do you like about the reserve?

It has oval / close to shops / Basketball court (too small)

What don't you like about the reserve?

Could have more interesting plants under trees - more seating in Rotunda plants / Seating around Rotunda. Veggie garden.

- [ ] Natives under trees

# GREENSBOROUGH WAR MEMORIAL PARK

## Key stakeholder consultation

Prepared by Banyule City Council 2025

All questions are optional

Name: [redacted]

Age: 57

Gender: F

Suburb: Greensborough

Access, inclusion and equity.
Are you (tick all that apply):

- [ ] A person with disability, inclusive of mental illness
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If English is your second language, please list your first language here:

How often do you visit the park?

Drive past it occassionally




Do you feel safe in the reserve? Why / why not?

Yes - Busy roads

How do you use the reserve?

Legend
Existing conditions

- Park path
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- Basketball / netball court
- War Memorial to be relocated in 2026
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What is special about the reserve?

Historical significance of war memorial.
Wood Carvings around oval

What do you like about the reserve?

Big Gum Tree (old)
Close to retail area

What don't you like about the reserve?

no bike parking

- No shade on one picnic table
- Not enough native shrub beds
- Toilets too far from playground area / not visible
- Access to B/B court ? issues
- Access to Rotunda from car park.