



## NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

To: Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom

Councillor Ian Bailey
Councillor Kirrilee Boyd
Councillor Nathan Daniell
Councillor Pauline Gill
Councillor Chris Grant
Councillor Linda Green
Councillor Malcolm Herrmann
Councillor John Kemp
Councillor Leith Mudge
Councillor Mark Osterstock
Councillor Kirsty Parkin
Councillor Andrew Stratford

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions under Section 82 of the Local Government Act 1999 that a Special meeting of the Council will be held on:

**Tuesday 7 May 2019**  
**6.30pm**  
**63 Mt Barker Road Stirling**

Business of the meeting:

1. Stonehenge Reserve Masterplan Update and Findings from Consultation
2. Stirling Library Lawn Rotunda Consultation Report
3. Road Closure Tay Crescent, Woodforde
4. Road Closure Peake Road, Birdwood
5. Road Closure Sandy Waterhole Road Woodside
6. Fees & Charges
7. Garrod Crescent & Place Declaration of Public Road
8. Murray Darling Association Support
9. Unsolicited Approach to Purchase Community Land

A copy of the Agenda for this meeting is supplied under Section 83 of the Act.

Meetings of the Council are open to the public and members of the community are welcome to attend. Public notice of the Agenda for this meeting is supplied under Section 84 of the Act.

**Andrew Aitken**  
**Chief Executive Officer**



## AGENDA FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 7 May 2019  
6.30pm  
63 Mt Barker Road Stirling

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### *Council Vision*

*Nurturing our unique place and people*

#### *Council Mission*

*Delivering activities and services which build a resilient community, sustain our built and natural environment and promote a vibrant economy*

#### **1. COMMENCEMENT**

#### **2. OPENING STATEMENT**

"Council acknowledges that we meet on the traditional lands of the Peramangk and Kurna people and we recognise their connection with the land.

We understand that we do not inherit the land from our ancestors but borrow it from our children and in this context the decisions we make should be guided by the principle that nothing we do should decrease our children's ability to live on this land."

#### **3. APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

3.1. Apology

3.2. Leave of Absence

Cr Malcolm Herrmann 24 April – 13 May 2019 (approved at Council 23 April 2019)

Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom 11 – 19 May 2019

#### **4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

#### **5. PRESIDING MEMBER'S OPENING REMARKS**



**6. PUBLIC FORUM**

**7. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

**7.1. Stonehenge Reserve Masterplan Update and Findings from Consultation**

- 1. That the report be received and noted.*
- 2. To not proceed with any of the masterplanning options at Stonehenge Reserve at this point in time.*
- 3. To proceed with resurfacing works at both the Stonehenge Reserve and Heathfield sites.*
- 4. To delegate to the CEO to seek variations and finalise arrangement to the grant funding agreements with the Office for Recreation, Sport & Racing, and Tennis SA that allow new court construction at alternative sites.*
- 5. To notify those that have registered through the Stonehenge Reserve Project's engagement site of the outcome of the consultation and this report.*

**7.2. Stirling Library Lawn Rotunda Consultation Report**  
*Council resolves that the report be received and noted.*

**7.3. Road Closure Tay Crescent, Woodforde**

- 6. That the report be received and noted*
- 7. To make a Road Process Order pursuant to the Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991 to close and merge the piece of land identified as "A" in the Preliminary Plan No. 18/0057 and being portion of the land in Certificate of Title Volume 2546 Folio 56 with Allotment 11 in Deposited Plan No. 6530 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5637 Folio 217.*
- 8. Subject to the closure of the road identified in the Preliminary Plan attached, that:*
  - The closed road be excluded as Community Land pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999; and*
  - The piece marked "A" be sold to Mr Robert Walter & Mrs Sharyn Walter, the owners of the property with which it is merging for the amount of \$65,000 incl GST (if applicable) and all fees and charges associated with the road closure process.*
- 9. Authorise the Chief Executive to finalise and sign all necessary documentation to close and sell the above portion of closed road pursuant to this resolution.*

**7.4. Road Closure Peake Road, Birdwood**

- 1. That the report be received and noted*



2. *To make a Road Process Order pursuant to the Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991 to close and merge the pieces of land identified as "A" in the Preliminary Plan Number 19/0002 with Section 6286 being the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5496 Folio 550.*
  3. *Subject to the closure of the road identified in the Preliminary Plan attached, that:*
    - *The closed road be excluded as Community Land pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999; and*
    - *The piece marked "A" be sold to Mr Paul & Mrs Michele Edwards, the owners of the property with which it is merging for the amount of \$19,000 plus GST and all fees and charges associated with the road closure process.*
  4. *Authorise the Chief Executive to finalise and sign all necessary documentation to close and sell the above portion of closed road pursuant to this resolution.*
- 7.5. Road Closure Sandy Waterhole Road Woodside
1. *That the report be received and noted*
  2. *To make a Road Process Order pursuant to the Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991 to close and merge the pieces of land identified as "A" in the Preliminary Plan No. 19/0001 attached to this report with Section 3961 being the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5471 Folio 906.*
  3. *Subject to the closure of the road identified in the Preliminary Plan attached, that:*
    - *The closed road be excluded as Community Land pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999; and*
    - *The piece marked "A" be sold to Deepwater Pty Ltd, the owners of the property with which it is merging for the amount of \$20,000 plus GST (if applicable) and all fees and charges associated with the road closure process.*
  4. *Authorise the Chief Executive to finalise and sign all necessary documentation to close and sell the above portion of closed road pursuant to this resolution.*
- 7.6. Fees & Charges
1. *That the report be received and noted.*
  2. *To adopt the 2019/20 Fees and Charges Schedule included at Appendix 1 to apply on and from 1 July 2019.*
  3. *Council notes that the statutory fees will be included on the schedule of fees and charges available for public inspection subsequent to being gazetted.*
- 7.7. Garrod Crescent & Place Declaration of Public Road
1. *That the report be received and noted.*
  2. *To declare Allotments 89 and 90 in Filed Plan No. 158344 contained in Certificate of Title Volume 6221 Folio 964 known as Garrod Place and portion of Garrod Crescent, Stirling as public road pursuant to section 208 of the Local Government Act 1999.*
  3. *To authorise the publication of the resolution in the Government Gazette as required by section 208(4) of the Local Government Act 1999 to declare the roads to be public roads.*





7.8. Murray Darling Association Support

1. *That the report be received and noted.*
2. *That Council supports the Murray Darling Association (MDA) in its objective to ensure local government has a role in informing the decisions that impact our local communities under the Murray Darling Basin Plan, and in their bid to secure recurrent funding for the provision of effective consultation and engagement with councils within the Murray-Darling Basin communities through their local representatives.*
3. *That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or his delegate) to:*
  - a) *Write a letter of support to the Murray Darling Association for the State and Federal Governments to contribute to the ongoing funding of the MDA.*
  - b) *Write to our local state and federal MPs encouraging them to support State and Federal Governments contributing to the ongoing funding of the MDA.*
  - c) *Write to all councils in our region, encouraging them to join the MDA and support the activation and development of advocacy priorities of this region.*

**8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

8.1. Unsolicited Approach to Purchase Community Land

**9. CLOSE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday 7 May 2019  
AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

**Item:** 7.1

**Originating Officer:** Renee O'Connor - Sport & Recreation Planner

**Responsible Director:** Peter Bice - Director Infrastructure & Operations

**Subject:** Stonehenge Reserve – Masterplan update and findings from consultation

**For:** Decision

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**SUMMARY**

Following the Council-wide audit of courts in 2017, it was deemed that the courts at Wright Road, Stirling (home of the Stirling Comets Netball Club) were unsafe to use in their current state and that investment in the repair or upgrade of the courts may not be a sustainable decision. After significant review and investigations, staff believed that the Stonehenge Reserve site in Stirling site could provide an opportunity to accommodate netball and expand tennis participation. A grant application to the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing's Sporting Surfaces Program was successful and a subsequent community engagement and masterplanning process began for the Stonehenge Reserve site. It is important to note that the grant application and associated funding was also for the resurfacing of existing courts at the Heathfield courts site.

A comprehensive engagement and consultation process for the project at Stonehenge Reserve was undertaken during late 2018 and early 2019. All feedback received from the community and stakeholders during this time was collated, analysed, summarised and was then presented by theme in a Consultation Outcomes Report. The report is a comprehensive and unbiased document that presents data received in several themes (see **Appendix 1** for the Consultation Outcomes Report).

Local residents and some members of the community highlighted access, traffic, parking, pedestrian safety, storm water, vegetation and various nuisances as issues during the consultation process, that would be present if the project progressed. These types of challenges are always present at sites, particularly where the upgrade capacity of the site would exceed the original site capacity; and in addition, sport and recreation projects will always have opposition and factors that make their delivery complex.

While the lack of support for netball at the Stonehenge Reserve site is not considered overwhelming (60%), and the concerns listed above could be addressed, Council Administration recommend that we will not be progressing any of the masterplan works or accommodating netball at the site at this point in time.

Council's *Sport and Recreation Strategy* supports and outlines a strategic approach to asset management in the sport and recreation space, and suggests that Council should encourage and facilitate more multi-purpose and flexible sites. The project at Stonehenge Reserve is one part of an overarching strategic approach that Council is taking for court amenity in the region, and applied these principles from Council's Sport and Recreation Strategy.

Council is, and will continue to take a strategic approach to the issues with sport and recreation sites that we are facing. We will continue to explore the feasibility of several sites, and the costs and resources associated with any developments. Through this process, and in partnership with the Stirling Comets Netball Club, we will find them a new and long term home.

Administration, in partnership with both the Stirling Tennis and Heathfield Netball Clubs will progress the resurfacing of existing courts component at both sites as per the grant funding agreement with the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

Pending the outcome of this report, and further workshop discussions with Council Members regarding our strategic approach to court provision, and the feasibility of certain sites, Administration will seek a variation to grant agreements for the balance of funds with both funding bodies (Office for Recreation, Sport & Racing and Tennis SA). The intention of the variation will be for the construction of new courts to occur at an alternate site, and that this site that can accommodate the Stirling Comets Netball Club and the future needs of netball and tennis in the region.

## RECOMMENDATION

### Council resolves:

1. **That the report be received and noted.**
2. **To not proceed with any of the masterplanning options at Stonehenge Reserve at this point in time.**
3. **To proceed with resurfacing works at both the Stonehenge Reserve and Heathfield sites.**
4. **To delegate to the CEO to seek variations and finalise arrangements to the grant funding agreements with the Office for Recreation, Sport & Racing, and Tennis SA that allow new court construction at alternative sites.**
5. **To notify those who have registered through the Stonehenge Reserve Project's engagement site of the outcome of the consultation and this report.**

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## 1. GOVERNANCE

### ➤ Strategic Management Plan/Council Policy

Goal 3 Places for people and nature

Strategy 3.5 We will take a proactive approach, and long term view, to infrastructure maintenance and renewal.

Goal 4 Explore ideas & work with others

Strategy 4.1 We will embrace contemporary methods of engagement so it's easy for everyone to have their say.

In addition, Council's *Sport and Recreation Strategy* lists the following Strategic Principles that relate to the planning and delivery of the Sport and Recreation Facilities in the region:

**Planning:** Places and facilities should be thoroughly planned, balanced, functional and sustainable. Planning should be in consultation with the community, ensure diverse opportunities and utilise best practice at all times. Planning must encourage and accommodate participation increases.

**Design:** The design of spaces should be functional, sustainable and facilitate participation from a wide variety of users.

➤ **Legal Implications**

Not applicable.

➤ **Risk Management Implications**

By undertaking a master planning process and applying principles from Council's *Sport and Recreation Strategy*, Council was ensuring that the Stonehenge Reserve site would be adequately planned, and would meet both current user and the region's sporting needs into the future. If the project was delivered appropriately, it would have been an approach with a relatively low risk.

However, the risk of proceeding with the masterplan at this point in time when considering the views expressed by residents local to Stonehenge Reserve, the Adelaide Hills Petanque Club and some casual users of the site is of concern. Proceeding while we continue to explore the feasibility of several other sites could also be considered a risk.

By not proceeding with any masterplanning works at the Stonehenge Reserve at this point in time, it will assist in mitigating the risk of:

*Residents and community dissatisfied with the project, leading to further action being taken and the project being delayed or discontinued.*

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
Extreme (4B)	Medium (2C)	Low

➤ **Financial and Resource Implications**

Council has received a Grant of \$437,00 (inc GST) through the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing's Surfaces Funding Program for the progression of the Stonehenge Reserve project (resurfacing of existing and creation of new courts), and for court resurfacing at the Heathfield Courts site. As part of this funding application, Council contributed funds of \$93,000. If recommended not to proceed with any masterplanning works at Stonehenge at this point in time, these funds will need to be carried forward.

Should Council resolve as recommended in this report, Administration will proceed with the resurfacing works at both the Stonehenge Reserve and Heathfield sites; and will seek variations and finalise arrangement to the grant funding agreements with the Office for Recreation, Sport & Racing, and Tennis SA that allow new court construction at an alternative(s) site.

➤ **Customer Service and Community/Cultural Implications**

Community implications are varied and complex if Council recommends to not proceed with any masterplanning works at Stonehenge at this point in time.

Residents local to Stonehenge Reserve, the Adelaide Hills Petanque Club and some casual users of the site are likely to be pleased with the recommendation that Council will not be progressing any masterplanning works at the site at this point in time. However, they are also likely to have concerns about the long term use of the site.

The Stirling Comets Netball Club are still without a permanent home base and unable to utilise a location that was desirable for them and the Hills Netball Association.

The Stirling Tennis Club are left with a facility that doesn't accommodate their current needs or growth; and a site that will be difficult to attract funding for due to its single use.

➤ **Environmental Implications**

Not applicable.

➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted with Council Committee, Regional Subsidiary, Advisory Group, the Administration and Community**

*Council Committees:* Not Applicable

*Council Workshops:* Council Members have participated in four workshops that included and discussed this project.

*Advisory Groups:* The Property Advisory Group received an update at their February 2019 meeting.

*Administration:* Chief Executive Officer  
Director Infrastructure & Operations  
Director Corporate Services  
Manager Communications, Engagement & Events  
Manager Open Space  
Manager Property Services  
Sport & Recreation Planner

*Community:* A broad consultation and engagement process involving a wide range of stakeholders and community has been undertaken.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

Following the Council-wide audit of courts in 2017, it was deemed that the courts at Wright Road, Stirling (home of the Stirling Comets Netball Club) were unsafe to use in their current state and that investment in the repair or upgrade of the courts may not be a sustainable decision. After significant review and investigations, staff believed that the Stonehenge site could provide an opportunity to accommodate netball and expand tennis participation.

As per information provided at a Council Workshop in August 2017, the Council Administration was encouraged to submit a grant application to the Office for Recreation and Sport for a court project in the Hills, following the above mentioned audit of court facilities in the region. The application was successful, and Council has received a Grant of \$437,000 (inc GST) through the Office for Recreation and Sport's Surfaces Funding Program. It is important to acknowledge that this funding was received prior to any plans being developed.

The grant application and associated funding was for the resurfacing of existing courts at the Stonehenge Reserve and Heathfield courts site, and creation of new courts at the Stonehenge site.

As part of the application, the Stirling Tennis Club, the Stirling Comets Netball Club, Heathfield Netball Club and Council provided financial contribution towards the project, as have Tennis SA.

Following receipt of the funding, Council appointed a Project Manager to oversee the project, engagement with stakeholders and adjacent residents began, and a consultant was appointed to develop masterplanning options.

Council Members were provided with a project updates at Workshops in July 2018, January, February and March 2019 (one of which included a site visit) and via reports at the 24 July 2018 and 1 August 2018 Council meetings.

Following initial briefing from user groups and consideration of responses from adjoining owners, the masterplanning consultants (Oxigen) prepared three options for further consideration. Following endorsement from Council at its 1 August 2018 meeting Council conducted further, more comprehensive consultation and engagement with the wider community.

**7.1.1 Stonehenge Reserve Masterplan Update – Confidential Item**

**MINUTE RELEASED 28 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Moved Cr John Kemp  
S/- Cr Jan-Claire Wisdom

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Council resolves:

1. That the report be received and noted
2. To approve progressing Option 3 – Land Purchase as described in this report.
3. To authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any and all consultation on Option 3 – Land Purchase as described in the report, including, but not limited to, the determination of dates for community consultation in accordance with the provisions of Council's Public Consultation Policy.
4. To require a report to be brought to Council on the outcome of the proposed consultation.

Carried
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**DIVISION**

Cr Jan Loveday called for a division.

The Mayor set aside his ruling.

In the affirmative (7)

Councillors Boyd, Kemp, Vonow, Daniell, Herrmann, Green, Wisdom.

In the negative (2)

Councillors Bailey, Loveday.

On the basis of the results of the division, the Mayor declared the motion Carried

Once finalised, the intention was for the preferred Masterplan option to help prioritise investments for the site. The plan would help scope grant funding expenditure, assist with further external grant funding applications, and could be used as evidence for Council capital funding contributions through Long Term Financial Plan or Annual Business Plan and Budgeting processes.

### 3. ANALYSIS

Council undertook a rigorous and comprehensive consultation and engagement process for the proposed project at the Stonehenge Reserve between July 2018 and February 2019. The table below outlines our approach.

Stakeholder	Engagement Technique
Residents (directly adjacent to site, adjoining streets and Wright Road)	Meetings, phone calls, letters, emails, text message (to those who signed-up to the service), Community Update
Existing user groups	Meetings, general correspondence, Community Updates
Potential future sporting clubs	Meetings, general correspondence, Community Updates
Other community groups (resident association)	Meetings, general correspondence, Community Updates
Political (local and state elected members)	Meetings, workshops, briefing papers, site tour, reports and general correspondence
Internal (Adelaide Hills Council Staff decision makers and officers)	Briefings, team meetings and general correspondence
Government (Office of Recreation and Sport, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure)	Meetings and general correspondence
Infrastructure (power, CFS)	General correspondence

The following techniques were used during the engagement phase:

Engagement Techniques:

Targeted engagement was the focus for this project, including:

- Targeted conversations with existing and future user groups and directly adjacent landowners
- Community information session on 5 December 2018
- Workshops and site tour for elected members
- Council meetings with opportunity for deputation

Communication Techniques:

- Printed and digital letters
- Community Update
- Email to wider stakeholder database
- Text message to those on mailing list
- Social media posts
- Project website
- Hills Voice e-newsletter articles
- Adverts in local papers



#### Communication Tools:

- Feedback survey, quick poll questions and mapping tool on project website
- Hard copy feedback survey available at Coventry Library and by post on request
- Project enquiry number
- Engagement team email
- Postal address
- Face-to-face at community information session on 5 December 2018

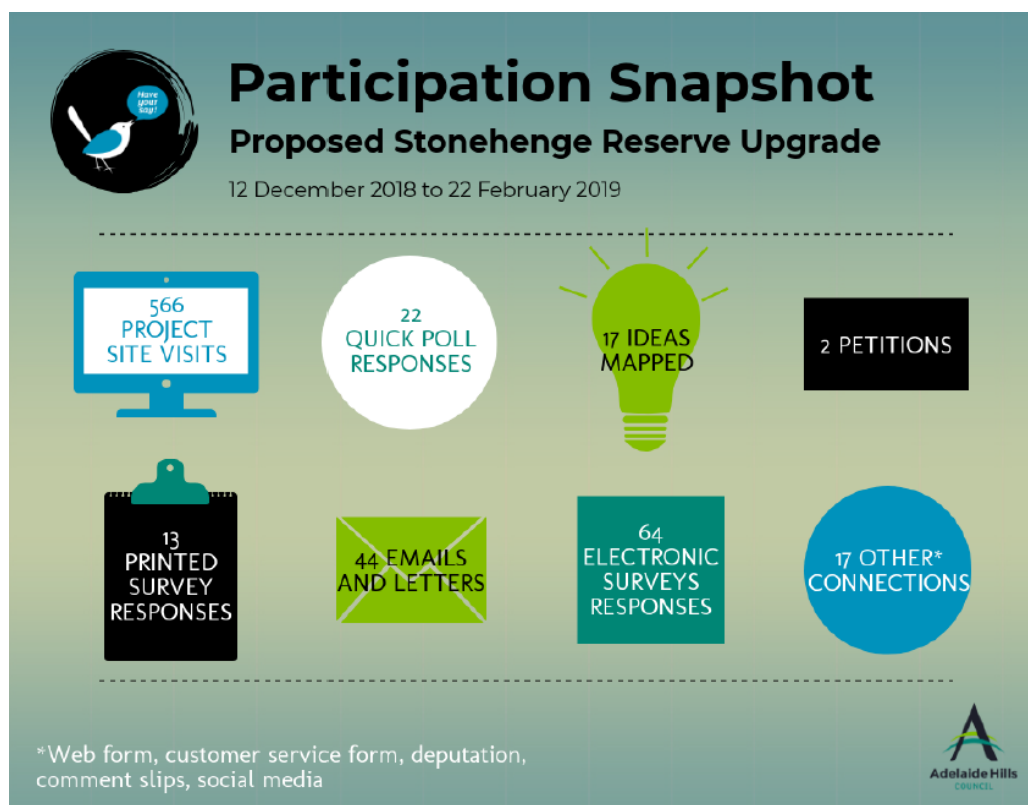
The community were asked the following questions as part of a survey in the engagement process, and provided the following answers: (Further detail can be found in the Summary Report in Appendix 1).

Survey Question	Answer Summary
Tell us about yourself	The most common response was ' <b>current user – tennis or petanque</b> ' followed closely by 'I am a local resident'.
How do you currently use Stonehenge Reserve?	The most common response was ' <b>I use Stonehenge Reserve for informal recreation</b> (walking, sitting, reading, etc.) (n=29) followed by 'I participate in tennis' (n=26).
Which age range are you in?	The highest participation in the survey was by <b>36-45</b> year olds followed by <b>46-55</b> year olds. Lowest response numbers were from 18-26 year olds (n=1) and 86+ year olds (n=1).
Do you support netball being introduced in Stonehenge Reserve?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60% (n=46) said they did not support netball being introduced</li> <li>• 27% (n=21) of respondents stated they did support netball being introduced</li> <li>• 13% (n=10) stated they were unsure</li> </ul>

Other questions included in the survey are listed below:

- What is your gender?
- What do you value about Stonehenge Reserve?
- If you could change one thing about the Stonehenge Reserve what would it be?
- If you have any specific concerns about netball being played at Stonehenge Reserve please provide further comments.
- Does traffic along Stonehenge Avenue concern you in any way?
- If you have any specific concerns in relation to traffic on Stonehenge Avenue please provide further comments below
- What is your preference for the four proposed master plan options?
- Please provide further details on your preference for the proposed master plan options
- Is there anything else the project team should know regarding this project?
- If you have any files you would like to share with the project team please upload these here.

The following image (created for the Consultation Outcomes Report available in Appendix 1) provides a snapshot and summary of the engagement that we had with the community regarding the project.



Overall, we received 179 pieces of feedback from the community and stakeholders. All feedback received from the community and stakeholders are in all formats and has been collated, analysed, summarised and was then presented by theme in the Consultation Outcomes Report. The report is a Comprehensive and unbiased document that has analysed the data received. Responses have been grouped it into the following themes: (Further detail & context can be obtained in the Consultation Outcomes Report in Appendix 1)

Theme	Council Response
Sport & Recreation Strategy	In 2017 we developed a five year Sport and Recreation Strategy for the whole Council area. The Strategy guides Council's approach to playgrounds, sports facilities and other recreational activities that are undertaken by the community in our region. The document outlines a strategic approach to asset management in the recreation space, and suggests that Council should encourage and facilitate more multi-purpose and flexible sites, and may need to consider consolidation of assets.
Site	<p>The proposed upgrade of Stonehenge Reserve is intended to accommodate the Stirling Comets Netball Club in a shared, multi-purpose facility with the Stirling Tennis Club. While the project alone would not solve the regional court requirements that our district is facing, it would certainly contribute to alleviating some pressure.</p> <p>Sport and recreation participation and facility provision in the Adelaide Hills region is unique and complex. The region accommodates a large number of town based amenities; that when constructed, didn't consider the long term, future needs of the sport and its participants. Significant planning, resources and investment are now required to bring these amenities up to an appropriate standard. It is also important to note that there are very few Council owned or managed sites that can accommodate the larger, more multi-purpose amenity that government agencies, peak sporting bodies and clubs themselves require.</p> <p>All concerns and suggestions for upgrades have been noted and will be considered and assessed should the project progress to the next stage.</p>

Site Access	<p>All resident access will be maintained or improved should the project progress to the next stage. Emergency vehicle access and service vehicle access will be maintained or improved should the project progress to the next stage.</p> <p>The site will continue to be a community facility accessible to all including dog walking. Council acknowledges proximity of the site to Stirling and access from the freeway is an important feature of the site.</p>
Staging	<p>Should the project proceed to the next stage a detailed delivery and staging plan will be developed. The construction will aim to minimise any impact on users and adjoining neighbours of the site. Concerns regarding staging and delivery have been noted.</p>
Infrastructure	<p>Should the project proceed to the next stage these suggestions may be considered in the final master plan.</p>
Alternative Sites	<p>A feasibility assessment of sites across the region is being undertaken. Findings, options, feasibility and some preliminary costings will be shared and discussed with Council Members at an upcoming Council workshop.</p> <p>Suggestions for alternative site features and locations have been noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wright Road, Stirling - There is a risk management issue with this site, the Stirling Comets Netball Club have outgrown the site, and it has no development potential.</li> <li>• Heathfield Oval and Courts, Longwood Road, Heathfield –Council has undertaken a masterplan of this site, and is currently having some high level discussions with the adjacent High School regarding development and joint use of their site.</li> <li>• Atkinson Reserve, Piccadilly –Council has undertaken a master planning exercise and feasibility assessment of this site, and will not be progressing any further development at the site to accommodate any additional use due to the introduction of the CFS. The remaining land is not sufficient for accommodating the necessary amenity.</li> <li>• Melville Reserve, Upper Sturt –Council is currently undertaking some feasibility assessments the site.</li> <li>• Old Mt Barker Road site, currently owned by the Emergency Services Minister – Council has approached the Minister’s office and is awaiting a response.</li> <li>• Halliday Reserve, Wright Road, Stirling – Council. This is not an appropriate site for court development; it has been previously considered and explored.</li> <li>• Aldgate Courts, Cnr Kemp &amp; Mt Barker Road, Aldgate – This site is at capacity, and the topography leaves no space to expand.</li> <li>• Stirling Golf Course, Golflinks Road, Stirling – This is a privately owned site.</li> <li>• Madurta Avenue, Aldgate - This is not an appropriate site for court development.</li> <li>• Resource Recovery Centre Airstrip, Scott Creek Road, Heathfield - This is not an appropriate site for court development.</li> </ul>
Parking	<p>Parking assessments have been undertaken to allow for adequate parking for the proposed netball activity at Stonehenge Reserve.</p> <p>A traffic study and report has also been undertaken at the site, and information provided in the traffic study document will be considered and implemented if the project is to proceed. Concerns about parking and the need for parking upgrades have been noted and will be considered should the project progress to the next stage.</p> <p>The Stonehenge Reserve, Stirling – Traffic and Parking report indicates a requirement for 69 parking spaces to meet the minimum requirements of Council’s Development Plan, increasing to 111 spaces in the event that netball games overlap. These figures would inform the detailed design of parking facilities should the project progress.</p>

Public Toilets	Concerns about public toilets have been noted and will be considered should the project progress to the next stage. If the project was to progress, the public toilet amenity would be retained and improved.
Funding & Budget	<p>This proposed project is one part of an overarching strategic approach that Council is taking for court amenity in the region. The development and upgrade of more than one site will be required to meet the long term needs of our community, and Council is aware and has acknowledged that this will take a significant resource investment.</p> <p>Council is, and will continue to explore the feasibility of several sites, and the costs and resources associated with any developments. If the proposed project (or any courts project) is to proceed, appropriate procurement procedures would be adhered to at all times.</p> <p>Grant funds associated with the proposed project are for the development of new, or resurfacing of existing courts. Approval would need to be sought from the grant funding body if variations to the grant agreement are required.</p> <p>All clubs associated with the current proposed developments (and any future developments) are contributing financially towards the project.</p>
Traffic Studies	The Stonehenge Reserve, Stirling – Traffic and Parking report includes a thorough study of current and projected traffic volumes for Stonehenge Ave and surrounding roads. The report estimates peak traffic volumes of less than 1000 vehicles per day on Saturdays, which is consistent with the typical characteristic of local roads generally. However, the report does note that this represents an increase compared to existing daily peaks, so further consultation and traffic calming solutions should be considered during detailed design, should this project proceed.
Transport: Traffic, Road Safety & Road Layout	<p>Council acknowledges concerns raised by respondents and these will be further considered should the project progress to the next stage.</p> <p>See Section 10 in the Consultation Summary Report of Appendix 1 for comments regarding the traffic and parking study.</p>
Pedestrians	Council acknowledges concerns raised about pedestrian access and will consider improvements to pedestrian facilities should the project progress to the next stage.
Ambiance	Council acknowledges the value of Stonehenge Reserve to local residents and users.
Community	Council acknowledges the community value of Stonehenge Reserve to local residents and users.
Environment: Trees, Vegetation & Biodiversity	Should the project progress to the next stage, an environmental assessment would be undertaken prior to works commencing. This includes assessing the natural flora and fauna.
Storm Water & Drainage	<p>A further stormwater assessment will be undertaken should the project proceed to the next stage.</p> <p>Concerns regarding water-run off and flooding have been noted and will be modelled as part of the detailed planning process should the project proceed to the next stage.</p> <p>Council is aware of the sewage mains and access has been considered in the design.</p> <p>Council has consulted with the Department for Environment and Water in regard to the sustainment of the watercourse through the reserve, and their thoughts on the potential flooding risk. If the proposed project was to proceed, effective stormwater and water course management would be included in plans, ensuring that any flood risk to those down-stream was reduced.</p>

Nuisance: Noise, Dust & Light	Council acknowledges the concern residents have regarding noise, light and dust. Noise mitigation measures would be considered should the project proceed to the next stage, and any changes to the current lighting amenity would require compliance with appropriate planning standards. Appropriate driveway and carpark treatments would be put in place if any developments at the site proceed.
Clubrooms	Suggestions regarding the clubrooms have been noted and will be considered as part of the detailed planning should the project proceed to the next stage.  If tenants of the site sought a liquor licence, they would be required to undertake the appropriate application and assessment procedures.
Petanque	Council acknowledges concerns about petanque player parking and piste layout and will consider their location should the project proceed to the next stage.
Tennis	The Stirling Tennis Club will remain as a tenant of the Stonehenge Reserve site, but it is important to note that the club have declared that the site is not large enough to service their current membership.  Council's Sport & Recreation Strategy supports and outlines a strategic approach to asset management in the recreation space, and suggests that Council should encourage & facilitate more multi-purpose and flexible sites. The proposed project applies these principles.  Council will continue to work with both the club and the Hills Tennis Association to accommodate the long terms needs of the sport in the region, and continue to consider and apply principles from our Sport & Recreation Strategy in the process.
Netball	Council will continue to work with the netball and tennis clubs regarding game and match schedules so there is adequate allowance for both sports should the development progress to the next stage.
Spectator Viewing Area	Further details about spectator viewing area will be clarified in the detailed design stage should the project proceed to the next stage.
Emergency Access	Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained or improved should the project proceed to the next stage. Emergency Services department will be invited to provide comment on proposed upgrade plans. Netball is a winter sport and is not played during the fire season.
Masterplan Options	All comments regarding options have been noted and will be considered should the project proceed to the next stage.
Consultation	Our project team and engagement team have noted all concerns raised about the consultation and these will be incorporated into an updated Engagement Plan should the project proceed to the next stage. A decision about the proposed upgrade has not been made and feedback provided by the community will be considered as part of the decision-making process.
General Opposing Comments	Council acknowledge all concerns raised by respondents and these will be considered as part of the decision-making process.
General Supporting Comments	Council acknowledge all comments raised by respondents and these will be considered as part of the decision-making process.

The proposed upgrade of Stonehenge Reserve was intended to accommodate the Stirling Comets Netball Club in a shared, multi-purpose facility with the Stirling Tennis Club.

Local residents and some members of the community have highlighted access, traffic, parking, pedestrian safety, storm water, vegetation and various nuisances as issues that would be present if the project progressed. These types of challenges are always present at sites, particularly where the upgrade capacity of the site would exceed the original site capacity, and Council would not progress a project without extensive consideration of these types of elements. In addition, sport and recreation projects will always have opposition and factors that make their delivery complex.

While the lack of support for netball at the Stonehenge Reserve site is not considered overwhelming (60%), and the concerns listed above could be addressed, Council Administration recommend that we will not be progressing any of the masterplan works or accommodating netball at the site at this point in time.

Rights of way present at the site, the complexity of land negotiations and engineering works to accommodate both traffic and stormwater are some of the factors and rational reasons for the recommendation to not progress the Stonehenge Reserve project at this point time.

In addition to the formal consultation process that has been reported on, Council has been engaging with stakeholders including (but not limited to) the Hills Tennis Association, Stirling Tennis Club, the Hills Netball Association and the Stirling Comets Netball Club regarding both the Stonehenge Reserve project, but also the future for court sport facilities in our region. While the latter two did not submit formal response to the consultation, Council is very aware of their views and support of the strategic approach being taken for courts provision.

Community implications are varied and complex if Council recommends to not proceed with any masterplanning works at Stonehenge at this point in time. Residents local to Stonehenge Reserve, the Adelaide Hills Petanque Club and some casual users of the site are likely to be pleased with the recommendation that Council will not be progressing any masterplanning works at the site at this point in time. However, they are also likely to have concerns about the long term use of the site.

Conversely, the Stirling Comets Netball Club and their members are still without a permanent home base and unable to utilise a location that was desirable for them and the Hills Netball Association; and finally, the Stirling Tennis Club are left with a facility that doesn't accommodate their current needs or growth; and a site that will be difficult to attract funding for due to its single use.

Sport and recreation participation and facility provision in the Adelaide Hills region is unique and complex. The region accommodates a large number of town based amenities; that when constructed, didn't consider the long term, future needs of the sport and its participants. Significant planning, resources and investment are now required to bring these amenities up to an appropriate standard. The region has very few Council owned or managed sites that can accommodate the larger, more multi-purpose amenity that government agencies, peak sporting bodies and clubs themselves require.

Council's Sport and Recreation Strategy supports and outlines a strategic approach to asset management in the sport and recreation space, and suggests that Council should encourage and facilitate more multi-purpose and flexible sites. The project at Stonehenge Reserve was one part of an overarching strategic approach that Council is taking for court amenity in the region, and applied these principles from Council's Sport & Recreation Strategy.

Council is, and will continue to take a strategic approach to the issues with sport and recreation sites that we are facing. We will continue to explore the feasibility of several sites, and the costs and resources associated with any developments. We will utilise demographic and participation data, analyse and understand trends and issues that the sport and recreation sector is facing. It is likely that this analysis will provide Council with the understanding that at some point in the near future, we will be required to upgrade more than one site to accommodate larger, more multi-purpose amenity to meet the long term needs of our community, and that this will take a significant resource investment.

The Stonehenge Reserve site will continue to be part of this analysis and discussions, but the feedback that the community have already provided will be considered in deliberations, and as such, it is unlikely that any of the proposed masterplanning works will be undertaken. Any changes to our direction for the site would require consultation with the community and stakeholders prior to any decision being made.

Council obtained the \$437,000 funding for the proposed project at Stonehenge Reserve through the Office for Recreation, Sport & Racing 'Sporting Surfaces' grant funding program. The scope of the funding application is to redevelop the existing courts and construct new courts at the Stirling Tennis Club (Stonehenge Reserve), and to resurface courts at Heathfield Netball Club. The application includes contributions from:

- Council contribution: \$93,000 (17/18 ABP)
- Tennis SA contribution: \$15,000
- Heathfield Netball Club contribution: \$20,000
- Stirling Comets Netball Club contribution: \$20,000
- Stirling Tennis Club contribution: \$25,000

Therefore, there are \$610,000 of funds available. Apart from the \$15,000 funding from Tennis SA to be spent at the Stirling Tennis Club's site, there are no obligations as to where the other particular funding contributions need to be spent.

Administration, in partnership with both the Stirling Tennis and Heathfield Netball Clubs will progress the resurfacing of existing courts component at both sites as per the grant funding agreement.

Pending the outcome of this report, and further workshop discussions with Council Members regarding our strategic approach to court provision, and the feasibility of certain sites, Administration will seek a variation to grant agreements for the balance of funds with both funding bodies. The intention of the variation will be for the construction of new courts to occur at an alternate site, and that this site that can accommodate the Stirling Comets Netball Club and the future needs of netball and tennis in the region.

The Heathfield Netball Club will continue to deliver a separate, and club funded court lighting project at their site, and the Stirling Tennis Club will investigate a separate, and club funded court lighting upgrade project at their site.

In addition, Council, though it's annual business plan and budget process for 2019/2020 will explore and then consider upgrade works to the public toilets in the reserve.

#### **4. OPTIONS**

Council has the following options:

- I. Council chooses not to proceed with any of the masterplanning options at Stonehenge Reserve at this point in time. (Reccomended)
- II. Council proceed with resurfacing works at both the Stonehenge Reserve and Heathfield sites. (Recommended)
- III. Council delegate to the CEO to seek variations and finalise arrangement to the grant funding agreements with the Office for Recreation, Sport & Racing, and Tennis SA that allow new court construction at an alertnative(s) site. (Recommended)
- IV. Council notify those that have registered through the Stonehenge Reserve Project's engagement site of the outcome of the consultation and this report. (Recommended).
- V. Council continue to pursue a masterplanning option at the Stonehenge site (Not Recommended)

#### **5. APPENDICES**

- (1) Stonehenge Reserve Consultation Outcomes Report
- (2) Stonehenge Reserve Consultation Outcomes Workshop Presentation



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# **Appendix 1**

## *Stonehenge Reserve Consultation Outcomes Report*

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# Consultation Outcomes Report

April 2019

Proposed Stonehenge  
Reserve Upgrade Project

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# 1 Executive Summary

In July 2018 Adelaide Hills Council started conversations with local stakeholders regarding the proposal to upgrade Stonehenge Reserve in Stirling. This project has arisen as a result of an investigation to identify a suitable site to accommodate additional netball courts for the Stirling Comets.

No decision on the proposal to upgrade Stonehenge Reserve has been made and for this reason feedback about any additional considerations that may impact the project was encouraged. We invited everyone with an interest in the Proposed Stonehenge Reserve Upgrade to participate in the consultation.

Overall, we received 179 pieces of feedback from the community and stakeholders. All feedback provided to the Council was captured by the project and administration teams. This included an online survey, web forms, customer service response slips, hard copy surveys, emails, letters and meeting notes. Deputations and petitions received were also included in the analysis.

This report contains a summary of all feedback received as well as an overview of who we engaged, when we engaged and how we engaged. It captures engagement materials, media articles and social media posts. [Appendix C](#) includes a response table to demonstrate what we heard and what we are doing as a result of feedback received.

The next stage will be to present this report to Council, continue reviewing suitable sites for netball across the council area and engage stakeholders and the wider community on the progress.

The community is encouraged to stay informed about the project by signing-up to our mailing list on the project website: <https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au> . Any further questions or comments can be sent via [enagage@ahc.sa.gov.au](mailto:enagage@ahc.sa.gov.au) .

**Figure 1: Sport and Recreation Workshop Presentation 12 February**





## 2 Report purpose, project context and site overview

### 2.1 Report purpose

This document provides an overview of the Proposed Stonehenge Reserve Consultation. It describes who, when and how we engaged stakeholders and the local community over the project period. It also captures what feedback we heard and what we (Adelaide Hills Council) will do as a result.

The next stage will be to present this report to Council, continue reviewing suitable sites for netball across the council area and engage stakeholders and the wider community on the progress.

### 2.2 Project overview

This project has arisen as a result of an investigation to identify a suitable site to accommodate additional netball courts for the Stirling Comets. The former home of Stirling Comets at Wright Road is no longer suitable as a home for a viable netball club due to its size (two courts only), player safety issues and the feasibility of remedying them and lack of space for player amenities.

We are considering various options for re-accommodating Stirling Comets. One of the options we are exploring is the feasibility of upgrading Stonehenge Reserve. The proposal to upgrade Stonehenge Reserve has been considered within the context of the existing sports facilities network in the Council area. Stonehenge Reserve aligns closely with our Sport & Recreation Strategy with regards to exploring 'best use' and positive community outcomes for Stonehenge and other sites in the region.

The proposed project could include new and upgraded recreation and associated facilities at the Stonehenge Reserve site. This includes two new courts, dual line marking on existing tennis courts, upgrades to car parking, stormwater drainage, clubhouse facilities and lighting.

### 2.3 Site context

Stonehenge Reserve is a valuable piece of Community Land centrally located in Stirling that has had a long history of use for recreation which predates many of the residential properties around it.

Figure 2: View of tennis courts at Stonehenge Reserve





## 3 Engagement and communication activities

### 3.1 Engagement approach

Our approach was to enable anyone with an interest in the site or who may be impacted by the introduction of Netball to the site to have their say.

No decision on the proposal to upgrade Stonehenge Reserve has been made and for this reason feedback about any additional considerations that may impact the project was encouraged.

### 3.2 Who we engaged

We invited everyone with an interest in the Proposed Stonehenge Reserve Upgrade to participate in the consultation. We identified eight core stakeholder groups who were engaged throughout the project using various engagement and communication techniques.

The wider community who are not defined by organisations or groups (e.g. those living in the wider Adelaide Hills Area) were engaged using Council general communications (Hills Voice, website, social media and information made available at the library).

More detail around communication and engagement methods is shown in Table 1 below.

General correspondence refers to emails and phone calls as part of daily project activities.

Table 1: Stakeholder categories and relationship management responsibility

Stakeholder	Engagement Technique
1. Residents (directly adjacent to site, adjoining streets and Wright Road)	Meetings, phone calls, letters, emails, text message (to those who signed-up to the service), Community Update
2. Existing user groups	Meetings, general correspondence, Community Updates
3. Potential future sporting clubs	Meetings, general correspondence, Community Updates
4. Other community groups (resident association)	Meetings, general correspondence, Community Updates
5. Political (local and state elected members)	Meetings, workshops, briefing papers, site tour, reports and general correspondence
6. Internal (Adelaide Hills Council Staff decision makers and officers)	Briefings, team meetings and general correspondence
7. Government (Office of Recreation and Sport, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure)	Meetings and general correspondence
8. Infrastructure (power, CFS)	General correspondence



### 3.3 How we engaged

A mix of engagement, communication and feedback options were available throughout the project period which are recorded in Table 2, below.

Table 2: Engagement, communication and feedback tools



#### Engagement techniques

Targeted engagement was the focus for this project, including:

- Targeted conversations with existing and future user groups and directly adjacent landowners
- Community information session on 5 December 2018 (more details about this below)
- Workshops and site tour for elected members
- Council meetings with opportunity for deputation



#### Communication tools

A combination of existing communication avenues and new communication tools were adopted for the project, these included:

- Printed and digital letters
- Community Update sent to those on mailing list including letter drop to directly adjacent residents
- Email to wider stakeholder database including potential future users of the site
- Text message to those on mailing list
- Social media posts
- Project website ([Hills Voice: your say](#))
- Hills Voice e-newsletter articles
- Adverts in local papers



#### Feedback opportunities

A number of opportunities were provided to anyone with an interest in the Proposed Stonehenge Reserve Upgrade to share with us their ideas and concerns, these included:

- Feedback survey, quick poll questions and mapping tool on project website - <https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/stonehenge-reserve1>
- Hard copy feedback survey available at Coventry Library and by post on request
- Project enquiry number- 8408 0400
- Engagement team email - [engagement@ahc.sa.gov.au](mailto:engagement@ahc.sa.gov.au)
- Postal address- Adelaide Hills Council, PO Box 44, Woodside SA 5244
- Face-to-face at community information session on 5 December 2018

Examples of some of the above have been included in the Appendices of this document.

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### 3.4 Community Information Session

We arranged one information event which was held at the Council Chambers in Stirling on 5 December 2018 from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. This was attended by over 50 people.

At the event, the project team gave an overview of the project and investigations undertaken to date. This was followed by a question and answer session in which anyone in attendance could ask further questions in front of all attendees.

Feedback slips were made available for anyone to provide additional comments and who did not want to speak in front of all attendees. Verbal feedback was recorded by the project team and has been included in the feedback analysis. In addition, a 'where do you live' mapping activity and contact sign-up sheet were available.



Figure 4: Hard-copy feedback from and master plan drawings at Coventry Library, Stirling

### 3.5 When we engaged

Engagement on the Proposed Stonehenge Reserve Upgrade has been undertaken in two key stages as shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Engagement timing

July – October 2018	Stage 1: Early targeted engagement with sporting clubs and residents
November – February 2019	Stage 2: Wider community engagement (formal consultation period Tuesday 12 November - Friday 22 February 2019)*

\*The length of the consultation was extended by one month (to 22 February 2019) as requested by the community at a Council meeting on 18 December 2018.

This document reports on all feedback received since the commencement of the project in addition to the formal consultation period.

## 4 Response data

All feedback provided to the Council was captured by the project and administration teams. This includes online survey, web forms, customer service response slips, hard copy surveys, emails, letters and meeting notes. Comments made via social media on the Council posts have also been captured and included in analysis. In addition, we have also included deputations made and petitions received in the analysis.

All feedback received during the consultation period was analysed by extracting key themes which means all feedback was reviewed equally.

The feedback from survey data has been collated and represented in a separate section (Refer to Section 5). All open-ended question responses from the survey have also been included in the main thematic feedback analysis.

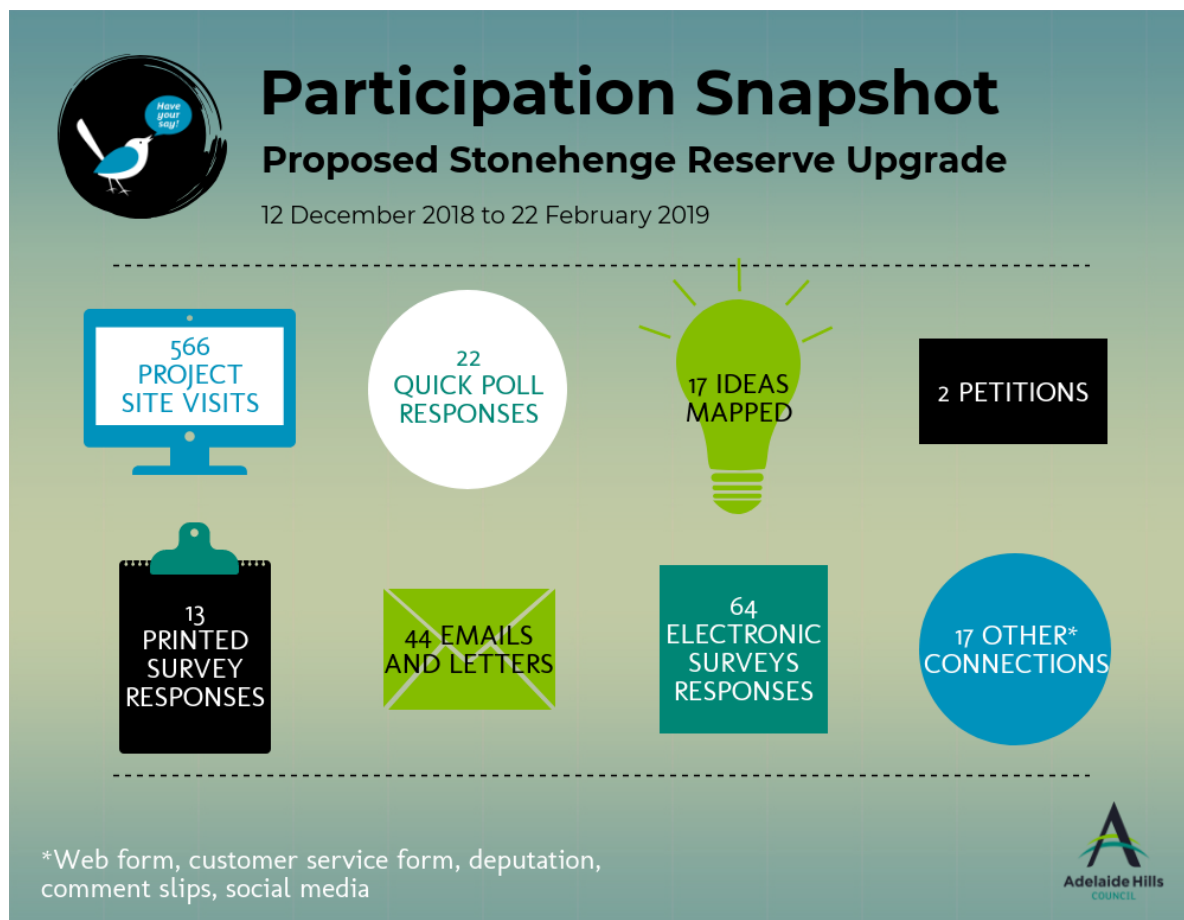
Feedback has been anonymised and any identifying data (including name, contact details) have been removed from the analysis and reporting.

Overall, we received 179 pieces of feedback from the community and stakeholders (see Figure 5). This included:

Number	Type of feedback
44	Emails and letters
64	Online survey responses
17	Online comments mapped
22	Online quick poll responses
13	Hard-copy survey response
4	Comments on Council social media posts
3	Web forms completed
7	Comment slips provided at community information session
1	Customer service response slip
2	Petitions
2	Deputations
179	<b>Total</b>

During the consultation period 12 November 2018 – 22 February 2019, there were 566 visits to the project website.

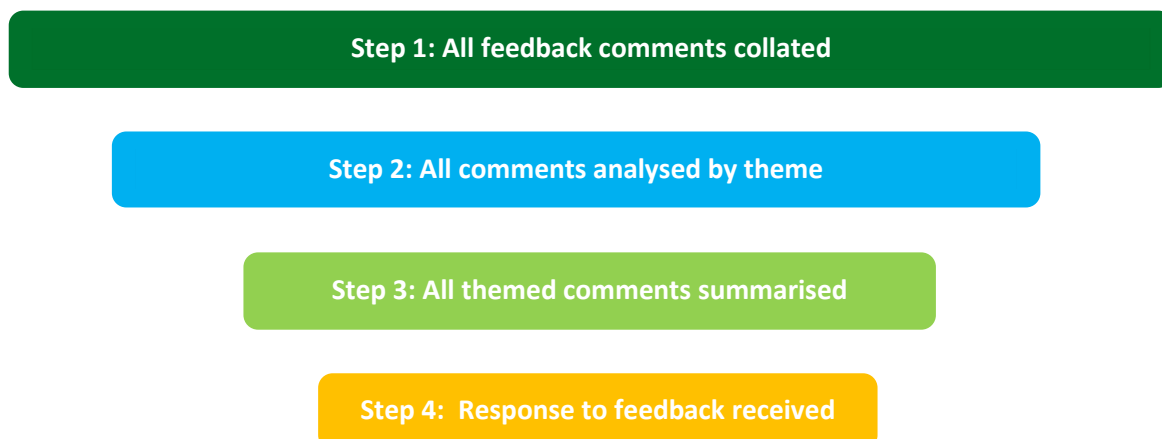
Figure 5: Consultation participation



## 5 Feedback analysis

All feedback received from all formats has been collated, analysed, summarised and presented by theme in the below section (Refer to Figure 6). This means all emails, letter, petitions, deputations, comments made in the survey and other forms of feedback have been reviewed equally. The analysis does not include any recommendations, it is a capture of the comments made by respondents.

Figure 6: Feedback analysis process



## 5.1 Overall sport and recreation strategy

Respondents stated they want to see an overall, comprehensive Sport and Recreation Plan for the entire AHC area developed including considerations for future population growth. In addition, respondents stated they wanted a coordinated short- and long-term sport and recreation planning approach in the hills.

There was concern that sport and recreation spaces across the council area are oddly- shaped with limited or no capacity for growth.

Respondents also commented that Council needs to be creating dynamic, flexible sporting, community hubs, available for all generations to use on both a casual and membership basis, for active and passive activities.

Further to this, respondents stated that “sporting hubs must have the potential to not only solve today’s problems, but to meet tomorrow’s expectations”. It was suggested that Council should “be willing to step beyond traditional thinking, to forge new relationships across all levels of government, with businesses and residents”.

## 5.2 Site

There was strong opposition to the upgrade of Stonehenge Reserve. Some respondents stated the project “will not solve regional netball requirements”.

The reasons respondents felt the site is inappropriate for the proposed development includes:

- Too small, tight squeeze, limited capacity
- Demographic is elderly and they don’t play netball and have mobility issues
- Access roads are narrow
- Proximity of neighbours and impact on residents
- Proximity of retirement village
- Irregular shape
- Location at end of a narrow no-through road
- Danger of residents having to drive through proposed car parks to access their properties
- Access for emergency vehicles, fire trucks, rubbish trucks, railway maintenance vehicles, particularly if an emergency occurs on a day when the courts are in full use
- Stormwater issues related to creek
- Permanent springs and bricked in water channel
- Site topography and need for extensive engineering and earthworks
- Narrow rights of way to access local houses
- Trees both mature and young
- Footpath and road safety on adjoining streets
- Sewer running through site
- Existing parking issues (parking at capacity)
- Noise impact on adjoining residents and community facilities such as PinOakes and Stirling Hospital due to topography

Respondents were given the opportunity to identify what they value about the current site and responses included:

- Proximity to Stirling Centre and freeway makes it easily accessible
- Large space available for sporting activities
- Size and facilities are suitable for current use
- General set up works well as it is
- Quiet and natural serenity away from traffic
- Sufficient and easy parking that is not excessive
- Ability to be used for informal recreation – good for sitting, running, walking and walking dog
- Valued community facility used for competition and social events
- Social aspect of facility is paramount to community well-being and engagement

When asked what could be improved at the current site responses included:

- Upgraded parking

- Toilet block closer to courts and upgraded
- Upgraded clubhouse and tennis courts
- Reduced access to freight line (children have climbed up)
- Move netball club to site
- Develop site for future sporting generations
- Provide more courts
- Reinstating land encroached by adjoining residents
- Better layout of facilities
- Maintenance of weeds
- Removal of tennis courts to provide more grassed area

A number of respondents were concerned that the site would lose its appeal if developed for netball. The majority of respondents wanted the site left as it is apart from maintenance of the reserve area and minor upgrades.

### 5.3 Site access

Access for residents surrounding Stonehenge Reserve was a concern for respondents who use the site to access their properties.

Regarding general access, some respondents stated that Stonehenge Reserve should remain community land, and all facilities should be available for free, casual use by anyone. Respondents valued the ability to use the Reserve at any time to “have a hit of tennis with kids”. Respondents also commented on the welcoming nature of the Petanque Club which is open to all ages and skill levels.

Respondents stated they valued being able to walk dogs off leash without having to worry about cars or pedestrians. A number of respondents also stated that they valued the site was close to the centre of Stirling Village and freeway and that it attracts visitors from other areas to the community.

Rights of way, access tracks and thoroughfares were identified using the mapping tool and suggestions were made that these should be removed or moved to the legal road reserve. For example, what is shown as Stonehenge Avenue on the north side of the public toilet is within the Stonehenge Reserve boundary not the road reserve.

Emergency vehicle access, fire trucks, rubbish trucks, railway maintenance vehicles were also referred to as needing to be considered for access on the site.

There was concern that access to the site would be disrupted with the introduction of netball due to the increase in activity and vehicle traffic.

### 5.4 Staging

Respondents expressed concern that the construction process would be complex and they were unsure how logistically the proposed development would happen while maintaining road access to houses, constructing retaining walls and enabling year-round tennis and petanque to continue to be played.

Regarding staging (construction) of the proposed Stonehenge Reserve upgrade, one comment was made that the project should be undertaken all at once rather than broken into stages. It was stated by another respondent that a staged project would be more expensive given the start-up requirements for each step of the development and the interference with on-site activity during stages. The Stirling Tennis Club stated a staged approach is fine on the condition that an end state is agreed. There was also concern that developing courts first without car parking and a clubhouse in place would cause a problem.

## 5.5 Infrastructure

Suggestions were made by respondents for additional infrastructure to be provided, this included:

- Additional bench seat
- Improving the area for walkers and sitters
- Providing a safe place for younger children to play while their siblings are playing tennis and netball
- Installing a playground
- Lawn areas maintained by council
- Renovation to stone retaining wall
- Provision of drinking water
- General landscaping of the site
- Outdoor gym equipment such as that at Tregarthan Reserve in Summertown

Respondents highlighted their concern with children accessing the railway track that abuts the site.

## 5.6 Alternative sites

Overall, respondents felt that there are more suitable sites than Stonehenge Reserve to relocate netball to.

Respondents expressed that Stonehenge Reserve should be compared to alternative sites in the area and that this is an important part of the decision-making process.

There is strong support for the development of sporting facilities in the Adelaide Hills Council area however, respondents felt that the budget allocated to the proposed Stonehenge Reserve upgrade could be better spent developing a comprehensive multi-purpose facility at an alternative site.

In addition, respondents acknowledged that sporting facilities are essential for building and maintaining a sense of community, and that the population growth in the Hills suggests that more facilities will be needed in the future.

Respondents stated that council needs to consider sites away from residential areas with potential for long term expansion and able to cater for a variety of sports or activities. Comments were made that sporting facilities in residential areas should remain small scale and low impact catering for very localised clubs.

General comments relating to alternative sites included:

- Other sites would be less expensive to develop
- More appropriate locations able to cope with additional noise and traffic movements and reduced impact on residents
- Sites with multiple access points
- Crown land
- Larger site located near main road or a road able to handle high volumes of traffic
- Sites with flatter topography
- Safer site in regards to emergency access and road access
- Sites with no stormwater issues
- Sites with more parking
- Sites with less community impact and no residents in immediate vicinity
- Site that has the potential to become a valued legacy of council

Suggestions were made by respondents for new models of sport and recreation land use to re-activate previously abandoned, or under- utilised sites. Further to this, respondents suggested new partnerships could be formed with businesses and other non-Government organisations, to “breathe new life into disused spaces and places, increasing visitation and re-vitalising the economy”.

Alternative site suggestions are listed below including a summary of comments from respondents relating to each location.

### **Wright Road Courts, Stirling**

Respondents questioned whether the Stirling East court remediation has been fully explored. Comments relating to Stirling East include:

- Basic infrastructure already there
- Potential to serve community into the future
- Site will require high-level negotiations

Respondents questioned why the Wright Road courts could not be resurfaced. Comments were made that upgrading courts and facilities at Wright Road would cost far less than the proposed Stonehenge Reserve Upgrade. Tennis users of the Wright Road Courts stated they had not been informed about the closure.

### **Heathfield**

Comments relating to Heathfield include:

- Support for the expansion of Heathfield Tennis Club (4 courts upgrade + possible incorporation of the 6 High School courts)
- Requires facilities upgrade
- Existing Heathfield Tennis Club may be incorporated into Mt Lofty Club administrative structure
- Room for expansion
- Government owned site
- Provides opportunity for development of more facilities as a sports complex
- Easily accessible with plenty of parking and multiple entry and exit points.
- Located on a hill and so noise will carry less than sites located in a valley
- A joint facility could make this area a prime sports venue
- Currently underutilised

### **Piccadilly**

This alternative site was referenced by a number of respondents. Comments relating to Piccadilly include:

- Co-locating two clubs at the site would provide benefits and be a more efficient use of facilities
- Signing of the CFS shed in Piccadilly was not
- Inadequate parking could be addressed by altering home games and coordinating netball fixtures
- Development considered to be cheaper and quicker compared to Stonehenge
- Flat green grass area is rarely used by residents
- Grass is long and not maintained
- Oval is muddy in winter
- Impact on surrounding residents is minimal
- Large land parcel
- If space is used by two clubs it could be justified to have improved clubrooms
- Developing site would allow for both additional netball and tennis facilities
- Site is approximately 2.5 km from the current Stirling East site
- Four new courts could be accommodated on this site of roughly 10,000 sqm with room for parking
- CFS and netball could be accommodated
- No trees would need to be removed
- Better changing and club facilities could be provided via one joint new facility for both clubs
- Safer access to the site



- Minimal noise impact on adjacent services
- Has a children's playground

Respondents acknowledged basic groundwork has commenced at Piccadilly Oval for the new Piccadilly Clubs' clubhouse and suggested that the clubhouse should be elevated with parking underneath to make best use of the land and provide a better viewing platform. Respondents questioned why this has not been further investigated by Council and why new overflow car parking immediately outside the Piccadilly Oval entrance is being developed as a separate project.

Suggestion that the concrete apron between the road [Atkinson Avenue] and shed does not need to be 25 metres as the concrete apron between the Aldgate CFS shed and the road is 10m and their trucks can back into the shed without utilising the road for this manoeuvre. Respondents have requested this is raised with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

### **Upper Sturt**

Respondents stated that basic infrastructure is already located at this site and therefore an assessment of its suitability should be made.

### **Old Mt Barker Road SA Water site**

Comments relating to this site include:

- There is a telecommunication tower on this site
- There are several significant native trees on the site
- Suitable future local Park & Ride site
- Adjacent to freeway therefore continuous and significant traffic noise will be a factor
- Major car parking will be required for 12 courts
- Large enough to accommodate up to twelve courts, plus space for a clubhouse and parking
- Space to create a sports hub
- Close to Comets former home courts
- Currently a wasted space in key hills location
- Few residents who would be impacted
- Minimal engineering works

### **Other alternative site suggestions include:**

- Halliday Reserve on Wright Road
- Aldgate Courts
- Stirling Golf Course
- Mt Lofty Football Club
- Madurta Avenue
- Old airstrip west of recycling centre
- Development across from bus stop 33 on Old Mt Barker Road

### **Other comments relating to alternative sites:**

- Support for development of a 16 court Western Hills tennis centre (either new venue or dual site venue, possibly Stirling/Heathfield combination)
- Needed for finals/tournaments and population growth and due shortage of tennis courts in western Hills
- A solution is needed for Crafers and the loss of three courts at Wright Road
- Locate facilities in an existing school where they could be used by both the school students and the community

## 5.7 Parking

Concern was expressed by respondents that parking at Stonehenge Reserve would be inadequate for the potential number of players, spectators, referees and coaches especially when matches crossed over or other sports were being played at the same time such as pétanque and tennis.

Respondents felt that the current site does not have enough space to cater for additional parking required and that it is already at capacity. For example, “on Sunday, cars for pétanque filled the car park adjacent to the creek, the small parking area to the south of the pistes and the parking area opposite the public toilet”.

Respondents wanted to know what would happen to overflow parking and stated that they were concerned about the increase in parking not only on weekends but also week nights for training. Neighbouring residents expressed concern about being able to access their properties if there was increased on-street parking. Some respondents also stated they had been involved in near misses when vehicles were parked on both sides of the narrow street. A suggestion was made that Stonehenge Avenue should be a “no parking” street.

Concern was expressed about how parking numbers had been calculated and that the overlap of players between matches had not been allowed for. In addition, respondents stated concern that hospital visitors would not have enough parking.

Respondents stated that the existing road layout is too narrow to accommodate more vehicles and that additional on-street parking could have an impact on the surrounding area including Druid Avenue and Milan Terrace particularly on market days.

A large number of respondents stated that the current car park needs upgrading and repair to avoid dust from the gravel and fix potholes. Suggestions were made for sealing and bituminising the existing car park. Respondents valued the trees on site and shade this created to park cars under. They also stated they would not want trees removed for parking and courts. Some respondents suggested that lines are marked on both car parks, however others stated that if the carpark is made bigger it would encourage more traffic.

## 5.8 Public toilets

A large number of respondents made a number of comments about the public toilets currently located at the Stonehenge Reserve. They commented that public toilet facilities are important for people walking through the Stonehenge Reserve and should be maintained.

Other comments relating to the toilets included:

- Public toilets are old and out of date
- Bring toilets into clubroom
- Relocate the toilet facilities to a safer, better lit area.

A number of respondents suggested the toilet block needs to be closer to tennis courts. One respondent reflected that they “always worry about kids using it alone” and another stated “the toilets are terrible, most children hold on before going to those toilets, and no adult steps foot into the existing toilets”.

## 5.9 Funding, grant and budget

There were a large number of concerns raised by respondents relating to funding, in particular:

- Transparency required in sharing estimated costs with community to assist in the decision making
- That estimate costs for the development of Stonehenge Reserve are not value for money or a good use of rate-payer money
- \$4.5m is too expensive for two additional courts
- Funding should be allocated to a long-term solution

- Concern the project has not been fully costed
- Too much money is being spent on an unfeasible option
- A need for on-going site costs post development
- Concern State Government grant will be consumed quickly
- Concern rates will rise as a result of project
- More funding should have been spent on researching alternative sites/ options
- Funding spent only in Stirling and should be spread across council area

Respondents felt that the State grant funds should be spent on the sporting infrastructure not on the “topographical challenges of a location such as ground works”. Comments were also made that other sporting clubs in the council area were in greater need of the funding and could benefit more from this investment.

Respondents had questions about the funding, such as:

- Whether the retaining, footpaths and road modifications had been captured in the costs
- What is happening with the grant funding?
- When is the funding period?
- What is the likely cost of subsequent stages?
- Have alternative competitive quotes for the upgrade costs been sought?
- Will Stirling East (Wright Road) site be sold to ease finding requirements?
- How much is tennis and netball club contributing to upgrade?
- Why was bowls club sold?
- Cost of external consultants engaged in investigating other options

A suggestion was made that the netball and tennis club should contribute financially to upgrading the facilities.

## 5.10 Traffic studies

Requests were made by respondents for the project team to model the number of players, coaches, umpires, spectators and parents and that this data along with traffic management plan should then be shared with the community.

In addition, respondents want to see traffic assessments across a wider part of the day, including peak time, and the parameters for the analysis reviewed to ensure they are realistic.

Some respondents felt that courts, players and spectator numbers should be doubled due to overlap of game times. Concern was also expressed about the location of the traffic monitoring devices.

## 5.11 Transport: traffic, road safety and road layout

Transport related concerns were the most common issue raised by respondents in both the survey and other feedback pathways.

Specific issues raised relating to roads surrounding the site include:

- Speeding vehicles
- Narrow road layout
- No-through road making access difficult
- Bend in road causing sight line issues especially when there are parked cars
- Right of way and sight line issues at Stonehenge and Milan Crescent, particularly when exiting hospital car parks
- Traffic cutting the Stonehenge/Madeline corner going up Madeline Road
- Trees impacting line of sight

- Lack of footpaths inadequate for proposed increase in flow
- Impact on locals who walk through reserve
- Near-miss head on collisions
- Crest in road
- On-street parking issues for retirement village residents

Comments were made that the adjoining roads (Stonehenge, Madeline and Orley Streets) have existing traffic issues and are at capacity. Respondents expressed concern for road safety along Stonehenge Avenue in particular on Market days where cars are parked along both sides of the road. Furthermore, respondents stated that there is a need for safer road environments on Milan Terrace between Druid Avenue and Johnston Street in the proximity of two retirement villages and the Stirling Hospital.

Respondents suggested that documentation relating to the project should refer to the potential impact on surrounding residents and potential safety issues resulting from the increase in traffic.

Suggestions regarding the road layout include:

- Need for wider access road
- Need for dual access – in and out
- Getting the traffic thoroughfares out of the reserve or to the edges of the reserve
- No parking signage on Stonehenge Avenue

Noise caused by traffic was a major concern raised by a large number of respondents.

## 5.12 Pedestrians

Respondents expressed concern for pedestrian safety especially children who walk and cycle along the road and elderly people from the neighbouring retirement village who walk along the road.

Concern expressed by retirement village residents about crossing the road and potential impact if traffic increases as a result of the proposed development. Many respondents stated the lack of pedestrian facilities and footpaths were a major concern.

It was stated that Stonehenge Reserve is used by walkers and they should not be restricted to the suggested pathways in the masterplan. Stonehenge Ave and Madeline Road are considered popular with walking groups who comprise mainly an older demographics. There is concern that drivers do not always notice walkers. A suggestion was made to install speed limit signage to create a safer walking environment.

## 5.13 Ambiance

Ambiance was something respondents valued significantly about the current Stonehenge Reserve. When asked what they value about the current reserve, respondents stated:

- Positive ambiance created by a balance of vegetation (both native and exotic), sporting pursuits and local housing
- The quietness and peacefulness cannot be underestimated in its value to the wellbeing of the community
- There are few places this near Stirling where you can enjoy such a quite amenity
- Beautiful tree environment (European and mature gum trees)
- Delightful green area which is cooled by the green trees that surround it
- Natural serenity
- A beautiful rustic oasis of trees in the midst of residential properties
- Safe
- Lovely area away from traffic to walk or sit

- The creek and trees along it give it ambience and coolness
- The naturalness of the area

A number of respondents expressed concern about the proposal to upgrade Stonehenge Reserve and the potential for more intensive activity on the site which could “add chaos via noise and traffic to a peaceful residential area”.

#### 5.14 Community

Respondents expressed concern about the impact the proposed upgrade could have on nearby residents. Respondents also referred to the value the current site has on community wellbeing and the community spirit of the clubs currently using the site. One respondent cited property devaluation as a concern.

#### 5.15 Environment: Trees, vegetation and biodiversity

Impact on the environment including trees, vegetation, creek and flora and fauna was a concern for many respondents. Concerns raised included:

- The removal of trees could destroy the character, leafiness and environment of the area
- Potential road widening of Stonehenge may impact Willow trees on the boundary of Retirement Village and Stonehenge Avenue
- Removal of trees will devalue the experience of outdoor activities
- Loss of trees will be detrimental to the rustic nature of this site
- Loss of trees will add to the heat of the reserve by removing shade, it is currently a cooler space to walk in hot weather
- Vegetation acts as current noise buffer
- Removal of trees and other foliage will impact native birds, fauna and general ecology
- Proposed works would destroy the ecology of the waterway and wipe away these species
- To cover the creek and alter water courses is unnecessary, waterways should be protected

Respondents expressed concern about the disappearance of “quiet enclaves” which are part of Stirling’s unique character. While some respondents acknowledged that the creek is not “pristine”, they stated that it provides a valuable habitat for fauna including birds, frog species and aquatic invertebrates (such as Rakali (*Hydromys chrysogaster*) – water rat).

Regarding trees there was concern about removing exotic species of trees which respondents felt creates the unique environment of Stirling, particularly in Autumn. There was concern that native species have the potential to drop branches which could make them unsafe for people and cars.

Observations made by site users include:

- There is a lot of wildlife, particularly birds, including nesting cockatoos
- Natural habitat that surrounds the pistes and the tennis courts
- This is a remnant of the 'leafy Stirling' of old
- This is a very pleasant venue for a quiet genteel game of petanque

Respondents identified that the stringy bark trees that are leaning over the pistes and have died near the railway line should be removed and replaced, as they are potentially dangerous. Reference was also made to the need for better weed control. Another respondent expressed concern about the storm water ponds and whether they could harbour mosquitos.

Respondents wanted to know:

- What the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources through of the proposed Stonehenge Reserve upgrade?

- How many trees would be removed?
- What new trees would be planted and where?
- If lawn areas would be maintained by the council?

### **5.16 Stormwater and drainage**

Concern for the diversion and undergrounding of the creek was raised by a number of respondents. Further to this, respondents expressed concern about stormwater and potential for flooding of residents' access and tennis courts. They stated water run-off and flooding issues during winter needed to be addressed.

Other respondents identified that the creek area is overgrown with ivy and blackberry and is in need of tidying. Another respondent commented that there is no mention of the mains sewage pipe that will require access in situations of blockage.

There was concern that the increase in hard surfaces in the area means that rain is not absorbed into the soil and volume of water in the creek seems to be increasing yearly. Respondents wanted to further understand:

- What assessment has been made regarding the creek, change in rate of flow if it is covered?
- Have the residents downstream been advised of this?

### **5.17 Nuisance: Noise, dust and light**

Many respondents expressed concern for the potential nuisance caused by the proposed development. This included issues such as noise, dust and light pollution.

Regarding noise, respondents were concerned how the increase in traffic and netball player activity would impact the retirement village and surrounding neighbourhood and community. A number of residents referred to the current quiet nature of the area and that the introduction of netball would disrupt this and be a significant issue for local neighbours. Respondents stated that the natural formation of the site (in a valley like an amphitheatre) will cause increased noise late evenings. Respondents stated they moved to the area for its quietness and that "netball whistles, cheering and shouting" would impact local amenity.

Respondents stated that lighting would cause further glare which is already caused by tennis court lighting. Dust in the car park was also an issue raised that needs to be addressed.

### **5.18 Club rooms**

Some respondents expressed concern that existing club house and rooms are inadequate to cope with additional players and spectators. Suggestions were made that the clubhouse be extended and modernised to incorporate public toilets, showers and female change facilities. Access to the clubhouse should be open to local residents also. Regarding the need for an upgrade one respondent referred to the current facilities as "aged and like a patchwork of inconsistent works overtime".

Regarding netball, one respondent stated that netball requires spacious clubrooms and toilet facilities, for the increased attendance of players coming and going, plus their family members, coaches and food preparations. Respondents wanted to know if netball would also have liquor licence.

Respondents suggested it would be good if pétanque club rooms, tennis club room and proposed netball club could all utilise one great facility combined rather than three separate ones.

### **5.19 Spectator viewing area**

Respondents stated the proposed spectator viewing area is not large enough for the proposed increase in netball

participation and that the proposed location of the new spectator area could be dangerous for small children due to its proximity to the roadway.

## 5.20 Petanque

Related to petanque, there is concern that pistes would be reduced or moved to accommodate tennis and netball and that clubrooms would need to be shared. Concern that the proposed car park provisions (n=11) for petanque are inadequate especially if games coincide with peak parking for netball and winter tennis.

Statements were made that the proposed re-location of the petanque pistes were unsuitable and that moving the pistes would destroy much of what the petanque club has achieved. Respondents stated that the current location of petanque pistes were designed to fit the site terrain, provide integration with the clubhouse and create a social atmosphere. It was stated that the Petanque Club has funded a significant proportion of their own facilities.

In addition, respondents felt that petanque participation is growing and that the consultation documentation did not reflect or consider the likely increase in demand in petanque. Overall feedback indicated that respondents valued the petanque facilities and club.

## 5.21 Tennis

There was some support for the resurfacing of the existing tennis courts however some respondents felt this should only happen for the safety of players.

It was stated that tennis participation was likely to rise including the potential for future demand for night and mid-week tennis with climate change and work life balance. Other respondent commented that retaining, maintaining and developing tennis facilities in the Hills is essential. It was stated that quality tennis facilities bring increased community participation numbers and public facilities bring connection for all residents. Further to this respondents commented that there is demand for a Western Hills tennis centre. Tennis requires a minimum of six courts all year round, including winter and many neighbouring clubs come to Stonehenge for winter competition.

Some respondents expressed concern for the current lack of maintenance of tennis court facilities.

Of the design options presented the Tennis Club stated, the “courts over the creek” option their preferred solution with some minor amendments. The Tennis Club has requested to be involved in decision making and the detailed design. Overall the Tennis Club felt that the project should strive to create something at Stonehenge Reserve that is exceptional, not just serviceable.

Further comments about tennis courts included:

- Fantastic venue for tennis
- Court surfaces are overdue for a renovation
- Tennis fences need to be repaired or replaced
- A well administered tennis club
- Double marking of tennis courts causing confusion, especially for junior players.
- Tennis club needs two more courts
- Value current tennis facilities and lights for night tennis
- Availability of tennis courts is positive
- Concern for the loss of the “iconic tennis community vibe”
- Less tennis should be played in evenings.

## 5.22 Netball

Regarding netball at the proposed Stonehenge Reserve Upgrade, some respondents expressed concern that more games will be played than current scheduled.

Respondents stated that the consultation material did not acknowledge that netball was originally moved from Stonehenge to Wright Road because The Stirling Tennis Club did not want netball line markings on their tennis courts.

Some respondents expressed concern that netball would take over. Another respondent stated that if netball were to move they would require a minimum of 8 courts.

## 5.23 Emergency access

Emergency access was raised by a number of respondents who expressed concern that the proposed site location restricts evacuation, especially for residents. Respondents wanted to know if a fire risk assessment had been undertaken including emergency vehicle access and how this would impact on Council and club insurance.

The narrowness and steepness of the road access was the main concern regarding emergency access in event of a bushfire or accident requiring ambulances.

## 5.24 Master plan options

Respondents provided some further detail regarding specific master plan options, however most comments made were more of a general opposing nature to the proposed upgrade.

Specific comments have been listed under each option in Section 6.12.

## 5.25 Consultation

A significant proportion of respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the consultation process. Comments about the consultation included:

- Consultation should have started earlier
- Need for open and transparent communication and dialogue with all impacted by proposed project (feeling that the “full story” is not being made available to the community)
- Concern that consultation does not reflect a balanced view
- Need for genuine engagement and building of trust with the community to enable working together
- Mutual respect and honesty in dealings between Council and stakeholders
- Need to better inform all potentially affected stakeholders not just directly adjacent residents. Some respondents and near-by residents stated that they had not received any correspondence or plans and were surprised by the proposals
- Feeling by some residents that they had been excluded from the project process
- Language used in correspondence needs to be personalised
- Need for ongoing engagement with stakeholders to enable feedback and suggestions to be provided throughout the project period
- Lack of early engagement by staff with community
- Correspondence was fragmented and created uncertainty in community
- Concern that project staff were disrespectful, misleading, dismissive and not transparent
- Infrequent correspondence with residents from time initial letter was sent
- Concern that there was no feedback process at the start of the project
- Failure of staff to engage with the community from the very beginning should be included in the next update
- Statement that Council is not listening



- Comments that community should have power in decision making process
- Concern information has been withheld and information disseminated in a piecemeal way
- Concern that there is a pre-conceived view on developing Stonehenge
- Concern Petanque Club was left out of early engagement that occurred with tennis and netball clubs
- Clubs (tennis, petanque and netball) have been engaged separately which has caused misinformation and misunderstanding, this process has made stakeholders feel undermined.

Regarding consultation materials some respondents stated that:

- Council is not using latest plans (e.g. Piccadilly presentation used 2016 map)
- Confusion about the first letter stating when works would commence
- Relating to the December Community Update, it was stated that the heading 'What people would like to change about Stonehenge' suggests widespread community support or even community instigation
- Comments that the feedback survey does not reflect the facts and is misleading
- Need for a more clearly defined site re-development goal
- Concern that the proposed development is more significant than what respondents had been lead to believe
- Request to be informed what consultation will occur and when
- Statements that the option involving former Bowling Club land transfer should not have been included in public consultation due to privacy matters
- Petanque piste relocation option should not have been included in public consultation without prior agreement with the club
- No costs were provided as part of consultation process
- No alternative sites were discussed as part of consultation process
- Statement that residents were not well informed of the magnitude of the proposal and the potential extra participants and vehicles involved
- Staging of works was not transparent
- Concern that language used was misleading and made respondents think the project was repairing or renewing existing facilities rather than expanding facilities
- Concern tree removal was not referenced in the consultation material

Requests have been made by respondents to halt the project until other sites are further considered.

There was positive feedback about the community information session with respondents stating that the session enabled residents to be heard. However, respondents felt that this meeting should have been arranged at the start of the project.

Relating to Council meetings respondents expressed concern that ratepayers were unable to ask questions of the project staff and wanted to be involved in the workshop. Further to this, respondents stated they were unable to hear questions asked by Elected Members as they were not using microphones.

## 5.26 General opposing comments

Majority of respondents do not support and strongly object to the proposed redevelopment of Stonehenge Reserve.

Respondents felt that it was "common sense" not to proceed with the project based on the likely impacts on the local community and environment. It was stated that the rationale for the proposal is "ill founded" and that Stonehenge Reserve should be left as it is.

Respondents expressed concern that the proposal is being invested in and pursued, without any consultation and discussion. Other comments referred to the project being “narrow” and that there is a need for “big picture planning”. Majority of respondents felt there were better suited sites in the council area for new sporting facilities.

When asked if there was anything that the respondents wanted to change in the current reserve a high number of respondents said “there was nothing they wanted changed” and that the site should stay as it is.

Some general opposing comments included:

- Definitely change nothing! It’s beautiful the way it is that’s why we like it.
- Not change a thing. That is why it is so unique and aesthetically valuable
- Do not interfere with a site that works well for most people as it is
- Opposition to any development to the Stonehenge area that isn’t just maintenance
- There is nothing "masterful" about this plan
- This is a ridiculous proposal that I have trouble believing has got this far
- Young people need their sports too but do not destroy this valuable green space

## 5.27 General supporting comments

Respondents provided some general supporting comments for the proposed upgrade which included:

- The merging of the Stirling tennis club and the Stirling Comets netball club facilities is imperative for the future of both clubs
- Seeing the netball club return to its original home and the tennis club “get a boost from all the new traffic will be exciting”
- The site has the potential to be a fantastic multi-purpose facility with far more ratepayers having access to it
- The site needs a major upgrade and an upgrade to the facilities at Stonehenge Reserve is long overdue
- Love the plan
- The club house and toilets is an important improvement to the redevelopment
- The current tennis court surfaces are in poor condition and the clubhouse is particularly rundown
- The current carpark layout is inefficient and potentially dangerous to pedestrians and children. It is very dusty in summer and becomes muddy in winter.
- The proposals given would benefit not just the sports clubs involved but also benefit the greater community
- The proposed upgrade could attract more families to participate in local sporting activities
- The site is an eyesore
- It does not make sense that the Stirling Comets are not based in the centre of Stirling
- These proposals improve the road course, drainage, parking and sporting facilities
- Traffic flows will not increase to such a level so as to disrupt the lifestyle. People driving to the end of Stonehenge will do so with a specific outcome in mind and the road is not open to through traffic.
- Completely support Council taking this opportunity to make a long-term improvement to the Reserve and thereby the township

Another respondent stated they look forward to the proposed upgrade unfolding while another stated so long as the general/overall amenity does not diminish, “we will support any change that can improve the Stonehenge Reserve in general”.

## 6 Survey analysis

An online and hard copy feedback survey was made available for participants to provide their feedback. The online survey could be completed online from the project website and hard copies were made available at the Coventry Library, Stirling or on request from the customer service team. The survey contained a combination of 16 open ended and closed questions. Responses to each question have been summarised below.

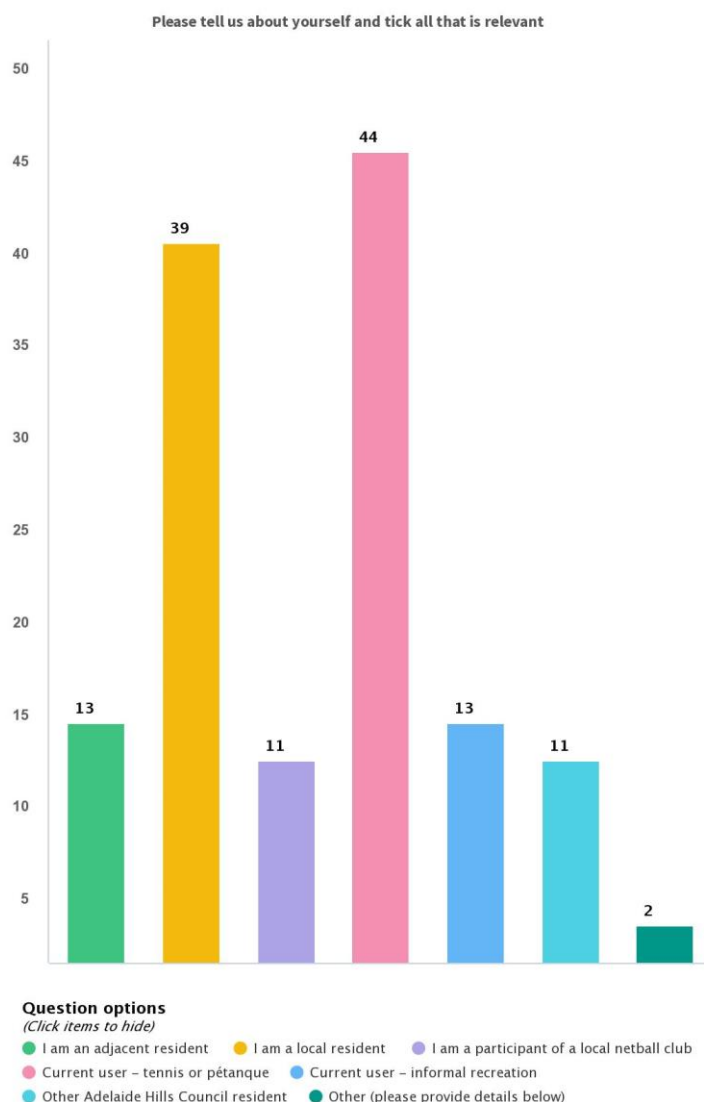
Note: Quantifiable questions have been analysed either by number of respondents (n=#) or by percentage.

### 6.1 Question 1 & 2: Tell us about yourself

77 respondents participated in this question as indicated by

Chart 1. The most common response was 'current user – tennis or petanque' (n=44) followed closely by 'I am a local resident' (n=39). Respondents could choose all options that were relevant.

Chart 1: Question 1 - Please tell us about yourself



Question 2 asked anyone who answered 'other' to provide further details. Two respondents answered 'other' and when asked to provide further detail answers were:

- Past tennis player, one time pétanque player and plan to play in the future
- Our family owns a property on Stonehenge Avenue, we will eventually be residents at that address (edited to maintain anonymity)

## **6.2 Question 3 & 4: How do you currently use Stonehenge Reserve?**

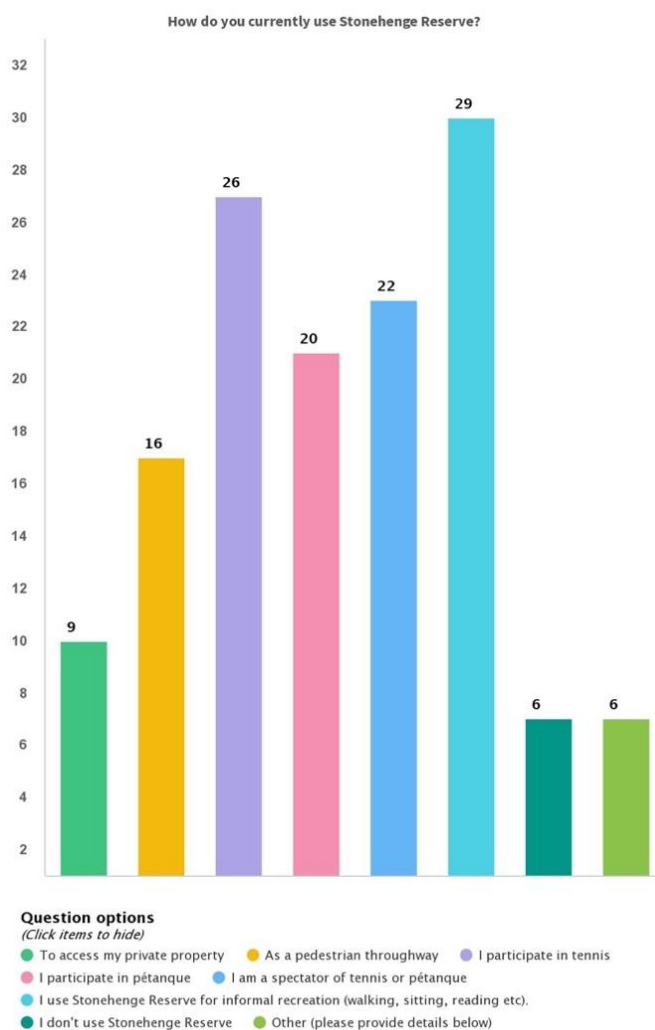
77 respondents participated in this question and they were able to choose multiple options as indicated in Chart 2.

. The most common response was 'I use Stonehenge Reserve for informal recreation (walking, sitting, reading, etc) (n=29) followed by 'I participate in tennis' (n=26). Six people who responded said they did not use Stonehenge Reserve.

Question 4 asked anyone who answered 'other' to provide further details. Six responses included:

1. I have participated in pétanque and plan to in the future
2. Visiting friends
3. Bike riding, walking dogs, walking
4. I need to traverse the reserve to access a business (edited to maintain anonymity)
5. Wildlife/bird watching & nature photography
6. Social running group use it 2 - 4 times a year

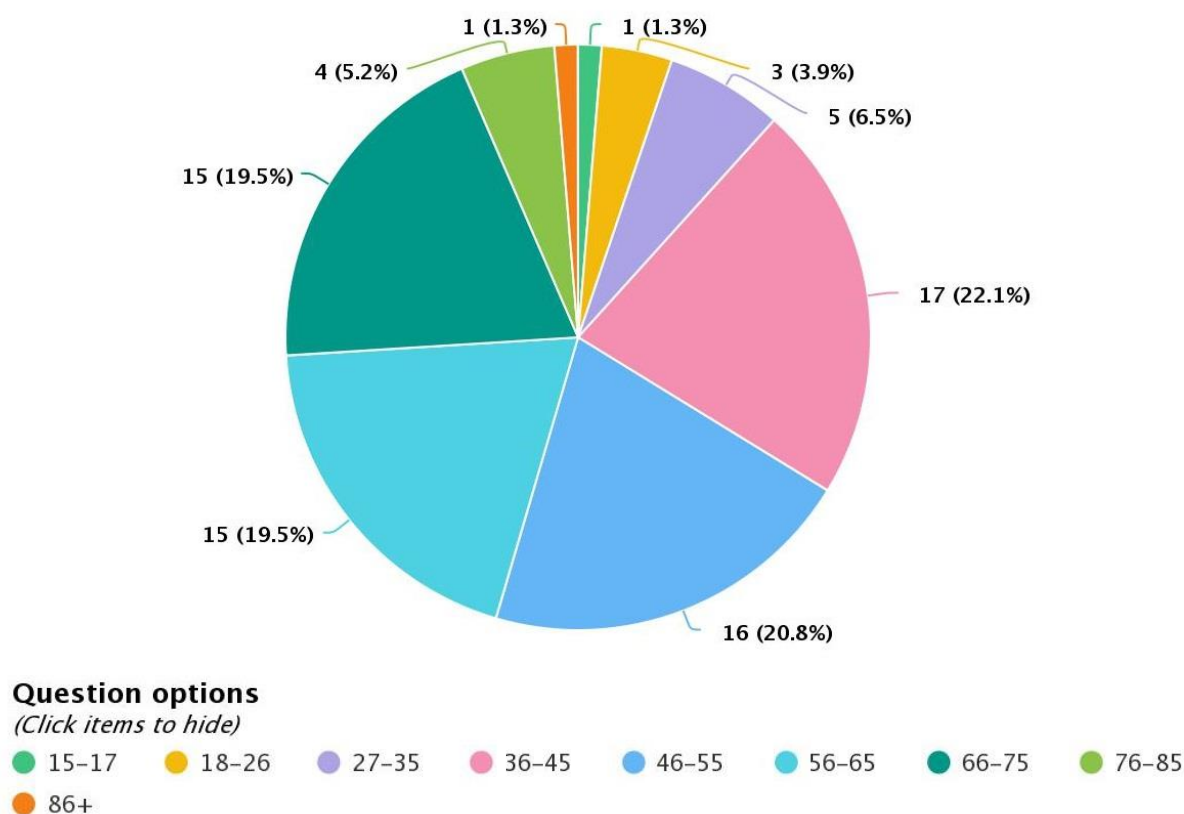
**Chart 2: Question 3 - How do you currently use Stonehenge Reserve**



### 6.3 Question 5: Which age range are you in?

This question helps indicate who we have reached through our engagement. 77 respondents answered this question as shown in Chart 3, the highest participation in the survey was by 36-45 year olds followed by 46-55 year olds. Lowest response numbers were from 18-26 year olds (n=1) and 86+ year olds (n=1).

Chart 3: Question 3- Which age range are you in?

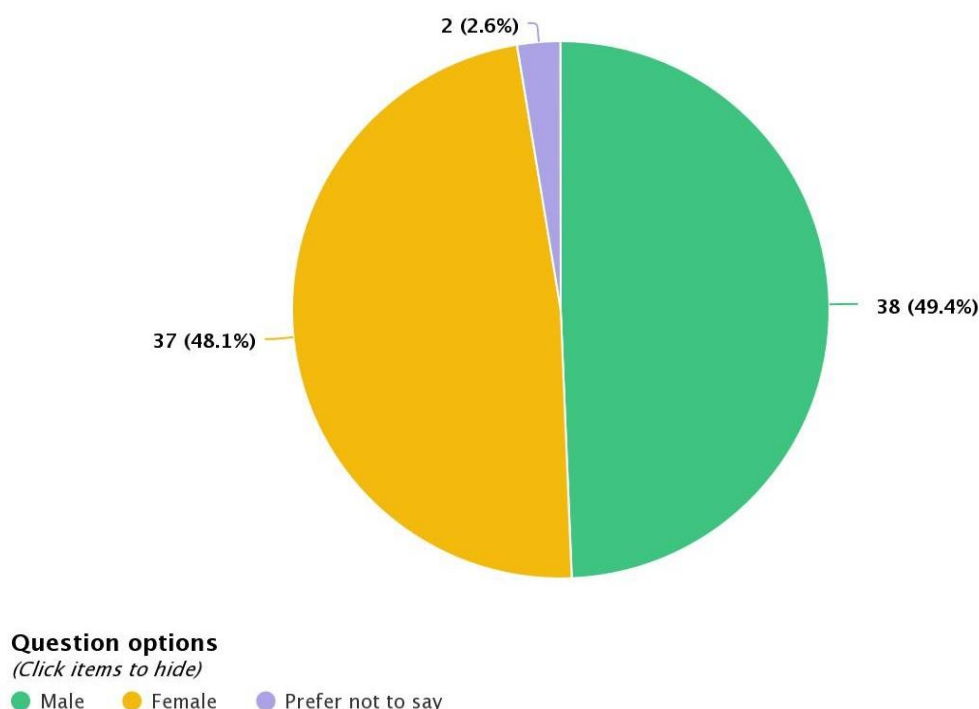


## 6.4 Question 6: What is your gender?

This question was asked to identify who we have engaged through the consultation. Participants could choose not to answer this optional question. As indicated by

Chart 4, 38 respondents identified as being male, 37 identified as being female and 2 stated they 'preferred not to say'.

Chart 4: Question 6- What is your gender?



## 6.5 Question 7: What do you value about Stonehenge Reserve?

72 respondents participated in this question with 5 skipping this question. Common themes that respondents valued included: shade, leafy feel, trees, natural environment, accessibility, size, location, uniqueness, peacefulness, ambiance, vegetation, social aspect, Petanque Club, tennis facilities, lighting for night tennis, sports hub, broad community use, sufficient car parking, public toilets, dog walking, bird life and minimal traffic. Table 5 lists the specific responses made by participants.

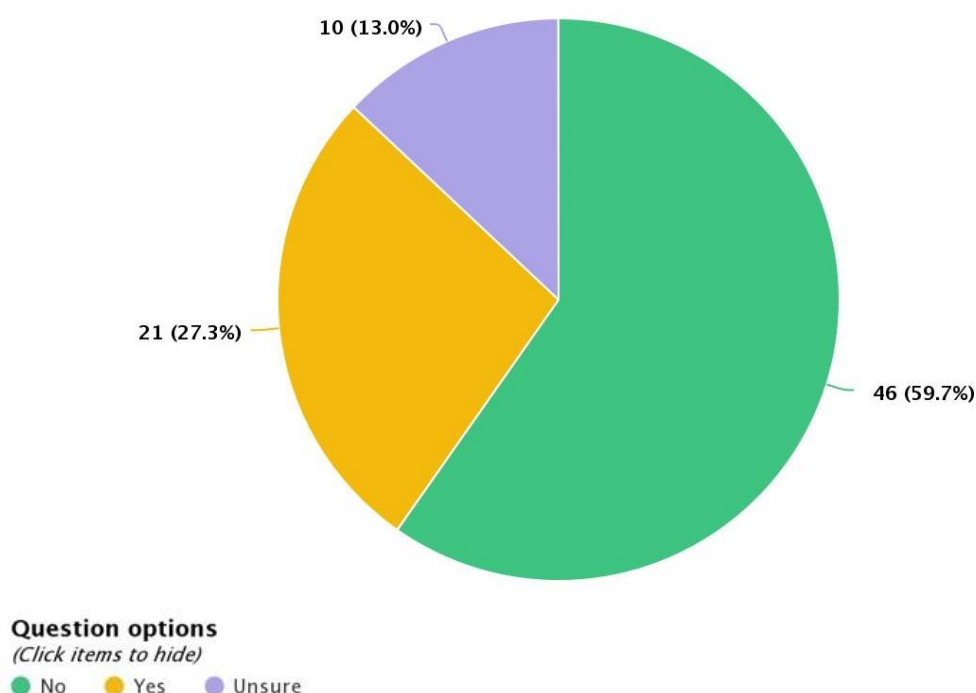
## 6.6 Question 8: If you could change one thing about the Stonehenge Reserve what would it be?

69 respondents participated in this question and 8 skipped the question. Common themes that respondents wanted to change included: road layout, pedestrian access, public toilets location and upgrade, extra tennis courts, improved tennis facilities, general maintenance, water-run off management, dust in car park and pot holes, reduced evening tennis, increased parking, clubrooms, access for local residents, purchase of former bowling club, removal of dead trees near railway, clean up of creek area, spaces for families and seating. Eleven respondents indicated they did not want to see any change. Table 6 lists specific responses made by participants.

## 6.7 Question 9: Do you support netball being introduced in Stonehenge Reserve?

As indicated by Chart 5, 77 people responded to this question with 60% (n=46) responding they did not support netball being introduced. 27% (n=21) of respondents stated they did support netball being introduced and 13% (n=10) stated they were unsure.

Chart 5: Question 5 - Do you support Netball being introduced in Stonehenge Reserve?



## 6.8 Question 10: If you have any specific concerns about netball being played at Stonehenge Reserve please provide further comments.

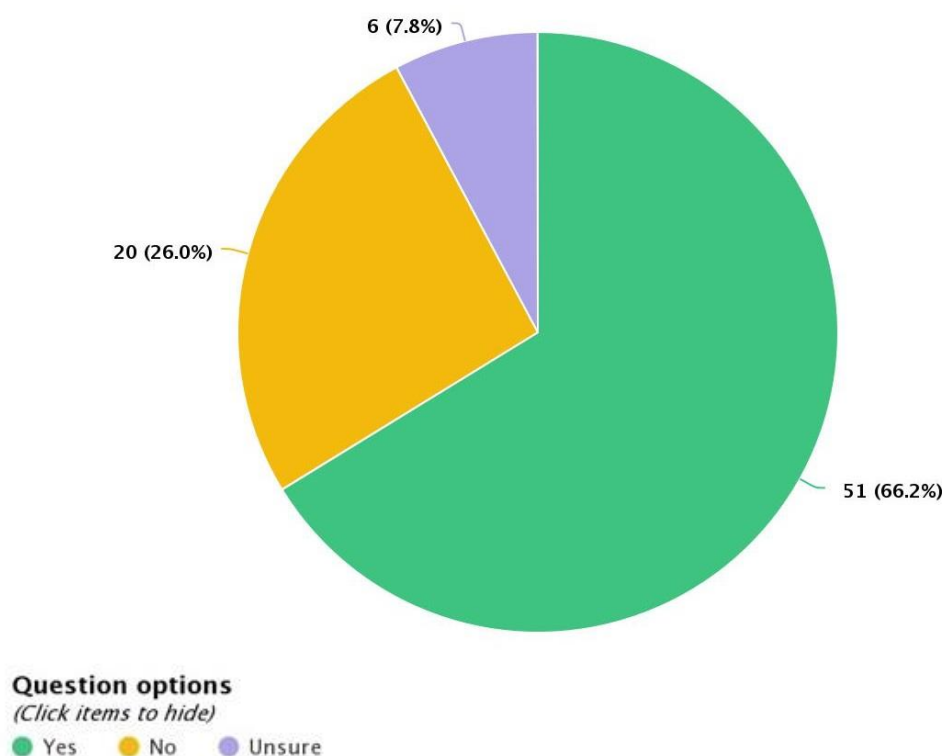
45 respondents provided further comments about concerns regarding the introduction of netball being played at Stonehenge Reserve. Key concerns were: traffic, intersection sight lines, inadequate parking, on-street parking, noise, lights, resident access, emergency access, staging of project, creek being covered, environmental impact, confusion from double line marking, more suitable other venues, safety, tree removal, pedestrian safety and footpaths, cost, funding, value-for-money, losing winter tennis courts, limited space, impact on adjoining residents and inadequate road layout. Table 7 lists specific responses made by participants.



## 6.9 Question 11 – Does traffic along Stonehenge Avenue concern you in any way?

77 respondents completed this question as shown in Chart 6. 66% of respondents indicated that traffic along Stonehenge Avenue concerned them, 26% indicated traffic did not concern them and 8% indicated they were unsure.

Chart 6: Question 11- Does traffic along Stonehenge Avenue concern you in any way?



## 6.10 Question 12: If you have any specific concerns in relation to traffic on Stonehenge Avenue please provide further comments below.

51 respondents provided further comments about concerns in relation to traffic on Stonehenge Avenue. Key concerns were: emergency access, inadequate road layout (narrow), market day parking, no limit speed signage, lack of pedestrian facilities, lack of parking, existing traffic, speeding vehicles, pedestrian safety especially elderly and children, impact on residents, proximity to hospital, hazardous sight lines at junctions, on-street parking issues, noise, tree removal and road safety. Table 8 lists specific responses made by participants.

### 6.11 Question 13: What is your preference for the four proposed master plan options?

Respondents were asked to rank their preference of the master plan options from 1 – 5. With one being the most preferred and five being the least preferred. **The options available to rank were:**

- Option A: Courts over creek
- Option B: Court in upper flow carpark
- Option C: Variation to pétanque pistes
- Option D: Land transfer and boundary realignment with former bowls club
- None of the above

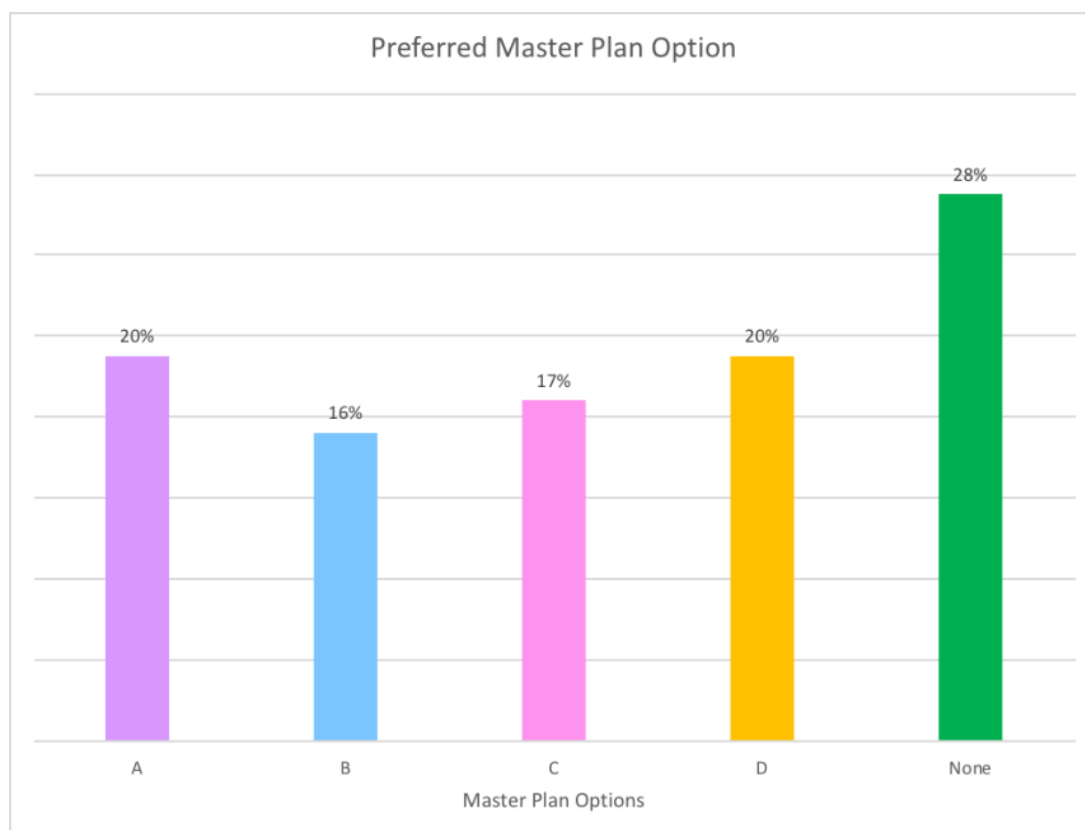
Details on each option were available in the document download section on the project website and hard copies were available at the Coventry Library, Stirling.

77 respondents completed this question and the results are shown in

Chart 7.

Overall the highest response was ‘none of the above’ (28%) followed equally by Option A (Courts over creek) and D (land transfer and boundary realignment with former bowls club) (20%).

**Chart 7: Question 13- Preferred Master Plan Options**



## **6.12 Question 14: Please provide further details on your preference for the proposed master plan options**

59 respondents answered this question and 16 skipped this question.

Key comments were:

- Alternative location should be sought
- Site is crowded and size inappropriate
- Costing unclear
- Too much money being spent on project
- Need for more parking
- Toilets incorporated into club house is a positive
- Courts to be in close proximity for coaching
- Selling Wright Road to fund Stonehenge
- Will cause disruption to sporting clubs
- Resident access not to be impacted
- No disturbance to petanque pistes
- Significant earthworks
- Negative impact on natural environment
- Concern for tree removal and play space for children
- Need for further clarification as to why Stonehenge is considered the best site
- All clubs should have similar facilities and be of equal size (do not create a 'superior' club)
- Concern that netball will take over iconic tennis community vibe
- Shared facilities rather than separate for petanque, tennis and netball
- Options put more crowding in an already busy precinct
- There will be no room left for expansion of petanque and tennis
- No mention of sewage pipe that will require access in situations of blockage
- Clubhouse and toilets are an important improvement
- Opposition to any change that is not maintenance
- Site is barely suitable for current use
- Young people need sports too but do not destroy valuable green space
- Support refurbishment of tennis court and new club house
- If netball were to move we need a minimum of 8 courts
- Need to further understand netball and tennis club ambitions
- Upgrade courts already in existence – e.g. Stirling east, Heathfield, Upper Sturt or Halliday reserve

### **Comments specific to Option A include:**

- This option maximises the potential car-parking but courts over creek would require extensive work leading to a site that feels rather too intensively developed
- Covering creek would destroy habitat for aquatic fauna
- Interfering with creek is environmentally concerning
- Not enough parking near clubhouse
- Good layout in terms of use of land, the layout of tennis courts and also parking
- Removing trees would ruin appeal of whole reserve area and increase risk of flooding
- Only option that will work – tennis and netball courts need to be in close proximity for junior coaching and training – need to be within sight

### **Comments specific to Option B include:**

- Slightly less parking which could however be increased next to new court by bore

- Stormwater retention area has potential to be attractive and a natural element to offset removal of Willows on creek line
- Seems best as it does not split pistes and provides adequate parking with short walk to extra parking

**Comments specific to Option C include:**

- Disaster to split playing areas of petanque site to two different areas with different levels. The club flourishes because of a communal coordinational relationship between players playing on adjoining sites
- Petanque Club has worked hard to create an area ideal for playing
- Splitting petanque pistes would detract from social aspect of the game
- Would be devastating for Petanque Club
- Totally unacceptable as it splits pistes and adversely affects social aspect of club

**Comments specific to Option D include:**

- This option provides more car parking, more netball and tennis courts and potential for another exist while leaving the creek.
- Option seems sensible if owner was open to this and would allow for a new court and parking
- 11 parking spaces for petanque are inadequate and elderly players should not be made to walk in from other parking areas
- Would have been a better option if former bowls club had been purchased
- The only viable and sensible option
- Bowls club should not have been sold (short sighted decision)
- Not enough parking near clubhouse
- This option is better than others but there is not enough parking
- Appears to be the best long-term option
- Seems illogical and not forward looking to consider re-use of lawn bowls club
- Build a new clubhouse with viewing seating where drystone wall/ grass hill to bowling green is. Where court 5 is turn back to back and create 4 more courts back to existing courts (1-4), this gets rid of court 6 and leaves petanque where it is
- Bowling green returned for a bowling club – people travel far from Stirling to access bowling

**Comments specific to none of the above include:**

- Significant investment and disruption for two extra courts
- Would like to see more plans to dispel fear that site could result in a sense of an intensive sporting facility
- Hope another site may be identified
- All options negatively impact water course, flora and fauna
- Support upgrade of clubrooms
- Petanque Club should not lose any land

Table 9 lists specific responses made by participants.

### **6.13 Question 15: Is there is anything else the project team should know regarding this project?**

44 respondents provided additional comments about the proposed Stonehenge Reserve Upgrade project. Key additional feedback themes included: upgrade long over-due, impact on neighbours, impact assessment on creek and stormwater, concern for loss of tennis court facilities, alternative sites are better suited and should be further explored, cost too high not value-for-money, site unfeasible, co-locate with an existing school, access to private property needs to be maintained, concern for environmental impact, loss of trees, unsatisfactory consultation process, need for new club house, toilets, carpark and landscaping, safety concern for children and pedestrians in the area

due to increased traffic, property de-valuation, noise impact and additional play space infrastructure. Table 10 lists specific responses made by participants.

#### **6.14 Question 16: If you have any files you would like to share with the project team please upload these here:**

Three additional images or plans were submitted as part of online survey and email are captured in Appendix B: Additional Information Provided by Respondents.

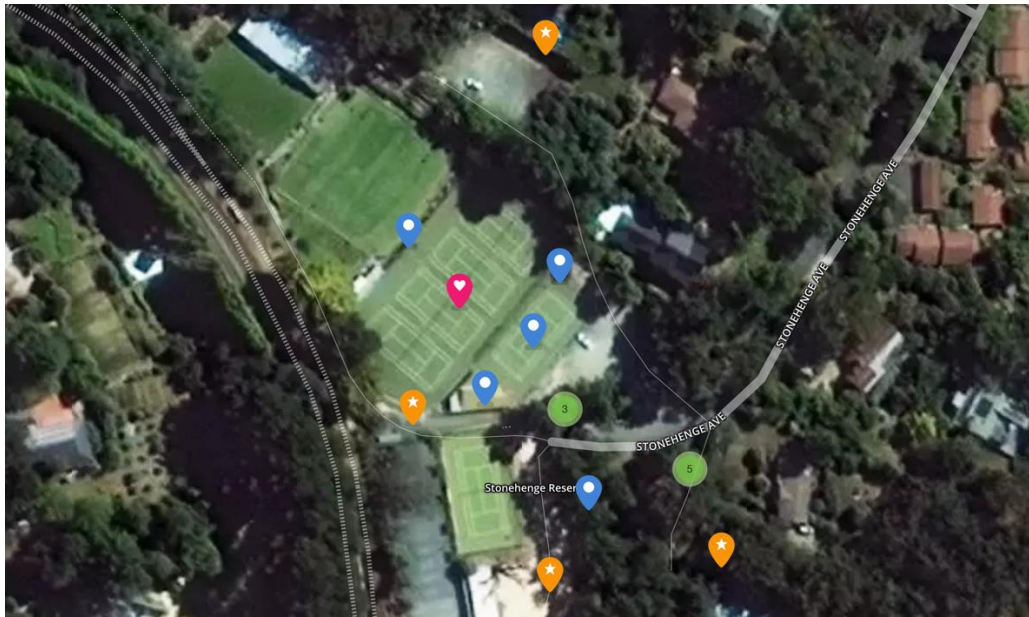
## **7 Places mapping tool– marked comments**

A feedback mapping tool was available for anyone to use. It was publically available on the project website and allowed participants to map their comments based on a specific location as well as the ability to upload photos or media files. All comments were publically visible, refer to Table 4, below.

**Table 4: Mapped Comments**

Numbers	Comments mapped
1.	Great venue for tennis
2.	Clubhouse need to be extended. Toilets, showers, female change facilities.
3.	Existing toilets are a disgrace. (refer to Figure 8)
4.	Move these access tracks out of the reserve
5.	Get rid of this right-of-way (refer to Figure 10)
6.	Get back the reserve from those residents who have encroached
7.	Move thoroughfares into the legal road reserve
8.	Court surfaces are overdue for a renovation
9.	Tennis fences need to be repaired or replaced (refer to Figure 9)
10.	Stone retaining walls are great but in need of minor renovation.
11.	Car parks need to be upgraded. Not necessarily sealed but upgraded to avoid dust and gravel.
12.	What about some landscaping? Reserve neglected for a long time.
13.	What about a small playground and some outdoor gym equipment like at Tregarthen Reserve Summertown.
14.	Public toilets are old and out of date.
15.	Creek area is rather overgrown and in need of tidying. Ivy & blackberry infested.
16.	Note that this is the legal thoroughfare - what is shown as Stonehenge Avenue on the north side of the public toilet is actually in Stonehenge Reserve and is not the Avenue.
17.	Play equipment for children would be a great idea. Parents who play sport or have other children with them would value ways to keep them entertained.

**Figure 7: Mapped Comments**



**Figure 8: Existing toilet facilities**



**Figure 9: Tennis fences**



**Figure 10: Right of way**



## 8 Conclusion and next steps

All feedback received has been collated in this report and reviewed by the project team. Feedback will be considered as part of the decision-making process and this report will be presented to Council in April 2019.

A response to what we heard and what we are doing as a result of the feedback is provided in Appendix C (Appendix C: What we heard – Council response to feedback received).

The community is encouraged to stay informed about the project by signing-up to our mailing list on the project website: <https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au>

Any further questions or comments can be sent via [enagage@ahc.sa.gov.au](mailto:enagage@ahc.sa.gov.au)



## Appendix A: Detailed Survey Feedback

Detailed comments provided by respondents as part of the survey.

### Question 7: What do you value about Stonehenge Reserve?

Note: Some data was removed for anonymity purposes and is indicated by ---

Table 5: Question 7 Responses

Number	Respondent comment
1.	Currently I see it as a place where people can come to play sport they love. I see it as an area which can grow to accommodate more people and sports.
2.	Shaded in summer. Close to home.
3.	Tennis community, leafy.
4.	Community land for sporting use.
5.	The ability to use it at anytime to have a hit of tennis with kids all of whom play for Stirling tennis club.
6.	I love that it is a sporting hub.
7.	Location close to the centre of Stirling and the large space available for sporting activities.
8.	Broad community use
9.	This is a remnant of the 'leafy Stirling' of old. Many of these quiet enclaves have disappeared in recent decades, victim to development. Without these Stirling loses its unique character. This is one that should be left as it is!
10.	Public toilets Petanque pistes Generous car parking Approx twice a year my running club use the parking and toilets for their weekly run followed by a social gathering
11.	The relaxed ambience of the site which, for me, makes it congenial to go there to play petanque in the evenings.
12.	I enjoy being part of the petanque game together with the exercise and company of the other members who make up the club, the club itself caters for all ages and the fact that it accepts players of different skill levels and ability
13.	The general positive ambience of the reserve is created by the correct balance of vegetation (both native and exotic), sporting pursuits and local housing. The current traffic flow doesn't impact negatively on neighbours but allows the tennis and petanque communities to pursue their sporting competitions.
14.	The peacefulness and the beautiful tree environment
15.	It's availability and access for the people who currently use it.
16.	Recreational facility close to the Stirling village centre. Lots of trees providing shade and pleasant surroundings.
17.	The petanque facilities
18.	This is a lovely reserve which is part of a regular walking pathway for many residents. I have walked the path from Longwood Road down the stairs and then through the Stonehenge Reserve for around 15 years. It is a delightful green area which is cooled by the green trees that surround it. It is a relatively quiet area although is very busy during tennis sessions in the evening and weekends. Not only would it be a traffic issue bringing more vehicles in and out of this dead end road but it would greatly impact a space that has supported the local community in a passive manner as a recreation reserve. To make this an intensive recreation area would destroy the current ambience, add chaos via noise and traffic to a peaceful residential area and would remove trees that have provided a cooling



Number	Respondent comment
	green space which many people enjoy. To cover the creek and alter water courses is unnecessary when there are other spaces within the council region which would better suit this sort of activity.
19.	The petanque club The aesthetics - vegetation etc
20.	It's uniqueness of being an area where we can enjoy the beauty of the hills surrounded as it is with quietness & trees
21.	Community facility used for competition and social events. The social aspect of such a facility is paramount to community well-being and engagement.
22.	I appreciate the setting, the trees and general set up, it works quite well as it is.
23.	The ability to walk my dogs off leashes without having to worry about many cars or pedestrians.
24.	As a resident living next to the Reserve it is currently a very useable and mostly peaceful reserve.
25.	It is a quiet and peaceful place in which to socialize. There is a lot of wildlife, particularly birds, including nesting cockatoos. The trees provide much-needed shade for cars in Summer, and are healthy and leafy.
26.	The small village ambiance of Druids lane and as a pétanque player , of course, the current layout of our facilities in the shade of the gums along the train line.
27.	I love participating in playing pétanque twice a week, rain, hail or shine (yes, even in 40c). The environment is beautiful, particularly with the leafy trees along the creek.
28.	The natural serenity, manageable access, sufficient but not excessive parking usage.
29.	Mostly I value the natural habitat that surrounds the pistes and the tennis courts. The shade trees to park under. The ample car parking. It is suitable for the two sports that are currently played, namely tennis and petanque. The neighbours are friendly. There are separate Club houses for Tennis and Petanque.
30.	Quietness and peacefulness of the reserve.
31.	Tennis facilities and lights for night tennis
32.	It's a lovely setting. It's never too busy.
33.	The greenery and pleasant environment
34.	It's relatively natural environment and surrounds
35.	It is perfect for a netball facility
36.	Existing facility with unique appeal close to the freeway, incredibly noisy train line runs straight past rendering the facility more suitable for sporting facilities than residential facilities.
37.	Stonehenge reserve is a great sporting asset to the local community. It is the only such facility within close proximity to Stirling and also attracts visitors from other areas to the community.
38.	The current size and facilities. The fact that it can be used for informal recreation
39.	It is a beautiful rustic oasis of trees in the midst of residential properties. The creek and trees along it give it ambience and coolness. In a valley, it is a low-key sporting area with minimal disturbance to the local community, but with a great deal of birdlife making a pleasant background to all activities. In conjunction with the railway line, it forms a pleasant and useful route for walkers, with and without dogs, between Mabel Street and Avenue Road, avoiding the long detour via busy Milan Terrace.
40.	The community spirit of the club, small and dedicated tennis in winter as well.
41.	We live in Madeline Road and value the quite amenity of Stonehenge Reserve. The ability to be able to walk through such a quiet and peaceful place such as the reserve can not be underestimated in its value to the wellbeing of the community. There are few places this near Stirling where you can enjoy such a quite amenity.
42.	Peacefulness, Safety, Quietness, Low impact sports. Friendliness of participants.
43.	Its a peaceful place to walk & play tennis
44.	Peaceful

Number	Respondent comment
	Not busy Nice walking area
45.	I love its location and it being central to Stirling.
46.	I have lived in Stirling for 10 years and didn't know Stonehenge existed until it was proposed as a new location for Stirling Comets Netball Club. I took a look at the site and was really surprised at the size of it hidden away in the back streets. It has the potential to be a fantastic multi-purpose facility with far more ratepayers having access to it.
47.	Nice location - close to freeway but not easily known exists so always free for use
48.	It is a beautiful area. I particularly like the European Trees and ambience and general character of the surroundings.
49.	Fantastic venue to play tennis A well administered tennis club Micro climate - valley setting, rarely windy, well shaded, ambience Quiet no thru road
50.	It is one of the most unique recreation reserves I have ever experienced
51.	Beautiful natural environment, peaceful and very scenic
52.	Excellent tennis facilities
53.	Quiet location away from traffic
54.	Tennis courts. A community location. Access to the railway's pathway as a means to get to Woorbinda.
55.	Quiet peaceful place, relaxed atmosphere
56.	Availability of tennis courts
57.	The quiet space, vegetation, secluded.
58.	This has been a long existing quiet place to enjoy tennis and the cool green of trees around.
59.	The tennis club
60.	A lovely place for my son to play tennis and daughter to hopefully have a home ground for her netball club.
61.	The seclusion, the trees, the walking access, the native bird life. The naturalness of the area.
62.	It makes valuable community use of the site within the constraints imposed by location & access.
63.	Quietness
64.	I like the seclusion.
65.	Great courts Trees Access to petanque
66.	It's size. It is surrounded by mature trees and is a pleasant tennis venue.
67.	It is a lovely area away from traffic to walk or sit.
68.	It is a great place to run and walk the dog.
69.	This is a very pleasant venue for a quiet genteel game of petanque. it is green and leafy and calming to the soul.
70.	I value the tennis where my grandsons play, the quiet setting for that, the Petanque Club and my hairdresser as well as the beautiful display of hydrangeas along the Petanque Club in summer.
71.	Nice area close to village.
72.	It is unique - not too big - easy parking - quiet. Accessible.

## Question 8: If you could change one thing about the Stonehenge Reserve what would it be?

Table 6: Question 8 Responses

Number	Respondent comments
1.	The narrow street to get there with only one way in and out
2.	Better parking.
3.	Toilet block closer...always worry about kids using it alone. Also, reduce access to freight line as many kids climb up there when parents are possibly distracted
4.	Move Stirling netball club there and further develop the site for future sporting generations
5.	More courts
6.	Better car parking, more Courts.
7.	Expand the reserve to allow the Stirling Netball Club to use the facilities.
8.	Clubroom facilities and access to it for local residents.
9.	Absolutely nothing (other than to stop this ridiculous proposal)
10.	Upgrade the existing public toilets
11.	That it might be possible for the council to buy the property which was the site of the former bowling club.
12.	As a club we have worked many hours to establish the pistes that is playing surfaces that gives us enough playing areas together with a club house which is the envy of other sporting clubs in the hills, as we are comfortable and are enjoying the fruits of our labours we have no desire to change the status-quo.
13.	The condition of the car parking facilities for both tennis and petanque requires upgrading and repair. There are also a number of stringy bark trees that have died near the railway line that should be removed and replaced. I am not sure whether they are on council land or are a state government issue.
14.	new toilets, upgraded club house and tennis courts
15.	Nothing really.
16.	A better layout of facilities as it feels like it was designed adhoc with no coherence. Was a loss when the local council sold off the bowling club and greens.
17.	Wider access road
18.	Better public toilets
19.	Nothing
20.	Marked parking on both car parks.
21.	Toilet block and a tidy up and sealing of existing car parking
22.	Less tennis played
23.	Nothing. It needs to stay as it is.
24.	Remove the small, dead eucalypts on the train track side of the pistes as they drop debris onto the pistes. Otherwise I wouldn't change it at all.
25.	Currently nothing, its ideal with the limited traffic access.
26.	I would like the tennis club to look after their grounds with weeding and planting. The weeds along the eastern bank are a constant eyesore (although this process seems to have given them an impetus to do some weeding.)
27.	Footpath access along Stonehenge Avenue to the Reserve. Walking from the Petanque court to my home at Pinoak Retirement Village at 15 Stonehenge Ave is dangerous.
28.	Bitumize the car park for both tennis and petanque as was promised by the council years ago. Removal of the dying gum trees leaning over the pistes on the train track side, as they are potentially dangerous.
29.	Wider entrance to the car park.
30.	Improve the clubhouse

Number	Respondent comments
31.	Upgrade the tennis facilities
32.	Upgrade the facilities that currently look aged and like patchwork of inconsistent works overtime
33.	Make it into a netball facility
34.	The toilets are totally unsuitable for the tennis club members
35.	Extra tennis courts.
36.	Keep it as it is
37.	It could do with better management, particularly in weed control and grounds maintenance. This comes back largely to the total inactivity of the Stirling Tennis Club, who do nothing in that regard, contrary to their lease conditions.
38.	Upgrade courts for water run off, better club facilities.
39.	We are really very happy with Stonehenge Reserve as it is at the moment.
40.	Reduce dust in the carpark
41.	Reduce the amount of tennis activity in the evening
42.	Less traffic on the roads around Stonehenge
43.	The site needs a major upgrade.
44.	The access appears limited. Increase parking.
45.	Car parking
46.	Clean up the creek area and fix the flooding issues during winter. The increase in hard surfaces in the area means that rain is not absorbed into the soil and volume of water in the creek seems to be increasing yearly.
47.	Get the traffic thoroughfares out of the reserve or to the edges of the reserve. Cars shouldn't be traversing the reserve itself. And the tennis club needs a clubrooms with toilets and showers.
48.	I would not change a thing. That is why it is so unique and aesthetically valuable
49.	Definitely change nothing! It's beautiful the way it is that's why we like it.
50.	Upgrade clubroom facilities and bring toilets into clubroom.
51.	I cannot limit to one thing - it would be to remove or upgrade the public toilets, and improve the car parking quality. It is an unkempt albeit attractive location.
52.	More green space to use for families,
53.	Better club rooms
54.	The toilets are a bit rough, some water drainage.
55.	Better tennis facilities and safer road access, better toilet and drinking water.
56.	Better clubhouse facilities
57.	More parking and better / modern facilities that enhance the community.
58.	A few potholes could be filled in.
59.	Nothing in particular.
60.	Improve the toilets & clubrooms.
61.	Put in more bench seats.
62.	Return the Bowling Club.
63.	The toilets need to be upgraded.
64.	Make it more friendly for walkers and sitters.
65.	Please reduce dust from roadway.
66.	Remove the tennis courts to have more grassed and tree-ed area.
67.	Upgrade the quality of the tennis club without incorporating netball facilities which detract from tennis. The tennis club house and area could have beautiful park like grounds to make it a pleasant place for sitting and walking dogs, enjoying grand kids.
68.	New public toilets.
69.	Don't want any change!!!

**Question 10: If you have any specific concerns about netball being played at Stonehenge Reserve please provide further comments.**

Table 7: Question 10 Responses

Number	Respondent comments
1.	Already so busy with Tennis and car park is already not sufficient.
2.	I am very concerned at the suggestion that the creek be covered over. At a time that we should be protecting our waterways this should not even be considered a viable option. Although hardly pristine, this section of creek provides valuable habitat for fauna including many birds, several frog species and aquatic invertebrates. I have sighted Rakali ( <i>Hydromys chrysogaster</i> ), rare in the Adelaide hills, here in the past. The proposed works would destroy the ecology of the waterway wipe away these species.
3.	Car parking , Access , Milan Tce intersection , Stonehenge Av width especially as it will be used for parking
4.	the concern that i have regarding netball being played at stonehenge reserve is there is a limited space for parking of vehicles which is barely enough space for vehicle parking now for present users of the area, not to mention for access for emergency vehicles such as ambulances
5.	The move of netball back to Stonehenge has not been thought through by council. Having attended community meetings, it is clear that this proposal is being driven by some members of staff who have been evasive, have made statements that are misleading to the various stakeholders, been frugal with the truth and have withheld information to the various groups. This approach does nothing to build trust between council and the community. No wonder that there is significant opposition to the proposal. If council staff had been upfront and honest to all from the get go, they may have found themselves in a different position now. The netball club require courts and a decent clubhouse. I have yet to be convinced that the reconditioning of Wright Rd or a move to Piccadilly are not viable options. I fully support and applaud John Hill and the SRA on the work they have done in relation to the Stonehenge alternatives. Moving netball to Stonehenge and the capital works required to achieve this begs the question of cost. The grant from the state government of approximately \$380,000 will be consumed very quickly and is nowhere enough for all the works planned. When questions were asked about total funding for the project council staff were at best vague and at times misleading in response. How can local residents and the various community groups have any confidence in council staff integrity when the only response to this was that the project will be done in stages and funding for stages 1 and 2 will be examined at a later date. Based on the unprofessional, short sighted and dismissive attitude demonstrated by staff it would not surprise me at all that future funding 'deals' have already been made without the knowledge of the community. We have not been told how much tennis, netball and council will contribute to the project. As a ratepayer I have a right to know how much funding (both current and future) council have already committed. The off handed and misleading information disseminated by staff is a major problem for the project. The staff driving this project are at the end of the day accountable to the ratepayers and have a responsibility to the ratepayers.
6.	The traffic , disturbing the residents next to the tennis, the netball courts taking over the tennis courts- more netball courts than tennis yet its first and still the tennis club?, there is not enough space to have netball or the amount of proposed car parking.
7.	Netball requires decent, spacious clubrooms and toilet facilities, for the increased attendance of players coming and going, plus their family members, coaches, food preparations. It's a busy place!
8.	Limited space, especially for such a populated sport as netball. I understand the councils needs to want to look at amalgamating sporting facilities but I have difficulty seeing the long term advantages

Number	Respondent comments
	of overpopulating this facility.
9.	There is not enough room for netball courts without a major change and impact to the local environment. Additionally there would be unnecessary traffic impact and impact to locals who daily walk through this reserve.
10.	I don't believe the narrow access via Stonehenge Ave would cope with the volume of traffic that a netball club would generate. Nor is there enough room for sufficient car parking.
11.	Increase of vehicles and pedestrians. Roads around the area are not suitable for a large amount of traffic due to narrowness and blind corners and crests. Noise as well.
12.	There will be increase in people, traffic, noise, hazard. The roads/streets will not cater for increased use. Narrowness of roads, lack of footpaths, blind corners. Increased cars parked on sides of rides will create all sorts of hazards - they already do. \$4 millions could be used elsewhere for netball facilities.
13.	Netball attracts many more people including players, supporters and spectators. This would greatly increase the need for more parking. Also it would cause a big problem if there was an emergency situation requiring evacuation up a narrow, no-through road, at the same time that emergency vehicles would be trying to gain access.
14.	The area is not large, and is of an irregular shape. Access to the site is via a narrow winding no-through road which can be quite hazardous to navigate. Parking is already problematic at times. For example, on Sunday, cars for pétanque filled the car park adjacent to the creek, the small parking area to the south of the pistes and the parking area opposite the public toilet. Adding yet more cars from players, umpires and spectators to this already confined area does not bear thinking of. And then, of course, would be the room required for the courts themselves, for expansion of the club in the future and for a clubroom.  Also, the proposed removal of a substantial number of trees would greatly change the lovely leafiness of the area and remove its beautiful autumnal colours, and must surely affect nearby residents as well as us, the players.
15.	Parking: As a constant spectator of netball at Woodside I believe I am accurate in saying that this cramped piece of land would be most unsuitable for 8 courts. I have estimated that if 8 courts are being used at a time: 8 courts x 20 players, umpires, coach = 160 persons/match + spectator                 20 Total per match = 180 persons Number of matches per day: up to 8 (average) x 180 persons/match = 1440 per day. When Match 1 is ending, players and entourage have already arrived for Match 2 thus overlapping numbers in the carpark and so on throughout the day. This area could not support the car parks required.
16.	For the natural habitat is to be retained which is the main aspect that I value then there is only enough space for the two sports currently being played there. Any changes that have been proposed by council would only destroy the current beauty.
17.	Increase in traffic and more cars parked in an area that wouldn't be able to handle it.
18.	Increased traffic in potentially unsafe inaccessible area. Explore other options eg Picadilly
19.	i think it is ridiculous to try and accommodate 2 additional courts for the sake of netball, there are issues re the creek, flat land and earthworks and parking. if 2 courts weren't to be developed and you were to create 3 netball courts on the existing 4 tennis courts in the winter season this leaves absolutely no venue for winter tennis of which the Stirling Tennis club is the strongest hills competitor with the highest membership base. Netball needs to find a new home as the only way it is feasible to come to Stonehenge is if there are sufficient facilities such that winter tennis AND netball can be

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	played - this involves building 2 new courts which it is simple to see would be very expensive given the limited space and topography involved. Why not consider buying the golf course ? Consider Stirling Comets move to Heathfield / mt lofty football club
20.	Very concerned about the increase in traffic up-and-down Stonehenge Avenue, the fact that there is only one way in and one way out of the reserve. Introducing netball courts to the reserve will only increase the traffic
21.	The noise factor in this narrow valley for such a sport, which entails whistles and lots of yelling and shrieking young voices, would be enormous, confined as it is by its steep sides. We are told that the tennis club have been trying for years to get funding for a new clubhouse, with no success. This is not surprising, since they are expecting to be given funds without any effort on their part; most grants require substantial contribution on the part of the applicant, which it seems this club is not prepared to make. Therefore, the cost will be borne entirely by AHC. Under all of the plans there will in any case be very little space for a building big enough for both sports. And what do both clubs use during the construction period, especially as the public toilets currently in use by the tennis club, are scheduled to be demolished during the first stage? It is literally a case of trying to squeeze a quart into a pint pot, with massive disruption to all, including the pétanque club, for months, if not years, while all the work is carried out.
22.	Yes, losing winter courts, traffic on the small access road, possible challenges for the local aged communities. No real pedestrian paths & parking.
23.	My concerns are the increased traffic that would result as stated above, the disruption to the amenity of the area and the removal of a significant number of mature trees.
24.	Noise and traffic congestion as well as expected large costs in earthworks and the wastage of taxpayer funds in facilitating extra courts in an area unsuited to the development. It seems crazy to spend over 4 million to in-effect build 2 new courts and a carpark. I think a better location where far better facilities can be built for 4 mill should be examined . You might get 4 undercover courts elsewhere for this same cost.
25.	The dramatic increase in noise and traffic and influx of people at a premium time when we wish to enjoy the environment would be a negative element to the area
26.	Will bring more traffic therefore dangerous to walk on the roads in the area, loud
27.	see all residents letters - please add to survey data - including responses to the above question.
28.	There will be too many cars using the street, not just on weekends but also during the week for training. Stonehenge Avenue is too narrow to support increased traffic & on market days in Stirling we have people parking in Stonehenge Avenue to access the markets. Parking will be an issue too. The Council should consider other much better sites for the new netball courts as suggested by the Stirling Residents Association who have some excellent ideas which seem to be ignored by Council. I would have liked to have uploaded a file showing congestion but your system only allows uploading one file. Give me an email address and I will mail this file.
29.	The roads and footpaths in the vicinity are inadequate to support the existing users and certainly cannot cater for additional traffic flow. I have three small children and am concerned about their safety
30.	Extra traffic and noise!
31.	Double marking of tennis courts causing confusion, especially for junior players. Less courts available for playing tennis on. Increased traffic and noise to a quiet residential area.
32.	Increased traffic, noise, lights all the time, limits use for other recreational activities
33.	Too noisy and too much additional traffic.
34.	This would create too much traffic, too many people, too much disturbance of the natural landscape.
35.	The site does not have the car parking required. There are many other Hills sites that do have the space and can accommodate increased usage without creating the problems for local residents that a change to Stonehenge will.



Number	Respondent comments
36.	I feel there are other more suitable venues for netball in the Hills. The present courts are good for tennis & access.
37.	Too much traffic and too many people.
38.	So much parking is required (18 per court - tennis requires 5) Nothing wrong with courts in Wright Ave Aldgate courts are nearby Netball is so noisy - tennis, petanque & bowls are very quiet sports
39.	Trees would have to be cut down and the car park enlarged. I am not in favour of this the courts at Piccadilly or Aldgate are more suitable for enlargement. Parking would be easier and it would not involve the creek.
40.	Fortunately the sports there at the moment are fairly low impact but adding an extra would change things.
41.	Much more traffic, noise and too many people and cars.
42.	What would be quiet, genteel or calming about dozens of people dashing about, blowing whistles and cloistering up the area with their cars?
43.	Obviously Stonehenge is a dead end road, in a valley. The traffic, lighting & extra noise would detract from what could be a beautiful garden like area incorporating existing tennis courts (& even two more tennis courts). My grandson thinks combining netball with tennis courts causes confusion for both sports.
44.	What's happening to Wright Road? Put dogs on old courts = new courts in dog park What's happening @ Upper Sturt - 6 unused courts?
45.	As it is the area is not big enough to include netball markings - the road is narrow - the parking as it is, is adequate for tennis use & petanque use.

**Question 12: If you have any specific concerns in relation to traffic on Stonehenge Avenue please provide further comments below.**

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Table 8: Question 12 Responses

Number	Respondent comments
1.	It's a very narrow road - especially when passing.
2.	Many speeding cars
3.	Clearly, traffic is going to be a BIG problem - see Jill Morel's DEPUTATION TO ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL – 18 DECEMBER 2018 for details
4.	2 intersections Width Parking One way requirement with parked cars
5.	The traffic movements would add to the parking problems and access to and from the residents of pinoak teirs
6.	Despite council staff trying to convince residents that they have done extensive traffic surveys and the move of netball to Stonehenge will have no impact on traffic flow and noise throughout the year, it seems clear to our local neighbours on Madeline and Stonehenge that this is just not the case. At the recent meeting in the old library, staff were dismissive and disinterested in the concerns of affected residents. This attitude has been a hallmark of the approach taken by staff. The roads are narrow, have few or no footpaths and have blind corners and busy intersections. There will be an increase in



Number	Respondent comments
	traffic flow with netball matches and also training sessions throughout the week. The noise level from traffic and from netball games and training sessions will be a significant issue for the immediate neighbours. Once again, council staff and the employed consultant seem to have little or no idea about the traffic and noise impact of this project.
7.	the elderly residents that walk up and down the road, the kids that walk to tennis , the noise of cars , road use and the road not being wide enough for the traffic flow , changing the quiet street environment Stonehenge Ave currently has.
8.	Traffic along Stonehenge Ave will be substantially increased. The road is unsuitable for increased vehicular use. Parts of the footpaths are substandard, and further increase the danger to pedestrians, particularly the elderly from Pinoaks.
9.	Stonehenge is such a narrow and steep road and being a no through road one can see issues with emergency vehicles needing to access the site with vehicles leaving in the opposite direction. I would also imagine the local residences would not appreciate the added traffic flow down such a narrow road.
10.	As above - road width
11.	there are many locals who walk in this street who would be affected by additional traffic.
12.	The road is very narrow and easily becomes congested. When the parking spaces are all filled and people are looking for somewhere to park, it would become chaotic. In a bushfire emergency it could be deadly.
13.	The road is very narrow & would not be conducive to an increase in traffic numbers. Parking along road side would be dangerous for passing traffic.
14.	The narrowness of the road, lack of footpath for a lot of it and blind corners.
15.	See above.
16.	The road is quite narrow and could not accommodate street parking in the event that all spaces were taken. In such a case, there would be a further circulation of traffic as cars 'back-tracked' to find a parking. There would be limited availability for parking on Milan Terrace, particularly as it could impact on the hospital parking available.
17.	After several close shaves with oncoming vehicles/ or someone parked on the current yellow lines, the narrowness of the road seems really suited to local traffic only?
18.	The bend near the hospital needs addressing.
19.	Firstly, as a resident of Pinoak Retirement Village I, and other residents, have had several near misses trying to get around cars parked on the bend approaching Milan Terrace completely preventing the siting of oncoming traffic. Stonehenge Avenue should be a total "no parking" street. It is unusable for residents on Market Day. It reverts to a "lane" from Madeline Road. I have tried using Madeline Road as a safer alternative but it is even more dangerous with limited visibility of oncoming traffic. Already we contend with fast vehicles from the tennis club and others up and down Stonehenge when trying to enter Stonehenge from the Village. The added vehicle use should this project go ahead would be diabolical for residents of this Avenue and particularly for the residents of the Retirement Village. This road would not be able to cope with the volume of traffic anticipated with this project. It would be incredibly dangerous.
20.	The traffic right now is manageable. However there is little option for foot traffic but to walk on the road in parts. This could only be made worse by reintroducing netball and ultimately putting young lives at risk. Increased traffic which would be inevitable would have a further negative impact on the already busy interactions.
21.	Narrow road usage and traffic, walkers cause a major concern to safety etc. No signage about speed etc along the road.
22.	One way access is a major fire hazard/ concern. Central Stirling is already crowded around Johnson St, Milan Ave, Druids Ave leading into Stonehenge.

Number	Respondent comments
	Hospital traffic is frequent and changeable as drivers look for parks and back out of street parks. Increasing the volume of traffic by further facilities to this area would be ludicrous
23.	Single narrow street with no footpaths
24.	if netball were to be played at Stonehenge there is no way there would be sufficient parking, and the traffic would be horrible with people parking their cars along Stonehenge Ave
25.	The traffic up and down Stonehenge Avenue is already quite heavy at particular times of the day and weekend. There are already enough crazy drivers who hoon up and down the street.  Our family dog was killed by a driver going to the tennis court on Tuesday evening.
26.	The substantial rise in the number of vehicles going in and out, via a narrow road which does not lend itself to expansion, will lead to big traffic issues. A short section of the road is used as access by many of the elderly residents of Pinoak Tiers. There are bends in the road both above and below them, as well as another side-road (Madeline) forming a T-junction immediately outside their driveways. This would create many dangerous situations for them if there was a substantial amount of extra traffic. It is also highly likely that if the carpark were full or inaccessible, vehicles would be parked along the side of Stonehenge Avenue. Also the intersections at Milan Terrace/Druid Avenue/Stonehenge Avenue and at Avenue Road/Madeline Avenue, which are already precarious due to the road layouts and sightline issues, would pose huge risks for all the additional traffic which would be generated.
27.	No pedestrian paths so people walk on the thin road, aged people struggle with the thin road & increased traffic could be very dangerous. It already is with the current traffic.
28.	The only road access to Stonehenge Reserve is via Stonehenge Ave and Madeline Road. Both are quiet residential streets with a mixture of young families with children and more elderly residents. The streets are also popular with walking groups which mainly comprise an older demographic. Madeline Road has a number of hazardous intersections including at Avenue Road (poor line of vision) Orley Ave (blind crest of a hill) and Milan Terrace (blind crest of a hill). Any increase in traffic along any of these street will certainly result in a significant increase risk to pedestrians and the prospect of vehicle collision.
29.	I think its self explanatory. The road has a Hospital and Retirement village on it and at the same time has blind corners, is narrow and is a no through road with one of the worst black spots on Milan Tce at the top in an area that has been identified as needing a 40kph zone and wombat crossing.
30.	Increased traffic on Stonehenge Avenue and subsequently Madeline Road is a huge concern as this is a very quiet area
31.	Would increase danger of walking on the roads
32.	I live on the corner of Stonehenge and Milan Terrace. I have observed an increasing amount of traffic parking on the verge on both sides of the property, and an increasing amount of traffic generally. Whilst we're seeing these increases, there are no humps to slow traffic down. In addition netball attracts more traffic than tennis as a sport and I can't see any recommendations to include the blind spots on Stonehenge.
33.	significant detailed feedback provided by multiple residents
34.	There will be too many cars using the street, not just on weekends but also during the week for training. Stonehenge Avenue is too narrow to support increased traffic & on market days in Stirling we have people parking in Stonehenge Avenue to access the markets. Parking will be an issue too. Walking in the street will be an issue too as there is no footpath the full length of the street. If the street is made wider many mature trees will have to go. Madeline Road will also face much increased traffic which will be dangerous
35.	No footpaths in Madeline Road/Orley Ave Two blind hills in Madeline (one adjacent to my residence) Blind turn in Stonehenge Ave is very dangerous. Difficult to turn into Avenue Road from Madeline avenue due to poor visibility and heavy traffic flow in

Number	Respondent comments
	Avenue Road Difficult intersection Stonehenge and Milan Cres
36.	Road is narrow with a very difficult right turn on Milan Terrace. I nearly got hit with a car full of kids in the same spot.
37.	Residential area will be significantly be affected by the introduction of netball.
38.	Road is too narrow, inadequate footpaths, both junctions poor visibility, the road is a dead end and increased activity would impact the ability to escape in a fire
39.	The road is narrow, the T-section driving up to Madeline Road makes it hard to see cars coming up and going down. On a road without any walkways, it is a real hazard and serious concern.
40.	The road is narrow and dangerous and better parking required.
41.	Many people, including me, use the area for walking and the beauty of our district is that pockets like Stonehenge Reserve are still to be found. People live here because there are no large shopping malls, huge sporting complexes or industry.
42.	It is already unsafe to walk along. Increased usage as a result of the Stonehenge expansion will increase risks. Also, there will be parking on the road as the proposals do not actually increase the existing parking on site.
43.	I am one of many walkers and drivers do not always notice walkers.
44.	We often walk down Stonehenge Ave & all traffic is precarious as there are no footpaths.
45.	It is quite a narrow road and more traffic would be more hazardous. The bend by the hospital has improved with the yellow no parking line now in place.
46.	I walk with friends and the occasional vehicle is alright but not lots more. With a big car park it will only encourage more traffic.
47.	Many people use this area to walk and for passive exercise. This would be ruined.
48.	See previous comment - What would be quiet, genteel or calming about dozens of people dashing about, blowing whistles and cloistering up the area with their cars?
49.	I am concerned about safety of residents as well as visitors with more traffic on a dead end road, as well as safety in case of fire and preserving & enhancing our town with more parks & nature area as much as possible, on Stonehenge Rd,
50.	Will be a lot more. Speed humps needed @ bottom of road.
51.	It is narrow road - no room for parking! - no foot paths - close to hospital. The local people have beautiful homes in a secluded area - the traffic as it is, is not an issue at this time.

**Question 14: Please provide further details on your preference for the proposed master plan options:**

Table 9: Question 14 Responses

Number	Respondent comments
1.	Option D is the best, only working if an agreement can be made. This works for everyone with more carparking, more netball and tennis courts and potential for another exit, while leaving as much of the creek there as possible
2.	I don't support the proposed upgrade. It is a significant investment and disruption to obtain just an extra two courts. I think more effort should be made for netball to use the existing courts in winter without having to build extra courts. The access road is not wide enough for increased traffic - can it be widened? I don't understand how additional parking can be accommodated. Investment and development should be shared amongst all clubs to encourage clubs of equal size and strength to encourage a strong competition. There's no point having superior facilities at Stonehenge and

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	attracting a lot of players to that club if they don't have strong clubs to compete against. I haven't seen anything about how much AHC will invest in Stonehenge - and also whether other sites have been considered, and why Stonehenge is considered the best site.
3.	Not enough room for Netball crowd and club is already too small for Tennis. Iconic Tennis community vibe. Worried Netball will take over
4.	Minimum 50 carparks
5.	Love the plan
6.	Would be good if pétanque club rooms and tennis club room and proposed netball club could all utilise one great facility combined rather than three separate ones
7.	It makes sense to acquire the extra land where possible. The other options for (A, B, and C) are worthy of consideration.
8.	Find another site more suitable for netball.
9.	None of the above
10.	<p>A: It seems appropriate to use the site of the bore to maximise the potential car-parking, but perhaps the idea of having 2 new courts over the creek would require extensive works and produces a site which feels rather too intensively developed.</p> <p>B: Seems the best of the 4 options though it has slightly less parking (which however may be able to be increased next to the new court near the old bore).The stormwater detention area has the possibility of being attractive and a natural element to offset the removal of the Willows etc.on the creek line.</p> <p>C:This seems a total disaster in its proposal to split the playing areas of the petanque site to 2 different areas with 2 distinct levels. The club flourishes because of a communal cordial relationship between players playing on adjoining pistes. Players, many of whom are old, some inform, move from piste to piste. The club has gone from strength to strength over the time (15 years) I have played and will continue to grow with the likely increasingly old demographic. This plan seeks to reduce the club, including by providing a very limited no. of car parking spaces.</p> <p>D: The option of realigning the boundary seems a sensible one if the owner, --- was open to this. I don't know why any such realignment couldn't be configured to allow the construction of a court, or clearly designated parking spaces, in the new area created. The 11 parking spaces allowed for petanque are completely inadequate considering many players are old and should not be made to walk in from other parking areas.</p> <p>E: While I appreciate the effort that has gone into these plans, I would want to see a few planners' drawings of the site to hopefully dispel my fear that this proposal will result in a sense of an intensive sporting facility when historically it has been a rather random, natural relaxed space which accommodates the existing facilities quite adequately. I would hope another site may be identified, maybe until such time as the former bowls club (--- others tried to resuscitate) hopefully comes on the market and can be bought by the Council to allow appropriate expansion of the site.</p>
11.	the option D would have been a better option had the council had the foresight to invest in purchasing the former bowls club a few years ago
12.	As a member of the Adelaide Hills Petanque Club, I am most concerned by the proposal to remove a significant portion of our playing area to create another tennis court. Our club has worked hard to create an environment that is ideal for the playing of petanque. The building and location of the clubhouse was the result of members saving and applying for government grants. To have council staff come and speak to the committee about removing a significant portion of playing area was again typical of the manner in which staff have approached this project. Our understanding is that both tennis and netball were aware of the plans and funding many months before staff even approached our club. Council staff and the employed consultant have commented that the petanque option is not favoured, however, based on the divisive and cloaked approach taken so far by council the petanque option may end up being the one chosen! I have absolutely zero confidence in any of the staff involved in this project. In relation to the other options, the veiled threats directed towards the private

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	landholder re the use of the bore and her right of way is something that staff should be ashamed of as were the dismissive comments made by the staff member when asked about the impact of the project on residents who live close by. Once again this particular staff member needs to be held accountable for what they have said or intimated throughout this process.
13.	don't like any of them , as much as i like netball this is not the right location.
14.	Upgrade Stirling East courts and facilities! More people are moving into the Hills, and we shouldn't be closing our facilities!
15.	I am a pétanque player so am not in favour of the pistes being split up. This would greatly impact the club especially for our older players. Pétanque is a very social sport and splitting the pistes would greatly detract from the social aspect of the game.
16.	None of the options are workable. Option C would be devastating for the petanque club. Covering the creek would destroy precious habitat for aquatic fauna.
17.	I believe that the best option, financially & environmentally, would be to do an upgrade on courts that are already in existence with playing surfaces & infrastructure in place eg: Stirling East, Upper Sturt or Halliday Reserve on Wright Road Stirling East
18.	Option D is the only viable and sensible option in my opinion. The bowls club land should not have been sold off in the first place and that was a short sighted council decision which now is causing this consultative process to be necessary. Buying back the land would alleviate any intrusion on the already successful tennis and petanque clubs and allow for netball to be included if necessary. Interfering with the creek is environmentally concerning.
19.	This option puts more crowding into an already busy precinct and is blind insofar as it then overcrowds the area with absolutely no room left for expansion of any of the club facilities (Pétanque, Tennis, Netball) into the future. The council will be much better to start afresh somewhere else where they can expand and not interfere with a site that works well for most people as it is.
20.	OTHER LOCATION - NOT STONEHENGE!
21.	Out of all the options, Option B seems to be the best as it does not split the pistes and provides adequate parking with only a short walk to extra parking. Option C is totally unacceptable as it splits the pistes thus adversely affecting the social aspect of the club. I've never seen a split, lawn bowls club! Options A and D have not enough parking near the clubhouse, particularly Option D.
22.	Understanding the needs of the netball club and also the tennis clubs ambitions, to me the concept of meeting both via a narrow no through road seems to not be suitable at all.
23.	Leave things as they are, and provide the netballers with a suitable site.
24.	Not at all suitable for the Stonehenge Reserve site.
25.	The master plan it seems has one recurrent theme and that is for two extra courts to be built. They are not a necessity. In fact the courts at Wright road could be upgraded and the club facilities improved for far less cost that Stonehenge would require. If netball is at the heart of the matter, I would have thought that the council could have improved the Wright Rd facilities. Instead the courts were closed without notifying the other patrons who played tennis and it was not appreciated by them. Your statement 'We look forward to your feedback so we can develop a solution that enables, Tennis, Petanque, Netball and the local community to thrive together while continuing to value this special part of the Adelaide Hills.' sounds to me like you have already decided that Stonehenge is to be used the way you decide . I am insulted by the way that information has been withheld throughout the process and disseminated in a piecemeal way. My faith in local council is now at an all time low.
26.	Option 1 looks like a good layout in terms of the use of the land, the layout of the tennis courts and also the parking.
27.	Find a home for netball elsewhere, eg Piccadilly where there is plenty of access, parking, room and it's in the Stirling east vicinity. Central Stirling roads are crowded already, especially around that area.

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	Don't interfere with functioning clubs.
28.	What is the budget? what is the cost for all the primary works?, no mention of the mains sewerage pipe that will require access in situations of blockage. Where is your risk assessment?
29.	too much money is being spent on exploring an unfeasible idea, bottom line is the netball club needs new facilities and a tiny area over a creek with limited access and substantial earthworks is not going to be an option. as a rate and tax payer i cannot believe so much money has been spent discussing something that anyone with a vague amount of common sense can see is not an option, why was the bowls club sold to convert to private residential land and now we must spend an inflated amount buying it back. look at the golf course and various other sites and build something there
30.	The reserve is too small, misshapen and steep-sided for the proposal to have any validity. Despite its quoted size on paper, the actual usable area has already been taken over; what remains is mostly wooded hillside which would require massive engineering work, at a huge cost, to make it valid for use. This, in conjunction with the inevitable removal of many trees and covering of more of the creek, would totally ruin the appeal of the whole reserve, as well as increase the risk of flooding in the lower-lying parts. Plus, the disruption to all three clubs (tennis, netball and pétanque) would be long-term and disastrous. Too much time has been spent already concentrating on what is basically a totally unviable idea.
31.	I think option d is better than others, but parking would be not sufficient. It already not enough.
32.	It is quite apparent from the problematic layout of each proposal that the Stonehenge Reserve is entirely unsuitable for what is proposed. The co-location of the netball courts simply does not fit and to attempt to do so would require massive disruption significant earthworks and cost. The end result would still sub optimal. As a consequence I consider that an alternative more appropriate location should be identified that would be more cost effective with a better community outcome.
33.	I think this is really bad planning that has extremely high costs to attempt to make this work. It wastes money and at the same time delivers safety risks, noise and disruption. I think a main road location elsewhere that has an easier site to build on would be a more effective way of spending the money with increased safety and less impact.
34.	I think that this is gross negligence on the part of the council to spend \$4.5M to in effect build an extra 2 netball courts. I think that there would be a far more sensible option that would waste far less money and provide a far safer facility with substantially less community impact.
35.	I oppose any development to the Stonehenge area that isn't just maintenance
36.	The club house and toilets is an important improvement to the redevelopment. I like how option one wraps the club house around the courts. It will be important to include toilets in this redevelopment in the clubhouse also, and I query whether this is to be the case.
37.	Appears to be the best long-term option.
38.	support netball however not at indicated cost of upgrades. Tennis facility needs car parking and toilets sorted as a priority
39.	The proposal to add 2 more courts to the area is seriously flawed because of cost, damage to the environment, increased flooding and the fact that there are much better locations.
40.	Option A is the only one that will actually work, although some minor variations are suggested - refer attachment.  Both tennis and netball clubs require the courts to be in close proximity, particularly for junior coaching and training. Coaches/trainers need to closely manage groups of children i.e. they need to be within sight.  Move Stonehenge Avenue residents' access to southeastern most edge of road reserve.  Move ARTC access via very end of Stonehenge Ave - keeps all traffic out of the reserve.  The southern right-of-way to bowling club property needs to be relinquished so a reasonable clubhouse can be constructed, incorporating toilets, female change facilities, showers, gym etc.



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	<p>Possible land swap in exchange for rights to tank and bore. Do whatever deal needs to be done.</p> <p>Consider purchasing back the former bowling club property - now and/or make a commitment to offer market vale when it is offered for sale.</p> <p>Sell Wright Road site and reinvest funds in Stonehenge.</p>
41.	<p>This area is barely suitable for its current use. The very thought of introduction of additional users to this site is beyond comprehension</p> <p>Other sites should be further explored eg Piccadilly, Heathfield, Upper Sturt</p>
42.	Bringing more people to this site is completely unsuitable and an alternative site should be sought.
43.	Car parking is a problem now, netball will make it a bigger problem.
44.	<p>The petanque club should not be disturbed. It seems illiogical and not forward looking to consider the reuse of the lawn bowls club. If other works are done in the future, they may very well need to be undone to utilise that space. All solutions seem to address carparking and the public toilets which are the most important issues to us.</p>
45.	<p>Options a b c and d all negativity impact the water course, flora and fauna and aesthetic of the area. None of them should be considered</p>
46.	<p>The best option is to buy half the bowling green and build a new clubhouse with viewing seating where the drystone wall/grass hill to bowling green is. Then where court 5 is turn back to back and create 4 more courts back to existing courts 1-4, this gets rid of court 6, and leaves pétanque where it is.</p>
47.	If the netball club were to be moved to Stonehenge we would require a minimum of 8 courts
48.	Car parking needs to be maximised..... also consider a safe place for younger children to play while their siblings are playing tennis and netball.
49.	Removal of trees and paving large areas for car parking is totally abhorant in this area.
50.	I can see no need for such community & council resources being spent on this cramped & constrained site. There are plenty of alternatives elsewhere that won't impact the amenity of this site and create problems for residents. Spend council \$ across the council area, not just Stirling.
51.	I do not support any extension to the courts. The clubrooms could, however, do with an upgrade. The petanque club should not lose any of their land.
52.	<p>Bowling green returned for a bowling club</p> <p>Many people travel many kms from Stirling for bowls.</p>
53.	I don't think netball courts should be built at Stonehenge reserve. Many trees will have to go and the car park would need to be enlarged. All this changes the aspect and feel of the area. It will look like any suburban area - not representative of what Stirling is about. Build them elsewhere please.
54.	<p>Do not like any of these.</p> <p>The only option I like is to not make these changes.</p>
55.	There is nothing "masterful" about this plan.
56.	<p>None of these in any order!</p> <p>Young people need their sports too but do not destroy this valuable green space.</p>
57.	I support refurbishment of tennis court and new club house as well as garden / park like environs for the community to enjoy. It is important to enhance our natural assets in Stirling not to shortsightedly over crowd them with too much infrastructure in a small area. Less is more!!
58.	It all looks too crowded!!
59.	Are there any other areas proposed for netball courts? If the proposal goes ahead (any one) I feel it will be too congested.

### Question 15: Is there is anything else the project team should know regarding this project?

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Table 10: Question 15 Responses

Number	Respondent comment
1.	Need to respect nearby neighbours
2.	Jill Morel's DEPUTATION TO ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL – 18 DECEMBER 2018 succinctly sums up my concerns. This is a ridiculous proposal that I have trouble believing has got this far.
3.	Has the reserve in Madurta Av been considered for netball The old airstrip west of the dump The dog park in Wright Rd
4.	I shake my head when I reflect of how this process has operated and evolved. Throughout my professional life cooperative, inclusive, respectful and democratic consultative processes have always been used to implement change and deliver successful projects to my communities. Sadly, in this particular instance, I have only seen disrespectful, selfish, single-minded and exclusive processes being employed. This is to the detriment of the community as a whole. It also reflects badly on council staff and importantly on the executive leadership team at the council.
5.	upgrade other netball courts that exist in other places already, make an awesome tennis club instead
6.	There is currently limited parking at this site. It is a no through road, so there is a real danger in the event of a bushfire or accidents requiring ambulances. If parking areas were overflowing, there would be limited turn-around space for emergency vehicles.
7.	Investigate other site options.
8.	We do not want any of the trees or creek removed from this area.
9.	Stirling is not a Mount Barker with plans for the massive sports complex planned for their region. There is not the space to do that type of redevelopment & It is not needed. The 6 tennis courts at Stonehenge Reserve should be ample for lining out netball courts needed without this ridiculously expensive exercise that has been suggested by someone, but use other facilities that are already in place as mentioned above. A lot cheaper for the community in more ways than one for a minority of ratepayers.
10.	Environmental impact. Cutting down of significant trees. Impact on flora and fauna habitat. Drainage. Devaluation of properties.
11.	I don't really like any of the options as they all mean the destruction of the environment. The council talks about removing 'feral species' of trees but these create the unique environment of Stirling, attracting tourists and locals, particularly in Autumn! The existing trees are healthy, unlike the native, shallow-rooted varieties which are dying throughout the hills due to our changing, increasingly dry climate. Native species would not create the same thick shade as the existing trees. This is important for the, mainly, senior members of the petanque club. Native species also tend to drop branches which could make them unsafe for people and cars. The council information states that there will be no clash with competitions. However, petanque players play all year round on several days of the week, not just during the annual competition. Another concern I have is whether the storm water ponds would become a breeding ground for mosquitos. This could be a major health hazard for anyone using the reserve as well as local residents.
12.	Pedestrian access is non-existent - there are no footpaths from Madeline Road. The noise level would certainly be an issue. Would access to the railway line be restricted - kids could see this as a play area. Would access from the other side of the railway line be encouraged for players etc. to use from that area? There could be no way out in an emergency such as fire. I would not like to see any destruction



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	of the creek or the trees on the reserve.
13.	You mention four options repeatedly, yet the Petanque committee openly rejected the option which involved the use of one of their pistes. So you have already disregarded an 'initial conversation' with them. You infer by saying 'Initial conversations with residents and sporting groups have taken place and will continue' that we have all had an opportunity to discuss the issues together, yet not once has the council employed this collaborative approach. Instead the groups cited have been dealt with separately and this has encouraged misinformation and misunderstandings between the groups. I have found the process undermining of the stakeholders listed.
14.	As a tennis club member, I am happy to share the facilities with other sports, but my one concern is to ensure there will still be some tennis courts available for use in winter, as they do get used for training and practice during winter.
15.	Given the tight nature of the location I suggest combining pétanque and tennis and netball club rooms into one would best to preserve creek access and maximise court playing space. Also given the sensitivity of the development around the issues raised, parking, environment, noise etc I would recommend the adjoining residents be contacted individually and the proposals discussed face to face
16.	What assessment has been made regarding the creek, change in rate of flow if it is covered? Have the residents downstream been advised of this?
17.	The Stirling Tennis Club requires a minimum of 6 tennis courts all year round. it is the ONLY club on the eastern side of the hills that has tennis facilities in winter. for this reason people from neighbouring alldgate, piccadilly, crafers TENNIS clubs join stirling for the winter competition. something must be done for the netball club, i think its shameful they have had their facility taken away with no plan or proposal for anything else. petanque is used at a maximum 3 times a week, stirling tennis club is used every day for at least 6 hours a day. I raise this as its invariably the retirees who have the time to fight for their rights and complete these surveys and the middle aged busy parents are just struggling to get our children to sport and not to have to fight to preserve their facilities.
18.	An upgrade to the facilities at Stonehenge Reserve is long overdue. The tennis court surfaces are in poor condition and the clubhouse is particularly rundown. The current carpark layout is inefficient and potentially dangerous to pedestrians and children. It is very dusty in summer and becomes muddy in winter. The proposals given would benefit not just the sports clubs involved but also benefit the greater community. I think it would also attract more families to participate in local sporting activities.
19.	Please don't go ahead with it
20.	Too much time and money has been spent concentrating on this one unfeasible site. There should have been much more effort put into researching other sites. In particular the land on Old Mt Barker Rd., which under the planners' own admission, is large enough to accommodate up to twelve courts, plus plenty of space for a decent clubhouse and parking, should have been more seriously considered. It is State land and negotiations should have been well under way over a year ago when this whole project began. Not only does the site offer plenty of space to create what the planners say they want, a sports hub for Stirling, construction there can be carried out without impacting any of the sporting groups involved in any of the other sites. It is across the road from the Comets' former home, and within a kilometre of Stirling; There are also very few residences which would be affected by the presence of sporting clubs in this location. The site does not appear to be currently in use for anything other than the occasional truck parking and is therefore wasted space in a key hills location. The huge price-tag put on the Stonehenge proposal should be raising alarm bells in everyone's mind. With minimal engineering work to be undertaken, for that sort of money the site at Old Mt Barker Road could, within half the time, provide enough facilities to accommodate the netball and tennis players ousted from the Wright Road site, with further development possible as funding becomes available.

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21.	See previous comments
22.	Would it not be better to locate these facilities in an existing school where they could be used by both the school students and the community.
23.	<p>I cannot access the bottom half of my property to slash it without coming in from the carpark at the bottom. I use the bottom of the block to store vehicles and require access from the laneway to do this. The consultation process has been flawed, left too late after money had been spent and the process started.</p> <p>I oppose the development very strongly.</p>
24.	The consultation process has been less than ideal, very late coming and to be honest I can't believe that this project is even being considered in this area.
25.	I think the team has underestimated the effect this will have on the traffic in the area
26.	I am concerned that the two new courts will be built and the tennis courts redeveloped for netball but there will be no future funding for a club house, toilets, car park development and landscaping. The FAQ on this websites indicates this. The club house needs improvement, the plumbing pipes onto the street. The toilets are terrible, most children hold on before going to those toilets, and no adult steps foot into the existing toilets, they are terrible.
27.	This consultation has been bungled right from the start - see multiple residents emails and letters.
28.	The cost of this project will be significantly more than the \$500,000 indicated by Council. See uploaded file. As a ratepayer with 4 properties in the AHC our rates will increase significantly. I expect our Council to use funds efficiently. Of course Tennis clubs and Netball Clubs would like more/better facilities (and to some extent they deserve this). However, they will not be paying the full cost!
29.	<p>Stirling Tennis Club members are very wedded to the Stonehenge Reserve site and would certainly be reluctant to consider a move to an alternative location.</p> <p>The tennis club really needs 2 more courts whether or not netball join them at Stonehenge.</p> <p>Tennis club willing to consider compromises if absolutely necessary but please involve us in the deliberations.</p> <p>A staged approach is fine on the condition we have an agreed end state.</p> <p>Tennis club very keen to be involved in detailed design. We would like to create something here that is exceptional, not just average.</p>
30.	<p>As a ratepayer I have strong objection to the cost v benefit of developing 3 netball courts for a cost in the vicinity of \$5m.</p> <p>Why has the estimated cost not been disclosed to ratepayers and had to be extracted from council staff via the FOI process. Transparency has been a serious issue in the Stonehenge matter from day one.</p>
31.	I am a mother of 3 little children who walk and ride around our neighbourhood, any additional traffic would be a big problem and safety concern.
32.	<p>We apologise for our lateness in responding - although we own ---we have not properly kept track of this issue. We are surprised to have heard about the negative views on improving what is really an eyesore, albeit in a beautiful township. We are of the view that community only exists because of people and people playing sport is a good thing that makes community. It does not make sense that the Stirling Comets are not based in the centre of Stirling. We have previously expressed the view to Council Officers verbally that so long as our general/overall amenity does not diminish, we will support any change that can improve the Stonehenge Reserve in general. These proposals improve the roadcourse, drainage, parking and sporting facilities. We do not believe that traffic flows will increase to such a level so as to disrupt the lifestyle of --- Stonehenge Avenue. People driving to the end of Stonehenge will do so with a specific outcome in mind (ie sport!) and the road is not open to through traffic. We completely support Council taking this opportunity to make a long term improvement to the Reserve and thereby the township. We are happy to be contacted further about our views as needed.</p>

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33.	Waste of money, inadequate space for proposal, money could be better spent to developing other locations, the impact on the local environment is horrendous (piping the creek, cutting down trees, reducing green space), increased fire risk to residents and users as it's a dead end road,
34.	Make a dead-end with Madeline Road so cars cannot zoom up and down this road with a blind hill.
35.	Yes happy to talk through my thoughts on this as an actual user of these courts for over 40 years and local resident and passionate about the maintained beauty of the Stirling locality.
36.	There are other nearby areas where sporting facilities could be increased or put in place. Heathfield already has an indoor sports arena and more than one oval for instance.
37.	All alternatives appear to have the same space for car parking as currently - just with bays marked out. Massive increase to usage from netball with NO additional parking = chaos.
38.	Where will the new toilet block be. At present the block is used by a large number of people who do not play tennis.
39.	Leave this area alone and put netball and carparks somewhere else!
40.	When I lived in Mylor my daughter traveled to Woodside to play netball on many occasions. Why can't Stirling players travel to Aldgate or Piccadilly where there is room to expand the courts without damaging the environment? And I presume for lesser cost to the ratepayers.
41.	Noise, Especially to the retirement facility adjacent to the proposed development. I suggest that council should consider a sports development adjacent to Heathfield High School. A joint facility could make this area a prime sports venue. It seems that the existing school facility is under utilised.
42.	There are other areas in the district where more sporting facilities would not have such a detrimental impact.
43.	I am retired but fully support well-planned parks, sports area, well maintained footpaths, but Stonehenge is not the place for netball. Pity you couldn't have remodelled the site on Old Mt Barker Rd as that is ideal location for netball. Or maybe netball could be incorporated in development across from bus stop 33 on Old Mt Barker Rd. Old Mt Barker Rd has areas that are open spacious ideal for netball incorporating in with other facilities. Stonehenge is valley like, with residences very close by. NOT A GOOD IDEA FOR STONEHENGE.
44.	1.Can't see in any plan where public toilets are? 2. Loss of how many trees? 3. New planting of trees, where? How many 4. Lawn areas - council to maintain? 5. Any playground for children? - danger with cars





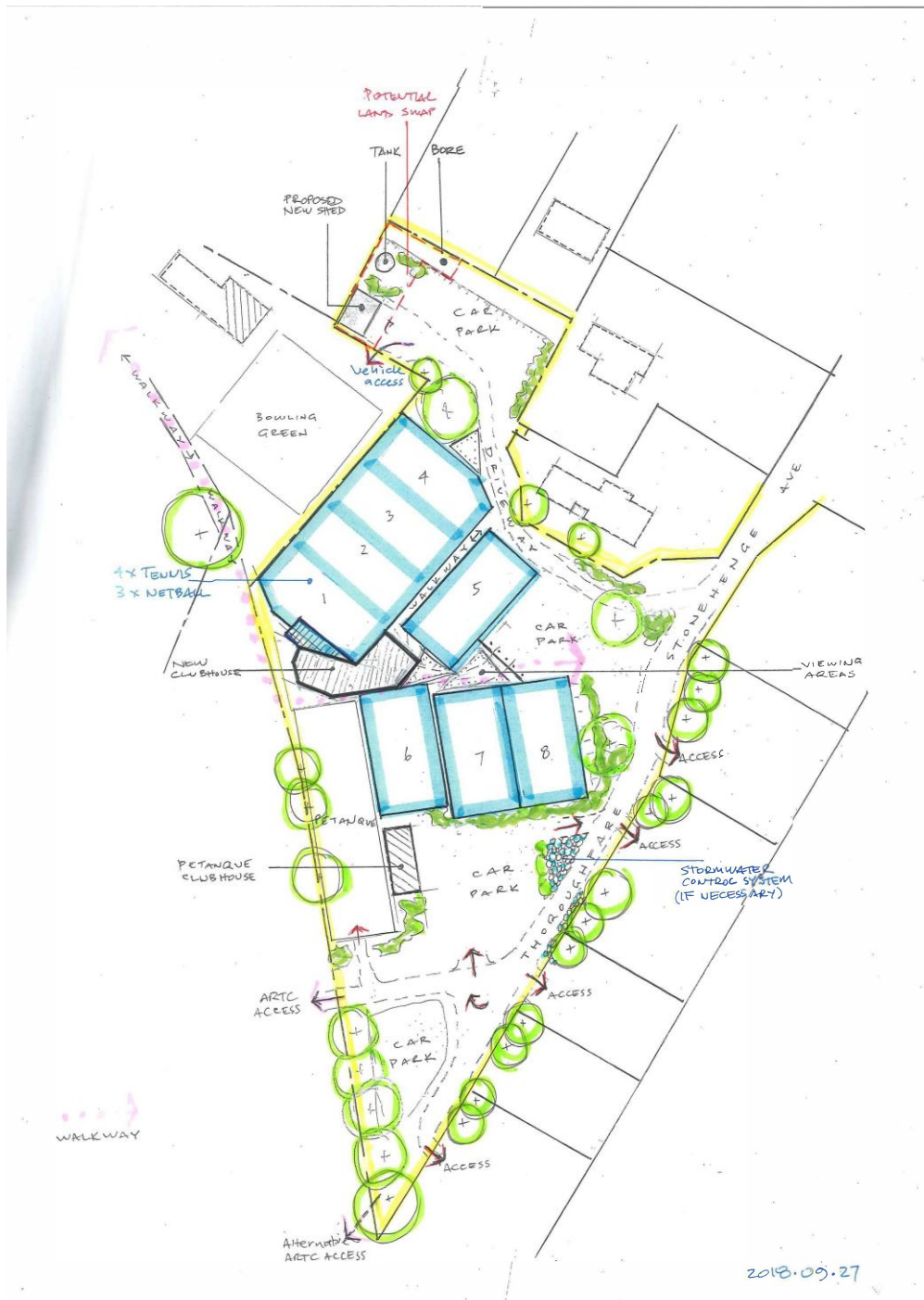
Figure 12: Mark up of proposed site layout



Figure 13: View of vehicles parked on Stonehenge Avenue



Figure 14: Alternative site layout suggestion



## Appendix C: What we heard – Council response to feedback received

As a result of feedback received our project team have reviewed all comments and responded accordingly as shown in **Table 11**.

**Table 11: Feedback and response table**

Theme	What we heard	What we are doing as a result
	A summary of feedback received.	This column contains council's response to feedback received.
1. Overall sport and recreation strategy	<p>Respondents stated they want to see an overall, comprehensive Sport and Recreation Plan for the entire AHC area developed including considerations for future population growth. In addition, respondents stated they wanted a coordinated short- and long-term sport and recreation planning approach in the hills.</p> <p>There was concern that sport and recreation spaces across the council area are oddly- shaped with limited or no capacity for growth.</p> <p>Respondents also commented that Council needs to be creating dynamic, flexible sporting, community hubs, available for all generations to use on both a casual and membership basis, for active and passive activities.</p> <p>Further to this, respondents stated that “sporting hubs must have the potential to not only solve today’s problems, but to meet tomorrow’s expectations”. It was suggested that Council should “be willing to step beyond traditional thinking, to forge new relationships across all levels of government, with businesses and residents”.</p>	<p><i>In 2017 we developed a five year Sport and Recreation Strategy for the whole Council area. The Strategy can be accessed here: <a href="https://www.ahc.sa.gov.au/ahc-council/Documents/Reports-Strategies-Policies-Plans/Strategies-Plans/COUNCIL-STRATEGY-Sport-and-Recreation-2017_2021.pdf">https://www.ahc.sa.gov.au/ahc-council/Documents/Reports-Strategies-Policies-Plans/Strategies-Plans/COUNCIL-STRATEGY-Sport-and-Recreation-2017_2021.pdf</a></i></p> <p><i>The Strategy guides Council’s approach to playgrounds, sports facilities and other recreational activities that are undertaken by the community in our region. The document outlines a strategic approach to asset management in the recreation space, and suggests that Council should encourage and facilitate more multi-purpose and flexible sites, and may need to consider consolidation of assets.</i></p>
2. Site	<p>There was strong opposition to the upgrade of Stonehenge Reserve. Some respondents stated the project “will not solve regional netball requirements”.</p> <p>The reasons respondents felt the site is inappropriate for the proposed development includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Too small, tight squeeze, limited capacity</li> </ul>	<p><i>The proposed upgrade of Stonehenge Reserve is intended to accommodate the Stirling Comets Netball Club in a shared, multi-purpose facility with the Stirling Netball Club. While the project alone would not solve the regional court requirements that</i></p>

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	<p>A summary of feedback received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demographic is elderly and they don't play netball and have mobility issues</li> <li>• Access roads are narrow</li> <li>• Proximity of neighbours and impact on residents</li> <li>• Proximity of retirement village</li> <li>• Irregular shape</li> <li>• Location at end of a narrow no-through road</li> <li>• Danger of residents having to drive through proposed car parks to access their properties</li> <li>• Access for emergency vehicles, fire trucks, rubbish trucks, railway maintenance vehicles, particularly if an emergency occurs on a day when the courts are in full use</li> <li>• Stormwater issues related to creek</li> <li>• Permanent springs and bricked in water channel</li> <li>• Site topography and need for extensive engineering and earthworks</li> <li>• Narrow rights of way to access local houses</li> <li>• Trees both mature and young</li> <li>• Footpath and road safety on adjoining streets</li> <li>• Sewer running through site</li> <li>• Existing parking issues (parking at capacity)</li> <li>• Noise impact on adjoining residents and community facilities such as PinOakes and Stirling Hospital due to topography</li> </ul> <p>Respondents were given the opportunity to identify what they value about the current site and responses included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proximity to Stirling Centre and freeway makes it easily accessible</li> <li>• Large space available for sporting activities</li> <li>• Size and facilities are suitable for current use</li> <li>• General set up works well as it is</li> <li>• Quiet and natural serenity away from traffic</li> <li>• Sufficient and easy parking that is not excessive</li> </ul>	<p>This column contains council's response to feedback received.</p> <p><i>our district is facing, it would certainly contribute to alleviating some pressure.</i></p> <p><i>Sport and recreation participation and facility provision in the Adelaide Hills region is unique and complex. The region accommodates a large number of town based amenities; that when constructed, didn't consider the long term, future needs of the sport and its participants. Significant planning, resources and investment is now required to bring these amenities up to an appropriate standard. It is also important to note that there are very few Council owned or managed sites that can accommodate the larger, more multi-purpose amenity that government agencies, peak sporting bodies and clubs themselves require.</i></p> <p><i>All concerns and suggestions for upgrades have been noted and will be considered and assessed should the project progress to the next stage.</i></p>



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	<p>A summary of feedback received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to be used for informal recreation – good for sitting, running, walking and walking dog</li> <li>• Valued community facility used for competition and social events</li> <li>• Social aspect of facility is paramount to community well-being and engagement</li> </ul> <p>When asked what could be improved at the current site responses included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgraded parking</li> <li>• Toilet block closer to courts and upgraded</li> <li>• Upgraded clubhouse and tennis courts</li> <li>• Reduced access to freight line (children have climbed up)</li> <li>• Move netball club to site</li> <li>• Develop site for future sporting generations</li> <li>• Provide more courts</li> <li>• Reinstating land encroached by adjoining residents</li> <li>• Better layout of facilities</li> <li>• Maintenance of weeds</li> <li>• Removal of tennis courts to provide more grassed area</li> </ul> <p>A number of respondents were concerned that the site would lose its appeal if developed for netball. The majority of respondents wanted the site left as it is apart from maintenance of the reserve area and minor upgrades.</p>	<p>This column contains council's response to feedback received.</p>
3. Site Access	<p>Access for residents surrounding Stonehenge Reserve was a concern for respondents who use the site to access their properties.</p> <p>Regarding general access, some respondents stated that Stonehenge Reserve should remain community land, and all facilities should be available for free, casual use by anyone.</p>	<p><i>All resident access will be maintained or improved should the project progress to the next stage.</i></p> <p><i>Emergency vehicle access and service vehicle access will be maintained or improved should the project progress to the next stage.</i></p>

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	<p>Respondents valued the ability to use the Reserve at any time to “have a hit of tennis with kids”. Respondents also commented on the welcoming nature of the petanque club which is open to all ages and skill levels.</p> <p>Respondents stated they valued being able to walk dogs off leash without having to worry about cars or pedestrians. A number of respondents also stated that they valued the site was close to the centre of Stirling Village and freeway and that it attracts visitors from other areas to the community.</p> <p>Rights of way, access tracks and thoroughfares were identified using the mapping tool and suggestions were made that these should be removed or moved to the legal road reserve. For example, what is shown as Stonehenge Avenue on the north side of the public toilet is within the Stonehenge Reserve boundary not the road reserve.</p> <p>Emergency vehicle access, fire trucks, rubbish trucks, railway maintenance vehicles were also referred to as needing to be considered for access on the site.</p> <p>There was concern that access to the site would be disrupted with the introduction of netball due to the increase in activity and vehicle traffic.</p>	<p><i>The site will continue to be a community facility accessible to all including dog walking.</i></p> <p><i>Council acknowledges proximity of the site to Stirling and access from the freeway is an important feature of the site.</i></p>
4. Staging	<p>Respondents expressed concern that the construction process would be complex and they were unsure how logistically the proposed development would happen while maintaining road access to houses, constructing retaining walls and enabling year-round tennis and petanque to continue to be played.</p> <p>Regarding staging (construction) of the proposed Stonehenge Reserve upgrade, one comment was made that the project should be undertaken all at once rather than broken into stages.</p>	<p><i>Should the project proceed to the next stage a detailed delivery and staging plan will be developed. The construction will aim to minimise any impact on users and adjoining neighbours of the site. Concerns regarding staging and delivery have been noted.</i></p>

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	<p>A summary of feedback received.</p> <p>It was stated by another respondent that a staged project would be more expensive given the start-up requirements for each step of the development and the interference with on-site activity during stages.</p> <p>The Stirling Tennis Club stated a staged approach is fine on the condition that an end state is agreed. There was also concern that developing courts first without car parking and a clubhouse in place would cause a problem.</p>	<p>This column contains council's response to feedback received.</p>
5. Infrastructure	<p>Suggestions were made by respondents for additional infrastructure to be provided, this included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional bench seating</li> <li>• Improving the area for walkers</li> <li>• Providing a safe place for younger children to play while their siblings are playing tennis and netball</li> <li>• Installing a playground</li> <li>• Lawn areas maintained by council</li> <li>• Renovation to stone retaining wall</li> <li>• Provision of drinking water</li> <li>• General landscaping of the site</li> <li>• Outdoor gym equipment such as that at Tregarthan Reserve in Summertown</li> </ul> <p>Respondents highlighted their concern with children accessing the railway track that abuts the site.</p>	<p><i>Should the project proceed to the next stage these suggestions may be considered in the final master plan.</i></p>

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6. Alternative sites	<p>Overall, respondents felt that there are more suitable sites than Stonehenge Reserve to relocate netball to.</p> <p>Respondents expressed that Stonehenge Reserve should be compared to alternative sites in the area and that this is an important part of the decision-making process.</p> <p>There is strong support for the development of sporting facilities in the Adelaide Hills Council area however, respondents felt that the budget allocated to the proposed Stonehenge Reserve upgrade could be better spent developing a comprehensive multi-purpose facility at an alternative site.</p> <p>In addition, respondents acknowledged that sporting facilities are essential for building and maintaining a sense of community, and that the population growth in the Hills suggests that more facilities will be needed in the future.</p> <p>Respondents stated that council needs to consider sites away from residential areas with potential for long term expansion and able to cater for a variety of sports or activities. Comments were made that sporting facilities in residential areas should remain small scale and low impact catering for very localised clubs.</p> <p>General comments relating to alternative sites included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other sites would be less expensive to develop</li> <li>• More appropriate locations able to cope with additional noise and traffic movements and reduced impact on residents</li> <li>• Sites with multiple access points</li> <li>• Crown land</li> <li>• Larger site located near main road or a road able to handle high volumes of traffic</li> </ul>	<p><i>A feasibility assessment of sites across the region is being undertaken. Findings, options, feasibility and some preliminary costings will be shared and discussed with Council Members at an upcoming Council workshop.</i></p> <p><i>Suggestions for alternative site features and locations have been noted:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Wright Road, Stirling - There is a risk management issue with this site, the Stirling Comets Netball Club have outgrown the site, and it has no development potential.</i></li> <li>• <i>Heathfield Oval and Courts, Longwood Road, Heathfield –Council has undertaken a masterplan of this site, and is currently having some high level discussions with the adjacent High School regarding development and joint use of their site.</i></li> <li>• <i>Atkinson Reserve, Piccadilly –Council has undertaken a master planning exercise and feasibility assessment of this site, and will not be progressing any further development at the site to accommodate any additional use due to the introduction of the CFS. The remaining land is not sufficient for accommodating the necessary amenity.</i></li> <li>• <i>Melville Reserve, Upper Sturt –Council is currently undertaking some feasibility</i></li> </ul>

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	<p>A summary of feedback received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sites with flatter topography</li> <li>• Safer site in regards to emergency access and road access</li> <li>• Sites with no stormwater issues</li> <li>• Sites with more parking</li> <li>• Sites with less community impact and no residents in immediate vicinity</li> <li>• Site that has the potential to become a valued legacy of council.</li> </ul> <p>Suggestions were made by respondents for new models of sport and recreation land use to re-activate previously abandoned, or under- utilised sites. Further to this, respondents suggested new partnerships could be formed with businesses and other non-Government organisations, to “breathe new life into disused spaces and places, increasing visitation and re-vitalising the economy”.</p> <p>Alternative site suggestions are listed below including a summary of comments from respondents relating to each location.</p> <p><b>Stirling East</b> Respondents questioned whether the Stirling East court remediation has been fully explored.</p> <p>Comments relating to Stirling East include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic infrastructure already there</li> <li>• Potential to serve community into the future</li> <li>• Site will require high-level negotiations</li> </ul> <p><b>Wright Road</b> Respondents questioned why the Wright Road courts could not be resurfaced. Comments were made that upgrading courts and facilities and Wright Road would cost far less than the proposed Stonehenge Reserve Upgrade. Tennis users of the Wright Road Courts stated they</p>	<p><i>assessments of the site.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Old Mt Barker Road site, currently owned by the Emergency Services Minister – Council has approached the Minister’s office and is awaiting a response.</i></li> <li>• <i>Halliday Reserve, Wright Road, Stirling – Council. This is not an appropriate site for court development; it has been previously considered and explored.</i></li> <li>• <i>Aldgate Courts, Cnr Kemp &amp; Mt Barker Road, Aldgate – This site is at capacity, and the topography leaves no space to expand.</i></li> <li>• <i>Stirling Golf Course, Golflinks Road, Stirling – This is a privately owned site.</i></li> <li>• <i>Madurta Avenue, Aldgate - This is not an appropriate site for court development.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Resource Recovery Centre Airstrip, Scott Creek Road, Heathfield - This is not an appropriate site for court development.</i></p>

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	<p>had not been informed about the closure.</p> <p><b>Heathfield</b> Comments relating to Heathfield include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for the expansion of Heathfield Tennis Club (4 courts upgrade + possible incorporation of the 6 High School courts)</li> <li>• Requires facilities upgrade</li> <li>• Existing Heathfield Tennis Club may be incorporated into Mt Lofty Club administrative structure</li> <li>• Room for expansion</li> <li>• Government owned site</li> <li>• Provides opportunity for development of more facilities as a sports complex</li> <li>• Easily accessible with plenty of parking and multiple entry and exit points.</li> <li>• Located on a hill and so noise will carry less than sites located in a valley</li> <li>• A joint facility could make this area a prime sports venue</li> <li>• Currently underutilised</li> </ul> <p><b>Piccadilly</b> This alternative site was referenced by a number of respondents. Comments relating to Piccadilly include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-locating two clubs at the site would provide benefits and be a more efficient use of facilities</li> <li>• Signing of the CFS shed in Piccadilly was not</li> <li>• Inadequate parking could be addressed by altering home games and coordinating netball fixtures</li> <li>• Development considered to be cheaper and quicker compared to Stonehenge</li> <li>• Flat green grass area is rarely used by residents</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass is long and not maintained</li> <li>• Oval is muddy in winter</li> <li>• Impact on surrounding residents is minimal</li> <li>• Large land parcel</li> <li>• If space is used by two clubs it could be justified to have improved clubrooms</li> <li>• Developing site would allow for both additional netball and tennis facilities</li> <li>• Site is approximately 2.5 km from the current Stirling East site</li> <li>• Four new courts could be accommodated on this site of roughly 10,000 sqm with room for parking</li> <li>• CFS and netball could be accommodated</li> <li>• No trees would need to be removed</li> <li>• Better changing and club facilities could be provided via one joint new facility for both clubs</li> <li>• Safer access to the site</li> <li>• Minimal noise impact on adjacent services</li> <li>• Has a children's playground</li> </ul> <p>Respondents acknowledged basic groundwork has commenced at Piccadilly Oval for the new Piccadilly Clubs' clubhouse and suggested that the clubhouse should be elevated with parking underneath to make best use of the land and provide a better viewing platform. Respondents questioned why this has not been further investigated by Council and why new overflow car parking immediately outside the Piccadilly Oval entrance is being developed as a separate project.</p> <p>Suggestion that the concrete apron between the road [Atkinson Avenue] and shed does not need to be 25 metres as the concrete apron between the Aldgate CFS shed and the road is 10m and their trucks can back into the shed without utilising the road for this manoeuvre. Respondents have requested this is raised with the Department of Planning, Transport and</p>	

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	<p>A summary of feedback received.</p> <p>Infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Upper Sturt</b> Respondents stated that basic infrastructure is already located at this site and therefore an assessment of its suitability should be made.</p> <p><b>Old Mt Barker Road SA Water site</b> Comments relating to this site include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a telecommunication tower on this site</li> <li>• There are several significant native trees on the site</li> <li>• Suitable future local Park &amp; Ride site</li> <li>• Adjacent to freeway therefore continuous and significant traffic noise will be a factor</li> <li>• Major car parking will be required for 12 courts</li> <li>• Large enough to accommodate up to twelve courts, plus space for a clubhouse and parking</li> <li>• Space to create a sports hub</li> <li>• Close to Comets former home courts</li> <li>• Currently a wasted space in key hills location</li> <li>• Few residents who would be impacted</li> <li>• Minimal engineering works</li> </ul> <p>Other alternative site suggestions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halliday Reserve on Wright Road</li> <li>• Aldgate Courts</li> <li>• Stirling Golf Course</li> <li>• Mt Lofty Football Club</li> <li>• Madurta Avenue</li> </ul>	<p>This column contains council's response to feedback received.</p>



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7. Parking	<p>Concern was expressed by respondents that parking at Stonehenge Reserve would be inadequate for the potential number of players, spectators, referees and coaches especially when matches crossed over or other sports were being played at the same time such as petanque and tennis.</p> <p>Respondents felt that the current site does not have enough space to cater for additional parking required and that it is already at capacity. For example, "on Sunday, cars for pétanque filled the car park adjacent to the creek, the small parking area to the south of the pistes and the parking area opposite the public toilet".</p> <p>Respondents wanted to know what would happen to overflow parking and stated that they were concerned about the increase in parking not only on weekends but also week nights for training. Neighbouring residents expressed concern about being able to access their properties if there was increased on-street parking. Some respondents also stated they had been involved in near misses when vehicles were parked on both sides of the narrow street. A</p>	<p><i>Parking assessments have been undertaken to allow for adequate parking for the proposed netball activity at Stonehenge Reserve.</i></p> <p><i>A traffic study and report has also been undertaken at the site, and information provided in the traffic study document will be considered and implemented if the project is to proceed.</i></p> <p><i>Concerns about parking and the need for parking upgrades have been noted and will be considered should the project progress to the next stage.</i></p> <p><i>The Stonehenge Reserve, Stirling – traffic and Parking report indicates a requirement for 69</i></p>

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	<p>suggestion was made that Stonehenge Avenue should be a "no parking" street.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about how parking numbers had been calculated and that the overlap of players between matches had not been allowed for. In addition, respondents stated concern that hospital visitors would not have enough parking.</p> <p>Respondents expressed that the existing road layout is too narrow to accommodate more vehicles and that additional on-street parking could have an impact on the surrounding area including Druid Avenue and Milan Terrace particularly on market days.</p> <p>A large number of respondents stated that the current car park needs upgrading and repair to avoid dust from the gravel and fix potholes. Suggestions were made for sealing and bituminising the existing car park. Respondents valued the trees on site and shade this created to park cars under. They also stated they would not want trees removed for parking and courts. Some respondents suggested that lines are marked on both car parks, however others stated that if the carpark is made bigger it would encourage more traffic.</p>	<p><i>parking spaces to meet the minimum requirements of Council's Development Plan, increasing to 111 spaces in the event that netball games overlap. These figures would inform the detailed design of parking facilities should the project progress.</i></p>
8. Public toilets	<p>A large number of respondents made a number of comments about the public toilets currently located at the Stonehenge Reserve. They commented that public toilet facilities are important for people walking through the Stonehenge Reserve and should be maintained. Other comments relating to the toilets included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public toilets are old and out of date</li> <li>• Bring toilets into clubroom</li> <li>• Relocate the toilet facilities to a safer, better lit area.</li> </ul> <p>A number of respondents suggested the toilet block needs to be closer to tennis courts. One respondent reflected that they "always worry about kids using it alone" and another stated "the toilets are terrible, most children hold on before going to those toilets, and no adult steps</p>	<p><i>Concerns about public toilets have been noted and will be considered should the project progress to the next stage. If the project was to progress, the public toilet amenity would be retained and improved.</i></p>

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	foot into the existing toilets".	
9. Funding and budget	<p>There were a large number of concerns raised by respondents relating to funding, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transparency required in sharing estimated costs with community to assist in the decision making</li> <li>• That estimate costs for the development of Stonehenge Reserve are not value for money or a good use of rate-payer money</li> <li>• \$4.5m is too expensive for two additional courts</li> <li>• Funding should be allocated to a long-term solution</li> <li>• Concern the project has not been fully costed</li> <li>• Too much money is being spent on an unfeasible option</li> <li>• A need for on-going site costs post development</li> <li>• Concern State Government grant will be consumed quickly</li> <li>• Concern rates will rise as a result of project</li> <li>• More funding should have been spent on researching alternative sites/ options</li> <li>• Funding spent only in Stirling and should be spread across council area</li> </ul> <p>Respondents felt that the State grant funds should be spent on the sporting infrastructure not on the "topographical challenges of a location such as ground works". Comments were also made that other sporting clubs in the council area were in greater need of the funding and could benefit more from this investment.</p> <p>Respondents had questions about the funding, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether the retaining, footpaths and road modifications had been captured in the costs</li> <li>• What is happening with the grant funding?</li> <li>• When is the funding period?</li> <li>• What is the likely cost of subsequent stages?</li> </ul>	<p><i>This proposed project is one part of an overarching strategic approach that Council is taking for court amenity in the region. The development and upgrade of more than one site will be required to meet the long term needs of our community, and Council is aware and has acknowledged that this will take a significant resource investment.</i></p> <p><i>Council is, and will continue to explore the feasibility of several sites, and the costs and resources associated with any developments. If the proposed project (or any courts project) is to proceed, appropriate procurement procedures would be adhered to at all times.</i></p> <p><i>Grant funds associated with the proposed project are for the development of new, or resurfacing of existing courts. Approval would need to be sought from the grant funding body if variations to the grant agreement are required.</i></p> <p><i>All clubs associated with the current proposed developments (and any future developments) are contributing financially towards the project.</i></p>

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10. Traffic studies	<p>Requests were made by respondents for the project team to model the number of players, coaches, umpires, spectators and parents and that this data along with traffic management plan should then be shared with the community.</p> <p>In addition, respondents want to see traffic assessments across a wider part of the day, including peak time, and the parameters for the analysis reviewed to ensure they are realistic.</p> <p>Some respondents felt that courts, players and spectator numbers should be doubled due to overlap of game times. Concern was also expressed about the location of the traffic monitoring devices.</p>	<p><i>The Stonehenge Reserve, Stirling – Traffic and Parking report includes a thorough study of current and projected traffic volumes for Stonehenge Ave and surrounding roads. The report estimates peak traffic volumes of less than 1000 vehicles per day on Saturdays, which is consistent with the typical characteristic of local roads generally. However, the report does note that this represents an increase compared to existing daily peaks, so further consultation and traffic calming solutions should be considered during detailed design, should this project proceed.</i></p>
11. Transport: Traffic, road safety and road layout	<p>Transport related concerns were the most common issue raised by respondents in both the survey and other feedback pathways.</p> <p>Specific issues raised relating to roads surrounding the side include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speeding vehicles</li> <li>• Narrow road layout</li> <li>• No-through road making access difficult</li> </ul>	<p><i>Council acknowledges concerns raised by respondents and these will be further considered should the project progress to the next stage.</i></p> <p><i>See 'Section 10' for comments regarding the traffic and parking study.</i></p>

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	Noise caused by traffic was a major concern raised by a large number of respondents.	
12. Pedestrians	<p>Respondents expressed concern for pedestrian safety especially children who walk and cycle along the road and elderly people from the neighbouring retirement village who walk along the road.</p> <p>Concern expressed by retirement village residents about crossing the road and potential impact if traffic increases as a result of the proposed development. Many respondents stated the lack of pedestrian facilities and footpaths were a major concern.</p> <p>It was stated that Stonehenge Reserve is used by walkers and they should not be restricted to the suggested pathways in the masterplan. Stonehenge Ave and Madeline Road are considered popular with walking groups who comprise mainly an older demographics. There is concerned that drivers do not always notice walkers. A suggestion was made to install speed limit signage to create a safer walking environment.</p>	<i>Council acknowledges concerns raised about pedestrian access and will consider improvements to pedestrian facilities should the project progress to the next stage.</i>
13. Ambiance	<p>Ambiance was something respondents valued significantly about the current Stonehenge Reserve. When asked what they value about the current reserve, respondents stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive ambiance created by a balance of vegetation (both native and exotic), sporting pursuits and local housing</li> <li>• The quietness and peacefulness cannot be underestimated in its value to the wellbeing of the community</li> <li>• There are few places this near Stirling where you can enjoy such a quite amenity</li> <li>• Beautiful tree environment (European and mature gum trees)</li> <li>• Delightful green area which is cooled by the green trees that surround it</li> <li>• Natural serenity</li> <li>• A beautiful rustic oasis of trees in the midst of residential properties</li> </ul>	<i>Council acknowledges the value of Stonehenge Reserve to local residents and users.</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe</li> <li>• Lovely area away from traffic to walk or sit</li> <li>• The creek and trees along it give it ambience and coolness</li> <li>• The naturalness of the area</li> </ul> <p>A number of respondents expressed concern about the proposal to upgrade Stonehenge Reserve and the potential for more intensive activity on the site which could “add chaos via noise and traffic to a peaceful residential area”.</p>	
14. Community	Respondents expressed concern about the impact the proposed upgrade could have on nearby residents. Respondents also referred to the value the current site has on community wellbeing and the community spirit of the clubs currently using the site. One respondent sited property devaluation as a concern.	<i>Council acknowledges the community value of Stonehenge Reserve to local residents and users.</i>
15. Environment, trees and vegetation, biodiversity	<p>Impact on the environment including trees, vegetation, creek and flora and fauna was a concern for many respondents. Concerns raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The removal of trees could destroy the character, leafiness and environment of the area</li> <li>• Potential road widening of Stonehenge may impact Willow trees on the boundary of Retirement Village and Stonehenge Avenue</li> <li>• Removal of trees will devalue the experience of outdoor activities</li> <li>• Loss of trees will be detrimental to the rustic nature of this site</li> <li>• Loss of trees will add to the heat of the reserve by removing shade, it is currently a cooler space to walk in hot weather</li> <li>• Vegetation clearance acts as current noise buffer</li> <li>• Removal of trees and other foliage will impact native birds, fauna and general ecology</li> <li>• Proposed works would destroy the ecology of the waterway wipe away these species</li> <li>• To cover the creek and alter water courses is unnecessary, waterways should be protected</li> </ul>	<i>Should the project progress to the next stage, an environmental assessment would be undertaken prior to works commencing. This includes assessing the natural flora and fauna.</i>

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	<p>A summary of feedback received.</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern about the disappearance of “quiet enclaves” which are part of Stirling’s unique character.</p> <p>While some respondents acknowledged that the creek is not “pristine”, they stated that it provides a valuable habitat for fauna including birds, frog species and aquatic invertebrates (such as Rakali, Hydromys chrysogaster – water rat).</p> <p>Regarding trees there was concern about removing exotic species of trees which respondents felt creates the unique environment of Stirling, particularly in Autumn. There was concern that native species have the potential to drop branches which could make them unsafe for people and cars.</p>	<p>This column contains council’s response to feedback received.</p>
16. Stormwater and drainage	<p>Concern for the diversion and undergrounding of the creek was raised by a number of respondents. Further to this, respondents expressed concern about stormwater and potential for flooding of residents’ access and tennis courts. They stated water run-off and flooding issues during winter needed to be addressed.</p> <p>Other respondents identified that the creek area is overgrown with ivy and blackberry and is in need of tidying. Another respondent commented that there is no mention of the mains sewage pipe that will require access in situations of blockage.</p> <p>There was concern that the increase in hard surfaces in the area means that rain is not absorbed into the soil and volume of water in the creek seems to be increasing yearly. Respondents wanted to further understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What assessment has been made regarding the creek, change in rate of flow if it is covered?</li> <li>• Have the residents downstream been advised of this?</li> </ul>	<p><i>A further stormwater assessment will be undertaken should the project proceed to the next stage. Concerns regarding water-run off and flooding have been noted and will be modelled as part of the detailed planning process should the project proceed to the next stage.</i></p> <p><i>Council is aware of the sewage mains and access has been considered in the design.</i></p> <p><i>Council has consulted with the Department for Environment and Water in regard to the sustainment of the watercourse through the reserve, and their thoughts on the potential flooding risk. If the proposed project was to proceed, effective stormwater and water course management would be included in plans, ensuring that any flood risk to</i></p>



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		<i>those down-stream was reduced.</i>
17. Nuisance – Noise, dust, light	<p>Many respondents expressed concern for the potential nuisance caused by the proposed development. This included issues such as noise, dust and light pollution.</p> <p>Regarding noise, respondents were concerned how the increase in traffic and netball player activity would impact the retirement village and surrounding neighbourhood and community. A number of residents referred to the current quiet nature of the area and that the introduction of netball would disrupt this and be a significant issue for local neighbours. Respondents stated that the natural formation of the site (in a valley like an amphitheatre) will cause increased noise late evenings. Respondents stated they moved to the area for its quietness and that “netball whistles, cheering and shouting” would impact local amenity.</p> <p>Respondents stated that lighting would cause further glare which is already caused by tennis court lighting. Dust in the car park was also an issue raised that needs to be addressed.</p>	<p><i>Council acknowledges the concern residents have regarding noise, light and dust. Noise mitigation measures would be considered should the project proceed to the next stage, and any changes to the current lighting amenity would require compliance with appropriate planning standards. Appropriate driveway and carpark treatments would be put in place if any developments at the site proceed.</i></p>
18. Club rooms	<p>Some respondents expressed concern that existing club house and rooms are inadequate to cope with additional players and spectators. Suggestions were made that the clubhouse be extended and modernised to incorporate public toilets, showers and female change facilities. Access to the clubhouse should be open to local residents also. Regarding the need for an upgrade one respondent referred to the current facilities as “aged and like a patchwork of inconsistent works overtime”.</p> <p>Regarding netball, one respondent stated that netball requires spacious clubrooms and toilet facilities, for the increased attendance of players coming and going, plus their family members, coaches and food preparations. Respondents wanted to know if netball would also have liquor licence. Respondents suggested it would be good if pétanque club rooms, tennis club room and proposed netball club could all utilise one great facility combined rather than three separate ones.</p>	<p><i>Suggestions regarding the clubrooms have been noted and will be considered as part of the detailed planning should the project proceed to the next stage.</i></p> <p><i>If tenants of the site sought a liquor licence, they would be required to undertake the appropriate application and assessment procedures.</i></p>

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19. Petanque	<p>Related to petanque, there is concern that pistes would be reduced or moved to accommodate tennis and netball and that clubrooms would need to be shared. Concern that the proposed car park provisions (n=11) for petanque are inadequate especially if games coincide with peak parking for netball and winter tennis.</p> <p>Statements were made that the proposed re-location of the petanque pistes were unsuitable and that moving the pistes would destroy much of what the petanque club has achieved. Respondents stated that the current location of petanque pistes were designed to fit the site terrain, provide integration with the clubhouse and create a social atmosphere. It was stated that the petanque club has funded a significant proportion of their own facilities.</p> <p>In addition, respondents felt that petanque participation is growing and that the consultation documentation did not reflect or consider the likely increase in demand in petanque. Overall feedback indicated that respondents valued the petanque facilities and club.</p>	<p><i>Council acknowledges concerns about petanque player parking and piste layout and will consider their location should the project proceed to the next stage.</i></p>
20. Tennis	<p>There was some support for the resurfacing of the existing tennis courts however some respondents felt this should only happen for the safety of players.</p> <p>It was stated that tennis participation was likely to rise including the potential for future demand for night and mid-week tennis with climate change and work life balance. Other respondent commented that retaining, maintaining and developing tennis facilities in the Hills is essential. It was stated that quality tennis facilities bring increased community participation numbers and public facilities bring connection for all residents. Further to this it was respondents commented that there is demand for a Western Hills tennis centre. Tennis requires a minimum of six courts all year round, including winter and many neighbouring clubs come to Stonehenge for winter competition.</p>	<p><i>The Stirling Tennis Club will remain as a tenant of the Stonehenge Reserve site, but it is important to note that the club have declared that the site is not large enough to service their current membership. Council's Sport &amp; Recreation Strategy supports and outlines a strategic approach to asset management in the recreation space, and suggests that Council should encourage &amp; facilitate more multi-purpose and flexible sites. The proposed project applies these principles.</i></p> <p><i>The Stirling Tennis Club will remain as a tenant of the</i></p>

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	<p>Some respondents expressed concern for the current lack of maintenance of tennis court facilities.</p> <p>Of the design options presented the tennis club stated, the “courts over the creek” option their preferred solution with some minor amendments. The tennis club has requested to be involved in decision making and the detailed design. Overall the tennis club felt that the project should strive to create something at Stonehenge Reserve that is exceptional, not just serviceable.</p> <p>Further comments about tennis courts included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fantastic venue for tennis</li> <li>• Court surfaces are overdue for a renovation</li> <li>• Tennis fences need to be repaired or replaced</li> <li>• A well administered tennis club</li> <li>• Double marking of tennis courts causing confusion, especially for junior players.</li> <li>• Tennis club needs two more courts</li> <li>• Value current tennis facilities and lights for night tennis</li> <li>• Availability of tennis courts is positive</li> <li>• Concern for the loss of the “iconic tennis community vibe”</li> <li>• Less tennis should be played in evenings.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Stonehenge Reserve site. Council will continue to work with both the club and the Hills Tennis Association to accommodate the long terms needs of the sport in the region, and continue to consider and apply principles from our Sport &amp; Recreation Strategy in the process.</i></p>
21. Netball	<p>Regarding netball at the proposed Stonehenge Reserve Upgrade, some respondents expressed concern that more games will be played than current scheduled.</p> <p>Respondents stated that the consultation material did not acknowledge that netball was originally moved from Stonehenge to Wright Road because The Stirling Tennis Club did not want netball line markings on their tennis courts.</p>	<p><i>Council will continue to work with the netball and tennis clubs regarding game and match schedules so there is adequate allowance for both sports should the development progress to the next stage.</i></p>

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	Some respondents expressed concern that netball would take over. Another respondent stated that if netball were to move they would require a minimum of 8 courts.	
22. Spectator viewing area	Respondents stated the proposed spectator viewing area is not large enough for the proposed increase in netball participation and that the proposed location of the new spectator area could be dangerous for small children due to its proximity to the roadway.	<i>Further details about spectator viewing area will be clarified in the detailed design stage should the project proceed to the next stage.</i>
23. Emergency access	<p>Emergency access was raised by a number of respondents who expressed concern that the proposed site location restricts evacuation, especially for residents. Respondents wanted to know if a fire risk assessment had been undertaken including emergency vehicle access and how this would impact on Council and club insurance.</p> <p>The narrowness and steepness of the road access was the main concern regarding emergency access in event of a bushfire or accident requiring ambulances.</p>	<i>Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained or improved should the project proceed to the next stage. Emergency Services department will be invited to provide comment on proposed upgrade plans. Netball is a winter sport and is not played during the fire season.</i>
24. Master Plan Options	<p>Respondents provided some further detail regarding specific master plan options, however most comments made were more of a general opposing nature to the proposed upgrade.</p> <p>Specific comments have been listed under each option.</p> <p><b>Comments specific to Option A include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This option maximises the potential car-parking but courts over creek would require extensive work leading to a site that feels rather too intensively developed</li> <li>• Covering creek would destroy habitat for aquatic fauna</li> <li>• Interfering with creek is environmentally concerning</li> <li>• Not enough parking near clubhouse</li> <li>• Good layout in terms of use of land, the layout of tennis courts and also parking</li> <li>• Removing trees would ruin appeal of whole reserve area and increase risk of flooding</li> </ul>	<i>All comments regarding options have been noted and will be considered should the project proceed to the next stage.</i>

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	<p>A summary of feedback received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only option that will work – tennis and netball courts need to be in close proximity for junior coaching and training – need to be within sight</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments specific to Option B include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slightly less parking which could however be increased next to new court by bore</li> <li>Stormwater retention area has potential to be attractive and a natural element to offset removal of Willows on creek line</li> <li>Seems best as it does not split pistes and provides adequate parking with short walk to extra parking</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments specific to Option C include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disaster to split playing areas of petanque site to two different areas with different levels. The club flourishes because of a communal coordinial relationship between players playing on adjoining sites</li> <li>Petanque club has worked hard to create an area ideal for playing</li> <li>Splitting petanque pistes would detract from social aspect of the game</li> <li>Would be devastating for petanque club</li> <li>Totally unacceptable as it splits pistes and adversely affects social aspect of club</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments specific to Option D include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This option provides more car parking, more netball and tennis courts and potential for another exist while leaving the creek.</li> <li>Option seems sensible of owner was open to this and would allow for a new court and parking</li> <li>11 parking spaces for petanque are inadequate and elderly players should not be made to walk in from other parking areas</li> <li>Would have been a better option if former bowls club had been purchased</li> <li>The only viable and sensible option</li> <li>Bowls club should not have been sold (short sighted decision)</li> <li>Not enough parking near clubhouse</li> </ul>	<p>This column contains council's response to feedback received.</p>

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	<p>A summary of feedback received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This option is better than others but there is not enough parking</li> <li>• Appears to be the best long term option</li> <li>• Seems illogical and not forward looking to consider re-use of lawn bowls club</li> <li>• Build a new clubhouse with viewing seating where drystone wall/ grass hill to bowling green is. Where court 5 is turn back to back and create 4 more courts back to existing courts (1-4), this gets rid of court 6 and leaves petanque where it is</li> <li>• Bowling green returned for a bowling club – people travel far from Stirling to access bowling</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments specific to none of the above include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant investment and disruption for two extra courts</li> <li>• Would like to see more plans to dispel fear that site could result in a sense of an intensive sporting facility</li> <li>• Hope another site may be identified</li> <li>• All options negatively impact water course, flora and fauna</li> <li>• Support upgrade of clubrooms</li> </ul> <p>Petanque club should not lose any land</p>	<p>This column contains council's response to feedback received.</p>
25. Consultation	<p>A significant proportion of respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the consultation process.</p> <p>Comments about the consultation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation should have started earlier</li> <li>• Need for open and transparent communication and dialogue with all impacted by proposed project (feeling that the “full story” is not being made available to the community)</li> <li>• Concern that consultation does not reflect a balanced view</li> <li>• Need for genuine engagement and building of trust with the community to enable working together</li> <li>• Mutual respect and honesty in dealings between Council and stakeholders</li> </ul>	<p><i>Our project team and engagement team have noted all concerns raised about the consultation and these will be incorporated into an updated Engagement Plan should the project proceed to the next stage. A decision about the proposed upgrade has not been made and feedback provided by the community will be considered as part of the decision-making process.</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to better inform all potentially affected stakeholders not just directly adjacent residents. Some respondents and near-by residents stated that they had not received any correspondence or plans and were surprised by the proposals</li> <li>• Feeling by some residents that they had been excluded from the project process</li> <li>• Language used in correspondence needs to be personalised</li> <li>• Need for ongoing engagement with stakeholders to enable feedback and suggestions to be provided throughout the project period</li> <li>• Lack of early engagement by staff with community</li> <li>• Correspondence was fragmented and created uncertainty in community</li> <li>• Concern that project staff were disrespectful, misleading, dismissive and not transparent</li> <li>• Infrequent correspondence with residents from time initial letter was sent</li> <li>• Concern that there was no feedback process at the start of the project</li> <li>• Failure of staff to engage with the community from the very beginning should be included in the next update</li> <li>• Statement that Council is not listening</li> <li>• Comments that community should have power in decision making process</li> <li>• Concern information has been withheld and information disseminated in a piecemeal way</li> <li>• Concern that there is a pre-conceived view on developing Stonehenge</li> <li>• Concern petanque club was left out of early engagement that occurred with tennis and netball clubs</li> <li>• Clubs (tennis, petanque and netball) have been engaged separately which has caused misinformation and misunderstanding, this process has made stakeholders feel undermined</li> </ul> <p>Regarding consultation materials some respondents stated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council is not using latest plans (e.g. Piccadilly presentation used 2016 map)</li> <li>• Confusion about the first letter stating when works would commence</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relating to the December Community Update, it was stated that the heading 'What people would like to change about Stonehenge' suggests widespread community support or even community instigation</li> <li>• Comments that the feedback survey does not reflect the facts and is misleading</li> <li>• Need for a more clearly defined site re-development goal</li> <li>• Concern that the proposed development is more significant than what respondents had been lead to believe</li> <li>• Request to be informed what consultation will occur and when</li> <li>• Statements that the option involving former Bowling Club land transfer should not have been included in public consultation due to privacy matters</li> <li>• Petanque piste relocation option should not have been included in public consultation without prior agreement with the club</li> <li>• No costs were provided as part of consultation process</li> <li>• No alternative sites were discussed as part of consultation process</li> <li>• Statement that residents were not well informed of the magnitude of the proposal and the potential extra participants and vehicles involved.</li> <li>• Staging of works was not transparent.</li> <li>• Concern that language used was misleading and made respondents think the project was repairing or renewing existing facilities rather than expanding facilities.</li> <li>• Concern tree removal was not referenced in the consultation material</li> </ul> <p>Requests have been made by respondents to halt the project until other sites are further considered.</p> <p>There was positive feedback about the community information session with respondents stating that the session enabled residents to be heard. However, respondents felt that this meeting should have been arranged at the start of the project.</p> <p>Relating to Council meetings respondents expressed concern that ratepayers were unable to</p>	



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	ask questions of the project staff and wanted to be involved in the workshop. Further to this, respondents stated they were unable to hear questions asked by Elected Members as they were not using microphones.	
26. General opposing comments	<p>Majority of respondents do not support and strongly object to the proposed redevelopment of Stonehenge Reserve.</p> <p>Respondents felt that it was “common sense” not to proceed with the project based on the likely impacts on the local community and environment. It was stated that the rationale for the proposal is “ill founded” and that Stonehenge Reserve should be left as it is.</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern that the proposal is being invested in and pursued, without any consultation and discussion.</p> <p>Other comments referred to the project being “narrow” and that there is a need for “big picture planning”.</p> <p>Majority of respondents felt there were better suited sites in the council area for new sporting facilities.</p> <p>When asked if there was anything that the respondents wanted to change in the current reserve a high number of respondents said “there was nothing they wanted changed” and that the site should stay as it is.</p> <p>Some general opposing comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definitely change nothing! It's beautiful the way it is that's why we like it.</li> <li>• Not change a thing. That is why it is so unique and aesthetically valuable</li> <li>• Do not interfere with a site that works well for most people as it is</li> </ul>	<i>Council acknowledge all concerns raised by respondents and these will be considered as part of the decision-making process.</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opposition to any development to the Stonehenge area that isn't just maintenance</li> <li>• There is nothing "masterful" about this plan</li> <li>• This is a ridiculous proposal that I have trouble believing has got this far.</li> <li>• Young people need their sports too but do not destroy this valuable green space.</li> </ul>	
27. General supporting comments	<p>Respondents provided some general supporting comments for the proposed upgrade which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The merging of the Stirling tennis club and the Stirling Comets netball club facilities is imperative for the future of both clubs</li> <li>• Seeing the netball club return to its original home and the tennis club "get a boost from all the new traffic will be exciting"</li> <li>• The site has the potential to be a fantastic multi-purpose facility with far more ratepayers having access to it</li> <li>• The site needs a major upgrade and an upgrade to the facilities at Stonehenge Reserve is long overdue</li> <li>• Love the plan</li> <li>• The club house and toilets is an important improvement to the redevelopment</li> <li>• The current tennis court surfaces are in poor condition and the clubhouse is particularly rundown</li> <li>• The current carpark layout is inefficient and potentially dangerous to pedestrians and children. It is very dusty in summer and becomes muddy in winter.</li> <li>• The proposals given would benefit not just the sports clubs involved but also benefit the greater community</li> <li>• The proposed upgrade could attract more families to participate in local sporting activities</li> <li>• The site is an eyesore</li> <li>• It does not make sense that the Stirling Comets are not based in the centre of Stirling</li> <li>• These proposals improve the road course, drainage, parking and sporting facilities</li> <li>• Traffic flows will not increase to such a level so as to disrupt the lifestyle. People</li> </ul>	<p><i>Council acknowledge all comments raised by respondents and these will be considered as part of the decision-making process.</i></p>

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	<p>A summary of feedback received.</p> <p>driving to the end of Stonehenge will do so with a specific outcome in mind and the road is not open to through traffic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completely support Council taking this opportunity to make a long-term improvement to the Reserve and thereby the township</li> </ul> <p>Another respondent stated they look forward to the proposed upgrade unfolding while another stated so long as the general/overall amenity does not diminish, “we will support any change that can improve the Stonehenge Reserve in general”.</p>	<p>This column contains council’s response to feedback received.</p>

## Appendix D: Engagement materials

An engagement website was developed and can be viewed here:

<https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/stonehenge-reserve1>

All project materials were made available to download from the project website.

## Appendix E: Media articles

Weekender Herald, 30 August 2018

### Residents want tennis courts reopened

by Anna Christian

Crafrers resident Val Potts has spoken out about the closure of the Wright Road tennis courts in Stirling East, with concerns the council will not renew the facility.

The courts have been closed for several months due to the playing surface being deemed unsafe.

Val is part of a group of social tennis players who meet every Tuesday morning and lives down the road from the courts.

The group were using the courts for their casual matches until council changed the lock and they no longer had access.

"We're social members of the Crafrers/Stirling Tennis Club and we had our own key to the Wright Road courts," Val said.

"The tennis and netball clubs were notified that the courts had been deemed unsafe but we were quite prepared to keep playing there as long as we could.

"The surface does have cracks and water gets underneath it a bit – it does need an update.

"I don't dispute that."

Val said the location of the courts is too good for them to not be updated but is worried that council might consider the cost too much and sell the land.

"The courts have a good little clubroom there, it's quite sheltered from the wind and the clubs have put a lot of effort and time into fundraising for the facilities – they've got new cupboards for the kitchen and new nets," she said.

"If council sold the land, which is what I suspect will happen, it will be a shame because it really is a community facility.

"I've lived in the Hills since 1976 and I've used the courts for netball and tennis as did my daughters and my granddaughters."

Adelaide Hills Council Director Infrastructure and Operations Peter Bice said council has not yet decided what will be done with the courts.

"Council conducted an audit of courts throughout the Adelaide Hills Council region and as a result of the audit it was decided that the Wright Road courts are not to be utilised for safety reasons," Peter said.

"The audit documentation indicates that the cost of reconstruction at Wright Road would be more than \$200,000 and council is currently reviewing the most appropriate investment in sporting facilities in the area.

"Clubs that were utilising the facility have been accommodated at other sites."

Part of the problem with the closure of the Wright Road courts is that other facilities in the area are also not up to scratch, according to Val.

"The courts were used extensively by the Comets Netball Club which have been bumped over to the Heathfield courts and now have to share facilities which is not ideal," Val said.

"The tennis club is using the Stonehenge Avenue courts and I believe parking is an issue there if they want to put more courts in.

"Our social group now play on the Crafrers courts which has an inadequate club room which you can't sit in, no running water and the toilets are in the Crafrers Hall which you need a key for.

"Parking is an issue in Crafrers too because people are parking there and catching the bus."

Val noticed none of these issues at the Wright Road courts and has sent three emails, complemented by two personal visits, to council over the last few months asking what will happen.

"I just wanted somebody to give me some sort of answer to my question," she said.

"If they'd written back and said they hadn't decided what they were doing yet I would have been happy but I haven't had a response.

"The Wright Road courts really are a superior facility to the Crafrers courts and I wish council could make more of an effort to save the facility."

Mt Barker Courier, 24 October 2019

## Plan for netball courts at Stonehenge Reserve

By **Elisa Rose**

The Adelaide Hills Council will consult on a proposal to redevelop Stirling's Stonehenge Reserve to include netball courts and more carparking, providing a new home for the displaced Stirling Comets Netball Club.

The reserve, on Stonehenge Avenue, is already home to six tennis courts and a petanque club.

But the council recently decided to pursue a proposal to purchase a portion of adjoining land at the northern end of the reserve in order to construct a new tennis court which would double as a netball court.

That proposal also involves creating a second new tennis court, marking netball court lines on four existing tennis courts so they can be used for both sports, formalising existing car parking spaces and creating additional parking.

### Stormwater issues

It was one of three master plan options for the site, considered by the council in confidence at a meeting in August.

A council report said that the other two options, which did not involve the purchase of adjoining land, "put pressure on the southern sector of the site, with the potential to affect stormwater management, native vegetation and the existing petanque club operation". The proposal came about after the council undertook an audit of its courts, which found that the netball courts on Wright Road in Stirling, the home of the Comets, were unsafe and that repairing or upgrading them may not be sustainable.

The council has begun consultation about the proposal and the council's director of infrastructure and operations, Peter Bice, said the adjoining property owners were "still considering their position" about the potential land purchase.

Prior to the development of the master plan, the council secured a \$480,000 Office of Sport and Recreation grant for a court project in the region.

Weekender Herald, 13 December 2018

## Opposition solidifies against Stonehenge plan

by **Anna Christian**

Residents and members of the Adelaide Hills Petanque Club have been left frustrated by council's lack of communication with them over plans for Stonehenge Reserve in Stirling.

A public meeting on December 5 became a heated debate over the plans for moving netball to the reserve and increasing the ability for tennis players to use the area when all stakeholders – including sporting clubs such as the Stirling Tennis Club, Comets Netball Club and the petanque club – attended.

Paper printed plans for four options for the site, along with printed question and answer sheets, were pasted to the walls of

the meeting room at the Stirling Library and a screen at the back showed a satellite image of the site, according to Adelaide Hills Petanque Club treasurer Jill Morrell.

"It was an interesting evening and they clearly didn't allow for enough people because when I got there at eight minutes to 6pm they were already pulling out more chairs," Jill said.

"The idea was for them to explain what the plans were and then break up to read them and discuss to give feedback but that didn't happen because they talked about the various proposals and then people started interjecting."

The Comets Netball Club

have been sharing the Heathfield Netball Club facilities since council determined the club's home courts on Wright Road were unsafe to use and the replacement of the surface too costly – at over \$200,000.

The four plans shown at the meeting to provide the club a new home and benefit the tennis club included a) constructing two courts on the north side of the existing large court, b) constructing one new court on the existing upper car park, c) using half of the petanque club's pistes for one court and splitting their playing area into three, and d) making a land swap with the current owner of the former bowling

club, now privately owned, to place a court on the area of the bowling green.

Council Director Infrastructure and Operations Peter Bice said the meeting was helpful for council.

"Council was pleased with the attendance at the meeting and the opportunity it presented to hear what the community had to say regarding the master plan proposal for the site," Peter said.

"Council received a lot of feedback around the potential development and master plans and will present the four draft master plans for community consultation in the coming week."

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# Opposition solidifies against Stonehenge plan

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Jill said the pétanque club and residents she has spoken to have not been impressed with the information they have received from council so far.

"They have not been communicating and haven't had a general meeting with everyone involved until now," she said.

"They may have contacted the people in the immediate vicinity but many residents of Stonehenge Avenue and others bordering the reserve hadn't heard anything.

"Council had to acknowledge at the meeting that maybe the communication hasn't been great.

"The pétanque club never had anything in writing even though we are a stakeholder – there was a letter sent out on November 16 which we never got and a letter on November 27 about the public meeting which we also didn't get – we only knew about the meeting through word of mouth."

The safety concerns with the site are a major issue for both the pétanque club members and residents.

"One lady living at the top of Stonehenge Avenue said she sometimes has trouble reversing safely out of her driveway," Jill said.

"We are not against netball but we just don't think it's an appropriate space for the club to use as a home because it's too small, too misshapen, there's no parking and no space for a footpath at the bottom of the narrow road."

Residents and stakeholders are also worried the narrow road could cause issues for emergency vehicle access.

The first stage of the plans, which council has already received funding of \$437,000 for through the Office of Sport and Recreation's sporting surfaces grant, is intended to create the necessary courts for the netball and tennis clubs to use as well as some parking.

The estimated completion date for stage 1 is mid 2020 but any construction of a clubroom, or changes to the existing clubroom which has limited facilities, would be subject to further funding.

Sites at Upper Sturt, Bridgewater, Aldgate and Piccadilly were mentioned at the meeting as having been investigated but found less suitable than Stonehenge Reserve.

However there are other sites which have been suggested and did not appear in the list of investigated sites at the meeting.

These include a former SA Water site in Stirling opposite the Wright Road courts, which is currently used for parking, and a site on Piccadilly Road which has a proposed CFS centre plan but also a large flat area already used for sport.

Jill has started a petition to reject Stonehenge Avenue plans which has over 200 signatures.

"I have yet to meet one person outside of the council group and tennis club who thinks the Stonehenge plan is a good idea," she said.

"We want to tell council not to look at Stonehenge Avenue and to find something more suitable."

According to Peter council has taken in the feedback from the public meeting along with previous letters and emails.

"This feedback has been used to develop an engagement plan which includes an online survey tool that will open shortly and run through to early 2019," Peter said.

"Council continues to explore a range of sites as part of its considerations for service provisions across the Adelaide Hills Council area."

A final report is expected to be presented to council in March or April 2019.

Mt Barker Courier, 19 December 2019

# Reserve redevelopment 'idiotic'

By Elisa Rose

A group of Stirling residents have rejected a proposal to redevelop Stirling's Stonehenge Reserve, labeling it dangerous and "idiotic".

The Adelaide Hills Council is calling for community feedback on four options for the development of the reserve which would create two new courts, allowing the Stirling Comets Netball Club to relocate from its former Wright Road location. That location can no longer be used because the courts are unsafe.

But local resident Sam Sullivan said the proposed development would make the Stonehenge Reserve area more dangerous for motorists and pedestrians.

"There's only two main exits from this area – Stonehenge Avenue or down Madeline Road," he said. "You've got a blind turn at the top of Stonehenge and a very difficult intersection between Milan Terrace and Stonehenge, you've got two blind hills in Madeline and a very busy intersection at Avenue Road and access to both of those is going to be difficult."

## Frustrations

"It will force backed up traffic and there'll be frustrated

people trying to leave this place and that will (impact) on our neighborhood."

The council's director of infrastructure and operations, Peter Bice, said the council was continuing to explore the traffic impact of events at Stonehenge Reserve and was considering ways to improve safety, including removal of roadside vegetation and creation of footpaths.

Stonehenge Reserve is near the PinOaks retirement village and resident Vicki Polson said the proposed development would impact on residents during and after construction.

"The ambience of this area – for the residents of PinOak Tiers who walk down here almost daily for mental stimulation – that's all going to be gone," she said.

The council's proposal involves the removal of several self-sown introduced trees and one plan involves covering a portion of the creek to accommodate new courts.

But Bronte Grivell labeled the development an "idiotic idea" and said covering a creek "anywhere in the Hills" was a "disastrous idea".

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*Stirling residents, including Peter Heaslip, left, Isabella Polson, Jill Morrell, Jack Polson, Vicki Polson, Bronte Grivell, Ruth Guy, Vida Heaslip and Sam Sullivan, have rejected the Adelaide Hills Council's proposal to redevelop Stonehenge Reserve to provide a new home for the Stirling Comets Netball Club.*

## Reserve redevelopment 'idiotic'

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"The environmental issue as far as I'm concerned is the most important of the lot and any consideration of it rules out further development," he said.

Mr Bice said development of Stonehenge Reserve had been considered within the context of the existing facilities.

Community feedback is open until February 1, 2019, and more information can be found at [engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/stonehenge-reserve1](http://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/stonehenge-reserve1).

**Weekender Herald, 20 December 2018**

## Stonehenge Reserve plans on hold

The Adelaide Hills Council has decided plans for the Stonehenge Reserve to house the Stirling Comets Netball club and extra tennis courts should be put on hold until councillors can attend site visits at Stonehenge and alternative sites at Piccadilly and Heathfield, then hold a workshop to discuss the merits of each site.

The decision follows a public meeting on December 5 at which community members expressed their opposition to and concerns about development at Stonehenge Reserve and their want for another site to be proposed as the home of the netball club.

Community members at the meeting, particularly residents of properties surrounding Stonehenge Reserve, also told council they were unhappy with the communication and consultation process which has been conducted so far.

Weekender Herald, 27 December 2018

## News in brief

### Stonehenge reserve consultation

The Adelaide Hills Council has opened a period of community consultation of the proposed plans for the Stonehenge Reserve until February 1.

The plans, which include two new courts, upgrades to car parking, stormwater drainage, clubhouse facilities, and lighting can now be viewed on the council's engagement site at [engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/stonehenge-reserve1](http://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/stonehenge-reserve1) or in person at the Stirling library.

Weekender Herald, 7 February 2019

## Petition, 330 opposed to Stonehenge proposal

*by Anna Christian*

The proposal by Adelaide Hills Council to develop Stonehenge Reserve has been opposed with a petition signed by 330 community members.

Council received the petition at the first meeting of the year on January 22.

The proposed expansion of the reserve includes extra tennis courts and provision for the Stirling Comets Netball Club to make Stonehenge their home.

The petition signatories stated they were against the plan because the reserve is too oddly shaped and small to allow for the development, causing safety issues for user groups and residents of Stonehenge Avenue.

Council has already received a number of submissions from the community about the Stonehenge Reserve plan, including the petition.

"Council has received feedback from the community that both opposes and supports the proposed development of the Stonehenge Reserve and includes views similar to those expressed in the petition."

Director Infrastructure and Operations Peter Bice said. "The petition has been shared with elected members and the project team and will be included as part of the feedback analysis in our consultation report."

The themes of the feedback so far have included concerns about the road layout not being wide enough for more traffic, being unsafe for pedestrians due to the crest in the road and noise increasing with netball games played at the reserve as well as the added traffic.

Respondents were also worried the land swap option with the former bowling club could possibly cause the reserve to feel overdeveloped and that the option to split the petanque pistes would detract from the social aspect of the game. Environmental concerns were shared that building over the creek could harm the local ecosystem and that stormwater impact could cause flooding.

Access concerns for private residences off the reserve as well as emergency vehicles were raised.

Suggestions for existing parking to be improved, a combined clubroom facility, a wider road, moving and upgrading the toilet block, removing trees and upgrading the tennis courts have also been received by council.

The community feedback requested that council provide more details about the cost of the project and why Stonehenge Reserve was chosen to accommodate the netball club, as well as continuing to look for alternative sites. Community consultation over the proposal is open until February 22.



# Club backs upgrade

By Elisa Rose

The Stirling Tennis Club has backed an Adelaide Hills Council proposal to redevelop Stirling's Stonehenge Reserve.

Club spokesperson Neil Sandercock addressed the council last month, supporting the proposed upgrade, which involves adding two additional tennis courts – increasing the number from six to eight – and redeveloping the car park.

The upgrade would allow the displaced Stirling Comets Netball Club to use the facility, but Mr Sandercock said it would also benefit the tennis club, which has called Stonehenge Reserve home for more than 80 years.

"The courts are in need of renovation – it's 10 years since they've been touched," he said.

"We hire courts elsewhere, so we want to bring our members back to a single venue.

"We're above capacity – have been for many years."

He said an upgrade would also improve facilities, including toilets and lighting – allowing the club to run night time competitions.

"It just sets the club up for the future," he said.

"... The reserve itself is more than 1.3ha in area so there is ample room for enhanced facilities and parking.

"We believe this is a once in a generation opportunity to make significant enhancements."

Tennis Australia coach Bill Walter has been coaching at the Stonehenge Reserve for about five years and said upgrading the reserve presented a "huge opportunity" for tennis in the area.

"With a couple more courts, with more exposure to netball players who might not necessarily play tennis – it's another avenue to boost female participation in the sport, which is something that's lacking overall and something that I'd love to build upon," he said.

## Traffic congestion

"... We've got two growing sports clubs in Stirling, we've got two great assets that have an opportunity to combine and grow further, with better facilities that would be mutually beneficial for not just the clubs but for the area."

The proposal has been met with opposition from some residents, however, who believe that it would result in further traffic congestion along the narrow roads in the surrounding residential area.

But Mr Sandercock said he didn't believe the upgrade would significantly increase traffic on any one day.

"We're predominantly a summer sport and (netball) is predominantly a winter sport," he said.

"We've never seen an accident, I've never seen a traffic jam ... sport doesn't fill the car park."

"... If there's been a traffic safety issue, it's been there for 50 years."



Tennis Australia coaches Olivia Hughes, left, and Bill Walter and tennis mentors James Grosser and Claire Grosser believe developing the Stonehenge Reserve site will open up opportunities for sport in the region.

## Appendix F: Social media posts

Platform: Facebook | Followers: 2,737

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We are currently consulting on a proposed upgrade to the [Stonehenge Reserve](#) in Stirling as a potential new home for the [Stirling Comets Netball Club](#). Check out all the information and have your say before Friday, 22 February 2019. <https://bit.ly/2EpiFB4>



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**Proposed Stonehenge Reserve Courts Upgrade**

We are exploring the feasibility of upgrading [Stonehenge Reserve](#) to...

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**Liz Deer** Back where they belong! Kate Grant Kasey Nicole Jackie Suzanne Julie Kylie Christine Tricia Lisa

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**Suzanne Dennis** Liz Deer yes



Like · Reply · Message · 6w



**Jackie Blows** Liz Deer so true! Really hope it all works out Stirling netball club (now Stirling comets) end up back at home 🏡 where they belong. Sooo many memories playing netball there.

Like · Reply · Message · 6w



**Kate Smith Bannister** So many amazing memories playing there in the freezing cold.

Like · Reply · Message · 6w



Write a reply...



**Kerry Marshall** Robyn Naughton

Like · Reply · Message · 6w



**Mark Romano** No doubt


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## Reactions expanded:

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Is one of your new year's resolutions to get more involved in your community? Start by registering with our engagement site and have your say on current consultations, including a proposal to upgrade [Stonehenge Reserve](#), and what should replace the Stirling Rotunda.  
<https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/>




**831**


People reached


**44**


Engagements


**Boost Post**


 Pip Gare, Jennifer Blake and 2 others 1 share

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6 February 2019


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There's been loads of feedback about the proposed upgrades to Stonehenge Reserve in Stirling - so much, in fact, that we have decided to extend the consultation period. If this project interests you, have a look over the documents online and send back your thoughts by 22 February.  
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## Comments:



**JaneandSam Macmillan** Might want to get The Courier to check their facts today about which netball club the facility was going to be developed for!

Like Reply Message 5w





20 February 2019



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There are only a couple of days left to provide your thoughts on the proposed upgrade to the Stonehenge Reserve in Stirling. This has been a widely discussed topic and we've added some new information around other recreation precincts and courts on our consultation website that might be of interest. Consultation closes this Friday, 22 Feb. <http://ow.ly/NjWs50IDYCZ>



**2,580**

People reached

**242**

Engagements

**Boost Post**



Harrison Umehara and Thomas Shillabeer

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Comment



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**17 December 2018**



**AdelaideHillsCouncil** @AHCouncil  
Contribute to our consultation on a proposed upgrade to the Stonehenge Reserve in Stirling. Closes Friday, 1 February 2019.  
<http://ow.ly/insL50jXxCL>  
[pic.twitter.com/xsrz8K4U44](http://pic.twitter.com/xsrz8K4U44)



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Impressions	288
Total engagements	7
Link clicks	3
Detail expands	2
Retweets	1
Likes	1

**3 January 2019**



**AdelaideHillsCouncil** @AHCouncil  
Looking for a new year's resolution? Get more involved in your community by signing up to our engagement platform - have your say on all our public consultations in 2019.  
<https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/> #adelaidehills #engage #yoursay #community #resolution [pic.twitter.com/G3LnxPsXLb](http://pic.twitter.com/G3LnxPsXLb)

Impressions	226
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**12 February 2019**



**AdelaideHillsCouncil** @AHCouncil  
Great turnout at tonight's Council workshop with a focus on recreational facilities.  
#community #sports #netball #tennis #haveyoursay #adelaidehills  
[pic.twitter.com/nJi79aZy8y](http://pic.twitter.com/nJi79aZy8y)



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Impressions	852
Total engagements	33
Detail expands	26
Media engagements	4
Likes	2
Link clicks	1

## Appendix G: Hills Voice

**Platform:** Hills Voice: your Adelaide Hills (public e-newsletter)

**Distribution Date:** 1 January 2019

**Distributed to:** 2,641 unique subscribers

**Link:** <https://www.ahc.sa.gov.au/ahc-news/Pages/Hills-Voice-reminder.aspx>

### Join the conversation



Council has some consultations on now that have sparked the imagination of our communities. Don't miss your chance to have your say.

**What should replace the Stirling rotunda?** Closes 28 January 2019

We are seeking blue-sky design ideas and community input into what new facility (if any) may replace the former rotunda in front of the Coventry Library.

**Proposed Stonehenge Reserve Courts Upgrade.** Closes 22 February 2019

We are exploring the feasibility of upgrading Stonehenge Reserve in Stirling. Proposed plans include two new courts, upgrades to car parking, stormwater drainage, clubhouse facilities, and lighting.

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## **Appendix 2**

*Stonehenge Reserve Consultation Outcomes Workshop  
Presentation*

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# PROPOSED STONEHENGE RESERVE UPGRADE PROJECT

## CONSULTATION OUTCOMES



# Consultation Outcomes Report

April 2019

Proposed Stonehenge Reserve Upgrade Project

## Overview:

- Who we engaged?
- How we engaged?
- Who participated?
- What we heard?
- Next steps.



# Who we engaged?

Stakeholder	Engagement Technique
1. Residents (directly adjacent to site, adjoining streets and Wright Road)	Meetings, phone calls, letters, emails, text message (to those who signed-up to the service), Community Update
2. Existing user groups	Meetings, general correspondence, Community Updates
3. Potential future sporting clubs	Meetings, general correspondence, Community Updates
4. Other community groups (resident association)	Meetings, general correspondence, Community Updates
5. Political (local and state elected members)	Meetings, workshops, briefing papers, site tour, reports and general correspondence
6. Internal (Adelaide Hills Council Staff decision makers and officers)	Briefings, team meetings and general correspondence
7. Government (Office of Recreation and Sport, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure)	Meetings and general correspondence
8. Infrastructure (power, CFS)	General correspondence

# How we engaged?

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## Engagement Techniques

Targeted engagement was the focus for this project, including:

- Targeted conversations with existing and future user groups and directly adjacent landowners
- Community information session on 5 December 2018
- Workshops and site tour for elected members
- Council meetings with opportunity for deputation



# How we engaged?

## Communication Techniques

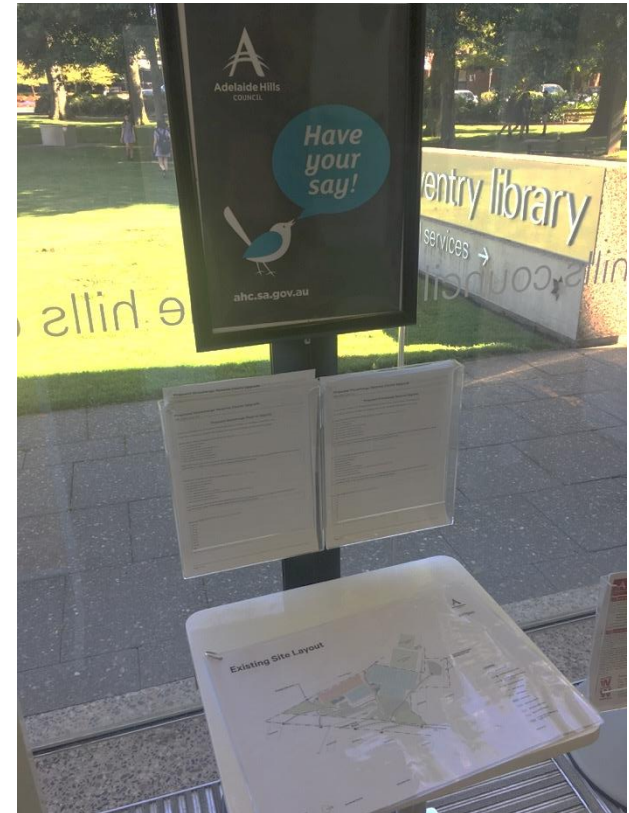
- Printed and digital letters
- Community Update
- Email to wider stakeholder database
- Text message to those on mailing list
- Social media posts
- Project website
- Hills Voice e-newsletter articles
- Adverts in local papers



# How we engaged?

## Communication Tools

- Feedback survey, quick poll questions and mapping tool on project website
- Hard copy feedback survey available at Coventry Library and by post on request
- Project enquiry number
- Engagement team email
- Postal address
- Face-to-face at community information session on 5 December 2018

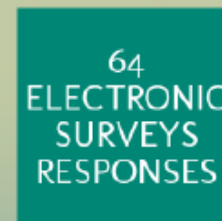




# Participation Snapshot

## Proposed Stonehenge Reserve Upgrade

12 December 2018 to 22 February 2019



\*Web form, customer service form, deputation, comment slips, social media

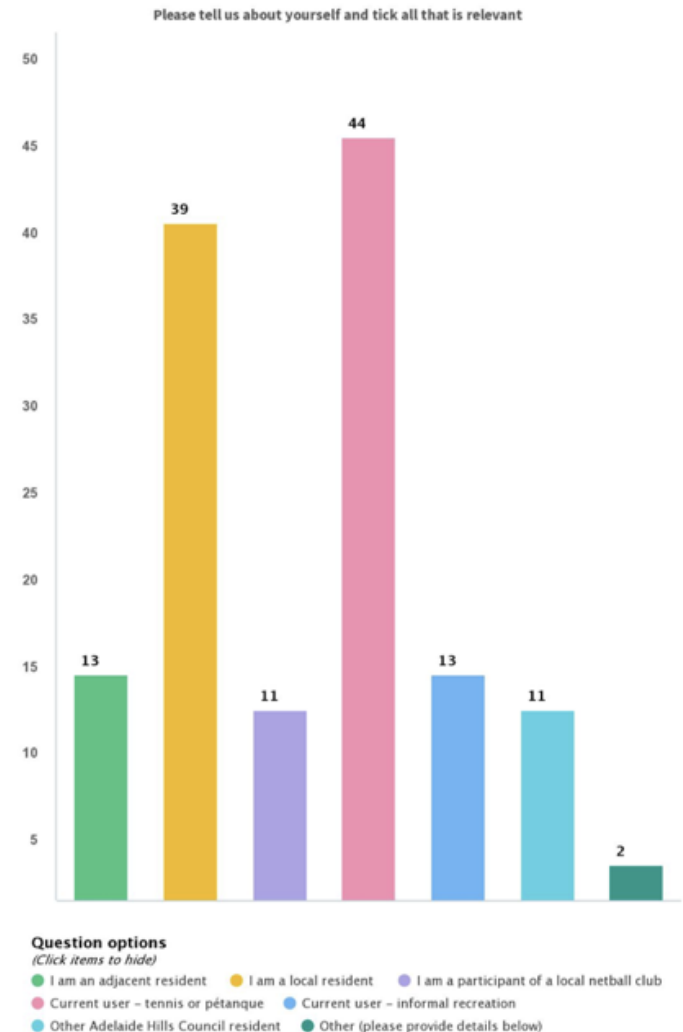


# Survey response

Please tell us about yourself:

The most common response was '**current user – tennis or petanque**' followed closely by 'I am a local resident'.

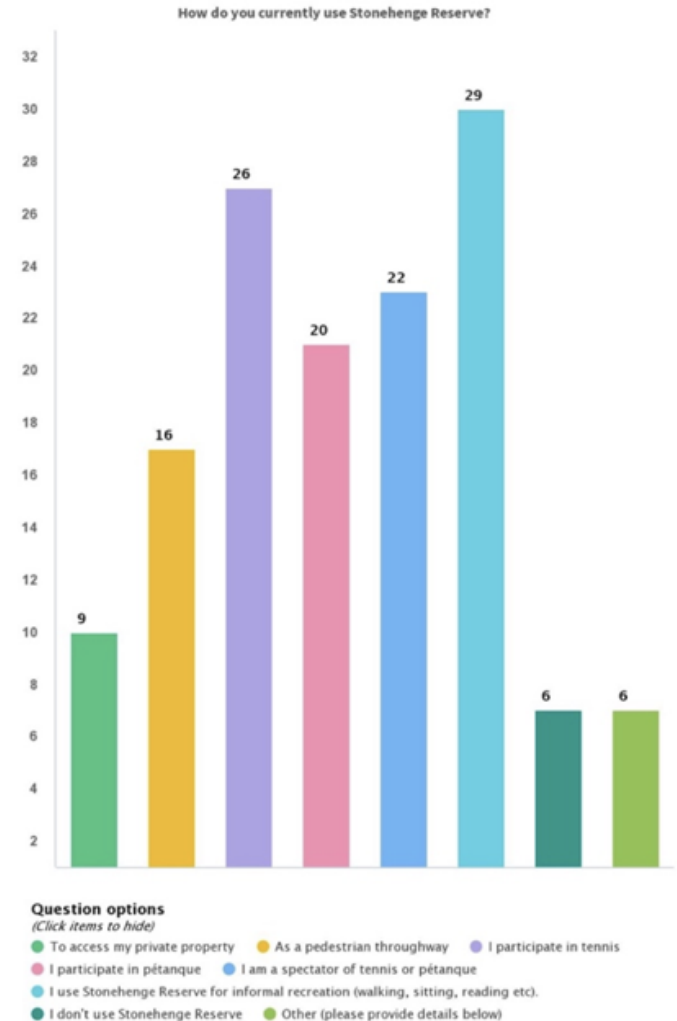
Respondents could choose all options that were relevant.



# Survey response

How do you currently use Stonehenge?

The most common response was **'I use Stonehenge Reserve for informal recreation (walking, sitting, reading, etc) (n=29)** followed by **'I participate in tennis' (n=26).**

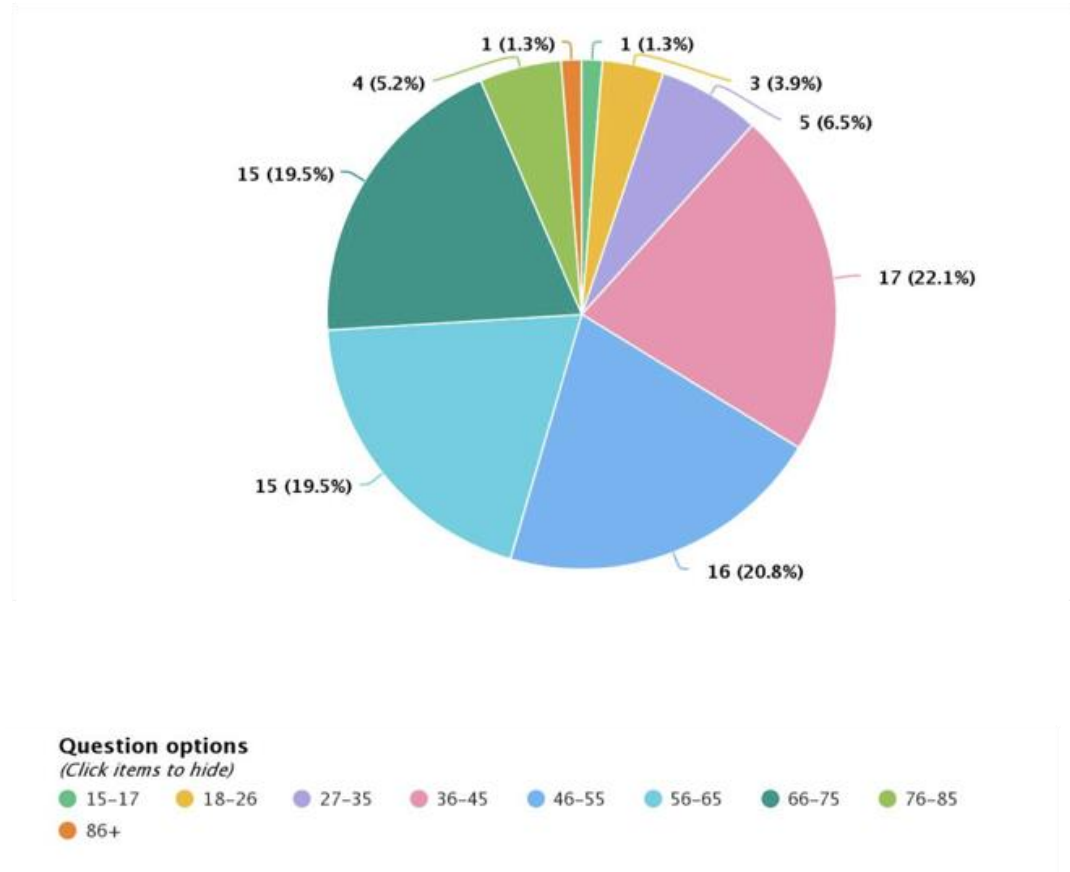


# Survey response

## Age of participants

The highest participation in the survey was by **36-45** year olds followed by **46-55** year olds.

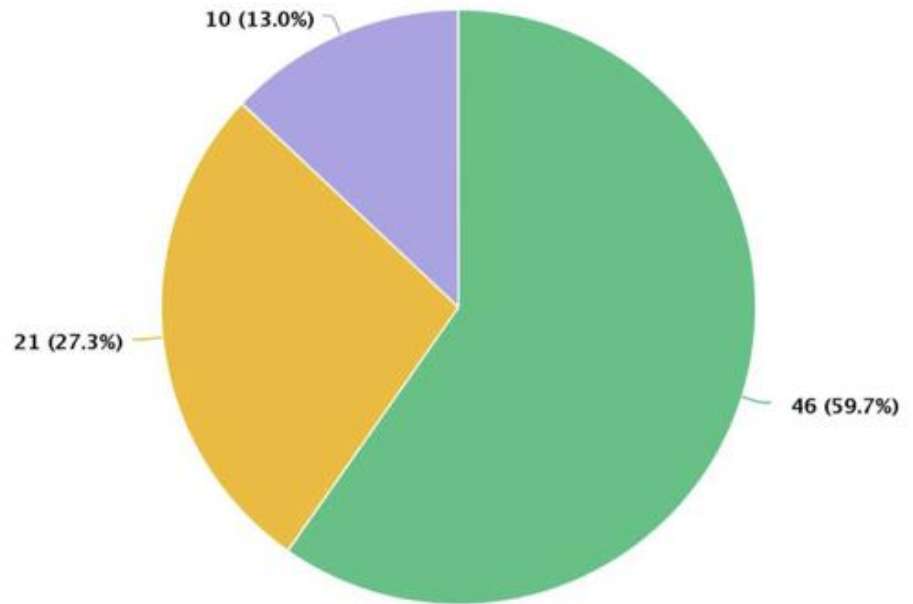
Lowest response numbers were from 18-26 year olds (n=1) and 86+ year olds (n=1).



# Survey response

## Do you support netball at Stonehenge Reserve?

- 60% (n=46) said they did not support netball being introduced
- 27% (n=21) of respondents stated they did support netball being introduced
- 13% (n=10) stated they were unsure



### Question options

(Click items to hide)

● No ● Yes ● Unsure

# Feedback analysis

All feedback received from all formats has been collated, analysed, summarised and presented by theme.

This means all emails, letter, petitions, deputations, comments made in the survey and other forms of feedback have been reviewed equally.

Step 1: All feedback comments collated

Step 2: All comments analysed by theme

Step 3: All themed comments summarised

Step 4: Response to feedback received



# What we heard?

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1. Overall sport and recreation strategy
2. Site
3. Site access
4. Staging
5. Infrastructure
6. Alternative sites
7. Parking
8. Public toilets
9. Funding, grant and budget
10. Traffic studies
11. Transport: traffic, road safety and road layout
12. Pedestrians
13. Ambiance
14. Community
12. Environment: Trees, vegetation and biodiversity
13. Stormwater and drainage
14. Nuisance: Noise, dust and light
15. Club rooms
16. Spectator viewing area
17. Petanque
18. Tennis
19. Netball
20. Emergency access
21. Master plan options
22. Consultation
23. General opposing comments
24. General supporting comments

# Next steps

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- Council Member Workshop to continue to discuss our strategic approach, & options for the future. Date TBC.
- Council Meeting to consider our approach & next steps. Date TBC.
- Continue to work with clubs, stakeholders & residents.

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday 7 May 2019  
AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

**Item:** 7.2

**Originating Officer:** Natalie Westover, Manager Property Services

**Responsible Director:** Terry Crackett, Director Corporate Services

**Subject:** Stirling Library Lawn Rotunda – Consultation Report

**For:** Information

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**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide details of feedback received from the consultation regarding the replacement of the rotunda on the Stirling Library lawn.

The rotunda was damaged in a vehicular accident in August 2018 and subsequently demolished.

The Council undertook community consultation to help inform options for replacement of the rotunda, including features that the community would like to see.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Council resolves that the report be received and noted.**

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**1. GOVERNANCE**

➤ **Strategic Management Plan/Council Policy**

Goal 4	Explore ideas and work with others
Strategy 4.1	We will embrace contemporary methods of engagement so it's easy for everyone to have their say
Goal 3	Places for people and nature
Strategy 3.5	We will take a proactive approach, and long term view, to infrastructure maintenance and renewal
Goal 2	Activities and opportunities to connect
Strategy 2.6	We will seek to bring events to our district that have social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits
Goal 2	Activities and opportunities to connect
Strategy 2.8	We will improve the engagement and participation of younger people in our district

➤ **Legal Implications**

Not Applicable

➤ **Risk Management Implications**

The community consultation and presentation of the feedback to Council will assist in mitigating the risk of:

*The community not having input into what should replace the rotunda leading to community disengagement and dissatisfaction with decisions made by Council.*

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
High (2A)	Medium (2C)	Medium

The report issue is an existing risk issue that affects many areas of Council. The mitigation action is existing and requires consultation to be undertaken and feedback provided to the Council.

➤ **Financial and Resource Implications**

Not Applicable

➤ **Customer Service and Community/Cultural Implications**

The undertaking of community consultation and report to Council is considered essential given the importance of the Stirling Library Lawn area as a community space used for a wide variety of purposes.

Broad community input to Council is essential to assist the Council to determine the most appropriate structure to replace the damaged rotunda and what features and purpose the structure should have.

➤ **Environmental Implications**

Not Applicable

➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted with Council Committee, Regional Subsidiary, Advisory Group, the Administration and Community**

Consultation on the development of this report was as follows:

*Council Committees:* Not Applicable

*Council Workshops:* Not Applicable

*Advisory Groups:* Property Advisory Group

*Administration:* Executive Leadership Team  
Manager Open Space

Manager Civil Services  
Manager Library Services  
Manager Communications, Engagement & Events  
Civil Projects Coordinator  
Customer Services Coordinator  
Parks and Reserves Supervisor  
Horticultural Officer  
Community Development Officer – Youth & Recreation  
Events Administrator  
Communications and Engagement Officer  
Building Management Coordinator  
Sustainability Officer

*Community:* Formal community consultation was undertaken between 28 November 2018 and 28 January 2019. Full details of the consultation process is included in the Consultation Report attached as **Appendix 1**.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

In August 2018 the rotunda located on the lawns in front of the Stirling Library was damaged by a vehicular accident. The extent of the damage required the rotunda to be demolished and removed.

An insurance claim was lodged for the damaged rotunda and an amount of \$58,650 has been paid to Council under that claim. The insurer covered the costs of demolition and removal in the amount of \$16,140. In addition, the insurer also covered the costs of the replacement BBQ which was also damaged in the incident in the amount of \$10,344.

As the rotunda was an integral part of the Stirling Library community space, it was imperative that the community had the opportunity to provide input into what they would like to see replace the rotunda, what features were important to the community and what are the primary uses of the structure.

As the library lawns has increasing use for events and ceremonies as well as general community use, consideration needs to be given to the current and future use of the space as well as any structures on the space to ensure the right decisions are made to cater for the current and future needs of the community.

### **3. ANALYSIS**

A total of 339 pieces of feedback were received during the consultation process which are detailed in the attached Consultation Report (**Appendix 1**).

The feedback provided useful information on what the respondents would like to see as a replacement for the rotunda with a higher percentage of respondents advising that they would like to see the rotunda replaced exactly as it was and in the same location.

Information gathered about the features and uses of a replacement structure indicate more towards the old structure not meeting those requirements, mostly around size, location, useable space, seating and not being multi-functional.

An experienced landscape architect has been engaged to review the lawn area and the community feedback to provide some options for consideration by Council. This review will consider the lawn space as a precinct and what the current and future uses for the precinct are likely to be.

Following this review, a number of options will be presented to Council for consideration with a view to taking one or more of those options out for further consultation.

### **4. OPTIONS**

Council has the following options:

- I. Receive this report (Recommended)

### **5. APPENDIX**

- (1) Consultation Report

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# **Appendix 1**

## *Consultation Report*

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Adelaide Hills  
COUNCIL

# Consultation Outcomes Report

May 2019

Coventry Library Lawns  
Rotunda Replacement Project

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# 1 Executive Summary

In August 2018, the rotunda located on the lawns in front of the Stirling Library was damaged by a vehicular accident. The extent of the damage required the rotunda to be demolished and removed.

Adelaide Hills Council started conversations with the community in late November 2018 to ascertain the community's views as to what should replace the rotunda.

Overall, we received 336 pieces of feedback from the community. All feedback provided to the Council was captured by the project and administration teams. This included an online survey, web forms, emails, letters and feedback from onsite opportunities. A petition received was also included in the analysis.

This report contains a summary of all feedback received as well as an overview of who we engaged, when we engaged and how we engaged.

The next stage will be to develop detailed options for replacement of the rotunda based on the feedback received and then further engage stakeholders and the wider community on these options.

The community is encouraged to stay informed about the project by signing-up to our mailing list on the project website: <https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au> . Any further questions or comments can be sent via [enagage@ahc.sa.gov.au](mailto:enagage@ahc.sa.gov.au) .

## 2 Report purpose, project context and site overview

### 2.1 Report purpose

This document provides an overview of the Stirling Library Lawn Rotunda Consultation. It describes who, when and how we engaged the community over the consultation period. It also captures what feedback we heard and what we (Adelaide Hills Council) will do as a result.

The next stage will be to continue reviewing options for replacement and then further engage stakeholders and the wider community on the options.

### 2.2 Project overview

This project has arisen as a result of the demolition of the rotunda on the lawns of the Stirling Library following a vehicular accident in August 2018. The rotunda was built by the Stirling Apex Club as a Centenary of Federation project in 2001.

The project provides the Council with the opportunity to assess the changing needs of the community and how the lawn space is utilised prior to making a decision regarding what to replace the rotunda with and where is an appropriate place to rebuild.

### 2.3 Site context

As highlighted in the following pictures the library lawns is an integral part of the Stirling main street precinct and provides open space for enjoyment by the community for activities such as reading, meeting with family & friends, picnicking, a play area for children and more formal events such as Anzac Day, Australia Day and other ceremonies.

**Figure 1: Photo of lawn area and rotunda**





Photo: Google Maps



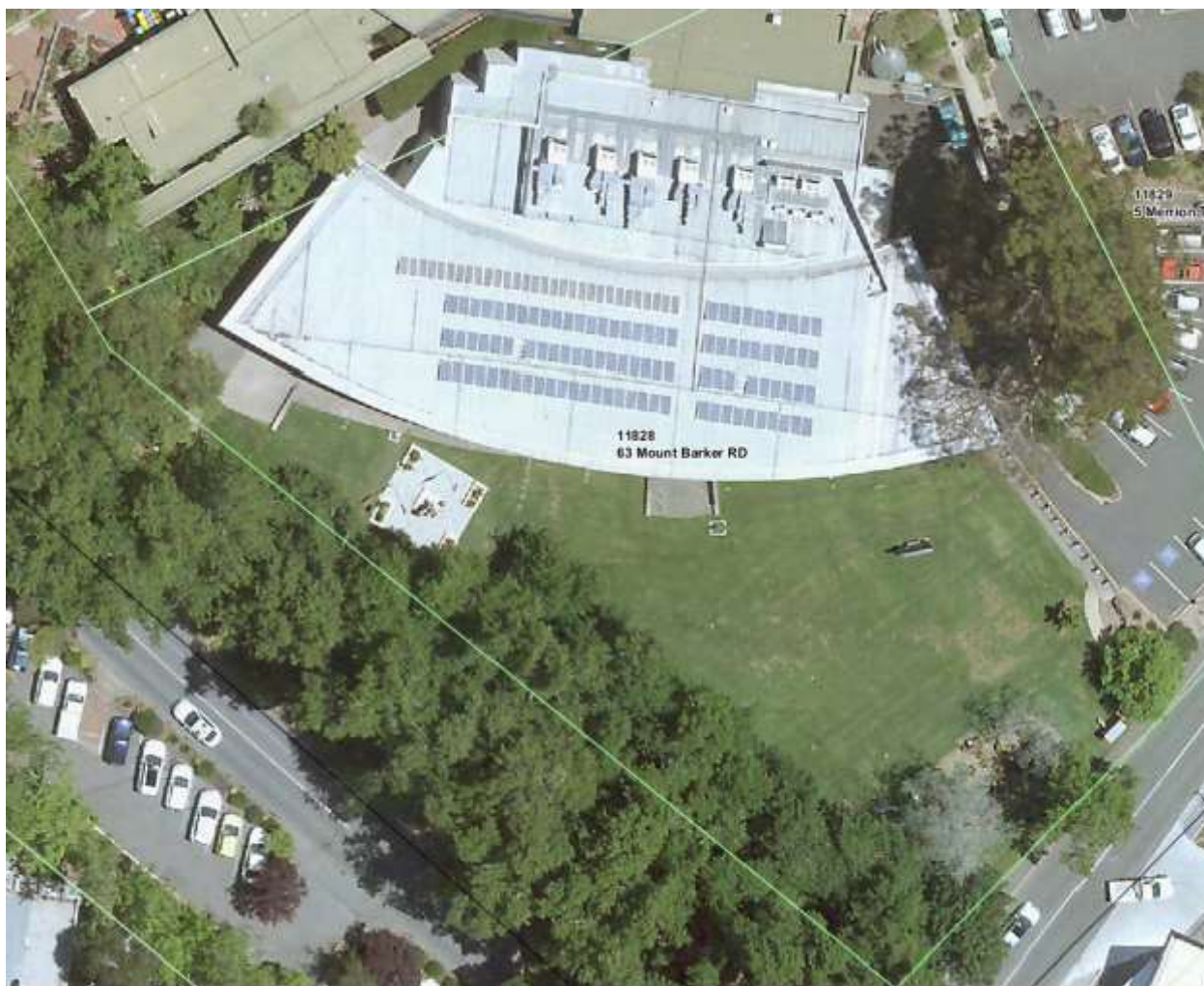
Photo: Stirling Fringe

Other key points that provide context include:

- There is increasing utilisation for events such as Stirling Fringe and performers taking advantage of the growth in numbers of people in Stirling on market and laneways days.
- The vehicular accident has highlighted the risk of vehicles entering the lawn area along the Merrion Terrace boundary.
- Whilst being comparatively flat topography, there are issues with drainage in the middle of the lawn area, particularly in winter which renders much of the central area un-useable.
- There are significant trees that run along the Mt Barker Road boundary and a rose garden along the Merrion Terrace boundary.
- There are various services that run through the site including water infrastructure that services the fire hydrant, hose reel and sprinkler systems for the Library and Council offices, electricity and drainage.



Figure 2: Aerial image of lawn area



## 3 Engagement and communication activities

### 3.1 Engagement approach

Our approach was to enable anyone with an interest in the site or who uses the site to have their say.

We recognised that the demolition of the rotunda provided an opportunity to review the space, what the space is most commonly used for and the future opportunities prior to determining what the rotunda should be replaced with.

### 3.2 Who we engaged

We invited the broad community to participate in the consultation. We identified eight core stakeholder groups who were engaged throughout the project using various engagement and communication techniques.

The wider community who are not defined by organisations or groups (e.g. those living in the wider Adelaide Hills Area) were engaged using Council general communications (Hills Voice, website and social media).

More detail around communication and engagement methods is shown in Table 1 below.

General correspondence refers to emails and phone calls as part of daily project activities.




Table 1: Stakeholder categories and relationship management responsibility

Stakeholder	Engagement Technique
1. Community Members	Newspaper advertisements, social media announcements, Council website
2. School Children	Correspondence sent to each school requesting that the consultation, and in particular the on-site feedback sessions be communicated. 2 informal on-site sausage sizzle sessions held in conjunction with YAC to obtain feedback
3. Library attendees	2 informal on-site feedback sessions held
4. User groups (Stirling Markets & Laneways, Stirling Fringe, Council members and staff)	Email communications advising of consultation, newspaper advertisements, social media announcements, Council website
5. Local community and business groups (SDRA, SBA, Stirling Rotary and Stirling RSL)	Email communications advising of consultation, newspaper advertisements, social media announcements, Council website
6. Internal (Adelaide Hills Council Members and Staff decision makers and officers)	General correspondence advising of consultation

### 3.3 How we engaged

A mix of engagement, communication and feedback options were available throughout the project period which are recorded in Table 2, below.

Table 2: Engagement, communication and feedback tools

	<p><b>Engagement techniques</b></p> <p>Targeted engagement was the focus for this project, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeted emails to stakeholders groups</li> <li>• 2 informal on-site feedback sessions to capture Library attendees and after school users</li> <li>• Newspaper advertisements</li> <li>• On-site sign advertisements</li> <li>• Social media announcements</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Communication tools</b></p> <p>A combination of existing communication avenues and new communication tools were adopted for the project, these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email to stakeholder groups</li> <li>• Social media posts</li> <li>• Project website (<a href="#">Hills Voice: your say</a>)</li> <li>• Hills Voice e-newsletter articles</li> <li>• Adverts in local papers</li> <li>• On-site signage</li> <li>• Feedback survey, quick poll questions and mapping tool on project website - <a href="https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/stirling-rotunda">https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/stirling-rotunda</a></li> </ul>
	<p><b>Feedback opportunities</b></p> <p>A number of opportunities were provided to anyone with an interest in the Proposed Stonehenge Reserve Upgrade to share with us their ideas and concerns, these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement team email - <a href="mailto:engagement@ahc.sa.gov.au">engagement@ahc.sa.gov.au</a></li> <li>• Postal address- Adelaide Hills Council, PO Box 44, Woodside SA 5244</li> <li>• Face-to-face at feedback sessions on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018</li> <li>• Project enquiry number- 8408 0400</li> </ul>

Examples of some of the above have been included in the Appendices of this document.

Icons made by [Freepik](#) from [www.flaticon.com](http://www.flaticon.com)



### **3.4 On-site Feedback Sessions**

We arranged two on-site feedback sessions to capture attendees at the Library as well as the after school users of the lawn space. These were held mid-afternoon on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at the front of the Library.

A sausage sizzle was provided to engage with the after school attendees and encourage them to participate.

At these sessions, feedback boards were provided together with post-it notes and textas for participants to jot down their ideas and add them to the boards. The specific questions asked were as follows:

- What do you use this space for?
- What would you like to see here?

We received a total of 51 responses on 7 December and 75 on 14 December although there were a number of duplications by the same attendees.

### **3.5 When we engaged**

Engagement on the replacement of the rotunda was undertaken from 28 November 2018 to 28 January 2019.

This document reports on all feedback received since the commencement of the project in addition to the formal consultation period.

## 4 Response data

All feedback provided to the Council was captured by the project and administration teams. This includes petitions, online survey, web forms, emails, CRM responses, social media posts, letters and feedback from on-site sessions.

All feedback received during the consultation period was analysed by extracting key themes which means all feedback was reviewed equally.

The feedback from survey data has been collated and represented in a separate section (Refer to Section 5). All open-ended question responses from the survey have also been included in the main thematic feedback analysis.

Feedback has been anonymised and any identifying data (including name, contact details) have been removed from the analysis and reporting. Note that the feedback has been included verbatim.

Overall, we received 339 pieces of feedback from the community and stakeholders (see Appendix A). This included:

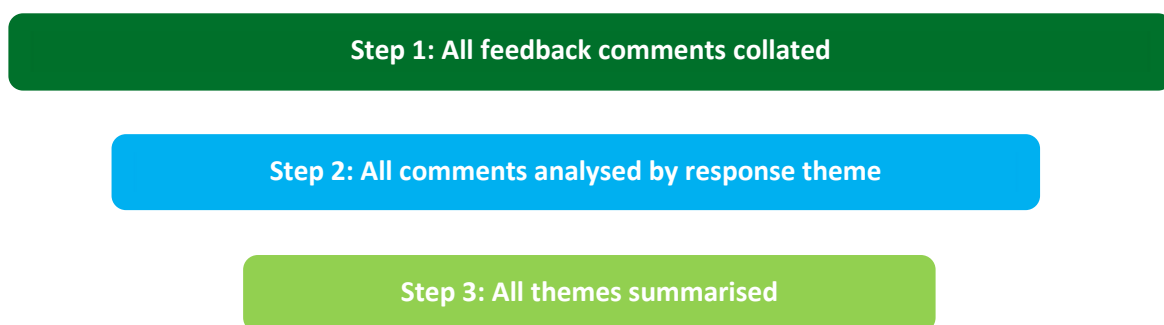
Number	Type of feedback
15	Emails and letters
46	Online survey responses
106	Guestbook posts
10	CRM cases lodged with feedback
126	Comments & suggestions at on-site sessions
1	Petition
35	Facebook comments
339	<b>Total</b>

During the consultation period 28 November 2018 – 28 January 2019, there were also 666 visits to the project website.

## 5 Summarised Feedback

All feedback received from all formats has been collated, analysed, summarised and presented in this report (Refer to Figure 3). This means all emails, letter, petitions, comments made in the survey and other forms of feedback have been reviewed equally. The analysis does not include any recommendations, it is a capture of the comments made by respondents.

**Figure 3: Feedback analysis process**



## **5.1 Type of replacement structure**

### **Rotunda**

#### **General supporting comments to replace like for like.**

The greater percentage of respondents support replacing the rotunda with an exact replica in the same location.

Respondents felt that the rotunda was an iconic part of the Stirling Main Street precinct and helped balance the heritage village character of Stirling with the newer developments surrounding it, including the Library and the service station.

Some general comments in support of replacing like for like included:

- Wooden structure the same as the one destroyed
- The old Rotunda was a lovely design and in keeping with the era of Stirling
- Identical to what was damaged
- Should be returned to how it was before it came down – it's a place to sit and eat, kids to catch up and somewhere undercover
- Please replace it with a replica of the original one. Having grown up in Stirling it saddens me to see some of our historical sites disappearing
- Please rebuild the rotunda in a similar design. Let's not destroy the village feel with some modern design
- Please replace the rotunda as it was. It was sited harmoniously within the surrounding lawns and trees without overpowering the space and was very well used by locals and visitors

#### **General supporting comments to replace with an upgraded traditional rotunda.**

Many of the respondents that indicated that they were keen to have another traditional rotunda replace the demolished rotunda also highlighted that the former rotunda had limitations with size and location and would like to see a larger and more functional structure whilst retaining the heritage feel.

Some general comments in support of replacing with an upgraded traditional rotunda included:

- The original rotunda with one table was quite limiting in its use.
- I think that a new bigger rotunda should replace the old rotunda.
- I love the idea of a rotunda that doubles up as a stage you could use for events.
- The rotunda should be rebuilt but larger.
- Build a bigger rotunda in the same style as the previous one. It would be great if it has power and wifi, and was lit up some way at night.
- Agree with some form of modern, multipurpose facility providing that the structure itself is not "modern". Retain the heritage feel.

#### **General supporting comments to replace with a more modern structure.**

A lesser percentage of respondents were supportive of a more modern structure to replace the rotunda and incorporating additional features to increase the scope of use of the structure. Suggestions were varied but had a similar theme of a multipurpose space that could cater for more events, performances and activities.

Some general comments in support of replacing with a more modern structure included:

- Not another rotunda please!! Stirling has a beautiful rotunda at Steamroller Park to represent that era. Something more modern and incorporating indigenous art/design would be a visual acknowledgement of indigenous culture in Stirling (currently lacking) and also a tourist drawcard.
- Maybe something like a “Sound Shell” style would suit acoustically but designed to suit the village style that is already significant of the Main Street.
- I would like to see an amphitheatre that can be used for fringe events, Christmas carols and for children to play and perform on.
- Something like the amphitheatre at Maria Park by Bascon in Denmark. A contemporary platform/amphitheatre, in the far south eastern corner, acknowledging the Apex Club.
- We suggest a purpose built performance space, such as a sound shell with stage area.
- Loved the rotunda but how about an outdoor area with slatted timber shade...surrounded by curved seating – stone or wooden steps for viewing

#### **General supporting comments for not replacing the rotunda with any structure.**

A smaller percentage of respondents were supportive of the rotunda not being replaced at all and the area remaining open space, whilst some respondents suggested other uses rather than a structure.

Some general comments in support of not replacing the rotunda with any structure included:

- Just open/green space, uncluttered by rotundas, monuments or any other built structures.
- I was quite sad when the Rotunda was damaged and removed, but now I like the openness of the area.
- Rotunda not needed for shade and wasn’t big enough for any real use anyway. The view to the roundabout and pub from the lawns is valuable, as is the view from Stirling Main Street to the striking Library building. The ultimate flexible and multipurpose space would be to leave it as lawn.
- Yes, please don’t replace the Rotunda..the lawns look great and set off the architectural style of the library. The Rotunda always had that somewhat daggy look and clocked the lawn. If ever you need shelter for an event use one of this pop up shelters..the line of trees look even better without the Rotunda..
- The Library Lawns are considerably more versatile and accessible without the presence of the Rotunda.

#### **Suggestions for other features.**

Some respondents suggested alternate uses for the space, these suggestions included:

- Butterfly garden, natureplay for kids, native plant awareness garden, bee hotel.
- Would love to see some sort of interactive water feature that kids can play in.
- It would be such a jewel in the Adelaide Hills crown to have a WADING POOL (similar to the one in Tismore Park)..bringing the beach to the hills and having yet another activity for families in the hills.
- A Phillip Johnson landscape. The library contains PJ’s book, that is constantly on loan so seems to be popular.

## **5.2 Use of the lawn space**

The general use of the lawn area attracted many comments about how the space is currently used and the future use of the space.

Some comments included:

- Picnics, used as a stage, somewhere to sit out of sun/rain
- Open air concerts and other events
- Informally by young people or school groups to hang out  
Formally for Stirling Fringe, Christmas carols, Anzac and Remembrance Day ceremonies
- Anything, as long as the space is not damaged, compromised or cluttered with built structures. Plant a tree!
- Concerts by schools, visiting artists (such as those involved in the Stirling Fringe)

## **5.3 Features to be included in a new structure**

This question attracted various responses which are intrinsically linked to the suggestions about the use of the space.

Some comments included:

- A roof for shade/relief from rain, table and seats
- Power, lighting, classic rotunda design
- Mini-modern amphitheatre  
Cover  
Electricity  
Indigenous art/design elements  
Can be accessed 24/7 by young people to hang out in
- Shelter, seating, accessibility
- Please may we have a soundshell?
- Undercover seating is needed adjacent to the BBQ's. It should be of contemporary design to match the Library building, We already have the 'heritage' style rotunda at Steamroller park.
- Roof so it can be used in all weather  
Accessible to all so it can be used always

## 6 Survey and feedback analysis

An online feedback survey was made available for participants to provide their feedback. The online survey could be completed online from the project website. The survey contained a combination of 4 open ended and closed questions. Responses to each question have been summarised below.

### 6.1 Question 1: Do you think the Council should:

- Replace the Rotunda with a similar structure
- Replace the Rotunda with a modern, multi purpose facility
- Not replace the Rotunda at all

46 respondents participated in this question as indicated by the table below:

Question	Responses
Replace the Rotunda with a similar structure	22
Replace the Rotunda with a modern, multi-purpose facility	18
Not replace the Rotunda at all	6
	<b>46</b>

### 6.2 Question 2: Please list the features you would like to see in the new facility?

39 respondents participated in this question and they were not limited in their responses. The responses are detailed in Appendix A Table 3 (quoted verbatim).

Whilst the higher percentage of respondents advised that they preferred the look of the former rotunda and the heritage feel it provided to the Coventry Lawns, the feedback highlighted that the former rotunda was unable to meet the expectations of the community as regards its features.

The themes of desired features included:

- sufficient tables and seating for picnics and informal gatherings
- more seating for people using it as a meeting place
- shelter from sun and rain
- stage/performance area
- accessibility
- electricity and wifi
- features that will engage youth



### **6.3 Question 3: What are your expectations on how the new facility and space will be used?**

37 respondents participated in this question and they were not limited in their responses. The responses are detailed in Appendix A Table 4 (quoted verbatim).

The most supported themes from the consultation feedback included:

- Performance and event space
- Sheltered meeting/relaxation place for the community
- Open space

### **6.4 Question 4: List the activities the space can be used for in the future by the community?**

33 respondents participated in this question and they were not limited in their responses. The responses are detailed in Appendix A Table 5 (quoted verbatim).

The most supported themes from the consultation feedback included:

- Performances (formal and informal)
- Community focussed events such as markets, festivals and fringe
- Sheltered meeting/relaxation place for the community

### **6.5 Question 5: Do you have any additional comments regarding this project?**

25 respondents participated in this question and they were not limited in their responses. The responses are detailed in Appendix A Table 6 (quoted verbatim).

The most supported themes from the consultation feedback included:

- An emotional connection to the rotunda
- A sense of loss of the rotunda
- A connection to the heritage look and feel of the rotunda
- The rotunda in its location and size did not meet the functional requirements of the community
- Shade and shelter are important
- Retention of green open space

## 7 Guestbook entries

We also provided the opportunity for community members to leave opinions and suggestions on the guestbook. We received 106 entries into the guestbook (noting a few duplications) and the responses are detailed in Appendix A Table 7 (quoted verbatim).

The most supported themes from the guestbook entries included:

- Desire for the replacement of the same or similar looking rotunda to retain heritage feel
- A desire for more features to enhance the use of a structure
- Uses by the youth are important considerations
- Shelter is an important feature
- Desire for something a bit more modern with additional features
- Strong emotional connection to the rotunda and the space
- A desire to retain green open space
- A structure that supports and enhances the use of the space for performances and events

## 8 Conclusion and next steps

All feedback received has been collated in this report and reviewed by the project team.

Feedback is being considered as part of the decision-making process and a further report will be presented to Council with options for replacement, including suggested locations, most likely in July 2019.

The community is encouraged to stay informed about the project by signing-up to our mailing list on the project website: <https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au>

Any further questions or comments can be sent via [engage@ahc.sa.gov.au](mailto:engage@ahc.sa.gov.au)

## Appendix A: Detailed Survey Feedback

Detailed comments provided by respondents as part of the survey.

### Question 2: Please list the features you would like to see in the new facility?

Note: Comments are quoted verbatim however some data was removed for anonymity purposes

Table 3: Question 2 Responses

Number	Respondent comment
1.	Would be great to have more sitting/eating options across the lawns. There is only 1 bench sat and 2 table eating areas, would be nice to have more. An amphitheatre for outdoor performances. Wifi access
2.	A roof for shade/relief from rain, table and seats.
3.	A stage for regular music concerts and performances. An open space that can be used for public functions, that tables can be set around. A nature orientated area, that fits in with the vibe of the community.
4.	Stage area - under cover Seating - can be limited
5.	Wifi and power Classic design - the old rotunda was an icon in Stirling and this should feature should not be lost Well lit
6.	Power, lighting, classic rotunda design
7.	Leave it green. Just add some more tables and benches and fence that corner off....
8.	Shelter as having something that is weather proof would be practical
9.	The same as before
10.	A new good looking rotunda to replace the old one
11.	Wooden structure the same as the one destroyed
12.	technology enabled, multipurpose for the community (small to large gatherings), incorporate the history of the rotunda in a contemporary way.
13.	Mini-modern amphitheatre Cover Electricity Indigenous art/design elements Can be accessed 24/7 by young people to hang out in
14.	Performance area.. Maybe a small shell like dome like amphitheatre for formal and impromptu comm based performances. Could also project beautiful lights onto roadside side of dome promoting upcoming events or just nice images. Maybe also a nature based stage theme with Aust indigenous art or sculpture didgeridoos on either side stage. Dome could be brass or silver or even glass like Regards.
15.	same as before but with lighting at night so it is beautiful day and night.
16.	Same or better quality build as before.
17.	My 8 year old daughter loved the old Rotunda and would like the new one to be similar but with gold paint on the stair-rails to make it even more incredible!
18.	The old Rotunda was a lovely design and in keeping with the era of Stirling.
19.	Stage
20.	Something that represents Stirling

Number	Respondent comment
	A larger rotunda so a band c@n play on it A look the same as the STIRLING steamroller park one
21.	The Rotunda Should be replaced with a structure that engages the youth of the area - skate park etc. There is nothing in the area that is a meeting place for youth other than the council lawns. The Council should be looking at options that appeal to and engage the youth who come to that area after school.
22.	I think it might be some sort of sound shell/ performance space for bands or public speakers. It could have a pad, or deck for seating in front. As such it would need power for sound equipment.
23.	I think that as the rotunda was built for the community by a local service association, and it would have been anticipated that it would serve Stirling for many years, something similar should replace it. If modern technology can be incorporated into the new structure that will be very helpful for future events on the lawns.
24.	Undercover seating is needed adjacent to the BBQ's. It should be of contemporary design to match the Library building. We already have the 'heritage' style rotunda at Steamroller park.
25.	Shade Attractive Classical looking rotunda
26.	Treehouse and Rotunda, something for the children and older children
27.	shelter, seating, accessibility
28.	Just open/green space, uncluttered by rotundas, monuments or any other built structures.
29.	Replace with a new rotunda - a good quality timber rotunda
30.	Please may we have a soundshell?
31.	Roof so it can be used in all weather Accessible to all so it can be used always
32.	Shelter, picnic setting.
33.	Use the money elsewhere - Crafers Roundabouts.
34.	As I understand the Council does not have enough funds to re-surface the Stirling East courts, I fail to see how we can fund an extravagant "multi purpose " facility. Stirling village has a certain ambience which suits the former rotunda design. The area can be protected with ornamental bollards to prevent a re-occurrence of vehicular damage. Make the errant driver's insurance pay to restore the original structure. I am sure a few extras can be incorporated into the design without changing the appearance dramatically.
35.	Should be rebuilt to match the old one
36.	Identical to what was damaged
37.	I loved the traditional rotunda and would like to see a replica in about the same location with shade, seating, steps and with lots of wrought iron, maybe from local metal artists and maybe with a quirky modern twist on the antique, although I think it should have a similar historical theme and include a plaque with photo and history of the original I definitely don't want to see a larger modern amphitheater or other permanent stage area that restricts the use of the lawns for gatherings and picnics and which might be a focus for skateboarders and graffiti.
38.	The principal functions of any proposed structure and facility need to incorporate a number of features and functions. Such as: The structure should provide shelter from the elements..be it a cold, wet and windy winter's day or evening, or a hot summer afternoon. Importantly, consider that while the structure will occasionally be used for events....Definitely it's main and regular function (multiple times on a daily basis) will be for private use by individual and family

Number	Respondent comment
	<p>groups etc from the community. Most often for picnics, bbqs, just sitting and having a chat or coffee, reading a book etc etc.</p> <p>It should ideally provide for more space and certainly more enclosure than the open rotunda did. Ideally with some separation of internal space (perhaps an easily removable partition(s) that could be removed by council for special events) so two or more small groups can use the facility at any one time with some degree of privacy and separation. (Note the shelters provided in recent years on the Milang foreshore for an inspirational example).</p> <p>The design of the structure could "reflect" the existing architectural design in some aspects of the library building, on a smaller scale.</p> <p>The structure should be shaped so as to be open in the direction of the lawns and library and closed in the direction diagonally across the intersection towards the hotel. This would provide shelter from the majority of the prevailing weather during the year and also, very importantly form an "acoustic shelter and protective acoustic reflector" which will serve to "shield" not only the occupants and users of the structure but also the grounds of the park and lawn, from excessive noise pollution from traffic and also which is often coming from the hotel outdoor area in the form of loud events and music etc which currently disturbs and discourages the peaceful and quiet use of the park by community members.</p> <p>A wide structure of solid construction (masonry, concrete or similar walls) facing diagonally across the lawns towards the library with a high upward slanting roofline similar to the existing library architecture would achieve all these functions and also be aesthetically pleasing. In addition it would provide an excellent visual and acoustical backdrop (reflecting sound back towards the audience, while limiting its effect on neighboring areas) for the occasional times when the space is used for performances etc.</p> <p>A wide yet not overly deep amphitheatre type structure would not impinge on the existing lawn area and provide far greater facility than the rotunda did. The structure could be set bat close to the road boundary while its curved or geometric shape can maintain necessary line of sight for passing traffic. The solid walls could easily incorporate very strong Steel and/or reinforced concrete structural elements to provide protection from vehicular intrusion. with perhaps a primary vehicular barrier such as bollards set back towards the road from the structure to provide extra protection from small vehicular incidents to the structure itself.</p> <p>Of course the structure should incorporate lighting and power and possibly wi'fi access.</p> <p>Note that the current bbq's (which are a very valuable and much loved asset to the community use of the area) are sadly and obviously lacking any food preparation or placement areas on each side of the hotplates which makes them very difficult in practice to use.</p> <p>Thankyou for your considerations.</p>
39.	<p>I have been observing this area over the last few months. The main use of this space is school kids in there breaks and after school for socialising. This space has also had an abundance of families and general public sit in and around the grassed areas.</p> <p>I am also aware of weekly group workshops and meetings held at the library.</p> <p>It should be an interactive urban space that reflects the style of the library and council combined but also have an academic approach.</p> <p>Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>grassed area,</li> <li>Amphitheater seating,</li> <li>nicer landscaped gardens with natives and indigenous info plaques,</li> <li>Shade sails in the center (could act as a modern rotunda area)</li> </ul>

### Question 3: What are you expectations on how the new facility and space will be used?

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Table 4: Question 8 Responses

Number	Respondent comments
1.	meeting place community events
2.	As a place to sit with shad/relief from rain with a table and seats where you can sit and read, or have a picnic.
3.	I expect the new space to be used regularly by the Stirling community, and for the local council to set up events to bring the community together.
4.	Arts performance Social functions Leisure activities
5.	Used frequently by individuals and community events
6.	Just for people to sit and enjoy the space....the shade, the sun etc. it needs fencing in that area.
7.	Family picnics , community BBQ
8.	As was used before
9.	Just do be used as an eating spot or to hang out
10.	Shade, seating, stage
11.	Shelter for people in the community and utilized for community gatherings and events.
12.	Informally by young people or school groups to hang out Formally for Stirling Fringe, Christmas carols, Anzac and Remembrance Day ceremonies.
13.	Performance bands.. singing and dance.. ceremonies.
14.	Same as before. It was used many times by so many people. BBQ's. Wines. People reading books from the library. Stalls would use it during different events. Us 9 girls used it for a monthly Sunday bookclub meet up. During the Stirling Fringe it was used as a band set up with a singer 'Jennifer De Grassi' to sing jazz on the staircase....just to name one person. I've seen so many people using it throughout the different seasons as I would drive past it daily. I even saw pet owners sitting there in the middle of winter taking a break from walking the dog and sheltering from the cold. I think if there was lighting it would be able to be used for a longer length of time.
15.	Relaxation purposes and it should have aesthetic beauty to be admired by passers by.
16.	for play-performances for children for eating takeaway from Woodbake or other local businesses relaxing reading
17.	I think it should be a place to support more events such as live music, theatre and generally supporting an arts feel. Also somewhere school children can hang out after school. Needs to have a raised component such as a stage.
18.	The same as it was
19.	It should be used for youth
20.	A spot that local unknown bands could gain experience by playing in, and fringe events could use for better known artists. Maybe before elections candidates could have rallies.
21.	School students, families having picnics/BBQ's and visitors wanting to enjoy the garden setting in front



Number	Respondent comments
	of the Library
22.	Chilling out Bands
23.	A space for children to enjoy, get them away from e-devices. Expensive to have a treehouse at home, make something more accessible for people on lower incomes.
24.	relaxing, groups meeting
25.	Great space for families to meet and kids to run around; and for events such as the fringe and markets.
26.	Precious open space for our psychological well being
27.	As it was in the past
28.	A soundshell could be used for choirs, readings, bands, etc.
29.	Music, meeting place for teenagers, concerts
30.	Families and community
31.	The lawn, picnic areas and new war memorial are sufficient. Use the money to show the same respect to the Crafers war memorial on Piccadilly Rd.
32.	If the new facility as more an amphitheatre than simple rotunda the footprint will be much larger and intrude into the lawned area. Currently it is an intimate scale and enjoyed as a meeting space by the public. Some more seating might enhance the use. I think an amphitheatre is a great idea, just not in that location. The Stirling oval might suit that grand plan.
33.	Should be returned to how it was before it came down- it's a place to sit and eat, kids to catch up and somewhere undercover
34.	As it has been previously
35.	It would serve small gatherings and be a stage for small bands, orchestral groups and choirs.
36.	Refer Q2 response 38
37.	I expect this area to be very versatile since it can be used by the public, council and the library. My belief is that putting just a rotunda back does not make good use of such a diverse space. Many local businesses could also use this space for workshops or public speaking.

#### Question 4: List the activities this space can be used for in the future by the community

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Table 5: Question 4 Responses

Number	Respondent comments
1.	music performance film festivals markets general lunching, lounging area
2.	As a place to sit with shad/relief from rain with a table and seats where you can sit and read, or have a picnic.
3.	Public functions Performances/Live music Various events
4.	Open air concerts and other events
5.	Performances eg choirs, bands, entertainment
6.	Picnics, lunch on weekend drives or day trips to the adelaide hills
7.	bbqs , get togethers .
8.	Sitting Eating
9.	Picnics, used as a stage, somewhere to sit out of sun/rain
10.	School groups, families, friends, Anzac commemorations, carols, fringe, local artist performances, Stirling laneways, markets, book signings, twilight celebrations, concerts, movie nights
11.	Informally by young people or school groups to hang out Formally for Stirling Fringe, Christmas carols, Anzac and Remembrance Day ceremonies.
12.	Fringe. Families.. Talks... village gatherings..
13.	Book club meet Dog owners walking Bands playing Stalls Charities BBQ's Picnics Library readers who want to sit outside Mums meet and greet
14.	It's beautiful appearance can be used for photographs. A backdrop for special occasions. It could be used for intimate wedding and functions like that.
15.	see above also dancing fringe events
16.	I think it should be an outdoor performance arts space that can complement major SA festivals such as the Fringe, Book Week, Writers Festival etc as well as local community events such as Stirling Market, Remembrance Services etc. What's missing in that area is a purpose built stage. The grass is beautiful and should be retained so no purpose built seating required but a stage or as suggested an ampitheatre style approach would increase the utilisation of the space. eg. Matilda's could use it for Author events, local musicians etc
17.	The same as it was
18.	A spot that local unknown bands could gain experience by playing in, and fringe events could use for

Number	Respondent comments
	better known artists. Maybe before elections candidates could have rallies.
19.	A band stage An attractive meeting spot
20.	We already use this lawned area for a wide variety of uses and functions. The area is very attractive and only needs a undercover seating area to replace that previously provided by the old rotunda. Keep the new facility relatively small, We do not want a large imposing structure to take away from the lovely garden settingf
21.	Relaxing Performance
22.	Play
23.	relaxing, groups meeting
24.	Anything, as long as the space is not damaged, compromised or cluttered with built structures. Plant a tree!
25.	Wedding photos, impromptu gatherings etc
26.	Concerts by schools, visiting artists (such those involved in the Stirling Fringe).
27.	Music, meeting place for teenagers, concerts
28.	You can use the space for anything if you leave it open and use the money for something else.
29.	A casual resting space after enjoying the cafes and shops. After school gatherings for students where a little noise is not as intrusive as in the library. In general a place to be owned by anybody and everybody, not just a selected few. It can also be a handy shelter in the winter. Soaring roof designs don't stop side on rain!
30.	People sitting
31.	green space with rotunda
32.	Refer Q2 response 38
33.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Homeschool community meetings, eg: weekly show and tell (currently held in the library)</li> <li>- Open-air cinema events, like the recent one held</li> <li>- Outdoor workshops and meetings</li> <li>- Grass space for people to continue doing light games outside (as provided by the library) or relaxing</li> <li>- Interactive space where people can learn about the Adelaide Hills, indigenous people, garden areas that might have bush food or just native plants.</li> <li>- The center shade sail will be used just like the previous rotunda was used for. This will cater for people that loved and used the rotunda. This idea can also suit having small musical performances and an extension of the Stirling markets.</li> </ul>

## Question 5: Do you have any additional comments regarding this project?

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Table 6: Question 5 Responses

Number	Respondent comments
1.	The original rotunda with one table was quite limiting in it's use. Would be nice to see something a little more contemporary and functional in it's place
2.	Agree with some form of modern, multi purpose facility providing that the structure itself is not "modern". Retain the heritage feel.
3.	I was quite sad when the Rotunda was damaged and removed, but now I like the openness of the area. I would like to see some kind of fence around the green area on that whole corner. It's such a dangerous area now that the petrol station is there. You saw how easy it was for a car to impact that area, thank god no one was injured, it could of been an absolute tragedy. Fencing, fencing, fencing
4.	This rotunder must be built the same as before it was a apex project so needs to be the same
5.	Would be nice to be a traditional Rotunda. Not modern
6.	Thanks for the opportunity to be part of the consultation.
7.	Not another rotunda please!! Stirling has a beautiful rotunda at Steamroller Park to represent that era. Something more modern and incorporating Indigenous art/design would be a visual acknowledgement of Indegous culture in Stirling (currently lacking) and also a tourist draw card.
8.	Make it aesthetically pleasing as I think many feel servo a bit of unnecessary thing in heart of stirling. B good to create a cultural centre.. I think stirling is a wonderful destination for locals and people driving up thru tunnels. Character shops.. Australian architectural themes can only thrive if we build inspiring structures that celebrate a very unique village. Just coming back from Europe I realise how the urban design can make or break a village. So many hills towns could be improved less signs... more walkways.. Symmetrical themed development and embracing 40000 Yr history of Australia. Also love to see more people living in village... On top of shops. This will help Stirling be a real home and keep interesting shops. Too many real estate agents taking up character buildings. Thanx for opportunity to be heard. Stirling is on verge of being a destination place if town planners are thoughtful. B money well spent to send them to Italy or UK to see how villages can thrive with characteristic developments. Need to incentivise this in local planning and less state control. Cheers
9.	Rotunda not needed for shade & wasn't big enough for any real use anyway. The view to the roundabout and pub from the lawns is valuable, as is the view from Stirling Main Street to the striking Library building. The ultimate flexible and multipurpose space would be to leave it as lawn.
10.	I think you should put the same Rotunda back!!! It was stunning. It was a feature. Everyone knew to meet at the 'Rotunda' on the lawn in front of the library. It was a land mark by locals and also for everyone who lived down the hill. I don't agree that just because there is a rotunda at Steam Roller Park we shouldn't have another one. It was such a feature that set off a very modern library building with an older look Rotunda - they complimented each other. It was also very ascetically beautiful. Such a disappointment to see it gone. Put it back!!!!!! I repeat - bring the same one back!
11.	No.
12.	Please please replace! All three generations of our family used the old one. We are so sad it is gone.
13.	The area needs a dedicated space for youth that is engaging and gives them somewhere to meet and spend time with each other. There is nothing like this for the youth in the area around Aldgate, Stirling and Crafers. Mt Barker is too far for them to go after school. There needs to be a youth centre or at

Number	Respondent comments
	least a dedicated structure that engages youth, encourages them to connect and spend time in the community.
14.	The park is centrally located and could be the heart or hub of Stirling around which events pulse.
15.	I would like to see the rotunda replaced with a similar structure. It has been a popular well used structure and has added to the village atmosphere of Stirling. I also feel the insurance policy of the person who ran into the rotunda should cover some of the replacement cost.
16.	Your signage at the site prompted my kids to discuss how the space can be used; they thought the area looked better without the bandstand and there was plenty of shade offered by the trees there. They loved it when the scouts brought in the climbing wall and think it would be great to have more 'come and try' activities there.
17.	Why are we so anxious about the idea/thought of green/open space that does not have a specific, defined "USE"? Why do we (so often) feel the compulsion to create built structures to validate or even justify (some) open space? Open/green space is valuable in itself. Keep it "open"!
18.	Make sure it is a really good quality structure that we would all be proud of.
19.	It needs to be properly constructed so that it can function correctly.
20.	No
21.	Yes, please don't replace the Rotunda..the lawns look great and set off the architectural style of the library. The Rotunda always had that somewhat daggy look and blocked the lawn. If ever you need a shelter for an event use one of this pop up shelters...the line of trees look even better without the Rotunda...
22.	A vast sum of money has already been spent in this area and it looks great. Turn your attentions elsewhere to the barren eyesores that remain in our district. Thankyou.
23.	Keep it simple.
24.	Please rebuild what was already there... would hate to see something modern or 'arty' replace it
25.	keep it as it has been prior to accident
26.	Refer Q2 response 38
27.	I am a landscape designer who lives in the Adelaide Hills and about do complete my Diploma in landscape design. I would welcome the opportunity to be apart of this design process and help create a usable space. Extra comments: This space has had a lot of comments and some strong opinions. I think keeping to a simple design that has more function than detail will be the key. Currently without the rotunda, it is a lovely wide open space for the public to use. My idea for the modern high shade sails will still create a rotund area but incorporate it's surroundings rather than be a stand alone structure.

## Guestbook Comments:

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Table 7: Guestbook Comments

Number	Respondent comments
1.	I think that a new bigger rotunda should replace the old rotunda
2.	Just make another rotunda pls lol
3.	I'd like another rotunda, wi fi with it and power would be good plus bollards..
4.	Butterfly garden, natureplay for kids, native plant awareness garden, bee hotel.
5.	It would be great to build something that is multi purpose! I love the idea of a rotunda that doubles up as a stage that you could use for events
6.	I will like a similar rotunda to what was there. As a retired teacher in the area, we used the rotunda every time my class and myself walked into Stirling. With it's roof it provided shade and protection from rain and it also provided an area where the pupils could sit together and the teacher could see where they are were.
7.	Please replace it with a replica of the original one. Having grown up in Stirling it saddens me to see some of our historical sites disappearing. There have been weddings in it; many of us met with friends there; used it for picnics. I remember it being used for a band some Christmases, likewise the one in Steamroller Park. Please replace it with another rotunda.
8.	Just rebuild it.You got the insurance.
9.	The rotunda should be rebuilt as it is an iconic image for Stirling since its inception. It can serve the community well for many functions and events. Bring back our rotunda.
10.	Please Council talk to the kids who use this space. Friday afternoons is one of the peak time for kids on the Library lawn after school. A replacement rotunda or a raised pavilion with adequate shelter would provide a stage for performances (including Stirling Fringe) and some respite from the weather for kids after school. A suitable structure is needed for community use including special events and to showcase projects, such as the knitting exhibition. A barrier could be erected on the lawn boundary to protect both people and structures within this space from errant vehicles. The rotunda was a Stirling icon and is greatly missed.
11.	The rotunda should be rebuilt but larger. it would be good if the design allowed for large events and gatherings such as the ANZAC day dawn service to make the experience better.
12.	Some sort of focal structure, such as a feature pavillion / pergola area, with some roofed area and part open. It could also have lead in, curved pathways either side with artistic displays of historic hills identities or groups and info - similar to 'The Captain's Walk' in Cootamundra NSW of Australian Test cricket captains. These could be developed over time.
13.	I think it has become an icon. I think we need to accommodate the needs of the area, namely the library events, stage area, with all facilities for music live ands recorded. A place to play musical and choirs performances etc. for markets, weddings and other special events. Maybe something like a "Sound Shell" style would suit accoustically but designed to suit the village style that is already significant of the Main Street.As the area is close to the road consideration needs to be taken into account for the safety of children. Ther is not a lot of lawned area with in Stirling Main Street so it is an area to be preserved for families. Some protection will be needed from the weather.
14.	A contemporary take on a rotunda that respects the history, is multipurpose and able to be used for the community.
15.	it should be replaced with a similar sized rotunda in the same historical design, if there is room for a

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	bigger floor area this should be considered.
16.	It needs to have a roof so it is sheltered from sun and rain. I'm not enthusiastic about an amphitheatre or anything that feels like a heavy mass. One of the great things about the rotunda was its light visual impact. It seemed just right in that space.
17.	A small amphitheater space that is multiple purpose for youth to hang out in.
18.	I would like to see an amphitheater that can be used for fringe events, Christmas carols and for children to play and perform on.
19.	I understand people miss the old rotunda, but let's acknowledge there is a beautiful rotunda at Steamroller Park which is gorgeous and represents that era in our lovely town. This is a fantastic opportunity to create a feature which compliments the modern, beautiful and well utilised, library. A modern amphitheatre seems like a perfect solution, 'sound shell' style perhaps or something else modern, medium sized so not to dominate the space. Something that can be used 24/7 for young people or school groups to hang out in, but then plug it in and 'turn it on' for events: Stirling fringe; Anzac and remembrance day ceremonies; Christmas carols etc. It would be awesome to incorporate Indigenous art/design as this is something very much missing in Stirling- it would importantly acknowledge our Indigenous people and culture, and in my view a secondary benefit would be attracting more international tourists to our stunning part of the world here in Stirling. Thanks for the opportunity to provide comment and good luck with this important project.
20.	Replace the rotunda, slightly larger but no internet etc. Surely the insurance covers this, it provided a sheltered, semi secluded area to meet
21.	Build a bigger rotunda in the same style as the previous one. It would be great if it has power and wifi, and was lit up in some way at night.
22.	I would like to see something that represents the original owners of the land. Currently we appear to be a very middle class 'white' suburb, perhaps an Aboriginal shelter similar to those built along Sir Donald Bradman drive. Or a piece of Aboriginal art with a plaque that is in the language of the traditional owners of the land
23.	I appreciate that you've listed the after school use as I'm always impressed by how comfortable the youth are in using the library and surrounding spaces. I'd like to see something that has 'soft' design features as it seems as if many buildings and public spaces in Stirling are becoming very angular and sharp edged - even garden beds. It seems as if the IKEA school of design is taking over! I'd like to see something that has more of a village feel to it. A cross between a rotunda and an amphitheatre - with a semi enclosed feel so as to be comforting for people who want to congregate. If any artwork is to be included I think there should definitely be more public consultation - I'd like to see something that acknowledges the Indigenous heritage of the area.
24.	I think you should put the Rotunda back!!!! It was stunning. It was a feature. Everyone knew to meet at the 'Rotunda' on the lawn in front of the library. It was a land mark. It was also very ascetically beautiful. Such a disappointment to see it gone. Put it back!!!!!! It was used so many times by so many people. BBQ's. Wines. People reading books from the library. Stalls would use it during different events. Us 9 girls used it for a monthly Sunday bookclub meet up. During the Stirling Fringe it was used as a band set up with a singer 'Jennifer De Grassi' to sing jazz on the staircase....just to name one person. I've seen so many people using it throughout the different seasons as I would drive past it daily. I even saw pet owners sitting there in the middle of winter taking a break from walking the dog and sheltering from the cold. Such a shame it is gone. I repeat - bring it back!
25.	Both my kids (now grown ups) spent many happy gatherings with friends at the Rotunda.we would love to see a rebuild. A more modern simple design would perhaps be nice, one that suits the setting .



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	Wedon't support anything larger or visually dominating the lawns. It is a beautiful peaceful much loved spot
26.	It could be powered to allow bands and choirs to play / jam for just a couple of hours a designated couple of times a week.
27.	I would like to see a rotunda that allows for community access and not a formal building like an amphitheatre. Maintain the open air look as much as possible and don't encroach on too much of the lawn. I also like the idea of wifi access.
28.	I would like to see a rotunda rebuild, and there's room to incorporate many of the suggestions put forward by interested people. My idea on the rotunda would be to make it functional, hands-on and artistically pleasing. Local artist/s who create public structural pieces that interact with the surroundings and people, could be involved in this. Greg Johns is one example who comes to mind. Whenever I visit Glenelg Beach, I see children climbing over the famous Rhythm (waves) sculpture. I would love to see this kind of interaction in front of the Stirling Library.I
29.	Please bring back the Rotunda, the design of the original was so lovely and in keeping with the era of Stirling. The park looks sad without it !
30.	Something very like the amphitheatre at Maria Park by Bascon in Denmark website <a href="http://www.landezine.com/index.php/2015/06/maria-park-by-bascon/">http://www.landezine.com/index.php/2015/06/maria-park-by-bascon/</a> - perhaps with a timber panel wall instead of a solid metal wall - or a wall with laser cutouts to allow line of sight. It needs to have a solid roof to protect from rain and sun - I love how Maria Park has the grass entering the pavilion. This would be a got spot to put the portable wooden settings to have lunch, then they could be moved out for performances.
31.	I think the former rotunda's size and appearance suited the location well. Please rebuild it as it was.
32.	I think the former rotunda's size and appearance suited the location and should be rebuilt as it was.
33.	A new, updated rotunda in keeping with the look of Stirling and surrounds and similar to the original one. An amphitheater would possibly take up more of the park area which would be a shame as the area is so well used and loved by families, young people and events.
34.	The rotunda was a great addition to the library community area. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to a couple of guitarists jamming in the rotunda on a number of occasions. I think they were just there by choice, not an organised act. I would love to see the rotunda replaced. Perhaps something a little bigger. Perhaps regular "Open Mike" sessions could be arranged. You register & are given a 10min slot to sing or play an instrument. General public can bring a picnic, sit on the lawn & be entertained. Music is a great equalizer drawing people from all walks of life to enjoy.
35.	Why not just replicate the former Rotunda.Remember it was there first and I am sure other developments will have accommodated its design .Don't destroy the heritage of Stirling because of a vehicular accident.
36.	Please do not replace it with anything! It was very unfortunate that it was damaged, but now it is gone, we do not need it (at least not there). There is already one in Steamroller Park just down the road !!!!! Please lave the lawn for people as is. It is a very small and very busy space. Thanks for the opportunity to comment. Resident most of my life. Steph
37.	I think it should be replaced with another rotunda or a small amphitheatre Rotunda's have a village feel about them where the community comes together.
38.	I feel that a New Rotunda should be constructed there as it has a multi function of uses. If anything perhaps it could be slightly bigger as it not heritage being built in 2001. It can be a grandstand also. It will be well used.
39.	Unquestionably, the rotunda should be replaced by a like construction
40.	Our office faces Stirling Library lawns, the rotunda was such a popular part of the lawns, constantly being used by such a wide variety of people and a great feature of this beautiful public space. It would

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	be great if it could be replaced with something similar.
41.	Speakers corner.
42.	Choir
43.	Drama
44.	Multi purpose structure that can be used as a performance stage for music/theatre/community events and in everyday use can be a picnic shelter in much the same way the old rotunda was. And wifi hotspot! 😊
45.	Please rebuild the rotunda in a similar design . Let's not destroy the village feel with some modern design! A rotunda is a reason for the community to meet,shelter and communicate whether it be for a picnic,art, or musical event .Perhaps musicians,as in choirs and bands could take advantage of the space!
46.	We really liked the rotunda, as it gave a nice country feel. Can it be replaced by another? maybe with drop screens to make it an amphitheater.
47.	Why not just replace the rotunda? It was a lovely little structure, and maybe just replace it with a couple of extra seats in there with the added ability of power supplied in the event of a band or performance in there. Drop screens sounds cool too.
48.	Replace it with another rotunda incorporating some/all of the ideas listed in your email. It was used so much and if extended to include these things would surely increase its use. The area of lawn should not be reduced too much though. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to have our say.
49.	We loved the rotunda. Keep a similar style please. It was lovely
50.	Replace the Rotunda with a Rotunda of the same design and style, using locals with the skills to construct a building of the same quality & design as the original rotunda. The rotunda was an iconic building in Stirling in an enduring style, for this reason I think it should be replaced in that style. The historic area of Stirling is being eroded with modern structures which do not fit with the feel, character and charm of the area. We need to bring that charm and character into Stirling again. This is our opportunity to see how we can use local craftsmen and women to create a high quality Rotunda. To show some respect for our history and those amazing men and women who made Stirling what it is today. Lets not destroy what they did for us. The opportunity is NOW! Use our Local Skills.
51.	Rebuild the Rotunda. As it was. It is Iconic. It represents Stirling.
52.	A contemporary platform/amphitheatre, in the far south eastern corner, acknowledging the Apex Club, and paid for by the negligent driver who drove without due care and damaged the old one.
53.	A precious open space that doesn't need another structure. The library is an attractive building and having an open lawn leaves the focus on that. Many people use this space, especially young ones and a small structure is hardly a community facility and a large one would totally spoil this site.
54.	More car parking space for non-council employees
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56.	need a new rotunda similar to previous on but updated a little to suit modern taste and ohs
57.	I think a wadding pool and a water fountain in the centre of it would be good for the community. Like the one in Adelaide but scaled down a fraction !!!
58.	A Wadding pool and a water fountain, would be good for the community,
59.	The rotunda was an icon. It needs to be replaced with the same design but to withstand impact
60.	undercover semi circle stage similar to the amplitheatre at scarborough beach WA...but smaller. I liked the rotunda though, either one!

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61.	I think Stirling needs to maintain its unique, village character with strong, visible links to its past - I would like to see a replacement rotunda with a design that echos Stirling's traditional features.
62.	<p>This is submitted on behalf of Arts Excentrix.</p> <p>We suggest a purpose built performance space, such as a sound shell with stage area.</p> <p>The old Rotunda was inappropriate for contemporary performance and constructed when a brass band might be the offering. It had fixed tables. The stage was too high, creating a chasm between performers and audience.</p> <p>The ground drops away from the area at the Stirling library lawns, so whatever is created doesn't need to be raised much off the ground level if at all. A backing to wall to screen the traffic noise and reflect the sound out into the audience area would help define the area as a dedicated performance space with a stage area big enough to have dancers and bands, Sound shells usually have a curved back wall with a focal point determined by the audience space available. Such a space would be very useful during the Fringe offerings. Power-points on the back wall would be essential with substantial power available on 2 circuits, one for sound and another for lights.</p>
63.	<p>I liked the character of the old rotunda and would like to see it replaced but it wasn't very functional or accessible.</p> <p>An amphitheatre is a great idea but how much use will it get for performances given the location. At best it would be used for people to sit and for students to hang out after school.</p> <p>So perhaps a mixed use space with gardens and seating that extends out into an open area that could be used for performances and games e.g. outdoor chess.</p>
64.	How about a dance-o-mat, like the one in Christchurch?
65.	The Stirling Business Association represents the interests of the business community in Stirling. We want to see something very similar replacing the rotunda that was demolished in a car mishap. The previous rotunda was well used by many community groups as a focal point for gatherings and meetings. Despite it only being constructed reasonably recently, it was in keeping with the mix of 'old and new' of Stirling. We would like to see it replaced.
66.	Replace with a new rotunda - a good quality timber rotunda
67.	Would love to see some sort of interactive water feature that kids can play in.
68.	I think a shelter of some sort for our youth to meet in would be good. My children loved meeting school friends at the rotunda so something that could double as a place for teenagers to meet, with a cover for all weathers would be good.
69.	<p>to cost of replacing the Rotunda should be</p> <p>The cost of repairing or replacing the Rotunda should be met by the drivers insurance policy , if this is not recoverable maybe the council would have the labour and talent to make the repairs, whilst on the subject would you please let me know what happened to the damaged Rotunda which was taken away very quickly</p>
70.	<p>The rotunda was enjoyed immensely by families with children. It was a safe environment for them to play. It was also great for events and entertainment. It was an important part of Stirling's character.</p> <p>Please build another in wood and make it as close to the original design as possible. A modern steel design will not be the same. Our family has missed the old one.</p>
71.	A massive Jesus fountain
72.	Another rotunda would add to the beauty of the library lawns as well as offer a quiet place for residents and visitors to enjoy our wonderful Stirling.
73.	Replace with " new for old". with WIFI access
74.	Loved the rotunda but how about an outdoor arena with slatted timber shade ... surrounded by curved seating - stone or wooden steps for viewing mmm I could draw you a picture ? Alternatively a new timber rotunda - so iconically Aussie ! But maybe one that lends itself better to performance ?
75.	Loved the rotunda but how about an outdoor amphitheater with slatted timber shade ... surrounded

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	by curved seating - stone or wooden steps for viewing mmm I could draw you a picture ? Alternatively a new timber rotunda - so iconically Aussie ! But maybe one that lends itself better to performance - the old one was only durable as s backdrop ?
76.	<p>A Phillip Johnson landscape. The library contains PJ's book, that is constantly on loan so seems to be popular.</p> <p>It could contain a number of the elements already suggested (rotunda, wading pool, indigenous connection, nature play). It wouldn't be cheap, but there would likely be a number of people/businesses willing to contribute. It would be good for a number of local suppliers and businesses, as PJ use local materials and resources only, and contractors.</p> <p><a href="http://www.phillipjohnson.com.au">http://www.phillipjohnson.com.au</a></p>
77.	<p>Nothing - the space is fine as is.</p> <p>Use the money to reinvigorate the eyesore that is the Crafers roundabouts, particularly as this is the first freeway exit and the exit for Mt Lofty so often the first thing visitors and tourists see.</p>
78.	Something, anything that represents our First Nations people, the Peramunk people and their lives here. Stirling is so white and so english you forget your living in Australia
79.	I would like to see the rotunda replaced as it was. It's design was very functional, well used and aesthetically suited to its surrounds. It adds beautiful character to its surrounds. Definitely NO BOLLARDS - detracts for the magnificent natural beauty of the gardens and lawns.
80.	Replace rotunda with a rotunda. It was used regularly by lots of people so cannot understand the drawn out process this has become for no real reason.
81.	I believe the rotunda should be replaced, with possibly one of more modern design. It was used on numerous occasions for gatherings, shelter for school children after school, people having picnics on the lawns.
82.	I think there definitely needs to be a replacement for the demolished rotunda, as it had a lot of use. Personally I really liked the style of the old one and would be pleased to see it replaced with a similar one. I am presuming that insurance will at least partly cover the cost of replacement. Please don't just leave the space empty, as shelter is so often needed.
83.	I would love to see a paddling pool or interactive water feature for families with small children. If it's not suitable for that particular place, can we please consider it at another site? I think it would be invaluable for our area.
84.	Replace Rotunda with Rotunda
85.	Another rotunda.
86.	Please replace the rotunda with another one.
87.	I would like to see another rotunda, preferably of a graceful and elegant design, not something modern. We already have a piece of modern sculpture outside the library, and I find it ugly, as do many people I've discussed it with. So I'm dubious about a modern design for a rotunda. The idea of bollards strikes me as unnecessary. I know a car hit the old rotunda, and I'm just glad there were no people in the car's path when it happened. If any bollards are considered, perhaps they should ensure cars can't plough into people on the lawns, rather than just protecting the rotunda.
88.	Replace rotunda with small playground.
89.	How about a rotunda???? Seriously??? It looked gorgeous and would still be there if some dick didn't run into it! Please don't put some sculptural monstrosity or playground there! I know there's a rotunda near Steamroller pk. If was up for a vote you'd find most would want a rotunda
90.	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I would like to see a rotunda of similar size and location to replace exactly the one we lost. It was well used by community members and especially at events like the Fringe. Whereas an amphitheater limits the size of the audience.</p>

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91.	It would be such a jewel in the adelaide Hills crown to have a WADING POOL (similar to the one in Tismore Park) .. bringing the beach to the hills and having yet another activity for families of the hills.
92.	A 50m telco tower seems appropriate. As the Council doesn't care where they go.
93.	I loved the traditional rotunda and would like to see a replica in about the same location with shade, seating, steps and with lots of wrought iron, maybe from local metal artists and maybe with a quirky modern twist on the antique, although I think it should have a similar historical theme and include a plaque with photo and history of the original. It would serve small gatherings and be a stage for small bands, orchestral groups and choirs. I definitely don't want to see a larger modern amphitheater or other permanent stage area that restricts the use of the lawns for gatherings and picnics and which might be a focus for skateboarders and graffiti.
94.	<p>This opens up a great opportunity for a perfect outdoor performance space, as there is currently nowhere in Stirling or locally designed specifically for this purpose.</p> <p>I can picture a more open sided, single level floor space of dimensions large enough to accommodate a large choir/cast/band. When not being used officially for performance you bet kids will do cartwheels across it.</p> <p>Not only is Stirling already a destination of choice for people coming up from the city for the markets and cafes, but it is increasingly involved in festival events. Having a high quality performance space would be great and shouldn't 'take away' from much green space.</p>
95.	Krispy Kream
96.	I would like to see it replaced with a similar-sized rotunda, styled in keeping with the surroundings but not necessarily a copy. As well as a meeting place for the general public it could be used for presentation of small group events, such as music performances, plays, readings or even ceremonies. For this purpose some sort of removable backdrop on the road side would aid the acoustics for listeners on the lawn in front.
97.	The demolished rotunda should be replaced with another of similar size & design but incorporating the latest technology i.e. power, lighting, p.a. system etc. We believe that anything other than a rotunda e.g. an amphitheatre, would be inappropriate as it would further reduce the lawn area & be detrimental to the aesthetics of our beautiful library. Suggestions for roofed structures are inappropriate because they would block the view of the library & destroy the feeling of openness of the lawn area as well as impacting on the open line of sight across the space. We do not need further structures on this piece of lovely green open space. Please re-build the rotunda!!
98.	Another rotunda. Failing that, grass would be good
99.	I would like to see the rotunda replaced as it was. It was well used.
100.	Replace the rotunda as it was. It was well used.
101.	Please replace the Rotunda as it was. It was sited harmoniously within the surrounding lawns and trees without overpowering the space and was very well used by locals and visitors.
102.	Please replace the Rotunda as it was. It was sited harmoniously within the surrounding lawns and trees without overpowering the space and was very well used by locals and visitors.
103.	Hello, another rotunda/stage would be great, my family had been using the last one for shade for years and have found memories that we would like to share with the grandchildren.
104.	<p>The Library Lawns are considerably more versatile and accessible without the presence of the Rotunda.</p> <p>The Rotunda did not work effectively acoustically, and did not contribute positively to the aesthetic of the area. I appreciate there may be some sentimental attachment to it amongst some members of the local community, however it was not architecturally significant nor useful as an actual 'rotunda' (as in a public performance area).</p> <p>The services that it contained were the most useful assets (access to power etc for events), and these</p>

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	<p>can easily be relocated elsewhere to provide for improved community use throughout the open space. I would strongly support AHC not re-invest in a similar structure in that location.</p>
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106.	<p>I would like a rotunda built to replace the one damaged in the vehicle accident. It is a very popular part of the Library lawn area and is a great advantage for the community and visitors.</p>

## Comments received through Council's CRM system

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Table 8: Comments received through Council's CRM system

Number	Respondent comment
1.	He strongly supports the replacement of the rotunda in approximately the same site.
2.	I understand there is a call for a sculptural artwork to replace the gazebo removed in front Stirling Library. Can you provide some details of what may be sought, or an application for some sort
3.	Just make a decision & put a rotunda back on the front lawns where the damaged one was. Stop procrastinating. It didn't need to go out for public consultation in the first place.
4.	Suggestion to replace the rotunda with another rotunda
5.	Replacement for damaged gazebo at Stirling to be another gazebo
6.	Replacement gazebo do replace the destroyed gazebo
7.	Replacement of the Library lawns Gazebo
8.	ROTUNDA suggestion to add to submissions. Reconstruct to as close to original as possible.
9.	The Stirling Lawn area in front of the library. A new Rotunda would be a great idea, it is an ideal place to enjoy a picnic with friends or a quiet area to read. The Hills weather is changeable, so an undercover area on the Lawn would be appreciated by the community.
10.	Request to replace destroyed rotunda with a new one
11.	In response to what suggestions are sought for the Library lawn. I would love a larger rotunda than previously on the Stirling lawn.



## Comments received via email

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Table 9: Comments received via email

Number	Respondent comment
1.	I was suggesting that the rotunda be replaced, either with a traditional rotunda as before, or a more modern but raised shelter area, that can be used by children, families and groups, for playing, meeting, and concerts
2.	<p>Less or a rotunda and more of an amphitheatre</p> <p>Integration of design with the outside of the library as well as any new protection measures we need to have installed (i.e. 'artistic' bollards/Stirling Spheres)</p> <p>Capture the forever growing/changing role of the library and perhaps greater connection between the inside and the outside. Certainly ensure the facility has power and wifi access points.</p> <p>Placement to suit how Fringe Events operate on the site, but at the same time leave as much green space as possible.</p> <p>Recognition that the site gets a very large number of post school youth utilisation.</p> <p>Recognition of the need to keep the open feel, so limiting the blocking of the views of the green space and library as you drive through Stirling.</p>
3.	Love the idea of an amphitheatre
4.	I support the creation of a more multifunctional replacement facility and like the idea of an amphitheatre that can be used for a wider variety of activities including outdoor theatre, movie nights, Fringe etc. and just be a nice area to sit and have lunch. The amphitheatre should use the natural contours of the lawn area and create half-moon shaped seating using stonework to pick up this theme from surrounding buildings, thus maintain the Hills ambience and atmosphere.
5.	Functionality for musical performances and presentations. It will be valuable to investigate options that balance having a functional 'backdrop' for a stage/amphitheatre while also allowing a relatively open line of sight across the space for traffic travelling in from Aldgate
6.	Keep the area as open as possible
7.	<p>We were stunned by the news that the Stirling Coventry Library Rotunda had been demolished by an errant driver. As long time hills residents we would hope that the structure is replaced, designed to accurately resemble the original Rotunda.</p> <p>Hopefully the car owner involved is insured, and his/her insurance company comes to the party to help cover the cost.</p> <p>There can be no other option but replacement really!</p>
8.	Please replace with a similar rotunda as a unique part of Stirling
9.	Rebuild where is/was. Rotundas have always been a part of public parks
10.	<p>Please receive our my design proposal as requested</p> <p>It could be smaller than 6m diameter so its whatever fits the space</p> <p>The rear walls could be our community info board / tourist info space as it faces the road</p> <p>The front is a cantilevered roof stage space with rear storage for stuff that could be delivered before the event and pulled out quickly and easily from the rear so set up is seamless</p> <p>No tables or chairs on it however just more a area you perch on or spread out a blanket maybe</p> <p>The BBQ may need relocating</p> <p>Thankyou for giving me the opportunity to submit this proposal</p> <p>I can advise on the required structural steel elements to support the roof if required , but its easy.</p>

## Comments received at on-site session on 7 December 2018

Table 10: Comments received at on-site session on 7 December 2018

Number	Respondent comment
1.	Sitting and eating
2.	Busking
3.	Talking, seeing friends
4.	Eating in when it was raining
5.	When it is raining sitting under
6.	Sitting area
7.	Small eating place
8.	Sitting area
9.	Sit and eat
10.	Skate ramp
11.	Another rotunda
12.	Rotunda with stage area
13.	Another rotunda
14.	Wooden roller things
15.	A cocktail bar please
16.	Fountain
17.	Another rotunda
18.	Picnic area
19.	Sausage
20.	Fountain
21.	Stage
22.	Stage
23.	Canteen
24.	Stage
25.	Rotunda
26.	Outdoor movie night facilities
27.	Pool
28.	Food place
29.	Stage
30.	Giant choc fountain
31.	Choc fountain
32.	Curve bench
33.	Skate ramp
34.	Rotunda
35.	Modern rotunda
36.	Another one please
37.	Skate ramp
38.	Play equipment for older kids & teens
39.	Fountain
40.	Another rotunda
41.	Camp kitchen
42.	Movie nights

Number	Respondent comment
43.	Stage
44.	Half pipe
45.	Exact same rotunda
46.	Cat park
47.	Video game park
48.	Giant fidget spinner
49.	Rotunda
50.	Skate ramp
51.	Stage

## Comments received at on-site session on 14 December 2018

Table 11: Comments received at on-site session on 14 December 2018

Number	Respondent comment
1.	Rocking seats modern shelter
2.	Half pipe
3.	Half pipe
4.	Skate park
5.	Half pipe
6.	A fountain
7.	Half pipe
8.	Rotunda – same
9.	Rotunda shelter with lots of seats
10.	Half pipe
11.	Seating
12.	Rotunda 2.0
13.	Half pipe
14.	Half pipe
15.	Tiny Kafe
16.	A house for me
17.	Movie night/hanging out – hammocks
18.	Hanging out/chilling
19.	Water slides
20.	Shelter for food/drink
21.	Hanging out/chilling
22.	Hanging out/eating
23.	Hanging out with friends
24.	Hang out and eat
25.	Movie night
26.	Reading and hanging out
27.	Hanging out
28.	Playground
29.	Hanging out
30.	Having fun
31.	Half pipe
32.	Half pipe
33.	Weed firm
34.	Half pipe
35.	Skate park
36.	Rotunda again
37.	Half pipe
38.	Skate park
39.	Gay weddings
40.	Half pipe
41.	Rotunda
42.	Skate park

Number	Respondent comment
43.	Half pipe
44.	Water slides
45.	Chilling/hanging out
46.	Relaxing eating
47.	Skate park
48.	Fishing
49.	Shelter
50.	Half pipe
51.	Carp fishing
52.	Fortnite
53.	Half pipe
54.	Sound shell
55.	Bollards
56.	Half pipe
57.	Roof & stage
58.	All weather picnics
59.	Half pipe
60.	Bird aviary
61.	Another rotunda – same
62.	Shelter to sit under
63.	Under cover seating
64.	Slightly larger rotunda
65.	Aboriginal remembrance spot
66.	Rocking seats shelter
67.	Large sinkhole
68.	Community garden
69.	A shelter with swings
70.	Rotunda
71.	Undercover area with seating – movie nights
72.	Shelter from the rain
73.	Rotunda shelter
74.	Bollards
75.	A sheltered place to hang out

## Comments received through Social Media

Note: Some data was removed for anonymity purposes and is indicated by ---

Table 12: Comments received through Council's Social Media

Number	Respondent comment
1.	Skate Park
2.	The same as before
3.	Rotunda
4.	The rotunda
5.	Just some more tables and chairs it was always structure that was hard to use for events.. I didn't even notice it was gone
6.	A low stage area would be great to have music events on the lawns would be a great addition to the area .. also with plugs and amp so people can plug and play if not an official concert
7.	A similar structure, not necessarily in the same spot, with a lower floor (less dangerous for small kids) that could double as a sound shell for performances
8.	Another rotunda
9.	Given the last one got taken out by a car – I'm assuming while no one was using it – will the council be ensuring that not future traffic accidents are likely to take out future structures? Given the proximity to the library, the patronage by families, children, elderly etc?
10.	A public stage for buskers
11.	Butterfly garden. Bee hotel. Native garden display. Natureplay playground
12.	A similar rotunda with more access and maybe a second tier for performers during events?
13.	The Stirling Rotunda (R.I.P.) should be replaced with a statue of Alexander Downer, standing behind a wall with "NO NEW ARRIVALS" emblazoned on it. Said wall can also act as protection against wayward vehicles entering the park and potentially injuring park and/or library users.
14.	Must be put back as before as apex built it
15.	I actually like it with nothing there. A few more tables and benches would be nice but just leave it green!
16.	Merry go round or a butterfly house
17.	The same rotunda as before
18.	It would be great to build something that is multi purpose! I love the idea of a rotunda that doubles up as a stage that you could use for events!
19.	Sound shell or performance space doubles as picnic shade area and creative play space
20.	Definitely the same sort of rotunda please!
21.	Bring the Rotunda back thanks.
22.	The same style of rotunda. It suited Stirling as both a bandstand and somewhere to eat hot chips with friends on a drizzly day!
23.	Build another rotunda please, the children love playing on it
24.	Another rotunda
25.	Working with the fringe to use the space as something that can double as a performance area would be great
26.	Rotunda please!
27.	Rotunda please!
28.	Huge vegetable Garden, donate to homeless shelters -## we have one! The old school community garden on Old MtBarker Rd. - ## if only we had homeless shelters in the Hills
29.	Bring back the Stirling Rotunda PLEASE!

Number	Respondent comment
	- A rebuild would be the best idea.
30.	Put the rotunda back please!
31.	Another rotunda would be good
32.	Rotunda & a nature playground!
33.	Another rotunda please
34.	An interactive display that helps hills residents better understand the wildlife in our area.. so that cruelty stops!
35.	Another rotunda/stage area – it works so well with the Stirling fringe and the school kids love it. Maybe add in some bollards along the footpath to prevent another incident.
36.	## good spot for a locally made timber structure - I did some work on that bad boy haha



## Appendix D: Engagement materials

An engagement website was developed and can be viewed here:

<https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/stirling-rotunda>

All project materials were made available to download from the project website.

The following are copies of the engagement material used for this project:

Community Consultations	
<p><b>What should go on the Stirling Lawn?</b></p> <p>The rotunda located on the Stirling Lawn was damaged in a car accident earlier this year. Due to the significant damage caused, the rotunda had to be demolished. This has opened an opportunity for the community to explore new ideas for what could go in this vacated space.</p> <p>Get your imagination working: what would you like to see?</p> <p><b>Visit <a href="https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au">engage.ahc.sa.gov.au</a> to have your say before 2 January 2019.</b></p>	
<p><b>Development of an Ash Wednesday Memorial, Bridgewater</b></p> <p>Council would like to develop a landscaped garden and Ash Wednesday Memorial on a reserve in Bridgewater. This is with respect to the wishes of the late Mr F H Todd, whose land was earmarked for a memorial, but can no longer sustain one.</p> <p>The community is invited to read the background on this memorial and give their thoughts on a suitable location for the final development.</p> <p><b>Visit <a href="https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au">engage.ahc.sa.gov.au</a> to have your say before 28 January 2019.</b></p>	
<p>Enquiries can be made to Natalie Westover, Manager Property Services 8408 0546</p>	 <p>Adelaide Hills COUNCIL</p>

Post Details



**Adelaide Hills Council**

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Is one of your new year's resolutions to get more involved in your community? Start by registering with our engagement site and have your say on current consultations, including a proposal to upgrade Stonehenge Reserve, and what should replace the Stirling Rotunda.  
<https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/>



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**Adelaide Hills Council**

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A traffic accident in August sadly took out the Stirling Rotunda, but that has opened up an opportunity for the community to think about what would best serve this space. Should we build something similar? Something different? Or nothing at all? Let us know your thoughts! <http://ow.ly/xHIR50jPreN>





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## Join the conversation



Council has some consultations on now that have sparked the imagination of our communities. Don't miss your chance to have your say.

### **What should replace the Stirling rotunda?** Closes 28 January 2019

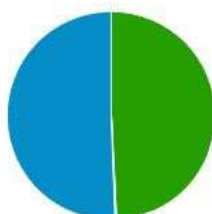
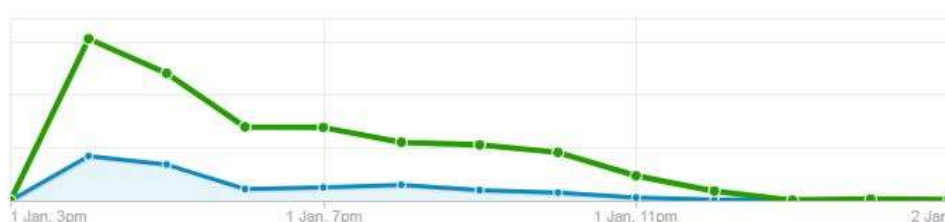
We are seeking blue-sky design ideas and community input into what new facility (if any) may replace the former rotunda in front of the Coventry Library.

### **Proposed Stonehenge Reserve Courts Upgrade.** Closes 22 February 2019

We are exploring the feasibility of upgrading Stonehenge Reserve in Stirling. Proposed plans include two new courts, upgrades to car parking, stormwater drainage, clubhouse facilities, and lighting.

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**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday 7 May 2019  
AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

**Item:** 7.3

**Originating Officer:** Kylie Caruso, Roads Officer

**Responsible Director:** Terry Crackett – Director Corporate Services

**Subject:** Road Closure – Unmade Road Reserve adjacent to 1 Tay Crescent, Woodforde

**For:** Decision

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**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek a resolution to issue a Road Process Order pursuant to the *Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991* as regards a section of unmade and unnamed public road adjacent to Tay Crescent Woodforde.

The area of unmade and unnamed public road proposed to be closed is identified by the area bordered in red **Appendix 1** and marked A on Preliminary Plan No 18/0057 attached as **Appendix 2** and being portion of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2546 Folio 56 (Road Land). The owners of 1 Tay Crescent, Woodforde, Mr Robert Ian Walter and Mrs Sharyn Gwen Walter, have applied to the Council to purchase the Road Land to be amalgamated into their land.

Whilst current delegations by Council provide authority for the Chief Executive Officer to deal with all matters associated with the making of a Road Process Order, current practice for these matters has been to bring them to Council for consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Council resolves:**

1. That the report be received and noted
  2. To make a Road Process Order pursuant to the *Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991* to close and merge the piece of land identified as “A” in the Preliminary Plan No. 18/0057 and being portion of the land in Certificate of Title Volume 2546 Folio 56 with Allotment 11 in Deposited Plan No. 6530 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5637 Folio 217.
  3. Subject to the closure of the road identified in the Preliminary Plan attached, that:
    - The closed road be excluded as Community Land pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1999*; and
    - The piece marked “A” be sold to Mr Robert Walter & Mrs Sharyn Walter, the owners of the property with which it is merging for the amount of \$65,000 incl GST (if applicable) and all fees and charges associated with the road closure process.
  4. Authorise the Chief Executive to finalise and sign all necessary documentation to close and sell the above portion of closed road pursuant to this resolution.
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## 1. GOVERNANCE

### ➤ Strategic Management Plan/Council Policy

Strategic Plan: Organisational Sustainability

Strategies: Financial Sustainability  
Risk and Responsibility

### ➤ Legal Implications

The *Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991* sets out the process for a road closure and the issuance of a Road Process Order.

### ➤ Risk Management Implications

The closure and sale of the Road Land will assist in mitigating the risk of:

*Private infrastructure on public road reserve leading to increased risk and liability for Council.*

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
Low (1C)	Low (1E)	Low (1E)

The closure of a section of unmade road that is deemed to be surplus to Council's current and future needs as a public road, reduces the risks to Council associated with safety and liability, vegetation control works and costs.

### ➤ Financial and Resource Implications

All external costs including the initial and subsequent survey, valuation, conveyancing, advertising and government charges have been paid by the prospective purchasers.

The Council's administrative cost is covered by the application fee paid by the applicants of the proposed road closure including the initial investigation, liaison with proposed purchasers, liaison with surveyor and conveyancer and internal processes to undertake the road closure.

If the recommendation is endorsed, Mr and Mrs Walter will pay Council a total of \$65,000 (including GST) for the purchase of the Road Land.

If the recommendation is not endorsed then the respective owners will need to maintain their current road rent permit for the Road Land.

### ➤ Customer Service and Community/Cultural Implications

Not Applicable

➤ **Environmental Implications**

Not Applicable

➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted with Council Committee, Regional Subsidiary, Advisory Group, the Administration and Community**

*Council Committees:* Not Applicable

*Council Workshops:* Not Applicable

*Advisory Groups:* Property Advisory Group

*Administration:* Manager Property Services  
Biodiversity Officer  
GIS & Asset Management Officer  
Sport & Recreation Planner  
Landcare Officer, Open Space

*Community:* Community Consultation was undertaken in accordance with the public notice requirements set out in the *Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991* and the guidelines issued by the Surveyor-General's Office.

**2. BACKGROUND**

Mr Robert Ian Walter and Mrs Sharyn Gwen Walter own the property at 1 Tay Crescent, Woodforde. The land owners have held a road rent permit over the Road Land with Council since 2008.

Mr and Mrs Walter approached Council to request that a road closure process be considered that would result in them purchasing the Road Land, with the Road Land to be amalgamated into their existing land title. The basis of the approach was that the area is heavily vegetated, already contained within their fence lines, and has established service infrastructure within the Road Land.

The road closure proposes that 241.4m<sup>2</sup> of road reserve will be closed and merged into the certificate of title for the land owners. This enables the rectification of encroachments of built infrastructure (such as the driveway and vegetation) over the road reserve.

**3. ANALYSIS**

The Road Land was assessed by Council staff to ascertain its suitability for a closure and sale and this assessment indicated that it was suitable.

Historically, the public road was once a private right of way and remains contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2546 Folio 56. The right of way was vested to the District Council of East Torrens in 1959 and has been considered a public road since this time. The implied rights of way have been extinguished with the declaration of Public Road.

The proposed closure of the Road Land will not have any impact on the passage of vehicular or pedestrian traffic as the proposed closure will result in the boundary being merged with the land owned by Mr and Mrs Walter.

An assessment of the potential use of the road by the public included the following:

- a review of the Adelaide Hills 20 Year Trail Strategy & Action Plan which does not identify the Road Land as a potential linkage of trails
- confirmation from the Office of Recreation and Sport that the Road Land is not considered a strategic trail linkage at State level. Walking SA held no objection to the proposed road closure
- the area around that area of Woodforde is serviced by the Morialta Conservation Park.

The road closure process was commenced and is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the *Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991*.

Public Consultation has occurred, with no objections received to the proposed road closure process.

As required under the Council's *Disposal of Land Policy*, a valuation was obtained from an independent Valuer to determine the market value of the Road Land. McLean Gladstone Valuers prepared a report using the "before and after" method of valuation whereby the land owned by the Applicant is valued before and after the Road Land is added.

The Road Land is vegetated and already contained within the fenced boundary including gates and a portion of the driveway. The value attributed using the "before and after" method was \$600 per m<sup>2</sup> which equated to \$87,000.

Mr and Mrs Walter asked for consideration to be given to a lower purchase price of \$50,000 given the valuation seemed unrealistically high for land that had limited options for alternative use, and as such they did not believe that they would be able to recoup the cost if they were to sell their property in the next few years.

In accordance with Council's *Disposal of Asset Policy*, Council sought to negotiate directly with the applicants after discussion with the Property Advisory Group. A subsequent offer to sell for \$65,000 (inclusive of GST) was considered acceptable by Mr and Mrs Walter. This price, whilst lower than the independent valuation of \$87,000, was seen as a reasonable outcome. In the event that Council were to correct the encroachment, extensive additional costs would be incurred, including boundary surveys, remedial fencing works plus the removal of the existing concrete driveway and vegetation. In addition to the rectification works, Council would also be obligated to maintain and ensure adequate insurance of the unmade road/walkway for public use.

If endorsed by Council, it is noted that Mr and Mrs Walter will complete the financial "settlement" for the road closure post 1 July 2019.



#### **4. OPTIONS**

The Council has the following options:

- I. Resolve to close the road and issue a Road Process Order in accordance with the recommendation (Recommended)
- II. Resolve to not endorse the road closure which will result in the existing road rent/permit being maintained. (Not Recommended)

#### **5. APPENDICES**

- (1) Map identifying the Road Land
- (2) Preliminary Plan identifying the Road Land and merging parcels

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# **Appendix 1**

*Identification of Road Land*

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UPR

1 Tay Crescent, Woodforde

Registered Proprietor:

Robert Ian Walter & Sharyn  
Gwen Walter

CT: 5637/217

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## **Appendix 2**

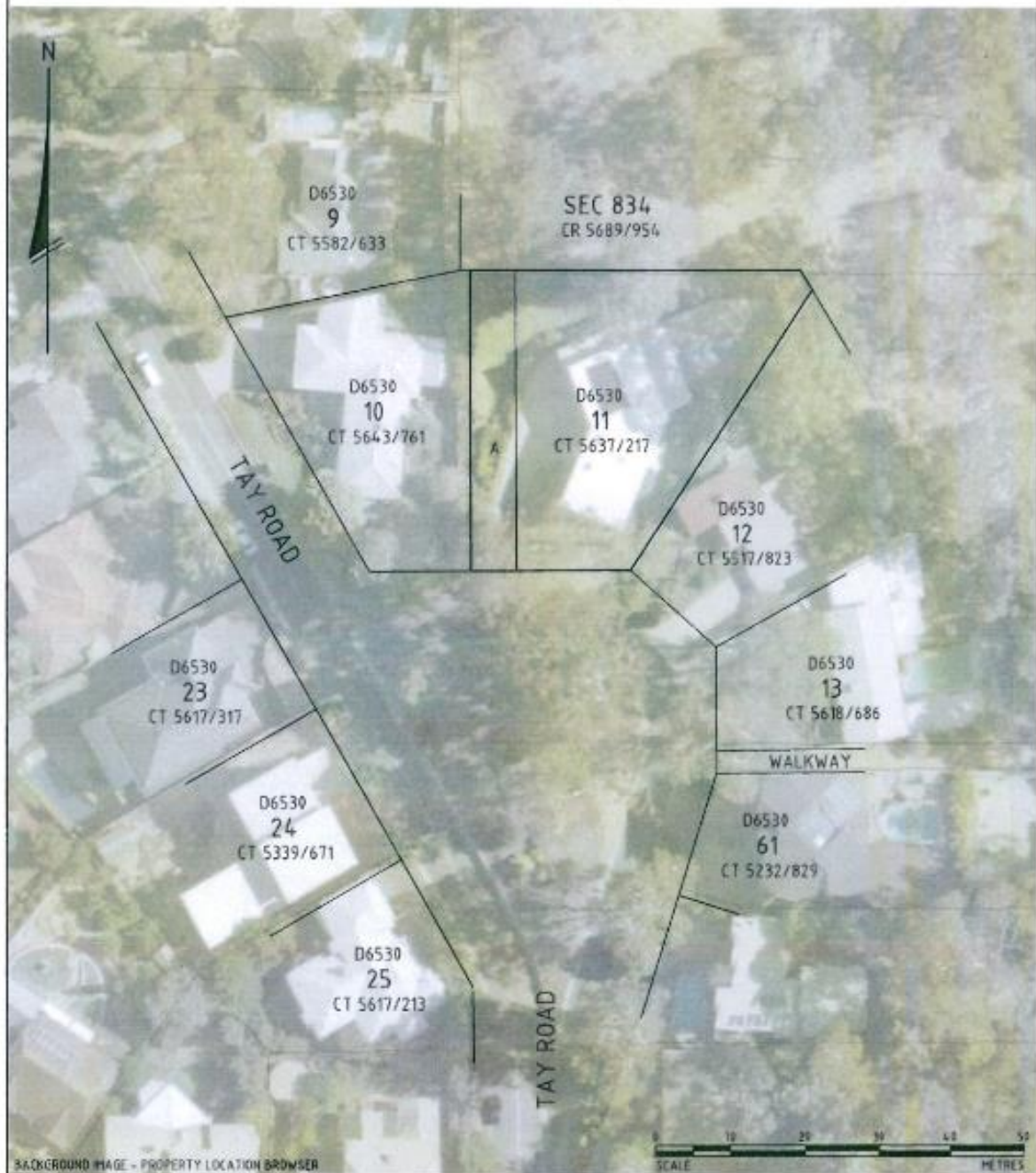
*Preliminary Road Plan identifying land with the closed  
road will merge*

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# PRELIMINARY PLAN No 18 / 0057

ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
IN THE AREA NAMED WOODFORDE

ROAD TO BE CLOSED LETTERED A  
CLOSED ROAD A TO BE MERGED WITH ALLOTMENT 11 IN D6530



PROPOSAL CERTIFIED CORRECT AS TO  
INTENT

DATE 14/11/2019

AUTHORISED OFFICER

ORIGINAL SHEET SIZE A3

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PORTION OF ROAD TO BE CLOSED  
LETTERED 'A' HEREON IS PUBLIC ROAD WITHIN THE MEANING OF  
SECTION 3 OF THE ROADS (OPENING AND CLOSING) ACT 1991

AUTHORITY: RIGHT OF WAY, D6530, CT 2546/56

*R. K. K. K.*  
LICENSED SURVEYOR

26/09/18

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday 7 May 2019  
AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

**Item:** 7.4

**Originating Officer:** Kylie Caruso, Roads Officer

**Responsible Director:** Terry Crackett – Director Corporate Services

**Subject:** Road Closure – Unmade Public Road adjacent to 143 Peake Rd, Birdwood

**For:** Decision

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**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek a resolution to issue a Road Process Order pursuant to the *Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991* as regards to a section of unmade and unnamed public road adjacent to 143 Peake Road, Birdwood.

The area of unmade and unnamed public road proposed to be closed is identified by the area bordered in red on **Appendix 1** and marked as A on Preliminary Plan No. 19/0002 attached as **Appendix 2** (Road Land).

The owner of 143 Peake Road, Birdwood, Mr Paul Edwards and Mrs Michele Edwards, have applied to the Council to purchase the Road Land to be amalgamated with their land.

Whilst current delegations by Council provide authority for the Chief Executive Officer to deal with all matters associated with the making of a Road Process Order, current practice for these matters has been to bring them to Council for consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Council resolves:**

1. That the report be received and noted
  2. To make a Road Process Order pursuant to the *Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991* to close and merge the pieces of land identified as “A” in the Preliminary Plan Number 19/0002 with Section 6286 being the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5496 Folio 550.
  3. Subject to the closure of the road identified in the Preliminary Plan attached, that:
    - The closed road be excluded as Community Land pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1999*; and
    - The piece marked “A” be sold to Mr Paul & Mrs Michele Edwards, the owners of the property with which it is merging for the amount of \$19,000 plus GST and all fees and charges associated with the road closure process.
  4. Authorise the Chief Executive to finalise and sign all necessary documentation to close and sell the above portion of closed road pursuant to this resolution.
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## 1. GOVERNANCE

### ➤ Strategic Management Plan/Council Policy

Strategic Plan: Organisational Sustainability  
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Risk and Responsibility

### ➤ Legal Implications

The *Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991* sets out the process for a road closure and the issuance of a Road Process Order

### ➤ Risk Management Implications

The closure and sale of the Road Land will assist in mitigating the risk of:

*Private infrastructure on public road reserve leading to increased risk and liability for Council.*

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
Low (1C)	Low (1E)	Low (1E)

The closure of a section of unmade road that is deemed to be surplus to Council's current and future needs as a public road, reduces the risks to Council associated with safety and liability, vegetation control works and costs.

### ➤ Financial and Resource Implications

All external costs including the initial and subsequent survey, valuation, conveyancing, advertising and government charges have been paid by the prospective purchasers.

The Council's administrative cost is covered by the application fee paid by the applicants of the proposed road closure including the initial investigation, liaison with proposed purchasers, liaison with surveyor and conveyancer and internal processes to undertake the road closure.

If the recommendation is endorsed, Mr and Mrs Edwards will pay Council \$19,000 (plus GST) for the purchase of their portion of the Road Land.

If the recommendation is not endorsed then the respective owners will need to maintain their current road rent permit for the Road Land.

### ➤ Customer Service and Community/Cultural Implications

Not applicable

➤ **Environmental Implications**

The land owners plan to increase the biodiversity to the area and encourage seed eating endangered birds like the diamond firetail to return to the area.

➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted with Council Committee, Regional Subsidiary, Advisory Group, the Administration and Community**

*Council Committees:* Not Applicable

*Council Workshops:* Not Applicable

*Advisory Groups:* Property Advisory Group

*Administration:* Manager Property Services  
Biodiversity Officer  
GIS & Asset Management Officer  
Sport and Recreation Planner  
Landcare Officer, Open Space

*Community:* Community Consultation was undertaken in accordance with the public notice requirements set out in the *Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991* and the guidelines issued by the Surveyor-General's Office.

**2. BACKGROUND**

Mr Paul Edwards and Mrs Michele Edwards own the property located at 143 Peake Road, Birdwood ("Pipiriki"). The land owners currently hold a road rent permit for grazing and fire hazard reduction purposes over the Road Land.

In November 2017, the land owners submitted an application to purchase the Road Land to merge with their existing title. With their application, Mr and Mrs Edwards included an extensive Vegetation Management Plan. Their main objective under this management plan is to re-establish native vegetation to the area.

The land owners have made extensive progress in revegetating their property since 2009 with the support of the Upper Torrens Land Management Group. Many different species of native grasses, seeds and plants native to the area have been introduced on Pipiriki.

The road reserve now has six (6) *Dianelle Lonifola var Grandis*, which is a rare plant for the area. The Road Land has become an integral part of Pipiriki.

**3. ANALYSIS**

The Road Land was assessed by Council staff to ascertain its suitability for a closure and sale and this assessment indicated that it was suitable.

The proposed closure of the Road Land will not have any impact on the passage of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, as the proposed closure will result in the boundary being merged with the land owned by Mr and Mrs Edwards. Currently the road is not made, heavily vegetated



with a plan to increase the biodiversity to the area, and is not accessible from both Randell Road and Hoad Range Road.

An assessment of the potential use of the road by bushwalkers included the following:

- a review of the Adelaide Hills 20 Year Trail Strategy & Action Plan which does not identify the Road Land as a potential linkage of trails
- confirmation from the Office of Recreation and Sport that the Road Land is not considered a strategic trail linkage at State level. Walking SA held no objection to the proposed road closure
- the area around that area of Birdwood is serviced by the Heysen Trail and the Amy Gillett Bikeway

The road closure process was commenced and is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the *Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991*.

As required under the Council's *Disposal of Land Policy*, a valuation was obtained from an independent Valuer to determine the market value of the Road Land. McLean Gladstone Valuers prepared a report using the "before and after" method of valuation whereby the land owned by the Applicant is valued before and after the Road Land is added.

It is proposed an area of 25,000 square metres of road reserve will be incorporated into Mr and Mrs Edwards' land. The value attributed by the McLean Gladstone Valuers using the "before and after" method was \$19,000.

Public Consultation has occurred, with no objections received to the proposed road closure process.

#### **4. OPTIONS**

The Council has the following options:

- I. Resolve to close the road and issue a Road Process Order in accordance with the recommendation (Recommended)
- II. Resolve to not endorse the road closure which will result in road rent/permit continuing to permit the encroachment upon the UPR (Not Recommended)

#### **5. APPENDICES**

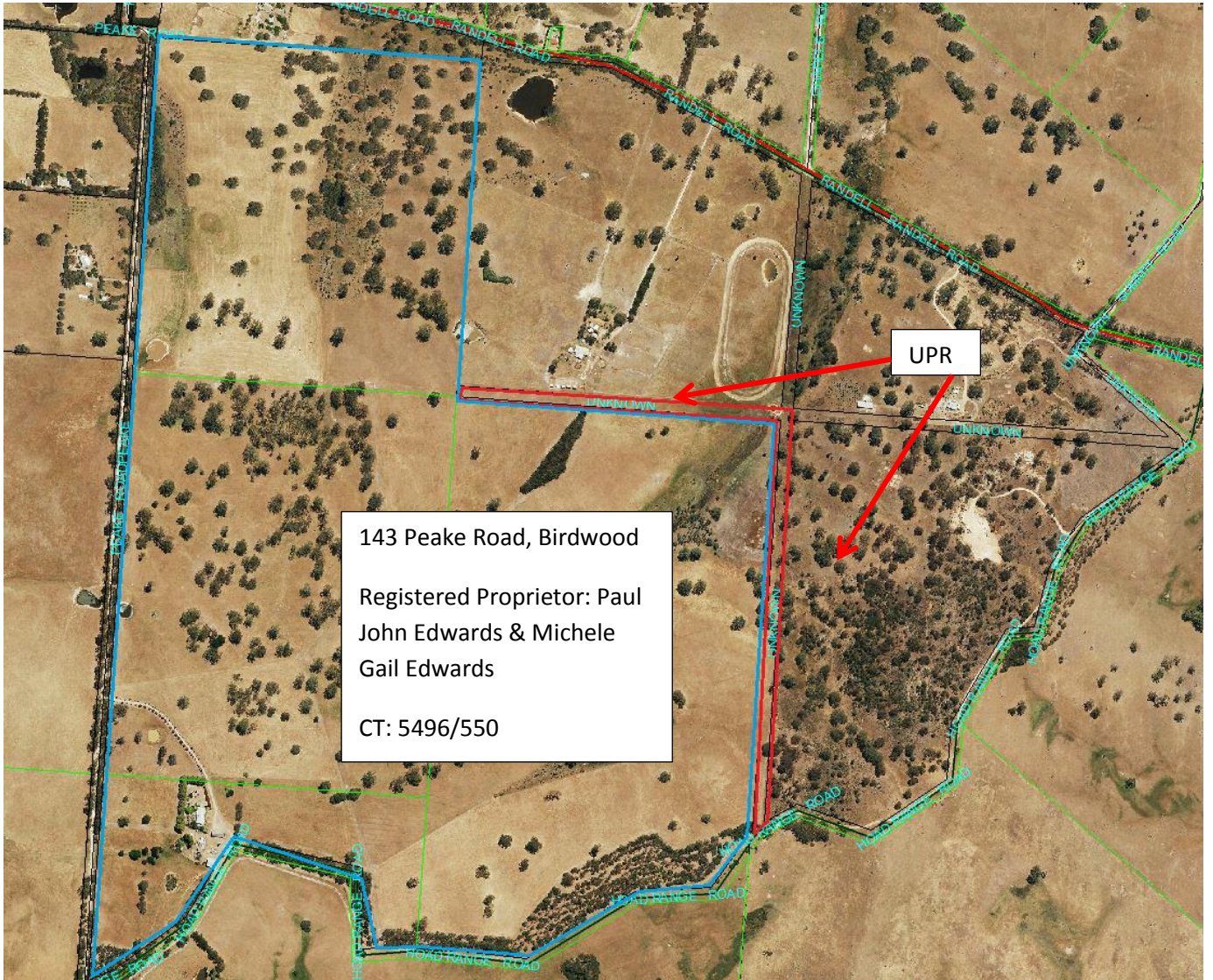
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# **Appendix 1**

## *Identification of Road Land*

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## **Appendix 2**

*Preliminary Road Plan identifying land with with the  
closed road will merge*

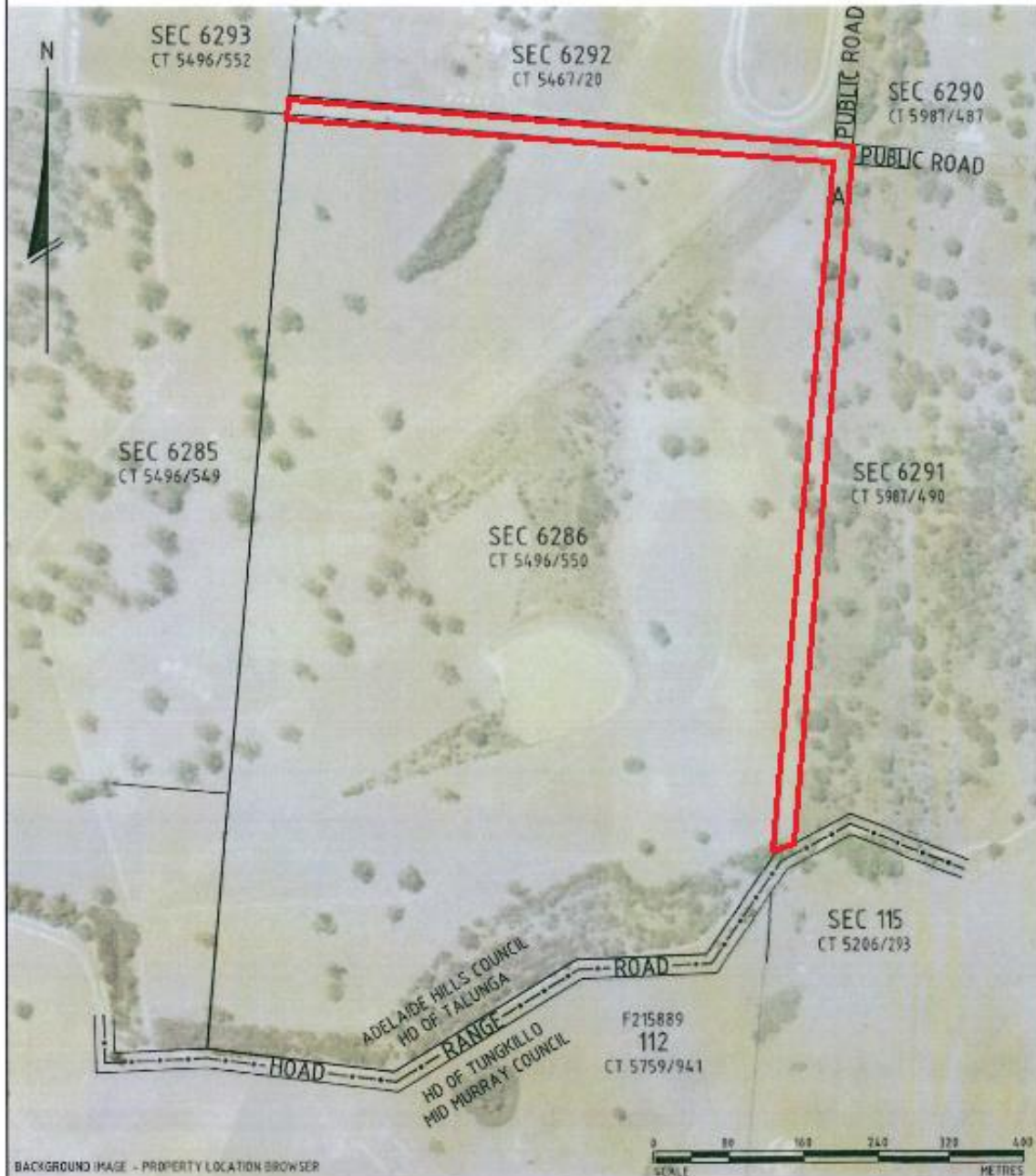
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PRELIMINARY PLAN No 19 / 0002

ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
IN THE AREA NAMED BIRDWOOD

ROAD TO BE CLOSED LETTERED A  
CLOSED ROAD A TO BE MERGED WITH SEC 6286



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AUTHORITY: PUBLIC MAP

29/07/18  
LICENSED SURVEYOR

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday 7 May 2019  
AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

**Item:** 7.5

**Originating Officer:** Kylie Caruso, Roads Officer

**Responsible Director:** Terry Crackett – Director Corporate Services

**Subject:** Road Closure – Unmade Road Reserve adjacent to 38 Sandy Waterhole Road, Woodside

**For:** Decision

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**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek a resolution to issue a Road Process Order pursuant to the *Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991* as regards a section on unmade and unnamed public road adjacent to 38 Sandy Waterhole Road Woodside.

The area of unmade and unnamed public road adjoining 38 Sandy Waterhole Road Woodside is identified by the area bordered in red on **Appendix 1** and marked as “A” in Preliminary Plan No. 19/0001 attached as **Appendix 2** (Road Land).

The owner of 38 Sandy Waterhole Road Woodside, Deepwater Pty Ltd, applied to the Council to purchase the Road Land.

Whilst current delegations by Council provide authority for the Chief Executive Officer to deal with all matters associated with the making of a Road Process Order, current practice for these matters has been to bring them to Council for consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Council resolves:**

1. That the report be received and noted
  2. To make a Road Process Order pursuant to the *Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991* to close and merge the pieces of land identified as “A” in the Preliminary Plan No. 19/0001 attached to this report with Section 3961 being the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5471 Folio 906.
  3. Subject to the closure of the road identified in the Preliminary Plan attached, that:
    - The closed road be excluded as Community Land pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1999*; and
    - The piece marked “A” be sold to Deepwater Pty Ltd, the owners of the property with which it is merging for the amount of \$20,000 plus GST (if applicable) and all fees and charges associated with the road closure process.
  4. Authorise the Chief Executive to finalise and sign all necessary documentation to close and sell the above portion of closed road pursuant to this resolution.
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## 1. GOVERNANCE

### ➤ Strategic Management Plan/Council Policy

Strategic Plan: Organisational Sustainability

Strategies: Financial Sustainability  
Risk and Responsibility

### ➤ Legal Implications

The *Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991* sets out the process for a road closure and the issuance of a Road Process Order

### ➤ Risk Management Implications

The closure and sale of the Road Land will assist in mitigating the risk of:

*Private infrastructure on public road reserve leading to increased risk and liability for Council.*

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
Low (1C)	Low (1E)	Low (1E)

The closure of a section of unmade road that is deemed to be surplus to Council's current and future needs as a public road, reduces the risks to Council associated with safety and liability, vegetation control works and costs.

### ➤ Financial and Resource Implications

All external costs including the initial and subsequent survey, valuation, conveyancing, advertising and government charges have been paid by the prospective purchasers.

The Council's administrative cost is covered by the application fee paid by the applicants of the proposed road closure including the initial investigation, liaison with proposed purchasers, liaison with surveyor and conveyancer and internal processes to undertake the road closure.

If the recommendation is endorsed, Deepwater Pty Ltd will pay \$20,000 (plus GST) for the purchase of the unmade public road that adjoins their property.

If the recommendation is not endorsed then the respective owners will continue to hold a road rent or encroachment permit for the Road Land.

### ➤ Customer Service and Community/Cultural Implications

Not Applicable

➤ **Environmental Implications**

Council's Biodiversity Officer has advised there is low level environmental implications with the proposed disposal. The Road Land offers notable biodiversity, and it is noted that this Road Land is 1km away from the Charleston Conservation Park.

The land owners plan to not only maintain but also increase the biodiversity to the area.

➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted with Council Committee, Regional Subsidiary, Advisory Group, the Administration and Community**

*Council Committees:* Not Applicable

*Council Workshops:* Not Applicable

*Advisory Groups:* Property Advisory Group

*Administration:* Manager Property Services  
Biodiversity Officer  
GIS & Asset Management Officer  
Sport and Recreation Planner  
Landcare Officer, Open Space

*Community:* Community Consultation was undertaken in accordance with the public notice requirements set out in the *Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991* and the guidelines issued by the Surveyor-General's Office.

**2. BACKGROUND**

Deepwater Pty Ltd own the property at 38 Sandy Waterhole Road, Woodside.

In June 2018, the land owners submitted an application together with a valuation to acquire the Road Land adjacent to their property to merge with their existing title.

The land owners currently hold a road rent permit for grazing and fire hazard reduction purposes over the Road Land.

**3. ANALYSIS**

The Road Land was assessed by Council staff to ascertain its suitability for a closure and sale and this assessment indicated that it was suitable.

The proposed closure of the Road Land will not have any impact on the passage of vehicular as the Road Land is already fenced and proposed closure will result in the boundary being merged with the land owned by Deepwater Pty Ltd. Currently the road is not made, heavily vegetated with a plan to increase the biodiversity to the area.

The road closure process was commenced and is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the *Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991*.



As required under the Council's *Disposal of Land Policy*, a valuation was obtained from an independent Valuer to determine the market value of the Road Land. Liquid Property Valuers prepared a report using the "before and after" method of valuation whereby the land owned by the Applicant is valued before and after the Road Land is added.

It is proposed an area of 21,270m<sup>2</sup> of road reserve will be incorporated into Deepwater Pty Ltd land. The value attributed by the Liquid Property consultants was \$20,000.

Public consultation according to the *Roads Opening and Closing Act, 1991* was undertaken with only and one (1) objection received from a local bushwalker. The objection stated:

*As a local walker I oppose the closure of public rights of way which not only affect the public's freedom of movement for this generation, but future generations. The fact that my daughters will have less freedom of movement and options for travel through the Adelaide Hills than I did makes me sad. As the population of the Mt Barker and Adelaide Hills Council areas inevitably and continually increases, these rare public road reserves will become essential and invaluable. In an area overwhelmingly held in private hands, to just pass over some of these these last remaining public routes over to a privileged few for no real reason is deeply frustrating. Future councils and generations have had the choice you will inevitably make taken away from them. The little gain ratepayers will make from these transfers will be far outweighed by the permanent denial of access and choices for future ratepayers and visitors. It shows a lack of vision in a special area worthy of world heritage status. I believe such road reserves have huge potential. Sandy Waterhole Rd is a beautiful and interesting road close to the Charleston Conservation Park. The limited details provided do not advise whether public access will still be permissible through this right of way. Are you closing this route permanently? Please stop closing public road reserves.*

Council invited the objector to provide a written submission to support their objection, and they were further invited to attend the Council meeting to present their objection to the Elected Members. At the time of writing this report, the objector has not responded to Council's request or invitation.

Council has provided the objection to the Surveyor-General for consideration.

An assessment of the concerns of the objector included the following:

- a review of the Adelaide Hills 20 Year Trail Strategy & Action Plan which does not identify the Road Land as a potential linkage of trails
- confirmation from the Office of Recreation and Sport that the Road Land is not considered a strategic trail linkage at State level. Walking SA held no objection to the proposed road closure
- the area around that area of Woodside is serviced by the Heysen Trail and the Amy Gillett Bikeway
- the Road Land is located approximately 1km away from the Charleston Conservation Park.

Given the alternative walking trails already available to the public, the permanent closure of the Road Land will see the public no longer being able to access the unmade public road.

#### **4. OPTIONS**

The Council has the following options:

- I. Resolve to close the road and issue a Road Process Order in accordance with the recommendation (Recommended)
- II. Resolve to not endorse the road closure which will result in road rent/permit continuing to permit the encroachment upon the Road Land (Not Recommended)

#### **5. APPENDICES**

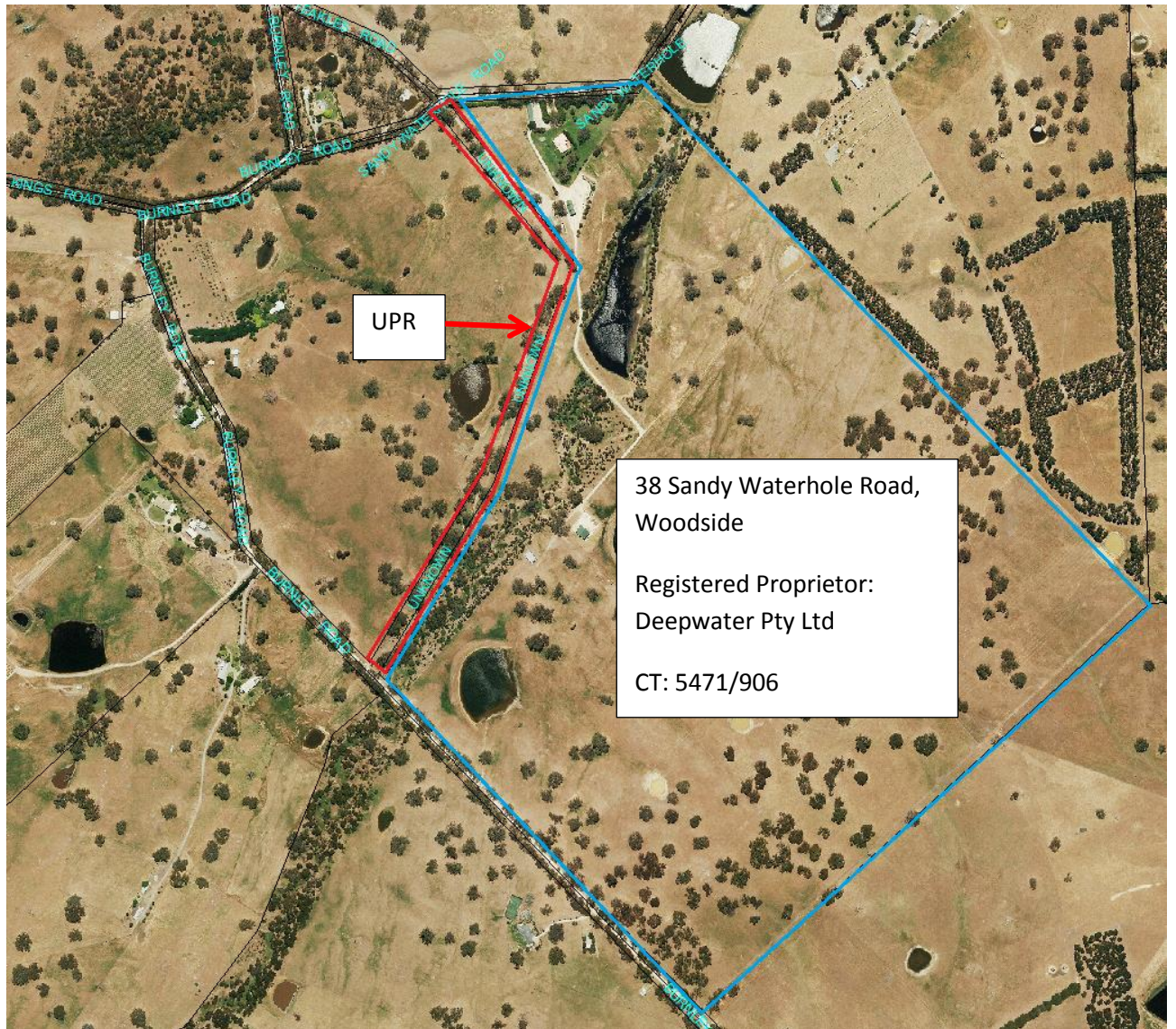
- (1) Map identifying the Road Land
- (2) Preliminary Plan identifying the Road Land and merging parcels

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# **Appendix 1**

*Identification of Road Land*

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## **Appendix 2**

*Preliminary Road Plan identifying land with with the  
closed road will merge*

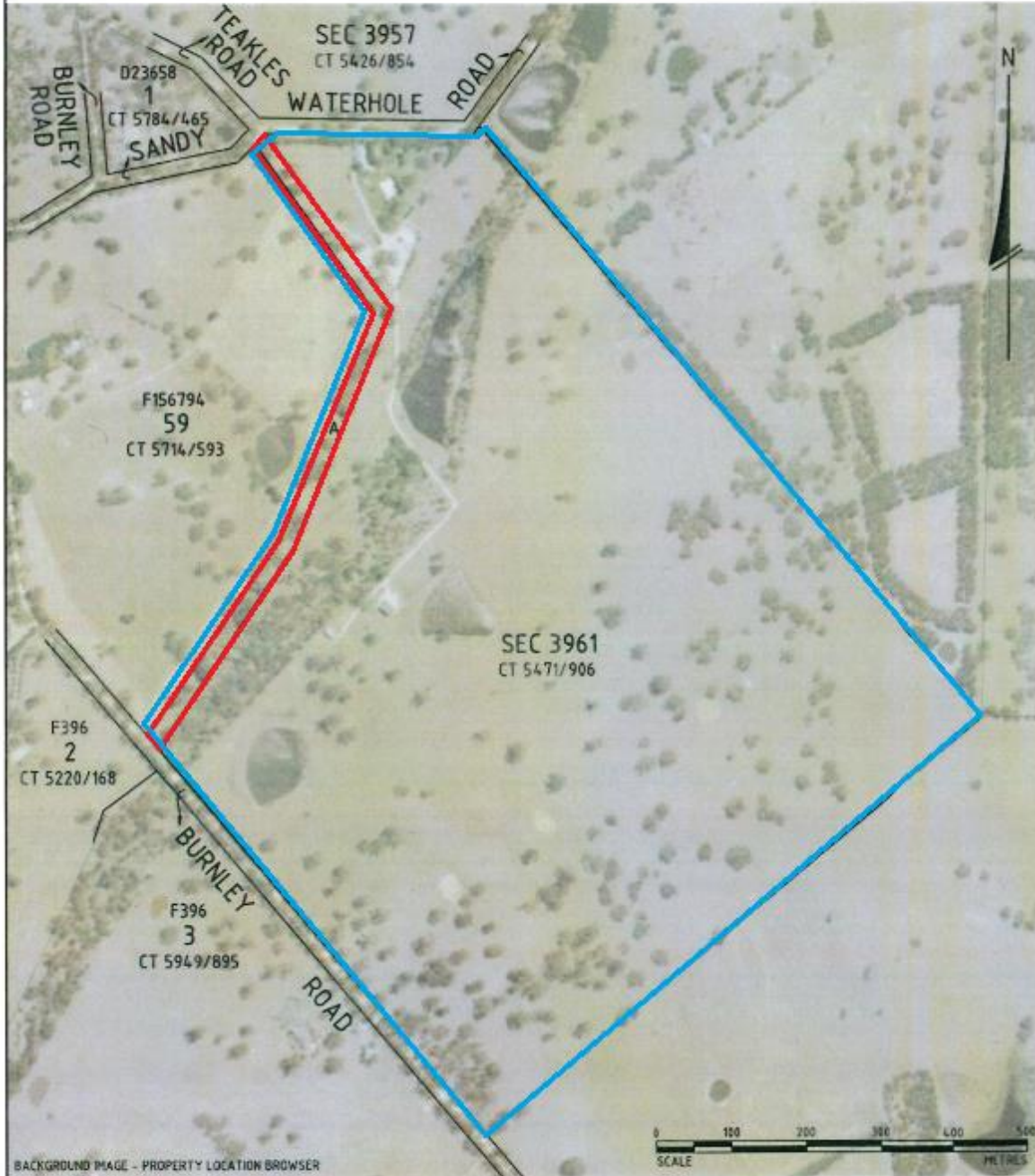
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PRELIMINARY PLAN No 19/0001

ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
IN THE AREA NAMED WOODSIDE

ROAD TO BE CLOSED LETTERED A  
CLOSED ROAD A TO BE MERGED WITH SEC 3961



PROPOSAL CERTIFIED CORRECT AS TO  
INTENT

DATED 11/2018  
*[Signature]*  
AUTHORISED OFFICER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PORTION OF ROAD TO BE CLOSED  
LETTERED 'A' HEREON IS PUBLIC ROAD WITHIN THE MEANING OF  
SECTION 3 OF THE ROADS (OPENING AND CLOSING) ACT 1991

AUTHORITY: PUBLIC MAP

*[Signature]* 3/9/18

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday 7 May 2019  
AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

**Item:** 7.6

**Originating Officer:** Mike Carey, Manager Financial Services

**Responsible Director:** Terry Crackett, Director Corporate Services

**Subject:** Draft 2019/20 Fees and Charges

**For:** Decision

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**SUMMARY**

Prior to the adoption of the Annual Business Plan each year a review is undertaken of all fees and charges to enable budgeted income to be adjusted if necessary.

As a result of undertaking this process, the recommended schedule of fees and charges to apply for the financial year 2019/20 is attached (**Appendix 1**). Generally, this has resulted in proposed fee increases that are in line with forecast CPI where relevant, insofar as this is practicable. It is also noted that in applying the increase, fees have been rounded to an appropriate amount for ease of application.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Council resolves:**

1. That the report be received and noted.
  2. To adopt the 2019/20 Fees and Charges Schedule included at Appendix 1 to apply on and from 1 July 2019.
  3. Council notes that the statutory fees will be included on the schedule of fees and charges available for public inspection subsequent to being gazetted.
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**1. GOVERNANCE**

➤ **Strategic Management Plan/Council Policy**

Goal: Organisational Sustainability  
Strategy: Financial Sustainability

The Adelaide Hills Council has consistently met its financial sustainability targets and is on track to continue this strong trend into the foreseeable future. An annual review of fees and charges seeks to contribute to ongoing financial sustainability through ensuring the organisation operates within its means and assists in keeping rate increases low.



➤ **Legal Implications**

Section 188 of the *Local Government Act 1999* provides for Council to impose fees and charges:

- (a) for the use of any property or facility owned, controlled, managed or maintained by the council
- (b) for services supplied to a person at his or her request
- (c) for carrying out work at a person's request
- (d) for providing information or materials, or copies of, or extracts from, council records
- (e) in respect of any application to the council
- (f) in respect of any authorisation, licence or permit granted by the council
- (g) in respect of any matter for which another Act provides that a fee fixed under this Act is to be payable
- (h) in relation to any other prescribed matter.

In addition, Council applies a number of fees (Statutory Fees) set by the State Government under the following Acts.

- *Development Act 1993*
- *Expiation of Offences Act 1996*
- *Food Act 2001*
- *Freedom of Information Act 1991*
- *Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing) Regulations 2010.*
- *Local Government Act 1999 pursuant to Section 169(9)(c) Objections to valuations made by Council and Section 187 (3)(e) Certificate of Liabilities*
- *Private Parking Areas Act 1986 and Private Parking Areas Regulations 2014*
- *SA Public Health Act 2011 (Wastewater) and (Legionella)*
- *Valuation of Land Act 1971*

These statutory fees and charges determined by an Act of Parliament or by Local Government Regulations will not be gazetted until after adoption of the Council set fees and charges.

As they are set by the State Government, Council has no discretion in determining those fees. It is therefore proposed that these statutory fees be added to the Fees and Charges Schedule available for public inspection once they have been gazetted. This is anticipated to be in early July 2019.

Fees for Dog Registrations are determined by Council within requirements and principles in accordance with the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*.

➤ **Risk Management Implications**

An annual review of the fees and charges, and informing the community of the endorsed changes, will assist in mitigating the risk of:

*Undercharging, misleading service users as to the cost of Council services, resulting in inaccurate budgets, un-forecasted deficits and inadequate resourcing for current and future activities.*

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
Medium (4D)	Low (2E)	Low (2E)

Fees and charges are set at a level that reflects current market conditions, or to ensure cost recovery where possible, and hence sustainability of those discretionary services provided by Council.

➤ **Financial and Resource Implications**

Fees and charges (including statutory charges) contribute to Council's income stream with approximately \$1.8 million received annually (i.e. 4% of total operating income). Failing to adopt updated fees and charges could increase the burden on Council's rate income to subsidise services which should be self-funding or attract a reasonable contribution charge.

➤ **Customer Service and Community/Cultural Implications**

Customers expect to be able to look up Council's fees and charges and for the information to be current.

➤ **Environmental Implications**

Not applicable.

➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted with Council Committee, Regional Subsidiary, Advisory Group, the Administration and Community**

*Council Committees:* Not Applicable

*Council Workshops:* Not Applicable

*Advisory Groups:* Not Applicable

*Administration:* All Fees and Charges have been proposed through the relevant functional area, reviewed by the appropriate Departmental Manager and approved by the relevant Director.

*Community:* The community was informed of the proposal to generally increase Fees and Charges in line with CPI insofar as this is practicable as part of the draft Annual Business Plan document. In addition, the consultation document included reference to the proposed increase of 5% in CWMS services as the last incremental step towards full cost recovery over a three year period.

## 2. BACKGROUND

Council reviews its fees and charges in each year, in conjunction with the development of the annual budget. As part of this process, a detailed review has been undertaken to ensure that the fees proposed:

- reflect (or move progressively toward) the cost of the services given
- are comparable with market rates, where appropriate
- take into account benefit derived by users of community facilities
- are consistent with Council directions articulated through Council's Strategic Plan, existing strategies, policies and plans
- are in accordance with legislative requirements, where relevant
- are consistent with Council's Long Term Financial Plan assumptions

As a result of this review, the recommended schedule of fees and charges to apply for the 2019/20 financial year is attached (**Appendix 1**).

## 3. ANALYSIS

Fees and charges are generally adjusted in line with market conditions, to make common fees comparable across localities or in line with the cost to provide the service. Generally, fees and charges are set at a level to ensure cost recovery, and hence sustainability of those discretionary services provided by Council on a user-pays basis.

Generally, this has resulted in proposed fee increases that are in line with forecast CPI where relevant, insofar as this is practicable.

Each fee is then reviewed by staff responsible for that fee or charge to ensure that users are paying an amount that is fair and reasonable and reflects the consumption of the program or service used. It is also noted that in applying the increase, fees have been rounded where appropriate for ease of application. Some minor wording changes have also been made to some of the fees to provide extra clarification to staff and users of Council's services.

Specific points of note relevant to consideration of overall fees and charges are as follows.

### Dog Registration Fees

The *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* (the Act) states under Section 33(1) that all dogs over the age of three months must be registered. Under the Act, councils are required to collect registration fees for dogs within their area. Section 26 of the Act requires money received by a council under the Act to be expended in the administration or enforcement of provisions of the Act relating to dogs.

Dog and cat management is budgeted to achieve a break-even position each financial year while ensuring the economic impact on the community is minimised. The current forecast indicates that the 2018/19 budget will achieve a break-even position.

Predicted budgeting for the 2019/20 financial year indicates that should dog registration fees remain at the level set for the 2018/19 period this will align to expenditure requirements in relation to the administration or enforcement of dog and cat management

as required under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*. As such, it is proposed to keep registration fees for 2019/20 at the same level as the current financial year.

#### CWMS Charges

Following a Council workshop held in March 2017 to consider the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2017/18, a detailed assessment of the cost of providing CWMS services was undertaken. This assessment identified that current CWMS charges were approximately 30% below the amount necessary to achieve full cost recovery in accordance with the Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA) guidelines. Subsequently CWMS service charges were increased by 10% for both 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years as part of a three year transition to full cost recovery.

In May 2018 an independent consultant was engaged to provide a further detailed review of:

- Council's compliance with ESCOSA's Minor to Intermediate Retailers Price Determination and the National Water Initiative (NWI) Pricing Principles;
- the direct and indirect costs of providing CWMS services; and
- a robust methodology and pricing model for future CWMS price setting.

The methodologies for setting the CWMS connection fee and annual service charge for vacant properties were reviewed and amended to ensure compliance with ESCOSA requirements.

As a result, it is proposed to reduce the CWMS annual service charge for vacant properties by 13.5% from \$578 to \$500, to ensure these customers are not contributing to the operation of the scheme since they do not impact on these costs.

It is proposed to set the CWMS connection fee for 2019/20 using a system buy-in approach as recommended in the review, where the new customer pays an amount equal to the net investment already made by existing users. The CWMS connection fee represents a contribution by the owner of a newly created allotment of their share of the capital cost of the scheme. Contributions received will reduce the value of the Regulated Asset Base and reduce the cost of capital in future years thereby providing a benefit to existing property owners. This approach results in a 50% increase in the CWMS connection fee for 2019/20 from \$4,068 to \$6,100. In the last number of years, this connection fee has been increased by CPI.

The detailed review also confirmed that the current overall CWMS charges were still below the levels necessary to achieve full cost recovery. As such it is proposed that the CWMS annual service charge for occupied properties be increased by 5% in 2019/20, being the last year of a three year transition towards full cost recovery.

#### Wasp Nest Removal Fee

It is noted that during last year's budget deliberations, opportunities for charging new fees for services was discussed. This included charging a fee for treating wasp nests. In past years Council received a state government subsidy for this service which amounted to around \$25 per nest that was withdrawn at the end of 2013/14. Last year charging a fee of \$50 was put forward by Administration which could generate an estimated \$30k a year in income noting that the amount of nests treated annually varies between 300 to 1,500. However, charging the fee was not supported on the basis that providing this free service ensures that wasp nests are reported, and the eradication of these nests benefits the wider

community, including primary producers. Administration has therefore not revisited the charging of this fee for 2019/20 to offset the costs that are incurred.

By comparison, private contractors charge between \$160 to \$250 for the same service.

#### Leases

It should be noted that a proportion of the revenue from fees and charges is either fixed or locked in for more than one year. These largely relate to Commercial lease revenue set by lease agreement including the Adelaide Hills Business and Tourism Centre.

#### Summary

In summary, as a result of review as part of the 2019/20 budget development the attached 2019/20 Fees and Charges Schedule (**Appendix 1**) presents the proposed fees along with the percentage increases. Where considered appropriate rounding has been applied for ease of payment and may have resulted in a movement that varies from CPI.

Council has delegated the powers to set and waive fees and charges to the CEO and on this basis, the fees and charges may need to be amended during the financial year in response to new service offerings or changes to the cost base of providing existing services.

## **4. OPTIONS**

Council can:

- Adopt the recommended 2019/20 Fees and Charges Schedule to apply on and from 1 July 2019 (Recommended), or
- Defer adopting one or more of the recommended fees and charges to allow further review or consultation to be carried out.

## **5. APPENDIX**

- (1) Draft 2019/20 Fees and Charges Schedule

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# **Appendix 1**

*Draft 2019/20 Fees and Charges Schedule*

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DESCRIPTION	GST TAXABLE	Unit	Adopted Fees & Charges 2018/19 (incl. GST )	Proposed Fees & Charges 2019/20 (incl. GST )	% Increase	Comment
1. STATUTORY RELATED FEES						
1.1 Development Act 1993						
Development Application Fees						
Public Notification Fee for Development Application	YES		\$567.00	\$578.00	1.94%	Advertisement/Notice in the Advertiser newspaper approx. \$732.00 for one development application. For two development applications in the one notice approx. \$854.00. Cost evens out if multiple applications placed in the notice
Certificate of Title Search Fee	YES		\$39.00	\$40.00	2.56%	CT purchase fee from Land Services SA (SAILAS) is currently \$28.75 and the Council admin fee to arrange for the purchase of the CT is \$10.75 (incl. GST). We won't know the price increase for a CT until May 2019. Recommendation- Admin fee to increase 2% plus the actual cost to purchase CT
Amendment of Land Management Agreement (administration charge excludes legal costs)	YES		\$154.00	\$157.00	1.95%	
Community Wastewater Management Systems (CWMS)						
CWMS Connection fee	N/A		\$4,068.00	\$6,100.00	49.95%	Changes to fees and charges following CWMS price modelling review undertaken by consultant Alan Rushbrook to ensure compliance with ESCOSA requirements and pricing principles.
CWMS Occupied Annual Service Charge *	N/A		\$823.00	\$864.00	4.98%	
CWMS Vacant Annual Service Charge *	N/A		\$578.00	\$500.00	-13.49%	
(Refer to CWMS Pricing Policy Statement on Council website. * Applied under Sect 155 of Local Government Act 1999.)						
Access to Development Records (Reduction for pensioners and other concession card holders may be applicable)						
Application Fee	YES		\$27.50	\$28.00	1.82%	
Search and processing fee (for each 30 minute block or part there of)	YES		\$23.50	\$24.00	2.13%	
1.2 Local Government Act 1999 - Searches						
Access to Council records in accordance with Sect 188 of the Local Government Act 1999 (Reduction for pensioners and other concession card holders to be applied consistent with the fee reduction provisions of the Freedom of Information Act)						
Application Fee	YES		\$27.50	\$28.00	1.82%	
Search and processing fee (for each 30 minute block or part there of)	YES		\$23.50	\$24.00	2.13%	
Fee for copying the documents	YES		Refer to Library Services Photocopying	Refer to Library Services Photocopying		
1.3 Dog & Cat Management Act 1995 - (fees are set by Council up to the limit set by State Government)						
Dangerous dog sign	N/A		\$34.00	\$35.00	2.94%	
Dog expiation & fine (legislative charge)	N/A		As per legislation	As per legislation		
Dog impounding fee (business hours)	N/A		\$75.00	\$77.00	2.67%	
Dog impounding fee (after hours)	N/A		\$100.00	\$102.00	2.00%	
Daily holding fee	N/A		\$41.00	\$42.00	2.44%	
Dog Registration (amended D&CMA 1995)						
Standard dog (Desexed AND Microchipped)	N/A		\$45.00	\$45.00	0.00%	
Non standard dog	N/A		\$90.00	\$90.00	0.00%	
Concession standard dog (Desexed AND Microchipped)	N/A		\$22.50	\$22.50	0.00%	
Concession non standard dog	N/A		\$45.00	\$45.00	0.00%	
Puppy Fee Dogs under 6 months of age			\$35.00	\$35.00	0.00%	



DESCRIPTION	GST TAXABLE	Unit	Adopted Fees & Charges 2018/19 (incl. GST )	Proposed Fees & Charges 2019/20 (incl. GST )	% Increase	Comment
<b><u>Other</u></b>						
Working Dog	N/A		\$35.00	\$35.00	0.00%	
Guide, Hearing or Assistance dog	N/A		Nil	Nil		
Animal Tag Replacement	N/A		Nil	\$10.00		
Businesses Involving Dogs (per dog)	N/A		\$90.00	\$90.00	0.00%	
Annual Inspection of Kennels	YES		Nil	Nil		
SES, search & rescue, Military dogs			Nil	Nil		
<b><u>Rebate for Partial Year Registration</u></b>						
Registrations of new dogs to the area after 1 May attract a 50% rebate (this does not apply where the dog has resided in the area for longer than one month or the dog has been detected as being unregistered.	N/A	of initial fee	50%	50%	0.00%	
Registrations of new dogs to the area after 1 June	N/A		Nil	Nil		
Penalty fee for late registrations	N/A		\$17.50	\$18.00	2.86%	
Impounding livestock	N/A		As per contractor cost	As per contractor cost		
Cat Trap - Deposit	N/A		\$50.00	\$51.00	2.00%	
Cat Trap - Hire Fee (per week or part thereof)	N/A		\$20.00	\$20.00	0.00%	
<b>1.4 By-Laws and Local Government Act 1999 - (fees are set by Council)</b>						
By Law No.1 - Permit Application	N/A		\$55.00	\$56.00	1.82%	
By Law No.2 - Moveable Signs Expiation Fee	N/A		\$187.50	\$187.50	0.00%	set at maximum allowable level
By-Law No.3 - Local Government Land Expiation Fee	N/A		\$187.50	\$187.50	0.00%	set at maximum allowable level
By-Law No.4 - Roads Expiation Fee	N/A		\$187.50	\$187.50	0.00%	set at maximum allowable level
By-Law No.5 - Dogs Expiation Fee	N/A		\$187.50	\$187.50	0.00%	set at maximum allowable level
By-Law No.6 - Cats Expiation Fee	N/A		\$187.50	\$187.50	0.00%	set at maximum allowable level
<b>1.5 South Australian Public Health Act 2011</b>						
Sale of Sharps (needle) containers (2.8L container)	N/A		\$7.00	\$7.00	0.00%	sold at cost
Sale of Sharps (needle) containers (1.4L container)	N/A		\$5.00	\$5.00	0.00%	sold at cost
<b>2. COMMUNITY</b>						
<b>2.1 Library Services</b>						
Computer print out / Photocopying B&W A4	YES	per sheet side	\$0.10	\$0.10	0.00%	standard library fee, linked to cash payment units
Photocopying / Printing B&W A3	YES	per sheet side	\$0.20	\$0.20	0.00%	standard library fee, linked to cash payment units
Photocopying / Printing Colour A4 /A3	YES	per sheet side	\$0.50 / \$1.00	\$0.50 / \$1.00		standard library fee, linked to cash payment units
3D printing (per item printed)	YES		\$2.50 plus cost of filament used (by weight)	\$2.50 plus cost of filament used (by weight)		production costs still same
Replacement of borrowers cards	YES		\$2.00	\$2.00	0.00%	standard fee across libraries
Miscellaneous minor items (under \$15)	YES		As determined by staff based on fair value and cost recovery.	As determined by staff based on fair value and cost recovery.		
Second hand books	YES		As determined by staff based on fair value.	As determined by staff based on fair value.		
Library Bag	YES		\$3.00	\$3.00		standard fee across libraries
<b>Other fees</b>						
Debt collection charge	YES		\$16.00	\$0.00	-100.00%	Due to One Card system, debt collection no longer in place
Inter Library fees	YES		as per fee charged	as per fee charged		
Lost / damaged library material (once debt collection notices have been issued Council will not accept return of lost / damaged material)	YES		assessed at replacement cost	assessed at replacement cost		
Processing Fee for lost/damaged library material	YES		\$5.00	\$5.00	0.00%	state fee
Exam supervision	YES	per hour	\$15.00	\$15.00	0.00%	remote student learning support
Faxes - First Page	YES		\$1.00	\$1.00	0.00%	
Faxes - Subsequent Page	YES		\$1.00	\$1.00	0.00%	
A4 Laminating	YES		\$5.00	\$5.00	0.00%	
A3 laminating	YES		\$6.00	\$6.00	0.00%	

DESCRIPTION	GST TAXABLE	Unit	Adopted Fees & Charges 2018/19 (incl. GST )	Proposed Fees & Charges 2019/20 (incl. GST )	% Increase	Comment
<b>Coventry Library Community Room (up to 8 hours during normal business hours)</b>						
Commercial hire per day	YES		\$125.00	\$130.00	4.00%	<a href="#">Rounded increase for ease of payment</a>
Commercial hire per hour	YES		\$43.00	\$45.00	4.65%	<a href="#">Rounded increase for ease of payment</a>
Government agency hire per day	YES		\$180.00	\$185.00	2.78%	<a href="#">Rounded increase for ease of payment</a>
Government agency hire per hour	YES		\$58.00	\$60.00	3.45%	<a href="#">Rounded increase for ease of payment</a>
<b>Coventry Library Community Room and/or foyer space - after hours hire (up to 5 hours)</b>						
Community groups	YES		\$150.00	\$155.00	3.33%	<a href="#">Rounded increase for ease of payment</a>
Commercial hire	YES		\$265.00	\$270.00	1.89%	<a href="#">Rounded increase for ease of payment</a>
Private hire (functions, etc)	YES		\$265.00	\$270.00	1.89%	<a href="#">Rounded increase for ease of payment</a>
Government agency hire	YES		\$365.00	\$375.00	2.74%	<a href="#">Rounded increase for ease of payment</a>
Additional hours (after 5 hour included time)	YES		at cost of staff attendance	at cost of staff attendance		
<b>Coventry Library Art Wall</b>						
	YES		no fee applicable	no fee applicable		
<b>Coventry Library Display Cabinet</b>						
	YES		no fee applicable	no fee applicable		
<b>2.2 Halls and Community Centres Hire</b>						
<b>Torrens Valley Community Centre - (Sessions = 4 hours)</b>						
<b>Community Room - (am, pm or evening)</b>						
Unfunded community groups - 1 session/room	YES		\$20.00	\$20.00	0.00%	
Unfunded community groups - 2 sessions/room	YES		\$36.00	\$37.00	2.78%	
Unfunded community groups - 3 sessions/room	YES		\$52.00	\$53.00	1.92%	
Funded community groups - 1 session/room	YES		\$36.00	\$37.00	2.78%	
Funded community groups - 2 sessions/room	YES		\$67.00	\$68.00	1.49%	
Funded community groups - 3 sessions/room	YES		\$98.00	\$100.00	2.04%	
Corporate use (incl. kitchen) - 1 session/room	YES		\$77.00	\$79.00	2.60%	
Corporate use - (incl. kitchen) - 2 sessions/room	YES		\$155.00	\$158.00	1.94%	
Corporate use - (incl. kitchen) - 3 sessions/room	YES		\$232.00	\$237.00	2.16%	
Private party - max 50-60 people (Kitchen extra charge - see below)	YES		\$180.00	\$184.00	2.22%	
<b>Small Meeting Room - (am, pm or evening)</b>						
Unfunded community groups - 1 session/room	YES		\$15.00	\$15.00	0.00%	
Unfunded community groups - 2 sessions/room	YES		\$25.00	\$26.00	4.00%	
Unfunded community groups - 3 sessions/room	YES		\$36.00	\$37.00	2.78%	
Funded community groups - 1 session/room	YES		\$25.00	\$26.00	4.00%	
Funded community groups - 2 sessions/room	YES		\$52.00	\$53.00	1.92%	
Funded community groups - 3 sessions/room	YES		\$72.00	\$73.00	1.39%	
Corporate use - (incl. kitchen) - 1 session/room	YES		\$47.00	\$48.00	2.13%	
Corporate use - (incl. kitchen) - 2 sessions/room	YES		\$93.00	\$95.00	2.15%	
Corporate use - (incl. kitchen) - 3 sessions/room	YES		\$139.00	\$142.00	2.16%	
<b>Kitchen usage - in addition to rates above unless otherwise stated (Inc. urn, crockery, oven and appliances) All supplies are the responsibility of the hirer e.g. coffee etc.</b>						
	YES		\$20.00	\$20.00	0.00%	
Equipment usage - sound system, electronic screen and data projector	YES		\$57.00	\$58.00	1.75%	
Hire Bond	N/A		\$52.00	\$53.00	1.92%	
Bond for key	N/A		\$52.00	\$53.00	1.92%	
Bond for private function/ party	N/A		\$200.00	\$204.00	2.00%	
<b>The Summit Community Centre (Norton Summit) - (Sessions = 4 hours)</b>						

DESCRIPTION	GST TAXABLE	Unit	Adopted Fees & Charges 2018/19 (incl. GST )	Proposed Fees & Charges 2019/20 (incl. GST )	% Increase	Comment
<b>Community Room - (am, pm or evening)</b>						
Unfunded community groups - 1 session/room	YES		\$20.00	\$20.00	0.00%	
Unfunded community groups - 2 sessions/room	YES		\$36.00	\$37.00	2.78%	
Unfunded community groups - 3 sessions/room	YES		\$52.00	\$53.00	1.92%	
Funded community groups - 1 session/room	YES		\$36.00	\$37.00	2.78%	
Funded community groups - 2 sessions/room	YES		\$67.00	\$68.00	1.49%	
Funded community groups - 3 sessions/room	YES		\$98.00	\$100.00	2.04%	
Corporate use (incl. kitchen) - 1 session/room	YES		\$77.00	\$79.00	2.60%	
Corporate use (incl. kitchen) - 2 sessions/room	YES		\$155.00	\$158.00	1.94%	
Corporate use (incl. kitchen) - 3 sessions/room	YES		\$232.00	\$237.00	2.16%	
Private party (max 50-60 people) community room only (Kitchen extra charge - see below)	YES		\$180.00	\$184.00	2.22%	
<b>Small Meeting Room - (am, pm or evening)</b>						
Unfunded community groups - 1 session/room	YES		\$15.00	\$15.00	0.00%	
Unfunded community groups - 2 sessions/room	YES		\$25.00	\$26.00	4.00%	
Unfunded community groups - 3 sessions/room	YES		\$36.00	\$37.00	2.78%	
Funded community groups - 1 session/room	YES		\$25.00	\$26.00	4.00%	
Funded community groups - 2 sessions/room	YES		\$52.00	\$53.00	1.92%	
Funded community groups - 3 sessions/room	YES		\$72.00	\$73.00	1.39%	
Corporate use (incl. kitchen) - 1 session/room	YES		\$47.00	\$48.00	2.13%	
Corporate use (incl. kitchen) - 2 sessions/room	YES		\$93.00	\$95.00	2.15%	
Corporate use (incl. kitchen) - 3 sessions/room	YES		\$139.00	\$142.00	2.16%	
Kitchen usage - in addition to rates above unless otherwise stated (Inc. urn, crockery, oven and appliances) All supplies are the responsibility of the hirer e.g. coffee etc.	YES		\$20.00	\$20.00	0.00%	
Equipment usage - screen and data projector	YES		\$31.00	\$32.00	3.23%	
Hire Bond	N/A		\$52.00	\$53.00	1.92%	
Bond for key	N/A		\$52.00	\$53.00	1.92%	
Bond for private function/ party	N/A		\$200.00	\$204.00	2.00%	
<b>* Council owned Community Halls that are managed by Community Associations - fees are determined by the Association Management Committee</b>						
<b>2.3 Retirement Villages</b>						
<b>Bridgewater</b>						
Debenture Loan	N/A		As per annual valuation	As per annual valuation		
Rental per week	N/A		As per annual valuation	As per annual valuation		
Maintenance per week	N/A		\$74.00	\$80.00	8.11%	Increase in line with Council's direction to achieve full cost recovery limited to less than a 10% pa increase
<b>2.4 Cemeteries Fees</b>						
<b>Interment Right - Burial Plots (Excluding Lawn Plots) Interment Rights will not be charged for new or renewal burial plots in Council owned and managed cemeteries for those people who have received distinguished services medals: the Victoria Cross, Conspicuous Gallantry Cross and the Royal Red Cross</b>						
<b>Stirling Cemetery</b>						
Interment Right non-resident - 50 year	YES		\$3,500.00	\$3,570.00	2.00%	
Interment Right non-resident - 100 year	YES		\$7,000.00	\$7,140.00	2.00%	
Interment Right non-resident - in perpetuity	YES		\$15,200.00	\$15,504.00	2.00%	
Interment Right resident - 50 year	YES		\$2,830.00	\$2,887.00	2.01%	
Interment Right resident - 100 year	YES		\$5,650.00	\$5,763.00	2.00%	
Interment Right resident - in perpetuity	YES		\$12,250.00	\$12,495.00	2.00%	
<b>All other cemeteries</b>						
Interment Right non-resident - 50 year	YES		\$3,155.00	\$3,218.00	2.00%	
Interment Right non-resident - 100 year	YES		\$6,300.00	\$6,426.00	2.00%	
Interment Right non-resident - in perpetuity	YES		\$15,250.00	\$15,555.00	2.00%	
Interment Right resident - 50 year	YES		\$2,830.00	\$2,887.00	2.01%	
Interment Right resident - 100 year	YES		\$5,650.00	\$5,763.00	2.00%	
Interment Right resident - in perpetuity	YES		\$12,250.00	\$12,495.00	2.00%	
Interment Right crypt (Summertown)	YES		\$4,580.00	\$4,672.00	2.01%	

DESCRIPTION	GST TAXABLE	Unit	Adopted Fees & Charges 2018/19 (incl. GST )	Proposed Fees & Charges 2019/20 (incl. GST )	% Increase	Comment
<b>Interment Right - Lawn Burial Plots</b> <i>Interment Rights will not be charged for new or renewal burial plots in Council owned and managed cemeteries for those people who have received distinguished services medals: the Victoria Cross, Conspicuous Gallantry Cross and the Royal Red Cross</i>						New category for lawn plots - to take into account the additional costs to create and maintain lawn plots, including the significant annual costs of water. Proposed is in line with the additional amount Mt Barker charges for lawn plots (they charge an additional \$1,100 for a 50yr interment)
Interment Right non-resident - 50 year	YES		Nil	\$4,218.00		
Interment Right non-resident - 100 year	YES		Nil	\$8,426.00		
Interment Right non-resident - in perpetuity	YES		Nil	\$20,000.00		
Interment Right resident - 50 year	YES		Nil	\$3,887.00		
Interment Right resident - 100 year	YES		Nil	\$7,763.00		
Interment Right resident - in perpetuity	YES		Nil	\$16,995.00		
<b>Interment Right - Ashes</b> (not including the plaque and pedestals which will be charged at cost)						
Rose Garden - double memorial - 50 year	YES		\$2,450.00	\$2,499.00	2.00%	
Rose Garden - double memorial - 100 year	YES		\$4,900.00	\$4,998.00	2.00%	
Rose Garden - double memorial - in perpetuity	YES		\$10,170.00	\$10,373.00	2.00%	
Niche Wall - 50 year	YES		\$1,530.00	\$1,561.00	2.03%	
Niche Wall - 100 year	YES		\$3,050.00	\$3,111.00	2.00%	
<b>Memorial Fees</b>						
Memorial Permit/Licence	YES		\$305.00	\$311.00	1.97%	
<b>Curator Fees</b>						
<b>Attendance at burial</b>						
Monday to Friday	YES		\$255.00	\$260.00	1.96%	
Saturday	YES		\$355.00	\$362.00	1.97%	
Sunday & Public Holidays	YES		\$510.00	\$520.00	1.96%	
<b>Interment of Ashes &amp; Installation of Plaque (including in burial plot)</b>						
Monday to Friday	YES		\$385.00	\$393.00	2.08%	
Saturday	YES		\$510.00	\$520.00	1.96%	
Sunday & Public Holidays	YES		\$610.00	\$622.00	1.97%	
Pegging of plot for burial or memorial (if required)	YES		\$255.00	\$260.00	1.96%	
<b>Administration Fees</b>						
Application for Interment Right (new or renewed)	YES		\$153.00	\$156.00	1.96%	
Application for Transfer or Surrender of Interment Right	YES		\$153.00	\$156.00	1.96%	
Application for Burial	YES		\$153.00	\$156.00	1.96%	
Application for Interment of Ashes	YES		\$153.00	\$156.00	1.96%	
Application for Memorial Permit (new or amendment)	YES		\$153.00	\$156.00	1.96%	
Historical Search per hour	YES		\$43.00	\$44.00	2.33%	
* Curator and Administration Fees are waived for interment rights or interments for children 16yrs and under						
<b>2.5 Reserves and Sporting Facilities</b>						
<b>Hiring of Bushland Park</b>						
Day & a half	YES		\$380.00	\$388.00	2.11%	
Full Day	YES		\$255.00	\$260.00	1.96%	
Half Day	YES		\$127.00	\$130.00	2.36%	
Bond	N/A		\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%	
<b>Hiring of Gillman Reserve</b>						
Key Deposit	N/A		\$55.00	\$55.00	0.00%	
General Hiring (per 3 hour session)	YES		\$28.00	\$29.00	3.57%	
<b>Hiring of Stirling Oval</b>						
Key Deposit (casual hirer)	N/A		\$55.00	\$55.00	0.00%	
Key Deposit (seasonal hirer - per key)	N/A		\$55.00	\$55.00	0.00%	
General Oval Hire (per 3 hour session)	.		\$28.00	\$29.00	3.57%	

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<b>Hiring of Woorabinda</b> (note that the Woorabinda Building is managed by The Hut and all booking enquiries should be directed to them)						
Toilets Only Per Day	YES		\$15.00	\$15.00	0.00%	
Key Deposit	N/A		\$55.00	\$55.00	0.00%	
Toilet Use Bond	N/A		\$100.00	\$150.00	50.00%	Bond increased to an amount sufficient to cover additional cleaning if required
<b>2.6 Outdoor Dining</b>						
Outdoor Café Licence Application Fee	N/A		\$132.00	\$135.00	2.27%	
Fee per snack bars/pizza shops etc outdoor seat	N/A		\$33.50	\$34.00	1.49%	
Fee per restaurant/café outdoor seat	N/A		\$44.50	\$45.00	1.12%	
Fee per hotel outdoor seat	N/A		\$55.00	\$56.00	1.82%	
<b>2.7 Use of Public Road for Business Purpose - Townships and Urban Area</b>						
<b>Display and sale of horse manure adjacent to a residential property</b>						
Small temporary/seasonal from adjacent property	YES		Nil	Nil		
Small temporary/imported	YES		Nil	Nil		
Large temporary/seasonal from adjacent property or imported - annual fee	YES		\$181.00	\$185.00	2.21%	
Small permanent	YES		Nil	Nil		
Large permanent - annual fee	YES		\$181.00	\$185.00	2.21%	
<b>Display &amp; sale of seasonal goods &amp; produce adjacent to a residential property (flowers, fruit &amp; vegetables, hay, firewood, jams, other)</b>						
Small temporary/seasonal from adjacent property	YES		Nil	Nil		
Small temporary/imported - annual fee	YES		\$97.00	\$99.00	2.06%	
Large temporary/seasonal from adjacent property or imported - annual fee	YES		\$186.00	\$190.00	2.15%	
Small permanent - annual fee	YES		\$96.00	\$98.00	2.08%	
Large permanent - annual fee	YES		\$186.00	\$190.00	2.15%	
<b>Display and sale of manufactured or imported goods, or use of road for promotional purposes and other similar purposes adjacent to commercial premises (includes itinerant traders)</b>						
Day (one day only, maximum five days per annum)	YES		Nil	Nil		
Week (up to one week at a time) – weekly fee	YES		\$96.00	\$98.00	2.08%	
Month (up to one month at a time) – monthly fee	YES		\$186.00	\$190.00	2.15%	
Year (up to daily) – annual fee	YES		\$373.00	\$380.00	1.88%	
<b>Fundraising stalls</b>						
			Nil	Nil		
<b>Mobile food vending Business permits</b>						
Monthly Permit Fee	YES		\$102.00	\$104.00	1.96%	
Annual Permit Fee	YES		\$1,017.00	\$1,037.00	1.97%	
<b>2.8 Temporary Road Closures</b>						
<b>Application Fee (commercial applicants only) including 1 day closure</b>						
Local Streets	YES		\$826.00	\$843.00	2.06%	
Major Roads	YES		\$1,360.00	\$1,387.00	1.99%	
<b>Daily event fee (commercial applicants only) for additional days</b>						
Local Streets	YES		\$355.00	\$362.00	1.97%	
Major Roads	YES		\$679.00	\$693.00	2.06%	
<b>Set-up, management and removal of traffic control</b>						
	YES		at cost	at cost		

DESCRIPTION	GST TAXABLE	Unit	Adopted Fees & Charges 2018/19 (incl. GST )	Proposed Fees & Charges 2019/20 (incl. GST )	% Increase	Comment
<b>3. CORPORATE SERVICES</b>						
Voters Roll	N/A		\$26.00	\$27.00	3.85%	
Extract from assessment book	N/A		\$8.00	\$8.00	0.00%	
Current Financial Year Rate Notice reprint			No charge	No charge		
Previous Year/s Rate Notice reprint	N/A		\$8.00	\$8.00	0.00%	
Salaries Register	N/A		\$8.00	\$8.00	0.00%	
Annual Report (copy of)	N/A		\$10.00	\$15.00	50.00%	Increase reflects actual production cost (due to low print volumes)
<b>Photocopying</b>						
A2/A1/A0	YES		see below	see below		
Photocopying B&W A4/A3	YES	per sheet side	Refer to Library Services	Refer to Library Services		
Photocopying Colour A4/A3	YES	per sheet side	Refer to Library Services	Refer to Library Services		
<b>Hiring of Council Meeting Rooms</b>						
Hire per day	YES		\$104.00	\$130.00	25.00%	To align with Library charges for community room hire up to 8 hours
<b>4. OTHER CHARGES</b>						
<b>4.1 Fire Prevention</b>						
Administration Fee - Block Slashing Properties not complied with Section 105 Notice	YES		\$138.00	\$141.00	2.17%	
Administration Fee - Private Block Slashing Arranged	YES		\$60.00	\$61.00	1.67%	
Block Slashing Costs - Properties not complied with Section 105 Notice	YES		Cost of works	Cost of works		
Block Slashing Costs - Arranged with Council	YES		Cost of works	Cost of works		
<b>4.2 General Inspectors</b>						
<b>Abandoned Vehicles</b>						
Impounding Fee	N/A		\$247.00	\$252.00	2.02%	
Holding Fee (per day)	N/A		\$15.00	\$15.00	0.00%	
Administration and Release Fee	N/A		\$74.00	\$75.00	1.35%	
<b>Parking</b>						
Stirling Family Church-carpark fee	N/A		\$200.00	\$200.00	0.00%	
Part Annual permit available per month	N/A		\$30.00	\$30.00	0.00%	
<b>Rubbish</b>						
Clearing of Dumped Rubbish - Administration Charge	YES		\$56.00	\$57.00	1.79%	
Clearing of Dumped Rubbish	YES					
<b>Signs</b>						
Impound moveable signs	YES		\$62.00	\$63.00	1.61%	
<b>Mini Skips/Containers on Council Land</b>						
Application Fee (includes permit fee for first week)	YES		\$60.00	\$61.00	1.67%	
Permit Fee for Occupation of Land per week thereafter	YES		\$30.00	\$31.00	3.33%	
<b>4.3 Traffic Control</b>						
Local Streets	YES		at cost	at cost		
Major Roads	YES		at cost	at cost		

DESCRIPTION	GST TAXABLE	Unit	Adopted Fees & Charges 2018/19 (incl. GST )	Proposed Fees & Charges 2019/20 (incl. GST )	% Increase	Comment
<b>4.4 Road Rents</b>						
Road Rents (\$ per hectare or part thereof)	YES		\$66.00	\$67.00	1.52%	
Petaluma - Smokes Hill Road (per annum)	YES		\$165.00	\$168.00	1.82%	Appears to be a long standing road rent so have moved categories
Purchasing Application Fee - Road Reserve	YES		\$520.00	\$1,066.00	105.00%	In line with the fee for Unmade Road Reserve as it is the same administrative process
Purchasing Application Fee - Unmade Public Road	YES		\$1,045.00	\$1,066.00	2.01%	
Encroachment Permit (annual fee)	YES		\$66.00	\$67.00	1.52%	
<b>5. WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>						
<b>5.1 Private Works</b>						
Alterations to Road Reserves - Section 221 Applications (include the fees below)	YES		\$87.00	\$89.00	2.30%	
Access applications	YES		see above	see above		
Underground electrical/water pipes	YES		see above	see above		
Application to lay water pipes in roads	YES		see above	see above		
Construction of bitumen crossovers	YES		at cost + 20% (inc overheads)	at cost + 20% (inc overheads)		
Construction of concrete crossovers including kerb and water table	YES		at cost + 20% (inc overheads)	at cost + 20% (inc overheads)		
Other works	YES		at cost + 20% (inc overheads)	at cost + 20% (inc overheads)		
<b>5.2 Dump &amp; Green Organics - Recycling Works</b>						
Additional set of Bins (delivery, collection and disposal of any 2 bin combination)	N/A		\$171.00	Nil		Bins individually charged now
Additional 140 Litre Blue bin	N/A		\$91.00	\$100.00	9.89%	Incremental increase towards full cost recovery of \$130 per blue bin
Additional 240 Litre Yellow bin	N/A		\$61.00	\$62.00	1.64%	
Additional 240 Litre Green bin	N/A		\$61.00	\$62.00	1.64%	
Commercial Premises, green bin, annual fee. Initial bin only	N/A		No charge	No charge		
Bin replacement any size/colour	N/A		\$50.00	\$51.00	2.00%	
Kitchen caddy	N/A		Nil	No charge		
Compostable bags - 75 bags/roll or 150 bags/roll	YES		\$6.00 / \$10.00	\$6.00 / \$10.00		
Tow Ball Hitches for waste bins	YES		\$47.00	\$48.00	2.13%	



**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday 7 May 2019  
AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

**Item:** 7.7

**Originating Officer:** Natalie Westover, Manager Property Services

**Responsible Director:** Terry Crackett, Director Corporate Services

**Subject:** Declaration as Public Road – Garrod Crescent & Place, Stirling

**For:** Decision

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**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek a resolution to declare Garrod Place and a portion of Garrod Crescent Stirling as public road.

Allotments 89 and 90 in Filed Plan No. 158344 contained in Certificate of Title Volume 6221 Folio 964 ("Land") are private roads transferred from private ownership to Adelaide Hills Council on 27 February 2019, refer **Appendix 1**.

Pursuant to section 208 of the *Local Government Act 1999* ("Act"), the Council must declare the Land to be public road and cause a copy of the resolution to be published in the Government Gazette.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Council resolves:**

1. That the report be received and noted.
  2. To declare Allotments 89 and 90 in Filed Plan No. 158344 contained in Certificate of Title Volume 6221 Folio 964 known as Garrod Place and portion of Garrod Crescent, Stirling as public road pursuant to section 208 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.
  3. To authorise the publication of the resolution in the Government Gazette as required by section 208(4) of the *Local Government Act 1999* to declare the roads to be public roads.
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**1. GOVERNANCE**

➤ **Strategic Management Plan/Council Policy**

Goal 3

Strategy 3.5

Place

We will take a proactive approach, and a long term view, to infrastructure maintenance and renewal

Goal  
Strategy

Organisational Sustainability  
Risk and Responsibility

Prior to the Land vesting in Council, the Council maintained the road infrastructure on the Land for the benefit of the adjoining land owners and the general public.

To ensure the appropriate level of liability insurance is maintained and that the Land is legally accessible by the Council to maintain, and to the general public for access purposes, the Land was transferred to Council for road purposes.

➤ **Legal Implications**

Section 208 of the Act requires the Council to declare land vested in it as road to be public road and publish a notice of that resolution in the Government Gazette.

A resolution to declare the Land as public road will not take effect until the publication in the Government Gazette.

➤ **Risk Management Implications**

*The declaration of the Land as public road will assist in mitigating the risk of:*

*Council not completing the process to declare roads as public roads following vesting in Council leading to roads remaining as Council owned land without the legal definition as public road*

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
High (2A)	Low (1E)	Low

This risk management assessment does not require the creation of a new mitigation action.

➤ **Financial and Resource Implications**

The declaration of the Land as public road and the subsequent publication in the Government Gazette will be managed within existing resource allocations.

➤ **Customer Service and Community/Cultural Implications**

The declaration of the Land as public road will ensure that the Land is legally consistent with the community's expectation for public road.

➤ **Environmental Implications**

Not Applicable

➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted with Council Committee, Regional Subsidiary, Advisory Group, the Administration and Community**

No consultation has been undertaken in relation to this report.

Consultation on the development of this report was as follows:

*Council Committees:* Not Applicable

*Council Workshops:* Not Applicable

*Advisory Groups:* Not Applicable

*Administration:* Not Applicable

*Community:* Not Applicable

## 2. BACKGROUND

At the meeting of 18 December 2018, the Council resolved as follows:

### 12.4 Acquisition of Private Roads – Garrod Place and Crescent, Stirling

Moved Cr Kirsty Parkin  
S/- Cr Ian Bailey

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Council resolves:

1. That the report be received and noted
2. To accept a transfer of Allotments 89 and 90 in Filed Plan No. 158344 Private Roads being portion of the land in Certificate of Title Volume 5938 Folio 729 ("Land") from Stephanie Jane Evans as executor for Peter Richard Sergeant (deceased) for no consideration subject to the Council paying the costs of the transfer of the Land
3. That the Land be excluded as Community Land pursuant to s193(4) of the *Local Government Act 1999*
4. That following the transfer of the Land, the Land be declared as public road
5. That the Mayor and CEO be authorised to sign all necessary documentation to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously
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## 3. ANALYSIS

Guidelines issued by the Lands Titles Office indicate that the Council must first own the Land before it can be declared as public road.

Notwithstanding that the Council resolved on 18 December 2018 to declare the Land as public road following the transfer of the Land, for the avoidance of doubt it is prudent to make the declaration again now that the Land has been transferred to Council.

**4. OPTIONS**

Council has the following options:

- I. Resolve to declare the Land to be public road (Recommended)
- II. Not resolve to declare the Land as public road resulting in the Land remaining as Council owned land without the legal definition as public road (Not Recommended)

**5. APPENDIX**

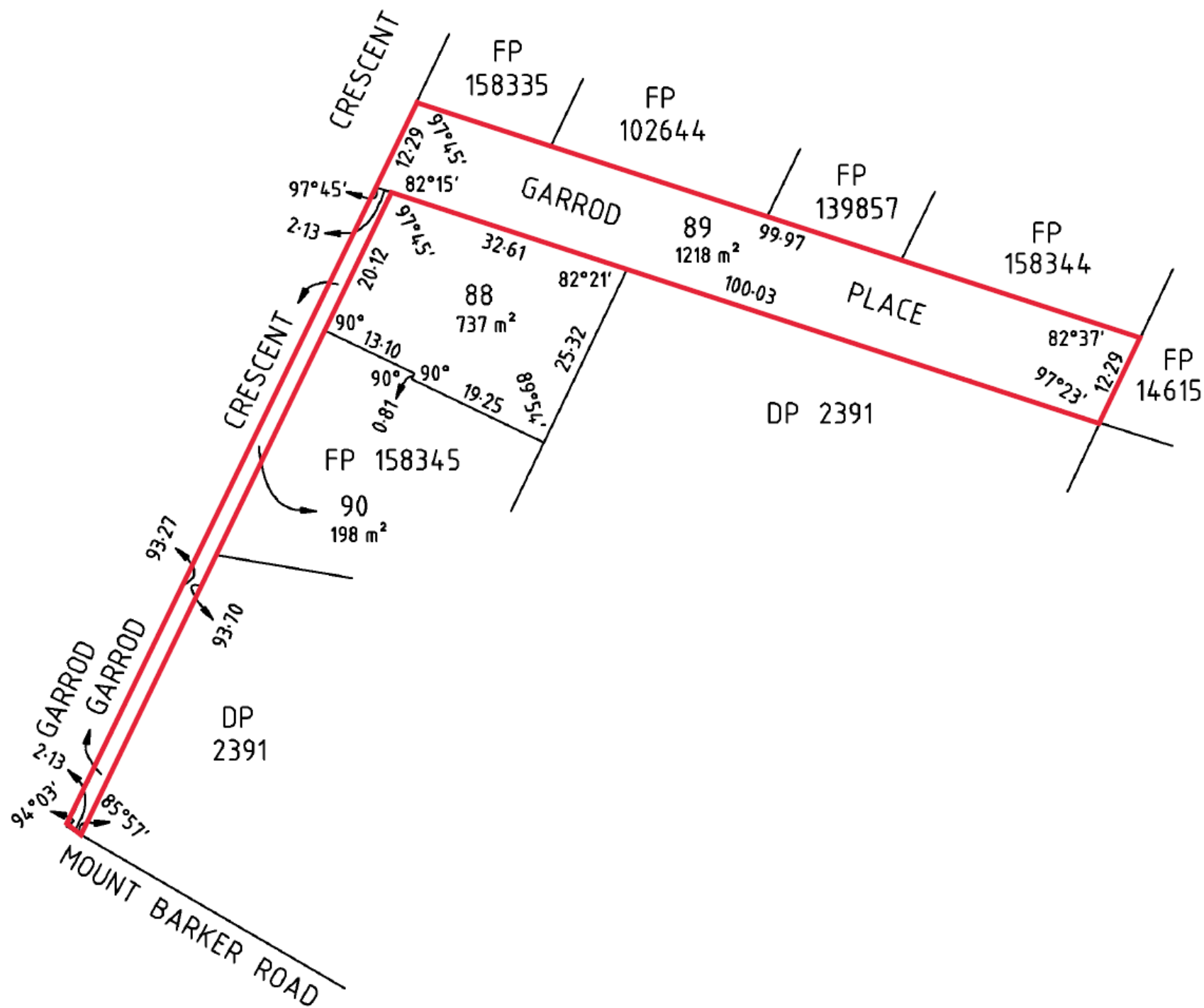
- (1) Map identifying location of the Land

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# **Appendix 1**

*Map identifying location of the Land*

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**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday 7 May 2019  
AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

**Item:** 7.8

**Originating Officer:** Peter Bice, Director Infrastructure and Operations

**Responsible Director:** Peter Bice, Director Infrastructure and Operations

**Subject:** Murray Darling Association Support

**For:** Decision

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**SUMMARY**

At the Murray Darling Association (MDA) meeting held on Thursday 28 February 2019 a motion was proposed for all Member Councils to present at upcoming Council meetings which demonstrates support for the MDA through advocating for funding contributions to be made by State and Federal Government amongst key recommendations.

This has been requested to help secure adequate recurrent funding from State and Commonwealth governments to enable local government through its national peak body the Murray Darling Association (MDA) to provide and enhance its service as a reliable, independent and trusted conduit through which Basin governments and agencies can engage effectively and directly with Basin communities through their local representatives.

Subsequently, as a MDA member Council, this report is seeking support as outlined in the recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Council resolves:**

1. That the report be received and noted.
  2. That Council supports the Murray Darling Association (MDA) in its objective to ensure local government has a role in informing the decisions that impact our local communities under the Murray Darling Basin Plan, and in their bid to secure recurrent funding for the provision of effective consultation and engagement with councils within the Murray-Darling Basin communities through their local representatives.
  3. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or his delegate) to:
    - a) Write a letter of support to the Murray Darling Association for the State and Federal Governments to contribute to the ongoing funding of the MDA.
    - b) Write to our local state and federal MPs encouraging them to support State and Federal Governments contributing to the ongoing funding of the MDA.
    - c) Write to all councils in our region, encouraging them to join the MDA and support the activation and development of advocacy priorities of this region.
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## 1. GOVERNANCE

### ➤ Strategic Management Plan/Council Policy

Goal 3                      Places for People and Nature  
Strategy 3.1              We will work with our community to encourage sustainable living and commercial practices.

### ➤ Legal Implications

Nil

### ➤ Risk Management Implications

The actions to demonstrate support for the Murray Darling Association will assist in mitigating the risk of:

*Insufficient funds leading to poor outcomes for the Murray Darling Basin*

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
Extreme (5B)	High (5C)	Medium (5D)

### ➤ Financial and Resource Implications

The MDA is currently funded solely through membership fees and income from the National Conference. Membership fees are charged to member councils calculated on a sliding scale based on population. The 2018/19 fee schedule is \$0.32 cents per head of population, capped at \$6,334.50 (plus GST). Total income from 2017/18 was \$282,000.

### ➤ Customer Service and Community/Cultural Implications

Demonstrating support for the ongoing funding of the MDA through the actions outlined in this report assures the Community of Council's continued support of the health of the Murray Darling Basin.

### ➤ Environmental Implications

Effective representation of local government and communities at state and federal level in the development of policy and the management of Murray-Darling Basin resources is essential to the effective implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, and the equitable management of our Basin water resources, without which the social, economic and environmental sustainability of Basin communities is compromised.



➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted with Council Committee, Regional Subsidiary, Advisory Group, the Administration and Community**

Consultation on the development of this report was as follows:

*Council Committees:* Nil

*Council Workshops:* Nil

*Advisory Groups:* Nil

*Administration:* Chief Executive Officer

*Community:* Nil

## **2. BACKGROUND**

The Murray Darling Association is a membership-based peak representative organisation representing local government and the communities we serve across the Murray-Darling Basin since 1944.

Built on strong foundations of good governance and high standards of accountability and integrity, the performance of the MDA compares favourably with our LGA peers across the sector, and with other levels of government.

The MDA works with and for member councils engaging also with National and state based local government associations, Regional Organisations of Councils, Joint Organisations and other local government affiliations.

Operation of the MDA is *parliamentary* in nature, having the executive power vested in a board composed of members of the regions, individually and collectively responsible to the membership, and each of whom are democratically elected.

The MDA includes membership of councils from all 4 Basin states and has a focus solely on Basin-related issues. The MDA has a unique capacity to bring a “whole of Basin” perspective to planning matters and community engagement, while also contributing a wealth of local knowledge and solutions to Basin wide issues.

## **3. ANALYSIS**

The Murray Darling Association (MDA) is seeking recurrent funding from State and Commonwealth governments to continue to provide and enhance services as a reliable, independent and trusted conduit through which Basin governments and agencies can engage effectively and directly with Basin communities through their local representatives.

The absence of effective collaboration with local communities has seen trust eroded, communities fractured, investments and initiatives undermined, governments compromised, and the entire Basin Plan put at risk.

Both the Productivity Commission's Murray-Darling Basin Plan: Five-year assessment Inquiry report and the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission Report have made findings on the need for effective consultation and engagement, and the need to restore trust. They have also recognised that the success of the Murray Darling Basin Plan, and the long term viability of our Basin communities is dependent on all governments working together.

By definition, and in practice, this must include local government, which requires resourcing and capacity.

Local government as a sector has the capacity, expertise, and local knowledge (including respect at the local community and industry level) required to understand, balance, plan for, and serve the various and often competing needs and interests that exist within and across our local communities. By extension, the MDA carries forward this as the singular peak Local Government representative group for the Basin.

The absence of effective collaboration with local communities has seen trust eroded, communities fractured, investments and initiatives undermined, governments compromised, and the entire Basin Plan put at risk.

In this environment, local government across the Basin has united under the leadership of an experienced national peak body. Local representatives have provided stability and a calming voice across communities; have provided leadership and good governance. Councils have worked tirelessly, through the MDA to provide an effective, responsible and constructive conduit across and between communities, states, governments, agencies and political parties.

Detailed local knowledge, informed advocacy and a means for governments to engage directly with communities through their local representatives will be essential to ensure

- Integrated delivery of the package of supply measures
- Adequate community consultation to underpin the water resource plans
- Delivery capacity and constraint issues associated with changes in water use and trade
- Ensure supply projects offer value for money
- Strategy for recovering the additional 450GL
- Processes for coordinating event-based watering decisions
- Assistance to communities suffering adverse impacts from water recovery Services provided by the MDA ensure that state and federal governments have a trusted and reliable 'single point of contact' for accessing information and engaging with councils at the Basin scale, at the regional level, and individually.

Provision of this service requires capability and resourcing, the cost of which should be borne by local, state and federal governments. Failure to adequately resource the capability is an exercise in cost shifting, undermining the financial sustainability of the local government sector and the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

**4. OPTIONS**

Council has the following options:

- I. Demonstrate support for the Murray Darling Association through the actions outlined in the recommendation (Recommended)
- II. Not support (Not Recommended)

**5. APPENDIX**

- (1) Murray Darling Association Fact Sheet

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# **Appendix 1**

## *Murray Darling Association Fact Sheet*

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# MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC.

## ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION



The Murray Darling Association was founded in August 1944 as the Murray Valley Development League, with the aim of promoting inland development and decentralisation and encouraging communities to 'be conscious of their common heritage, the Murray River'. The league was pivotal in ensuring the completion of the Snowy Scheme and from the beginning worked towards improving and promoting the health and viability of the Murray-Darling Basin catchment and the communities within it.

Changing our name to Murray Darling Association in 1993, we have been for many years an active association representing a broad membership of local government municipalities, community groups, businesses, individuals and agencies in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Victoria with an interest in ensuring the Murray Darling Basin continues as a viable and valuable asset for all Australians.

**“The Association is an important forum to consider basin issues from a holistic perspective. It is a great networking opportunity which allows all stakeholders to share information and experience, debate topics, and learn from each other. The Association also provides an avenue to have a strong voice and input into policy making.”**

**FRANK ZAKNICH - GENERAL MANAGER**  
**ALBURY CITY COUNCIL**  
**— MEMBERS SINCE 1944**

Providing a forum for Local Government and community participation in major natural resource and policy issues affecting the Murray-Darling Basin, we represent communities that rely on water from the Basin by providing information, facilitating debate, identifying needs and priorities, undertaking projects and education initiatives, and informing policy at local, state and federal level.

Since 1944, the Association has contributed to water conservation, decentralisation, tourism, the Snowy Scheme, catchment management, water quality, education and regional development formation.

The Murray Darling Association is a representative organisation with regions aligned by communities of interest, views, aspiration and concerns of a large number of people living in the Murray-Darling Basin, regardless of state boundaries.

### Our Mission:

**To ensure that the natural resources of the Murray-Darling Basin remain as valued assets for all Australians.**

### ACHIEVING OUR MISSION

The association will achieve our mission by providing natural resource management information; facilitating debate and community engagement; identifying needs and priorities; initiating and undertaking projects and education initiatives; promoting research; and working to influence natural resource management policies of governments as they relate to the Murray-Darling Basin.

# ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION CONT.

## AS AN ASSOCIATION WE SEEK TO:

- Encourage responsible social and economic development while ensuring balanced management of the natural environment;
- Foster the involvement of local government in natural resource management and decision making processes within the Basin;
- Provide leadership and a direction to achieve basin wide solutions to local issues;
- Believe that Local Government is central to the effective management of the Basin;
- Ensure that the environmental integrity of the Murray-Darling Basin is conserved and protected; and
- Deliver value to our members through exemplary practice in governance and public participation.

“Greater Shepparton City Council recently formalised our support for the association. As Greater Shepparton forms part Australia’s food bowl it is imperative for us to participate. Forming a partnership with the MDA will strengthen our position when lobbying state and federal government on matters affecting our region and improve outcomes in the management of our natural resources.”

CR DENNIS PATTERSON - MAYOR  
GREATER SHEPPARTON CITY COUNCIL  
— MEMBERS SINCE 2015

## THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Strong united voice at regional, state and federal level on important basin related issues.
- Networking opportunities with other LGAs.
- Opportunity to discuss water related issues with other delegates who have Water/Environment as part of their portfolio.
- Cross boundary communication between South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.
- Benefit of long history and knowledge accumulated over 71 years.
- Good regional structure bringing ideas and issues from a very broad area to a central space.

## OUR REGIONS

“If the Murray Darling Association didn’t already exist, I would have to invent it.”

THE HON CRAIG KNOWLES  
MDBA CHAIR (2011-2015)

The Murray Darling Association has 12 distinct regions. Regions are determined by communities of similar interests and are not reliant on state boundaries. Regional members meet regularly to consider matters of regional significance, drawing on local knowledge and expertise. The chair of each region sits on the national board.

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday 7 May 2019  
CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

**Item:** 8.1

**Originating Officer:** Natalie Westover, Manager Property Services

**Responsible Director:** Terry Crackett, Director Corporate Services

**Subject:** Unsolicited Approach to Purchase Community Land

**For:** Decision

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**1. Unsolicited Approach to Purchase Community Land – Exclusion of the Public**

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that all members of the public, except:

- CEO, Andrew Aitken
- Director Infrastructure & Operations, Peter Bice
- Director Development & Regulatory Services, Marc Salver
- Director Corporate Services, Terry Crackett
- Director Community Capacity, David Waters
- Executive Manager Governance & Performance, Lachlan Miller
- Governance & Risk Coordinator, Steven Watson
- Sport & Recreation Planner, Renee O'Connor
- Minute Secretary, Pam Williams

be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 8.1: (Unsolicited Approach to Purchase Community Land) in confidence.

The Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of Council staff in attendance as specified above, be excluded to enable Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:

Section 90(3) (d) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party.

Accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential.

**3. Unsolicited Approach to Purchase Community Land – Period of Confidentiality**

**Subject to the CEO, or his delegate, disclosing information or any document (in whole or in part) for the purpose of implementing Council's decision(s) in this matter in the performance of the duties and responsibilities of office, Council, having considered Agenda Item 8.1 in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3) (d) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, resolves that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* that the report, related attachments and the minutes of Council and the discussion and considerations of the subject matter be retained in confidence until the matter is further presented to Council for a decision, but not longer than 12 months.**

**Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order either partially or in full to the Chief Executive Officer.**