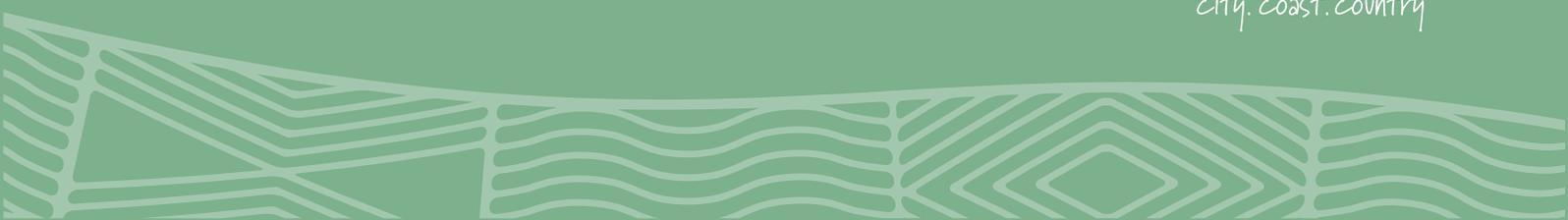




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WOODVILLE PARK UPGRADE: Community Engagement Report



Engagement overview

We're upgrading Woodville Park as an action from the **Woodville Place Plan** and **Help Woodville Thrive** project. The Help Woodville Thrive project commenced in February 2023. Earlier engagement gathered input from local residents, businesses, and visitors to develop a shared vision and set of actions, guiding the creation of the Woodville Place Plan, endorsed by Council in early 2024.

The upgrade of Woodville Park aligns with Wyndham's Play Space Strategy and is a direct action from the Place Plan. The purpose of the community engagement for the Woodville Park upgrade was to:

- Inform the community that a park upgrade is taking place.
- Invite feedback on the draft design for the upgrade.
- Understand how residents want to use the upgraded playground; and
- Provide an opportunity for community input on the design of the park upgrade, including new public toilets.

Engagement was open for one month, commencing on 23 May and closing on 23 June 2025 and provided an opportunity for the community to view the location, concept plan and proposed play space upgrade to the park space, before providing feedback.

The community had the opportunity to provide feedback via an online survey or in-person at two pop up engagement sessions on-site on 5 and 14 June. We received 74 online survey responses and 4 hard copy responses, with 59 people in total attending the pop-up sessions contributing to 43 pieces of feedback.

Refer to Appendix 1 at the end of this report for a full breakdown of who we heard from online.

71.8% of survey respondents gave the park upgrade and new play space either four or five stars out of five and 82.9% of respondents supported the location of the proposed public toilet.

How did the community get involved?

The below tables outline the ways we engaged with the community and the activities undertaken to promote the engagement.

 <p>78 survey contributions (includes 4 hard copy surveys)</p>	 <p>700 page views on The Loop page</p>	 <p>476 total visitors to The Loop page</p>
 <p>43 in-person pieces of feedback</p>	 <p>59 pop up event attendees</p>	 <p>2 pop up events</p>

<p>Online promotion</p>	<p>An organic advertisement was run via social media.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach: 2,916 • Engagement: 12 • Click through: 11
<p>Other communication activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign installation at Woodville Park playground that included QR code to The Loop • Media Release • Letterbox drop of postcard with QR code, to residents living within a 1km radius from the park • Distribution of promotional postcards (including a QR code to The Loop page) to Woodville Childcare Centre, Woodville Park Kindergarten and Warringa Park School • Face to face engagement with Warringa Park School. Direct emails were sent to parents by the school. • In person conversations with Woodville Shopping Centre traders. • Email sent to 1,550 registered Loop users notifying them of the new project. • Email sent to 7,651 Loop newsletter subscribers including promotion of the engagement opportunity. • Email sent to 23 previous contributors to the Woodville Place Plan project, notifying them of the opportunity to provide feedback.

What did we hear?

Survey on the Loop

Community engagement for the Woodville Park Upgrade was open on The Loop from 23 May to 23 June 2025.

A survey was used to gather community feedback on the proposed concept design for Woodville Park. It featured artist impressions and visual tools showcasing the proposed play equipment to encourage meaningful feedback and generate community interest in helping shape the upgrade. Paper copies of the survey were also available at in-person pop-up events held during the engagement period; these have been included in the total responses.

Question 1: Provide your feedback on the proposed park upgrade and new play space, rating from:

1 (lowest) to 5 (highest)

Answer Choices	Percent	Count
1-star rating ★	5.13%	4
2-star rating ★★	3.85%	3
3-star rating ★★★	12.82%	10
4-star rating ★★★★	24.36%	19
5-star rating ★★★★★	47.44%	37
Not sure/don't know	6.41%	5
Total	100%	78

Question 2: The Woodville Place Plan community consultation process identified a public toilet as a high priority for the Community. Do you support the proposed location of the public toilet in the park?



Yes – 82.89 (63 responses)



No – 9.21% (7 responses)



Unsure – 7.89% (6 responses)

Question 3: Of the 17.07% (13 responses) who selected no or unsure, they were asked why they selected this response:

Theme*	Percent**	Count
<p>Theme 1: Need and location</p> <p>Participants expressed mixed views about the need for a new public toilet. Some supported retaining the existing facilities due to regular use and convenience, while others questioned the proposed location and strongly recommended any new facility to include accessible and family-friendly features.</p> <p><i>“Keep the existing toilets at the oval. It’s need as people use often”</i></p> <p><i>“Where are the baby and accessible changing facilities?”</i></p>	58%	7
<p>Theme 2: Safety and maintenance</p> <p>Many respondents raised concerns about potential vandalism, anti-social behaviour, and misuse of the facility, particularly after hours. Suggestions included implementing things such as lighting, restricted access times, or regular cleaning to maintain safety and amenity.</p> <p><i>“I believe while a toilet is necessary, it does make it an easy target for unsavoury people to hang out, therefore putting children at risk”</i></p> <p><i>“The park gets vandalised with broken glass from adults and youth who drink there in the evening”</i></p>	50%	6
<p>Theme 3: Cost and priorities</p> <p>Given the current cost of living pressures, investment would be better spent on maintaining existing infrastructure.</p> <p><i>“I do not believe that money should be spent on things that are not currently required in a cost-of-living crisis and that spending should be paired back and only money spent on maintaining present items.”</i></p>	8%	1
<p>Total</p> <p><i>*Open ended question, therefore, a respondent may have included commentary that falls under more than one theme.</i></p>	N/A	14

Question 4: Additional feedback on the plans

The feedback shows community support for making Woodville Park a more inclusive, accessible, and enjoyable space for people of all abilities and ages. A public toilet and sensory play options are top priorities, with strong interest in fitness, shade, safety, and community connection features.

All raw data received can be found in **Appendix 2** below.

Theme	Percent	Count
<p>Theme 1: Changing Place toilet</p> <p>Numerous requests to include a changing places facility.</p> <p><i>“There’s no point in an accessible playground without an accessible changing facility”</i></p>	46%	16
<p>Theme 2: More inclusive play equipment</p> <p>Strong support for play elements that promote inclusivity, challenge and active fun. Participants were particularly keen on an accessible swing, monkey bars or ladders, water play area and exercise equipment for adults.</p> <p><i>“Please include a monkey ladder and rock climbing. It’s really helpful for autistic kids”</i></p>	29%	10
<p>Theme 3: Park maintenance, safety and security</p> <p>Respondents highlighted the importance of safety and visibility, suggesting the toilet be located where it allows passive surveillance, supported by good lighting, security measure and signage or cameras to deter vandalism and misuse.</p> <p><i>“Have lighting as it’s a growing area and lots of vandalism”</i></p>	20%	7
<p>Theme 4: Landscaping and trees</p> <p>Participants suggested replacing trees along the pathways that have died or been vandalised, as well as restoring shrubs around the perimeter fence. They also recommended removing and replacing any gum trees located near playgrounds, kindergartens or childcare centres with more suitable species.</p> <p><i>“I would like to see more suitable and attractive trees planted”</i></p>	5%	2
Total	100%	35

Feedback received during on-site pop-up sessions

Feedback from in-person pop up sessions has been organised into the key themes below:

Theme	Percent	Count
Theme 1: Play equipment and active play for children Request for different types and more inclusive range of play equipment.	57%	12
Theme 2: New public toilet Concerns around antisocial behaviour.	10%	2
Theme 3: Sports and recreation for all ages Include more active sports and fitness equipment for older people.	19%	4
Theme 4: Amenity and signage Suggestions for BBQ coverage, more bins and signage relating to dog behaviour.	14%	3
Total	100%	21

Feedback received during direct stakeholder consultation

We received feedback from Warringa Park School and various traders at Woodville Shopping Centre, during in-person stakeholder consultation.

Theme
Warringa Park School Feedback on play equipment was provided from a specialist school perspective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a second ramp to the play unit to create an entry and exit for wheelchairs • Provide a rubber walking surface on the rope bridge to assist those with limited mobility to access the large slide • Include play opportunities at the top of the play unit • Support to remove the Liberty Swing as the School has its own Liberty Swing • Fencing the play space or the park
Woodville Shopping Centre Traders Council's Placemaking Officer spoke to nine traders at Woodville Shopping Centre. Eight of the traders were supportive of having a toilet installed in the park, and several traders noted they are often asked by customers where the nearest public toilet is. Some traders allow the public park visitors to use the shopping centre toilet as there is not an alternative available.

Next steps

Community feedback will be used to help shape the final play space design, with construction scheduled to begin in early 2026.



Appendix 1: Who did we hear from?

The below highlights who we heard from during our engagement via The Loop and hard copy surveys.

Age Group	%	Count
Under 12	2.5%	2
12-17	1.3%	1
18-24	3.8%	3
25-34	16.7%	13
35-44	37.1%	29
45-54	17.9%	14
55-64	9.1%	7
65+	11.6%	9
Total	100%	78

Gender	%	Count
Female	70.5%	55
Male	25.6%	20
Prefer not to say	3.9%	3
Total	100%	78
Suburb		
	%	Count
Hoppers Crossing	56.4%	44
Manor Lakes	2.6%	2
Point Cook	3.8%	3
Tarneit	3.8%	3
Truganina	2.6%	2
Werribee	17.9%	14
Werribee South	1.3%	1
Williams Landing	1.3%	1
Wyndham Vale	6.4%	5
Other	3.9%	3
Total	100%	78

Respondents can choose more than one language

Language*	%	Count
English	92.3%	72
Hindi	1.3%	1
Mandarin	2.6%	2
Arabic	1.3%	1
Other	18.0	14
Total	100%	90

Identity	Yes %	Yes count	No / Prefer not to say %	No / Prefer not to say count
A person living with disability and/or someone caring for a person living with disability	38.5%	30	61.5%	48
An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person	2.6%	2	97.4%	76
A person who identifies as LGBTQIA	11.5%	9	88.5%	69
Total	100%	41		

Appendix 2: Feedback from engagement

Below is the raw, deidentified feedback received from the engagement questions.

Please keep the existing toilets at the oval. It's needed ppl use often. Just to walk across to the new toilet will be difficult with traffic flow at times. I think there's a possibility of not making it to the toilet if they get removed. This oval is highly used by locals also. The upgrade to existing park will be fantastic x

I don't think it should replace the public toilet at the Warringa Reserve

Where are the baby and accessible changing facilities?

It's a bit far from playground.

Due to drug use in the area, may be ok with blue lights through it

Need to make sure it includes a changing places bathroom <https://changingplaces.org.au/>

I would rather not see toilets at this playground. It is a quiet neighbour after hours and having toilets attracts unsocial behaviour after dark and vandalism. We do see from time to time syringes.

everyone has a toilet at home they can use or else the can water a tree!

Toilets will be good for families at the park, but could also easily be vandalised and may attract some of the "night groups" often meeting in the car park. Hope they will remain well maintained and clean...

Will they remain opened all the time or get closed at night, may be something to consider?

I believe while a toilet is necessary it does make it an easy target for unsavoury people to hang out, therefore putting children at risk

Tbh. Resources can be use Much more useful and productive infrastructure suck as the Balan road upgrade in Wyndham west. It's ridiculous the amount of traffic we have during peak hours.

The park get vandalised with broken glass from adults and youth who drink there in the evening. I think having no bathroom would attract families more than vandals.

I do not believe that money should be spent on things that are not currently required in a cost of living crisis and that spending should be paired back and only money spent on maintaining present items. We are all going through a cost of living crisis and this item can be delayed.

Toilets and picnic tables are really important if you are going to make this a good community space that is inclusive for everyone.

****Feedback received during engagement pop - up****

- Want to see more benches and trampoline.
- Improved lighting
- Yes for toilets and BBQ. Want to see a space for people to gather around
- It's a unique park., we like it
- Introduce risky play elements
- Monkey bars
- There is a concern on the anti - social behaviour if toilets are installed. Please put measures to manage anti-social behaviours.
- Children voices* I like flying fox, swing and trampoline
- Want to see Monkey bars
- 15 yes votes for Public toilet installation and location
- 9 people rated 5 starts for the proposed upgrade and public toiles
- When children were asked their favourite play equipment, they voted as below:
 - 3 votes for Accessible play unit
 - 2 votes for swing set
 - 2 votes for We-Go Accessible swing
 - 9 votes for trampoline
 - 1 vote for Accessible carousel
 - 2 votes for Bowl spinner

**** Survey received via face to face engagement on Woodville Park, Sat 14 June****

Would love to see the following facilities in the upgraded facility

1. Monkey Bar
2. Trampoline
3. Public toilet
4. Go - swing - Circle type
5. Bigger slides
6. Better light facilities

*****Survey received during face to face consultation at Woodville Park*****

I would like to see flying fox

Feedback received on 14 June, Woodville park pop-up

- Solar lights - rocks will be thrown at them and the globes broken. Hve the lights but protect them.

Growing area - Lots of vandalism

- Happy with these change

- Keep the two paths

- Trampoline would be great!

- Ride their bikes through nature play, nature balance trials

- Climbing rope things

I would really appreciate if there was a Changing Place (hoist and adult changing table), which will be very useful for my disabled child.

I think it will be wonderful for the woodville community & afar. But please keep existing toilet/s

Maybe a water play area for kids who love that type sensory play i think that wpuld be amazing especially since there are not many parks in hoppers with water play

Sounds good but preferred it to be Callander Park.

There will need to be security measures to ensure the cleanliness of the toilet and the avoid misuse of the disability swing.

Changing facilities

Please include a monkey ladder of arch shape and rock climbing.Its really helpful for autistic kids.Please consider

Please put in a changing places bathroom for increased accessibility.

Definitely needs to keep the public toilet.

3 or 4 exercise equipments in the bush area along the short trail track.

Love love love the accessible swing.

Toilets are so important, especially for kids. I can't remember how many time we had to go back home (10 minutes away by walking) because my kids had an emergency. Some others time they did a bush wee as they couldn't wait to be home. So please include toilet in your plan.

TIA, kind regards.

Please make it a changing places bathroom to cater to more.

Please make the toilet a changing places style toilet

There isn't much point in an accessible playground without accessible changing facilities which will accommodate older children with additional physical needs.

This is a disability positive space. How long do you think a disabled person can hold their bladder? Or a 4yo? Or a mother with a weak pelvic floor?

This desperately needs a toilet block. There's are no public toilets nearby.

However a public toilet is needed at both Warringa Reserve and the playground. It would be so inconvenient playing cricket or all abilities football without a toilet nearby.

If you are putting bbq facilities at the playground, a toilet is needed there too - especially for young children who can't hang on and children with disabilities.

Give us a toilet or people will toilet in the park

I love the toilets. It's very important when providing a good environment with young kids and people with a disabilities.

If you're having a picnic or bbq here toilets are a must..
Families in a park always need toilets.

Suggestions for the Woodville Park Upgrade

Thank you for initiating the new project to upgrade Woodville Park. I appreciate the effort being made to enhance our local environment, and I believe these improvements will make the park more beautiful and enjoyable for the community.

I would like to offer some suggestions regarding the proposed facilities and equipment. In particular, I recommend that the BBQ area be placed under a roof or, alternatively, that a separate shelter be constructed with a roof and three timber walls. Having lived in this area for over a decade, I've observed that it frequently experiences strong winds and rain, especially during spring and winter, and very high UV exposure during summer. Without adequate protection, both people and food are at risk from the elements, including sunburn, skin damage, and food contamination. A sheltered BBQ area would make the facility much more practical and comfortable to use year-round.

Additionally, I believe the current plan could better support the health and wellbeing of local adults. It would be great to include outdoor fitness equipment, as well as recreational options such as table tennis, a basketball court, and free Wi-Fi. I also encourage you to consider installing outdoor percussion play musical instruments such as the Grand Marimba and Babel Drum. These would not only provide a fun and engaging activity for all ages but could also set Woodville Park apart as one of the most vibrant and inclusive parks in Wyndham City.

Please can you make it a Changing places toilet? That way children can have continence wear changes in a safe and suitable environment. If you want to be truly inclusive you will organise a Changing places changeroom and many more families will be able to use this playground.

It's fantastic! A changing places toilet facility would enable even more people with disabilities to utilise the facilities as it provides an adult size change area, better access for people who use a wheelchair and shower facilities.

It would also be wonderful to include a communication board with text and symbols at the park.

The toilet needs to have an accessible change table for teenagers and adults who need it. Anything else excludes a significant number of people who would otherwise benefit from the park upgrades. Please give those with disabilities the dignity of suitable toilet facilities.

Park looks great but it needs a toilet

A public toilet would be a great addition and would be at its best with a changing station or table to assist families, especially those with children of higher needs or living with disabilities. Please consider making this addition.

I love that you're considering wheelchair accessibility, but please consider including a changing places toilet in the new public toilet. Many child wheelchair users require assistance with toileting and changing places toilets allow for safe and dignified facilities for this assistance that is not available in a regular accessible toilet.

We need a changing places style bathroom. The proposed bathroom won't be adequate for many children with a disability, and there is currently no changing places style bathroom in parks across Wyndham or Hobsons Bay. Please make this a priority to ensure it is a truly accessible park/playground.

A someone with a child with complex physical disability a changing places bathroom with hoist and adult size change table would make this park a 5 star. Its great to make the playground accessible but we still cant enjoy it without an adult size change table and hoist now that my daughter has outgrown baby change tables.

Given the included accessible play features at the park, it stands to reason that an accessible changing places bathroom is included in the development. This would provide much needed facilities for those with additional needs.

Due to having a "special needs" daughter, please ensure this Public Toilet has changing places style bathroom. We don't have a bathroom like this at any playground in the Wyndham or Hobsons Bay.

We desperately need an accessible changing place as well as a accessible toilet, especially since it's for kids. Thinking of accessible measures for kids and parents of all abilities.

It needs to be a changing places bathroom. No other playground has one and it would mean more wheelchair users will be able to use the park.

Toilets are a huge benefit and requirement for playgrounds and the community. They are a must.

Public toilets are a much needed addition to this park. It allows people to enjoy the park for longer. I have had to leave this park early before as there were no toilets.

The public toilets are a massive need for this park, many a time my children have needed to leave the park just to go find a toilet having it on site will be so handy for the children and their families

This is going to be a welcomed space for the community! Would be great to add a dog park also

I have just attended a drop in session and it was mentioned that the toilets are planned for but may not be budgeted for.

The public toilet is absolutely vital. We go to the park 2-3 times a week with friends and after kinder and have to leave early more than 80% of the time because of there being no public toilet nearby. There is not even a toilet in the shops so the only choice is, to hope you can get home in time (and not have an accident in the car). This is widely acknowledged (by the parents 3yo and 4yo woodville park kindergarten) as being the biggest issue with this park as prevents it from being used for birthdays, gatherings or meet ups. You know when you go there that your not staying long. Kids can't hold it like adults can.

I think that this should be the first thing that is done and should be at the top of the things budgeted for. The park is already highly under-utilised due to there being no toilet.

Great to see that Woodville Park will receive a long overdue upgrade.

Hopefully the trees along the pathways that have either died or been vandalised will be replaced, including the shrubs around the perimeter fence.

Security cameras to deter vandals. Or alternatively instal security camera signs without the cameras, as did another local council which resulted in a huge reduction in crime.

People come from other estates come to Woodville Park playground because it is unique and presents a different form of play. Please maintain this uniqueness and implement more risky play. Would be great to have a drinking foundation and improved lighting

Love that you are incorporating inclusive play as the school nearby would benefit. However I hardly see kids from the special school utilise the big yellow swing.

As an aside would love to see Mossfiel rugby oval also have solar lighting implemented around the pathway.

We deserve it

There is an outdoor carpark in between the park and Woodville Primary School. It is an essential carpark for Woodville students/ parents pick up and drop off. The 2025 election polling centre was also held there. Plus, Scouts centre was located at the same spot. Carpark, Scouts centre, they are essentials for the safety and well beings of the children around the area. They should be remained without relocation or being demolished considerations. It is actually a very busy road during weekdays, the carpark marks a safety spot for all students. Please remain the same. With this newly added upgrade, I am sure the children would love it there more.

when will Truganina get its much need Leisure center with gym and pool.

Shopping Plaza with cinema and dining complex?

All this other stuff is just a waste of money!

Yes i think it all looks good- going by the artists impression plan. Just loathe those, unsuitable , ugly and dangerous gum trees already growing at that park They should NEVER have been planted near a playground, a kinder or child care center in the first place !. PLEASE remove those and replace them with more suitable and attractive trees eg crepe myrtle, jacaranda, ornamental pear, golden sunburst , those that not only provide shade, will not drop branches, and are colorful through all 4 seasons ! More seating and litter bins required too !

Very happy with the upgrade plan in Woodville Park. This plan should be implemented long time ago.

But is, finally we getting same thing needed for long time in so big empty space and with so many children and residents around. I live here for over 40 years and is about time to we have same thing nice around. Thank you

I'm not a playgrounds target audience because I don't have kids but when I do take my niece's & nephews to the existing playground, I've always thought it was a really good set up. I fully back making it accessible but can it be extended rather than removed?

A toilet there would be very welcomed & I'm sure BBQ & eating areas would bring people together
a mini stage would be nice.

We really love the new plan. Our kids will be happy. Thanks for your efforts.

Refresh of the park will ve welcome, good initiative.

Are you considering keeping monkey bars in the play area? Many kids love playing with them at the moment.

Keeping the natural look and materials that complement the tree area next to the park also seems a good idea.

Toilet location makes sense regarding passive surveillance. Another option could be the pathway towards Orion Street (more central to the park and less backed up to the alley behind shops) so it's more open around the toilets from a surveillance perspective

I feel it needs to be fenced and gated. The reason I say this is because many special needs children. Are runners. How nice it would be as a mum to know that you can sit and just breathe a little, knowing your child can't run off

Tbh. Resources can be use Much more useful and productive infrastructure suck as the Balan road upgrade in Wyndham west. It's ridiculous the amount of traffic we have during peak hours.

Exercise equipment. There is a large older demographic that lives here that would be glad to have something that they can actually use, not just a million playgrounds for children everywhere that I actively avoid if I'm out walking.

There are no monkey bars. This is our daughter's favourite part of the playground and the reason we go there almost every day. Please add monkey bars for the kids! Also there's a lot of dog poop in the green space around the playground so having bins and a dispenser of bags for dog owners would be good. Having shade around the barbecues and picnic tables would be great.

I am a little torn because we already LOVE the playground so much the way it is now, but the new designs also look great!!

I think the most important thing would be a TOILET!! We go to this playground all the time, so we know to make our kids use the toilet before we go. But so many times we have been here, people have asked where the nearest public toilet is, and it's just such a distance away if you have small children or a disability! So overall, the most important thing would definitely be the toilet please!!!!

this is a total disgrace! How about adding a park like this in Truganina? We have nothing out here! No good roads, no decent parks, no pools, no cinema, no decent shopping plaza! And here u are wasting ratepayers money on a park that has everything already.