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Consultation Report Somers Trail, Mitcham Fitness Equipment

Thank you to everyone who shared their feedback and suggestions for the new fitness equipment proposed at Somers Trail, Mitcham

We received 169 survey submissions.

What we learned is that most residents support the fitness equipment and there is a need to promote healthy and active living for members of the community.

We gathered valuable information to help us work towards the concept design for the project. We will continue to work through the information and suggestions received to inform the final design.

Engagement snapshot

Key highlights:

- 607 total visits to the Sommer Trail Fitness Equipment Your Say project page
- 169 responses to our online survey
- 7 reactions on social media; 1 share
- Various emails and phone calls

Promotion of engagement:

- 1958 viewed the post on Facebook and 920 viewed the post on Instagram
- 811 letters and sent to local residents
- Onsite signage
- Engagement was promoted via a number of channels in addition to the letter to residents and on-site signage and social media (reach discussed above):
 - Whitehorse's Your Say newsletter which has a readership of 2,597.
 - What's happening in Whitehorse e-news which was sent to 7,832 people.
 - Whitehorse's Community Connect e-news which has a readership of 17, 210.

Your feedback

Below is a summary of the feedback received on the project, highlighting key themes and points raised throughout the consultation process.

Here's what you told us:

- The fitness equipment will be used by the community
- The top selected equipment is a leg press, pull downs, chest press and an elliptical trainer.
- The community wants equipment suitable for all ages
- The community wants clear instructions of use and introductory training sessions
- Provide bins, drinking fountains and a toilet
- Include a basketball court
- Reconsider the location of the fitness equipment
- There were some comments not in support of the equipment

Our response to Community Preferences and Feedback:

- Council believes the fitness equipment will be used by the local community members. With the right activation, we hope it is a great asset for the community.
- The project is limited in scope and budget to exercise equipment, so additional amenities, such as bins and a toilet, are not included in this design.
- The current location at Somers trail was chosen because it is close to but does not clash with any tree protection zones or underground services.

Next steps

We will now finalise the concept plan for the fitness equipment based on any additional community feedback from our second round of consultation, starting in January 2026, available on your Your Say website.

Construction of the new fitness equipment is expected to be completed by July 2026.

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