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LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN REPORT

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Introduction

TCL were engaged in 2024 to undertake a landscape concept plan process for Tyrol Park. The project methodology outlined a rigorous community consultation process to understand the community's ambitions for the park. The project also included an in-depth site analysis and issues and opportunities phases that unpacked the site and communicated possibilities for the park. The Draft Concept Plan articulates the key projects and implementation plan to achieve the vision for the park through incremental improvements over the next 15 years.



Photo: Tyrol Park Drone View

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview

The Tyrol Park Landscape Concept Plan sets out a strategy to incrementally improve the amenities and infrastructure in Tyrol Park into a diverse, sustainable, and ecologically inclusive park by 2040. The concept plan outlines Council's vision, goals, and strategic objectives to guide the development of Tyrol Park over the next 15 years through a series of key projects. The landscape concept plan is the result of extensive community and stakeholder engagement, in-depth analysis, issues and opportunities assessment, and a landscape concept plan process.

Vision Statement

The vision for Tyrol Park is to enhance the existing landscape while creating a dynamic, diverse setting for everyone to enjoy.

Principles

1. Develop a Landscape Concept Plan for the implementation of 15-year project implementation
2. Enhance and preserve the existing character of the park.
3. Offer diverse passive recreation opportunities to promote physical and mental well-being.
4. Promote environmentally sustainable park design by increasing tree canopy cover, enhancing biodiversity, and creating habitat.
5. Foster an active and connected community through diverse activities and social interactions.

Key Projects

The Landscape Concept Plan outlines a series of key projects intended to achieve the Council's strategic objectives. These projects focus on enhancing access and movement, improving open space and landscape character, and upgrading recreational facilities and amenities within the park.

Consultation Summary

The Draft Landscape Concept Plan went to community consultation, and the feedback received has been incorporated into the final plan. A total of 236 people participated across Consultation Rounds 1 and 2. For more details, please refer to the Community Consultation Summary pages.

Conclusion

The Tyrol Park Landscape Concept Plan will serve as a guide for the next 15 years. Through collective efforts, the goal is to develop a vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive community that meets the needs of both current and future generations. All community members and stakeholders are encouraged to contribute to realising the vision for Tyrol Park 2040.

Below: Render view showing potential improvements to Tyrol Park over the next 15 year.



1. LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN

The Landscape Concept Plan for Tyrol Park aims to enhance access and movement, improve open space and landscape character and upgrade recreation facilities and amenities for local and broader communities.

6.4 Key Projects

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Open Space and Landscape Character

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- Underplant existing trees to diversify the landscape experience and create varied landscape qualities.

Recreation Facilities and Amenities

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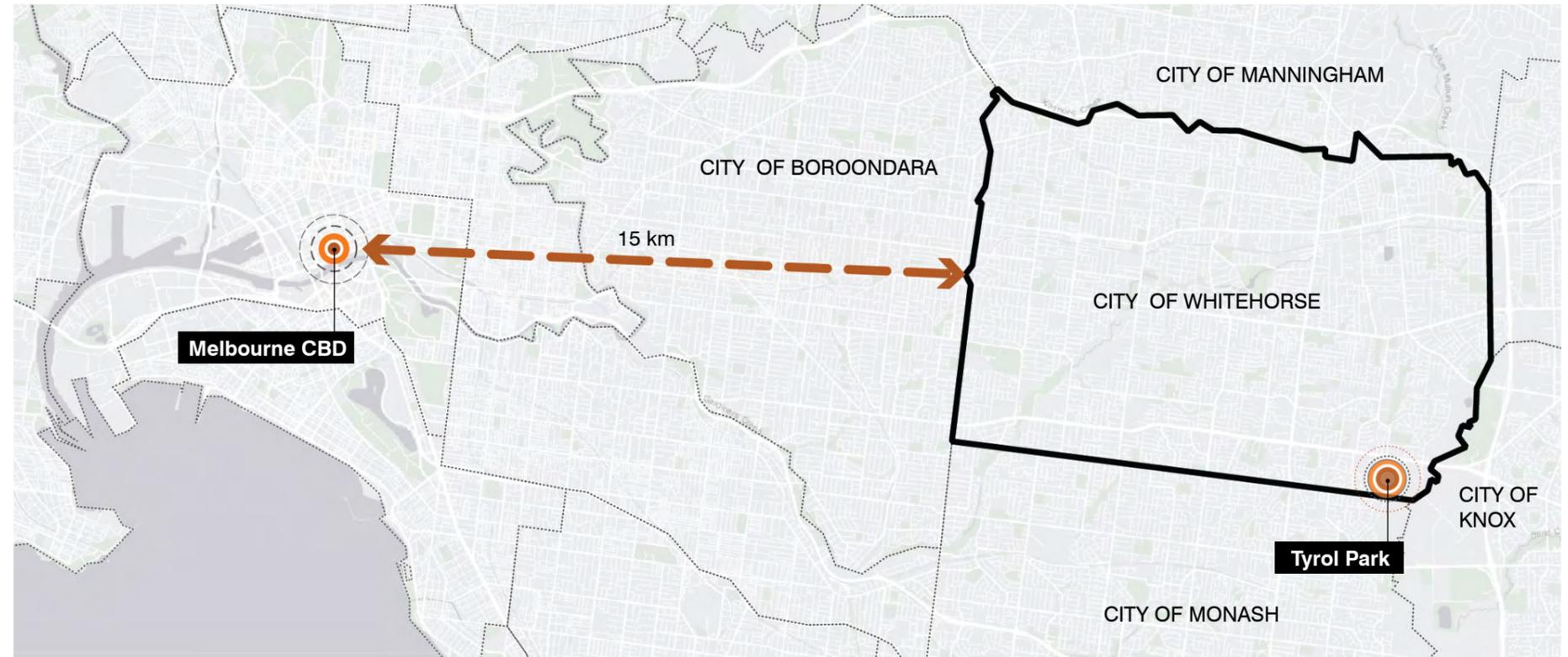
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2. SITE CONTEXT

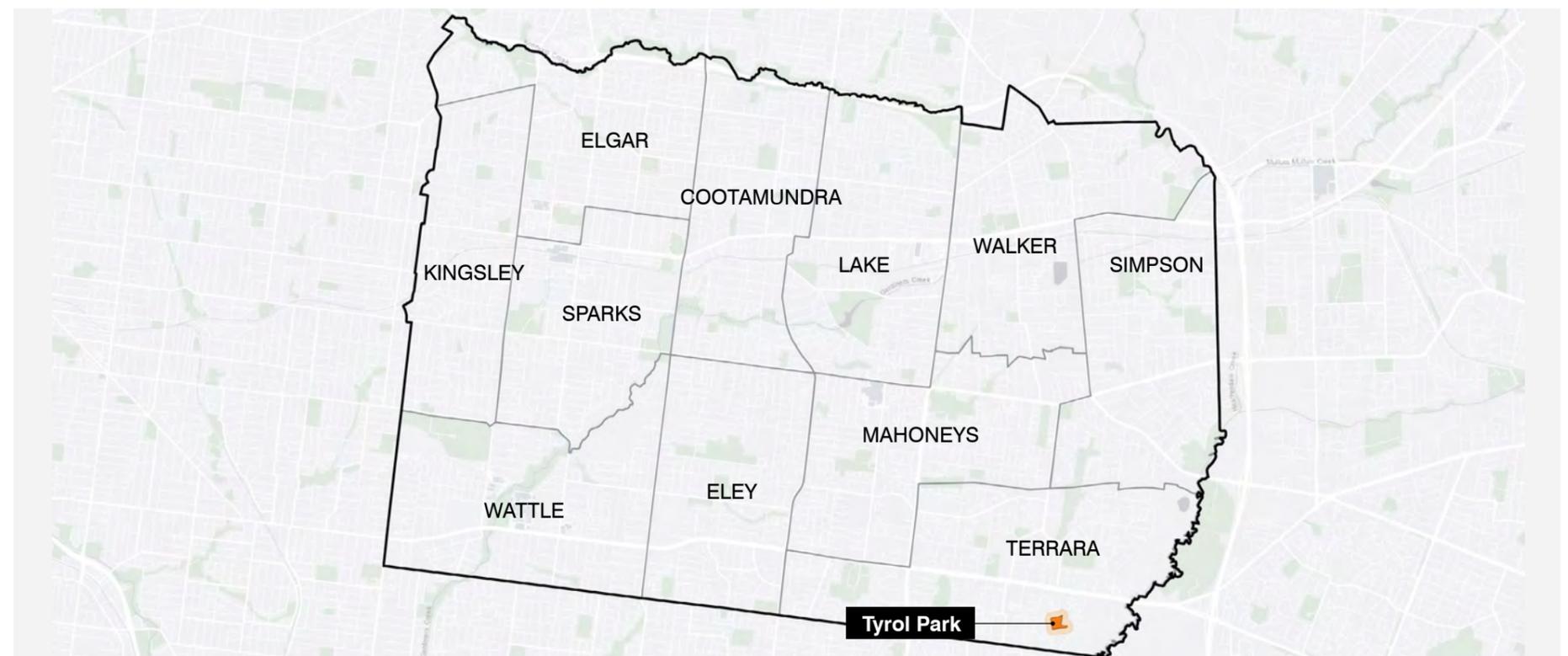
The City of Whitehorse is situated 15 kilometers east of Melbourne, spanning across an area of 64 square kilometers. It is bordered by the City of Manningham to the north, the Cities of Maroondah and Knox to the east, the City of Monash to the south, and the City of Boroondara to the west.

Tyrol Park is situated to the southeast of the Municipality.



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The City of Whitehorse is divided into 11 wards. Tyrol Park is situated to the southeast in the Terrara ward.





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Green Space

Tyrol Park is a neighbourhood open space in close proximity to the Dandenong Creek conservation zone to the east. It provides a crucial role in catering to the recreational needs of the local community, especially within the 800-meter walking distance.

Legend

- Site
- Green Space
- Walking Radius



Existing Site Aerial and Photos

Tyrol Park, spanning approximately 2 hectares, is located between Weeden Drive to the north and Lascelle Drive to the west, with residential areas to the east and south. The site spans approximately 190 meters in length and 150 meters in width. As a neighborhood park, Tyrol Park features open lawn areas, playground facilities, and space for informal sports.



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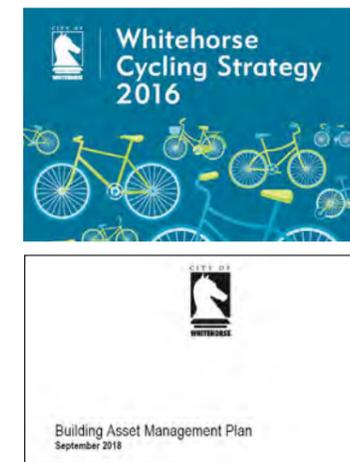
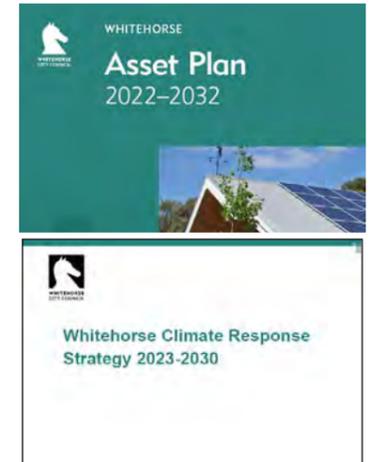
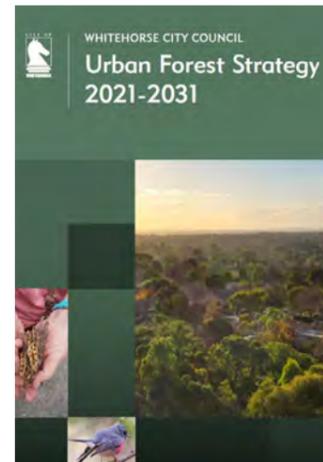
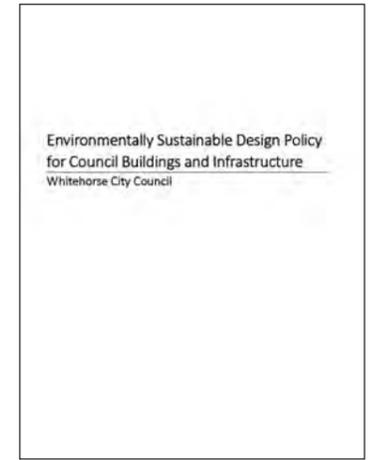


3. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

3.1 Council Strategic Documents

19 strategic documents listed below were reviewed to align the ambitions of the Concept Plan with the strategic objectives of Council. For the key documents, a high level summary has been provided.

- Council Plan 2021-2025
- Whitehorse 2040 Community Vision
- Whitehorse Open Space Strategy 2024 (Currently in development)
- Whitehorse Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) Policy for Council Buildings and Infrastructure
- Urban Forest Strategy 2021-2031
- Urban Forest Strategy Action Plan 2021-2031
- Interim Urban Forest Policy and Tree Management Plan Asset Plan
- Whitehorse Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025
- Whitehorse Asset Plan 2022-2032
- Whitehorse Climate Response Strategy 2023-2030
- Integrated Water Management Strategy
- City of Whitehorse Recreation Strategy 2015-2024
- Whitehorse Play Strategy 2011 / Whitehorse Play and Social Recreation Action Plan (Currently in development)
- Whitehorse Cycling Strategy 2016
- Building Asset Management Plan 2018
- Pavilion Development Policy
- Melbourne East Regional Sport And Recreation Strategy
- Open Space Asset Management Plan 2019



3.2 Strategic Priorities

The Tyrol Park Landscape Concept Plan was developed based on extensive research and various planning considerations. This section summarises the key contextual and planning factors that were evaluated and incorporated during the creation of the Landscape Concept Plan.

- **Whitehorse City Council, seeks to create a sustainable, vibrant, and inclusive community with a strong focus on environmental stewardship and social cohesion.**
(Whitehorse 2040 Community Vision)
- The Landscape Concept Plan will encourage sustainable building practices to reduce environmental impact and promote energy efficiency.
Whitehorse Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) Policy for Council Buildings and Infrastructure
- Plan to enhance and expand open spaces to meet community needs, improve biodiversity, and promote recreational opportunities.
Whitehorse Open Space Strategy 2024 (Currently in development)
- **Provide a diverse linked network of open space with people of all ages recreating, socialising and enjoying the outdoor space, and bushland reserves brimming with indigenous flora and fauna.**
Whitehorse Open Space Strategy 2024 (Currently in development)
- The Landscape Concept Plan seeks to increase urban tree canopy cover, improve biodiversity, and enhance the ecological health of urban areas.
(Urban Forest Strategy 2021-2031)
- Prioritises initiatives to improve physical and mental health, enhance community well-being, and promote active lifestyles.
(Whitehorse Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025)
- The Landscape Concept Plan will align with the actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change, focusing on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing resilience.
(Whitehorse Climate Response Strategy 2023-2030)
- The Landscape Concept Plan will aim to manage water resources sustainably, improve water quality, and promote efficient water use throughout the precinct and align with the Integrated Water Management Strategy.
- **Minor upgrade to include a picnic facility and additional unstructured recreation facilities.**
Whitehorse Open Space Strategy 2024 (Currently in development)
- **Provide a variety of creative, high quality, socially inclusive recreation spaces that offer people of all ages opportunities to be active and recreate together.**
(Whitehorse Play Strategy 2011 / Whitehorse Play and Social Recreation Action Plan) (Currently in development)

4.2 Round 2 Community Consultation Summary

Community engagement for Tyrol Park took place throughout March 2025, involving several activities to gather feedback.

Letters were sent to residents encouraging participation in the Whitehorse Your Say survey. The survey, held from March 3 to March 31 and received responses from 55 participants.

Due to the substantial support for the master plan, minimal changes have been adopted. These changes are now reflected throughout this document.

Photo: Round 2 Community Pop-up Session



Summary of the engagement activities

1. Letters to Residents:

- Sent letters informing residents about the project and encouraging participation in the Whitehorse Your Say survey.
- A total of 133 letters sent to residents within a 200m catchment area.

2. Your Say Survey:

- A total of 470 people were aware through Your say platform of which 55 completed the survey.

3. Community Pop-up Session:

- Held on March 15, 2025, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, with over 20 residents participating during this time.

Key findings

1. **85%** of the survey respondents support or strongly support the Tyrol Park Draft Master Plan.

2. **85%** of the survey respondents supported or strongly supported the proposed additional pathways to improve accessibility within the park.

3. **89%** of the survey respondents supported or strongly supported the proposed playground upgrade to better accommodate a broader range of age groups.

4. **78%** of the survey respondents supported or strongly supported the proposed new social recreation area and its features, including a half-court, outdoor exercise area, and additional seating.

5. **93%** of the survey respondents supported or strongly supported the proposed open space and landscape improvements, including planting new garden beds and trees.

Additional comments

Support

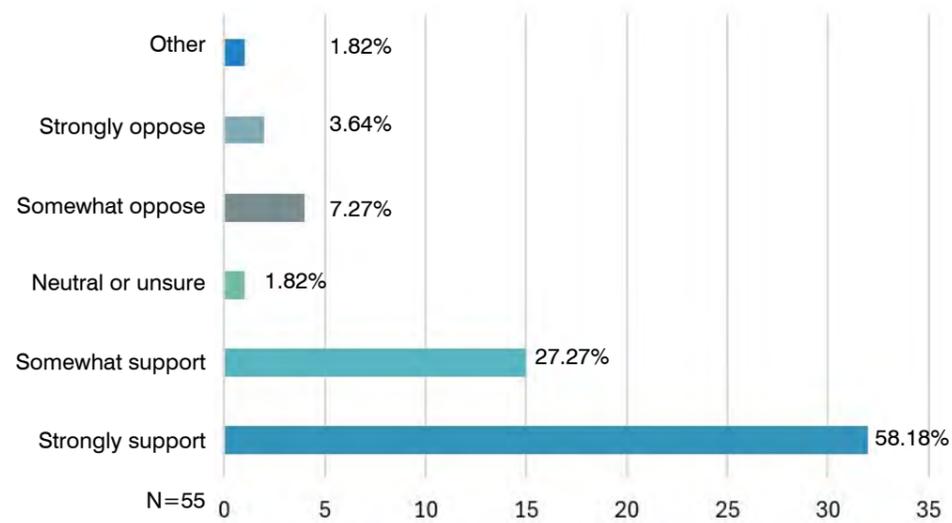
The community expressed strong support for upgraded park facilities, including improved playground amenities, outdoor exercise equipment, additional seating, and better lighting for safety. There was also enthusiasm for environmental enhancements such as more garden areas, increased greenery, wildlife habitat creation, and the protection of native species. Overall, residents responded positively to the engagement process and looked forward to improvements that support youth and recreational needs, seeing the upgrades as a way to strengthen local community connections.

Other comments

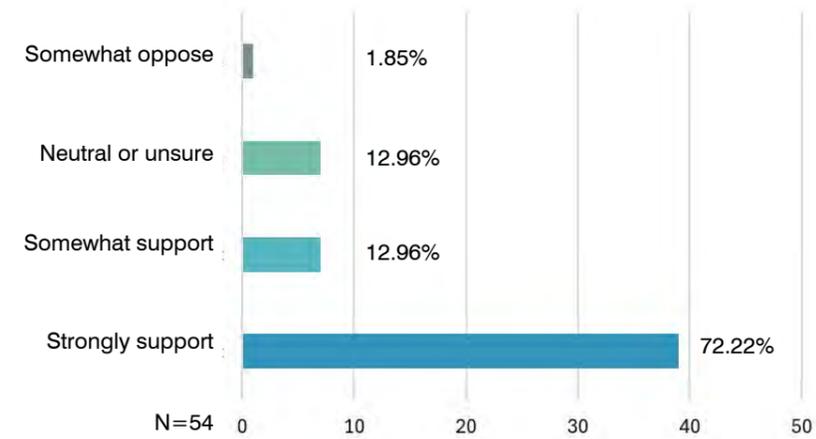
Community members shared interest in enhancing park amenities, with suggestions including toilets, BBQ facilities and additional shaded seating. There was notable interest incorporating a skate area or space to support families and young people. Some comments highlighted practical considerations, such as the use of permeable materials for pathways, and exploring opportunities for flood mitigation.

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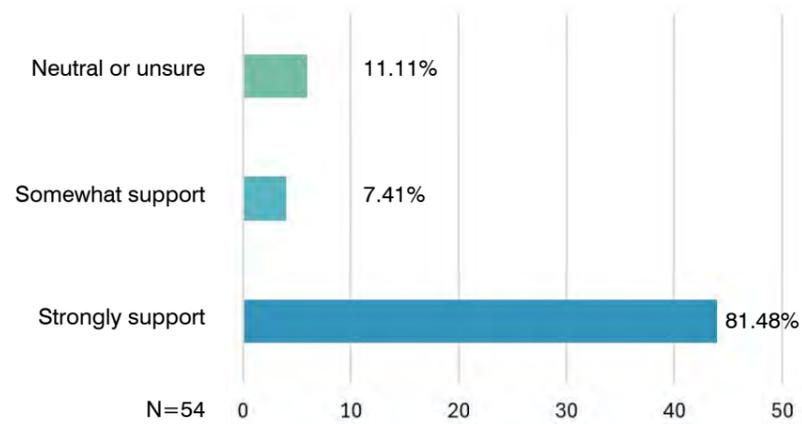
Q1. How do you feel overall about the Tyrol Park Draft Landscape Concept Plan?



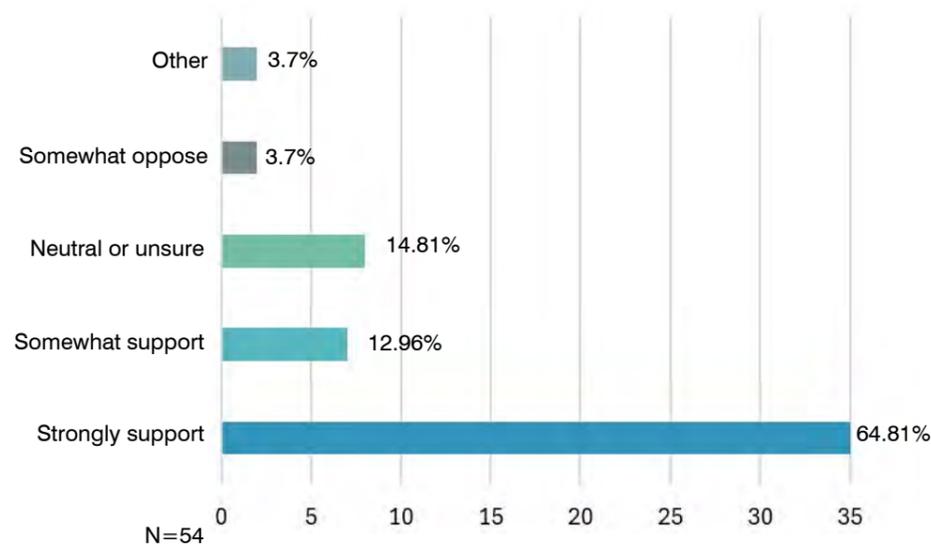
Q2. Do you support proposed additional pathways to enhance accessibility within the park?



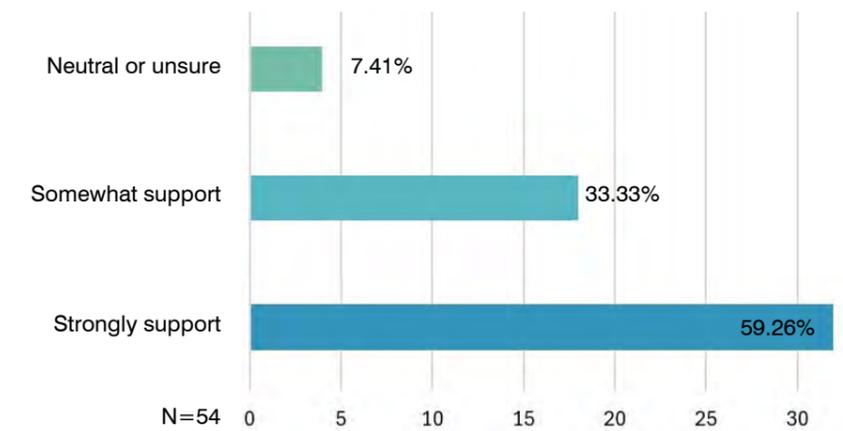
Q3. Do you support the proposed playground upgrade to better accommodate a broader range of age groups?



Q4. Do you support the proposed new social recreation area and its features, including a half-court, outdoor exercise area, and additional seating?



Q5. Do you support proposed open space and landscape improvements, including planting new garden beds and trees?





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5. ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

An issues and opportunities diagram was undertaken following the site analysis phase. This provided a framework for the development of the Landscape Concept Plan.

The issues and opportunities are developed into three main groups these include: access and movement, open space and landscape character and recreation facilities and amenities.

Access and Movement

01 Path Connection and Circulation

Issues

The site lacks clear pathway network, with only a formal path along Weeden Drive to Akrana Court on the eastern boundary, lacking connection to Lascelle Drive on the western boundary.

No clear circulation path or loop within the park.

Opportunities

Improve existing path and path network.

Provide a circuit path for leisurely walking and jogging.

Open Space and Landscape Character

02 Canopy Cover

Issues

The park has limited tree cover in part.

Opportunities

Increase tree canopy and diversity of vegetation.





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Recreation Facilities and Amenities

04 Park Amenities

Issues

The site lacks adequate seating areas and shelter.

Opportunities

Incorporate other amenities such as picnic shelters and additional seating areas.

05 Play Space and Diverse Recreational Opportunities

Issues

The play space is ageing and only caters for younger children. There is lack of other facilities for diverse age groups.

Opportunities

Upgrade play space to cater for younger and older children, Incorporate recreational facilities for diverse age groups such as multi-purpose area for ball games, fitness equipment etc.



6. LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN DIRECTION

6.1 Vision

The landscape Concept Plan aims to enhance Tyrol park as an inclusive local destination suitable for all ages to enjoy



Tyrol Park Perspective

The view captures Tyrol Park, featuring a continuous path network winding through the landscape. The existing open lawn in the center is retained for community events and activities, complemented by diverse tree canopies and understory planting. The upgraded playground and amenities are located at the northeast of the park. A multi-use area has been created at the north end of the park to offer various recreational opportunities.

The 3D artist impression is for illustrative purposes only. It is intended to provide a visual representation and may not precisely depict the final design.

6.2 Principles

The Landscape Concept Plan for Tyrol Park is guided by five core principles. These principles help establish a long-term strategic vision and serve specific purposes in shaping the park's development.



01

Develop a Master Plan for the implementation of 15-year project implementation.



02

Enhance and preserve the existing character of the park.



03

Offer diverse passive recreation opportunities to promote physical and mental well-being.



04

Promote environmentally sustainable park design by increasing tree canopy cover, enhancing biodiversity, and creating habitat.



05

Foster an active and connected community through diverse activities and social interactions.

6.3 Tyrol Park Landscape Concept Plan

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-  Proposed Half-Court
-  Way-finding Signage
- Water Point
- Picnic Tables
- Football Goal Posts
- Soccer Gate
- Cricket



6.5 Concept Landscape Plan Elements

The Concept Landscape Plan can be described by the following elements. It aims to enhance and protect existing infrastructure and guide the development of the park for the next 15 years.



Existing Trees

Retain existing trees throughout the park to align with the proposed concept plan.



Existing Path

Retain the existing path at the east of the park and maintain it in a good condition.



Way-finding Signage

Provide way-finding signage at main entries of the park to provide navigation and information to enhance visitor experience, safety and accessibility.



Football Goal Posts

Retain the existing football goal posts at the northeast of the park.



Proposed Trees

Plant additional native trees to increase tree canopy cover throughout the park. Ensure proposed trees achieve maximum growth and are climate change compatible.



Proposed Path

Provide a 1.8m wide continuous loop path throughout the park to enhance accessibility and improve the park experience.



Proposed Playground

Upgrade the playground facilities at Tyrol Park to offer a diverse range of play opportunities for younger and older children.



Soccer Gate

Retain the existing soccer gate at the southwest of the gate.



Proposed Garden Bed

Establish new garden beds under existing and proposed trees to create diverse landscape qualities.



Proposed Bench Seat

Provide additional seats throughout the park.



Proposed Half-Court

Create a multi-use area to the north of the park that caters to diverse age groups, featuring a multipurpose court and outdoor exercise equipment.



Cricket

Relocate the cricket pitch to the centre of the open lawn.



Lawn

Retain the open lawn in the center of the park and consider using native grass species to support local ecology and habitat.



Picnic Tables

Retain the existing picnic tables and relocate them to the north-east of the park to align with the proposed concept plan.



Proposed Outdoor Exercise Equipment

Proposed outdoor exercise equipment at the multi-use area for park users of all ages.

6.6 Tree Canopy Coverage

The Tyrol Park Landscape Concept Plan seeks to align with the City of Whitehorse's Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy by targeting 30% canopy cover, primarily through the preservation of existing trees and the planting of new ones

Currently, the existing tree canopy coverage at Tyrol Park is 22%, and the proposed additional coverage is 15% as outlined in the concept plan, bringing the total canopy coverage to 37%.

This calculation does not account for expected canopy growth; it assumes a conservative estimate of a 5m canopy diameter per proposed tree.

Site photo: Existing trees



Precedent: Additional trees with understory planting.



Legend

-  Existing trees to be retained
-  Proposed trees
-  Potential tree removal to be investigated



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6.7 Path Network

The existing network of pedestrian paths at Tyrol Park has limited connections.

The Landscape Concept Plan proposes continuous loop paths throughout the park, formalised by a 2.5m wide main path at the east and a series of 1.8m wide paths. These paths will connect the main site entrances, enhancing accessibility and improving the overall park experience.

The plan also aims to extend the existing footpath on Weeden Drive to the east, investigate an opportunity for a new crossing to provide safe access from the retirement community located to the northeast of Tyrol Park.

Site photo: Existing Path



Precedent: A hard-wearing path with a park bench alongside.



Legend

-  Existing path
-  Proposed path network
-  Proposed crossing



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6.9 Precedents

Images demonstrate potential improvements for Tyrol Park.

Please note that all precedent images provided are intended solely for reference. They are meant to serve as visual examples or inspiration and should not be interpreted as final designs or exact representations of the proposed outcomes.



Open space



A continuous path network



Native trees



Diverse understory planting



Flexible space



Playground



Outdoor exercise fitness



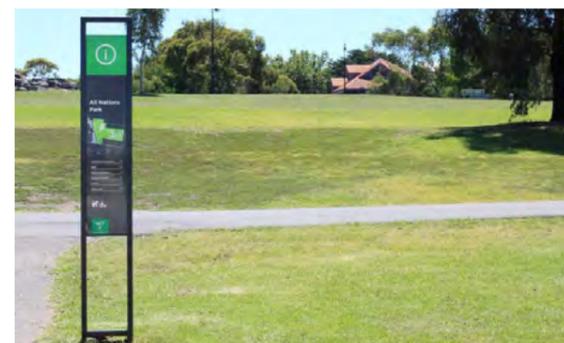
Park bench seat



Half court



Picnic tables



Park signage

7. 15 YEARS CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

The key projects outlined in the Landscape Concept Plan have been prioritised below according to perceived need and the Council's capacity to implement through current or future resourcing and funding opportunities. It is important to note that the inclusion of these projects does not directly commit Whitehorse City Council, user groups or any other organisation to a responsibility for funding and implementing these projects.

Opinion of probable costs have been allocated to each recommendation, and where appropriate. The costs include assumed design fees, statutory fees, or other costs associated with developing the Master Plan recommendations to implementation stage. Costs are based on current rates and will be subject to escalation.

Priorities assume the following time frames:

High Priority Actions: now - 5 years - (FY25/26-FY29/30)

Medium Priority Actions: 6 - 10 years - (FY30/31- FY34/35)

Low Priority Actions: 11 - 15 years - (FY35/36- FY39/40)

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Key Projects	Project	Recommendation	Priority	OPC
Access and Movement				
A connected path network	1	Upgrade the existing gravel path at the east to a solid 2.5m wide sealed path. Consider using materials such as concrete, asphalt or permeable bound gravel to provide a hard-wearing, trafficable surface and ensure proper accessibility.	High	\$118,250.00
	2	Provide a 1.8m wide sealed path on the south of the park, linking the Akrana Court path in the east to the Lascelle Drive footpath in the west making it part of the continuous path network. Consider using materials such as concrete, asphalt or permeable bound gravel to provide a hard-wearing, trafficable surface and ensure proper accessibility. (To be delivered in conjunction with item 3)	Medium	\$41,580.00
	3	Provide a 1.8 m wide path along the northwest garden beds to link existing footpaths on the north and west. Provide a 1.8 m path along southeast garden bed connecting path to the east and south. (To be delivered in conjunction with item 2)	Medium	\$27,878.00
	4	Extend the existing footpath on Weeden Drive to the east, investigate an opportunity for a new crossing to provide safe access from the retirement community located to the northeast of Tyrol Park. Ensure the new footpath is made of concrete to match the existing footpath material.	Low	\$42,900.00
	5	Provide integrated way-finding signage at the park entrances to improve navigation and visitor experience.	High	\$4,400.00

2.0 Open Space and Landscape Character				
	Project	Recommendation	Priority	OPC
Provide additional tree planting	6	Plant additional trees to enhance canopy cover, with infill planting where feasible. Investigate suitable native species to ensure maximum growth and climate resilience. Maintain existing trees to preserve the current canopy.	Medium	\$10,560.00
Establish new garden beds and a diversity of planting	7	Underplant existing and proposed trees throughout the park to diversify the landscape experience and create different landscape qualities. Develop a site-wide planting strategy.	Medium	\$49,500
3.0 Recreational Facilities and Amenities				
	Project	Recommendation	Priority	OPC
Upgrade park amenities and recreational opportunities	8	Upgrade existing playground facilities at the northeast section of the park to include tables and benches and water points.	High	\$180,000.00
	9	Create a multi-use area to the north that caters to diverse age groups, featuring a half court and outdoor exercise equipment.	High	\$250,000.00
	10	Provide additional seating areas throughout the park.	High	\$13,200.00

Sub Total \$738,268.00

Appendix

A. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SUMMARY



Tyrol Park Concept Plan

Feedback closed on 18 February

Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts on Tyrol Park. We are currently considering your feedback. To stay updated on the progress of this project please subscribe on the 'Follow Project' box on this page.

Background Information

We invited the community to help us prepare a Concept Plan for Tyrol Park.

Located in Vermont South, Tyrol Park is approximately 2.05 hectares in area. It features a playground, and an informal sports ground and provides opportunities for walking, jogging, bike riding, dog walking and other forms of informal recreation activity for the local community.

We asked for ideas for the future of Tyrol Park.

Community feedback will help inform the development of the Landscape Concept Plan, which will provide a clear direction for the future development of the park.

Project Timeline

- Community Engagement Round #1**
 22 January 2024 - 18 February 2024
- Community pop-up session**
 Learn more and share your ideas for Tyrol Park at our pop-up session. Chat to us over a free coffee. there will also be free treats for the kids.

Date and Time: Saturday, 3 February 2024, 10:00am-12:00pm.

Location: Tyrol Park, Weeden Drive
- Draft Tyrol Park Landscape Concept Plan**
 Mid 2024
- Community Engagement Round #2**
 This is an upcoming stage for Tyrol Park Landscape Concept Plan

 Details TBC

FAQs

- What is a Landscape Concept Plan and why is it needed?
- Who can share their ideas for Tyrol Park Landscape Concept Plan?
- What will you do with the community's ideas?
- When will the draft Landscape Concept Plan be ready?
- Will there be an opportunity to give feedback on the draft Landscape Concept Plan?

Summary of the Engagement Activities

Tyrol Park community engagement round one has been launched, involving several activities to gather feedback. Letters were sent to residents encouraging participation in the Your Say survey. The survey, held from January 22 to February 18, received responses from 181 participants.

Summary of the engagement activities

1. Letters to Residents:

- Sent letters informing residents about the project and encouraging participation in the Your Say survey.
- Total of 799 letters sent to residents within a 500m catchment area.
- 238 letters out of 799 also included hard-copy surveys sent to residents at Levande Vermont Village and Australian Unity Retirement Village.

2. Your Say Survey:

- Conducted from January 22, 2024- February 18, 2024.
- A total of 690 people were aware through Your say platform of which 181 completed the survey

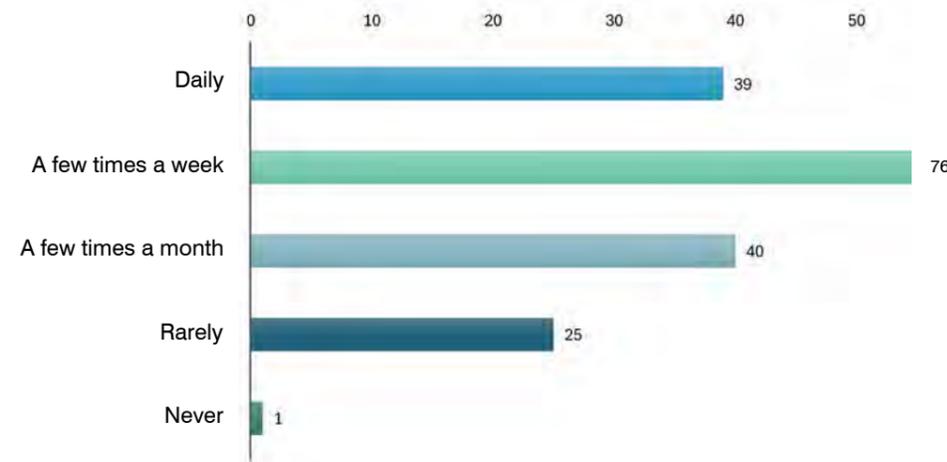
3. Community Pop-up Session:

- Held on February 10, 2024, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- Approximately 70 attendees, encouraged to complete paper or online surveys.

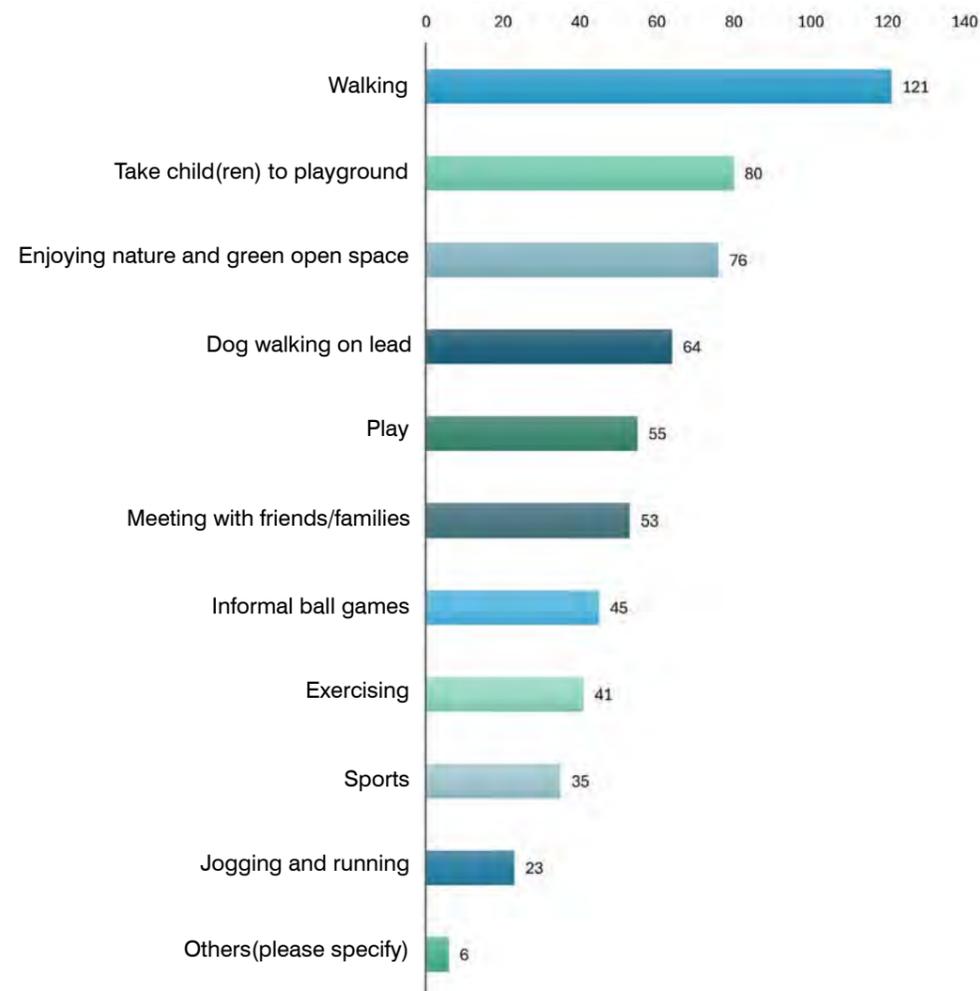
4. Key Findings

- Demographic
- Traveling method
- Park visitation and park use
- Park safety and improvements
- Other community comments

How often do you visit Tyrol Park?



How do you use Tyrol Park? Please select your top five below.



Tyrol Park visitation and park use key findings

- 64% of the survey respondents visit Tyrol Park daily or a few times a week.
- About 14% of respondents visit the park rarely or never visit the Tyrol park.
- Most of respondents visit the park during weekend daytime, weekday daytime and evenings.
- Very few people choose to go to the park on weekday and weekend mornings.
- Approximately half of the respondents typically stay at the park for an hour or two, while the other half of the respondents stay at the park for less than 30 minutes.
- The park has been used in a diverse range of ways, encompassing physical activity, leisure, and social interactions.
- Most of respondents engage in walking in the Tyrol Park. The top five park use activities identified are:

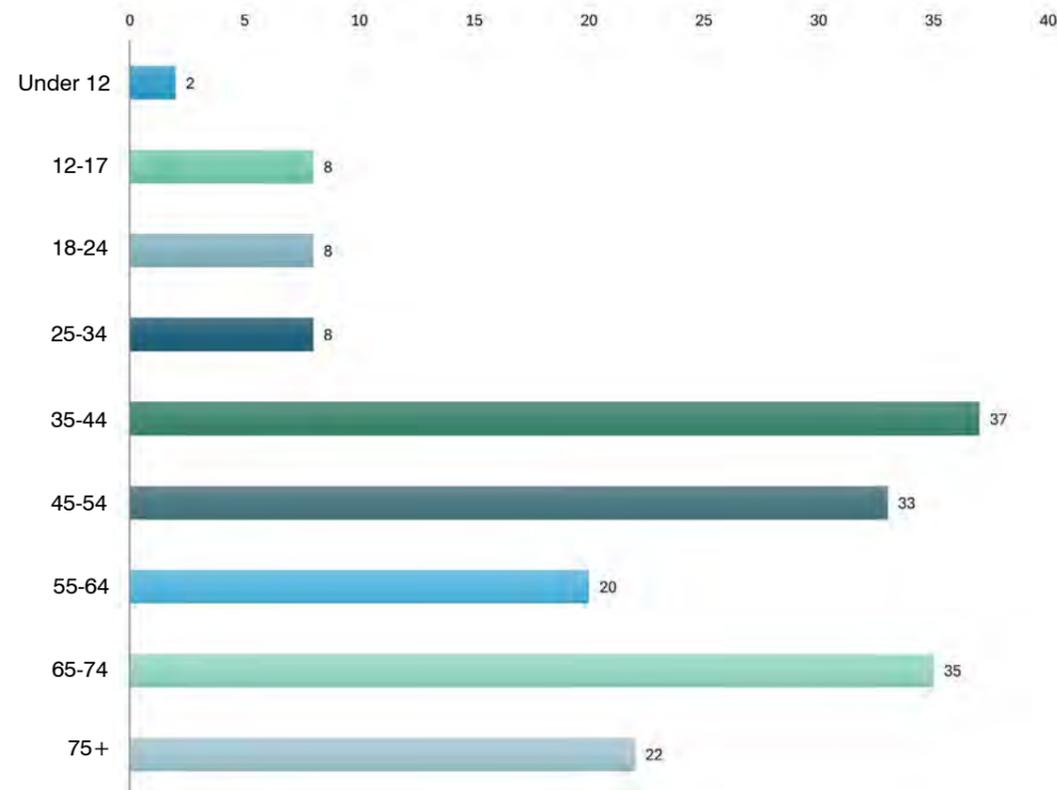
- Walking (121 respondents)
- Taking child(ren) to playground (80 respondents)
- Enjoying nature and green open space (76 respondents)
- Dog walking on lead (64 respondents)
- Play (55 respondents)
- The top three park facilities/features that people like to use the most are:
 - Walking path (86 respondents)
 - Play space (82 respondents)
 - Openness (73 respondents)
- Out of 181 survey respondents, only one respondent provided a reason for not using the park, citing that the features or facilities in the park are not attractive to them or their family.

96% of survey respondents are from local, Vermont South.

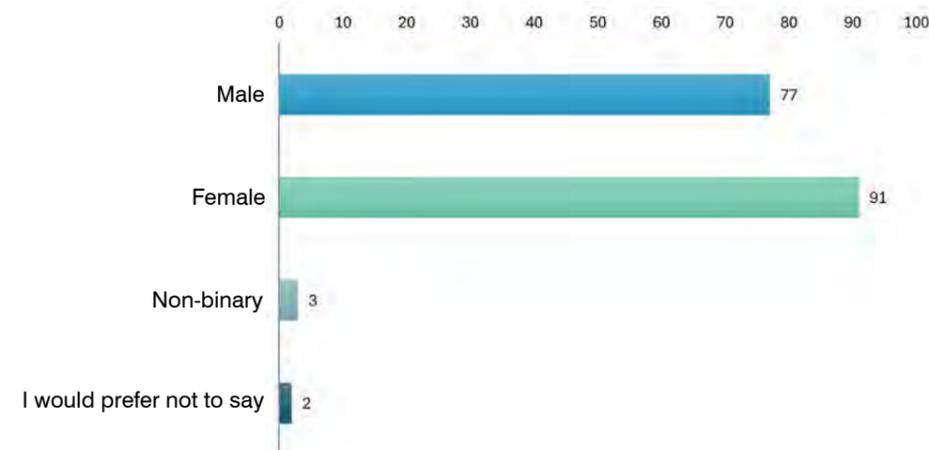
64% of the survey respondents visit Tyrol Park daily or a few times a week

Top three park facilities include walking path, play space and openness

What is your age group?



What is your gender?



Demographic key findings

- All age groups were quite well represented in the survey responses.
- 72% of the survey respondents fall within the age group of 35 to 75. Respondents aged 12 to 34 comprise 14% of the total.
- The ratio of female to male park users is very close. Specifically, 45% of the respondents are female, while 53% are male. Additionally, 1.7% of respondents identify as non-binary, and 1.2% would prefer not to say.
- 96% of survey respondents are from local, Vermont South. The remaining respondents are distributed among 5 other suburbs. Within this distribution, 1.8% are from other suburbs within City of Whitehorse, while 1.8% are from suburbs outside City of Whitehorse.
- Out of the 171 survey respondents, 8 individuals reported having a disability or impairment and 18 stated they are from a non-English speaking background.
- The park users represent a diverse range of backgrounds, with 62% (111 respondents) being born in Australia and 38% (68 respondents) originally from overseas.
- Most of the respondents report that English as their main language spoken at home.
- Approximately 13% of respondents' main spoken language are not English at home. Among these individuals, around 9% speak Mandarin.

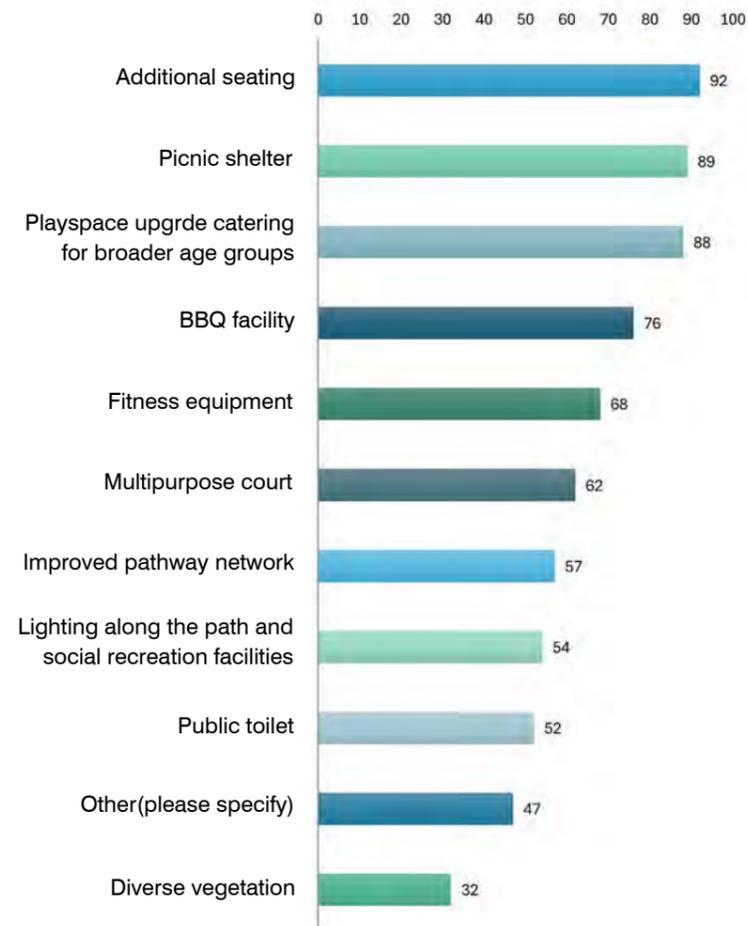
Traveling method key findings

- 87% of the survey respondents walk to Tyrol Park, while 9% drive. Additionally, 4% of respondents choose cycling, jogging/running, or public transport as their mode of transportation to the park.
- For the respondents who walk to the park, 67% of people walk to the park with a max 5 minutes walking distance. 24% of people walk to the park between 5 to 10 minutes.
- 81% of respondents drive less than 5km to the park. 6% of respondents need to drive more than 15km to get to the park from other suburbs.
- Only one respondent travels to the park using public transport within a 5-kilometer traveling distance.
- 1.7% of the respondents selects cycling as their mode of transportation to the park, with the cycling distance less than 1.2 kilometers.
- 2.2% of the respondents jog/run to the park.

87% of the survey respondents walk to Tyrol Park



**What improvements would encourage you to visit Tyrol Park more often?
Please choose your top five.**



Park safety and improvements key findings

- Most of the respondents feel safe in the park; however, 16% of the respondents feel somewhat safe, and 1.7% do not feel safe.
- Suggestion to improve the sense of safety in the park:
 - Increase lighting along pathways and in the park to make it safer during the evenings.
 - Enclose the playground area with a fence to provide a safer environment for children to play.
 - Install security cameras for passive surveillance
 - Ensure that surrounding homes are owned by families rather than being used as share homes for criminal activities.
 - Need sign for on lead dog walking to prevent gogs from running after people and children.
 - Address concerns about speeding vehicles by installing speed limit signs or implementing passive surveillance measures to deter reckless driving.
 - Provide a covered BBQ area
 - Improve pathway network.
 - Improve playground maintenance to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for children.
- The improvements that would encourage people to visit the park more often:
 - Additional seating (92 respondents)
 - Picnic shelter (89 respondents)
 - Play space upgrade catering for broader age group (88 respondents)
 - BBQ facility (76 respondents)
 - Fitness equipment (68 respondents)
 - Multipurpose court (62 respondents)
 - Improved pathway network (57 respondents)
 - Lighting along the path and social recreation facilities (54 respondents)
 - Public toilet (52 respondents)
 - Others below (47 respondents):
 - Diverse vegetation
 - Basketball court/ Basketball ring
 - Tennis court
 - Bicycle path for kids
 - Play equipment upgrade
 - Off leash dog park
 - Picnic tables
 - More shade around playground
 - Bins and doggy bags

Other comments

- **Playground Upgrade:** Upgrading the playground with additional equipment like a zip line, seesaw, trampoline, and bigger slides, as well as enclosing it, would create a safer and more enjoyable space for children. (11 respondents)
- **Multipurpose Court:** Install a multipurpose court for activities like basketball, tennis, and soccer, providing recreational opportunities for various age groups. (10 respondents)
- **Additional Seating and Shaded Areas:** Install more benches, picnic tables, and shaded areas throughout the park to provide resting spots and shelter from the sun. (9 respondents)
- **Dog-Friendly Area:** Consider creating a fenced-off dog park within the park to accommodate dog owners and their pets, while also ensuring the safety and comfort of other park users. (9 respondents)
- **Lighting:** Improve lighting in certain areas of the park to enhance safety, especially during the evenings and nights. (8 respondents)
- **Water Tap/Drinking Fountain:** Installing water taps or drinking fountains would provide convenient access to water for both kids and dogs, promoting hydration during park visits. (4 respondents)
- **Skate Area:** Develop a dedicated skate area within the park with ramps and flat surfaces for roller skating and skateboarding, fulfilling the needs of residents who enjoy these activities. (3 respondents)
- **Improved Maintenance:** Regularly mow the lawn and maintain the facilities to ensure a clean and well-kept environment for park visitors. (3 respondents)

Q: Do you have any other comments?

"This park is used by lots of families so absolutely needs a toilet. That has really inhibited us from being able to stay longer over the years. A water tap/drinking tap for kids and dogs would help too. A small basketball ring/paved area would be great too but a lot of kids in the area (including ours) love to play informal games on the oval so wouldn't want to lose the oval. Some fencing around the park would be great as cars often come around the corner quickly."

"There are no accessible basketball court near the area Playspace needs upgrade Open green space to be used for soccer, football or cricket Lightning on basketball court and facilities."

"Such a great local space that could do with an upgrade. Playground needs major revamp. Basketball half court would be great. Soccer and AFL post has to be kept. Its great. Couple of sheltered spaces would be awesome."

"A fenced dog area gives us dog owners a place to exercise our dogs in safety without interfering with the other users of the park."

"I have been living in the area since 1981 and the park is a wonderful playspace for families who can access it at any time of the day. The wildlife return every year as it is a safe and familiar untouched space. Please do not open the space to regular associations. It is an amazing space for time out to sit and reflect at any time of the day in this very busy world."

B. SITE ANALYSIS



SCALE: 1 in 16000

Green Space

Tyrol Park is a neighbourhood open space in close proximity to the Dandenong Creek conservation zone to the east. It provides a crucial role in catering to the recreational needs of the local community, especially within the 0.8 kilometers walking distance.

Legend

- Site
- Green Space
- Walking Distance



Public Transport

Tyrol Park has limited direct public transport access. The nearest bus network is 400m walking.

Legend

- Site
- Tram Stop
- Bus Stop





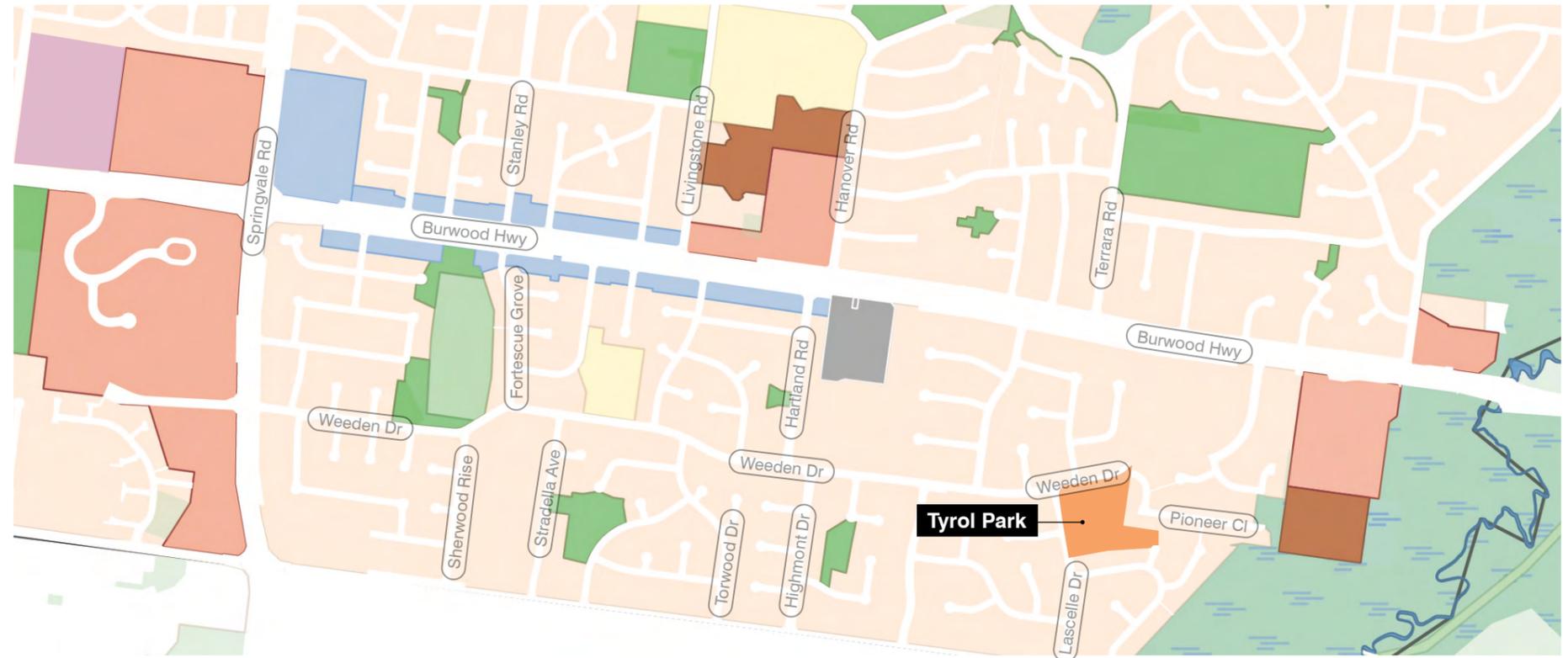
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Zoning

Tyrol Park is located within the Residential Zone and is situated in close proximity to the Conservation and Resource Zone to the east.

Legend

- Site
- Commercial Zone
- Residential Zone
- Industrial Zone
- Public Conservation and Resource Zone
- Public Park and Recreation Zone
- Public Use Zone - Service and Utility
- Public Use Zone - Education
- Public Use Zone - Local Government
- Residential Growth Zone
- Transport Zone
- Health





NOT IN SCALE

Existing Site Aerial

Tyrol Park, spanning approximately 2 hectares, is located between Weeden Drive to the north and Lascelle Drive to the west, with residential areas to the east and south. The site spans approximately 190 meters in length and 150 meters in width. As a neighborhood open park, Tyrol Park features open lawn areas, playground facilities, and space for informal sports.



Legend

— Site



NOT IN SCALE

Existing Site Photos

01 - The view from the northeast of Tyrol Park showcases the open lawn area situated in the center of the park, surrounded by canopies. Additionally, the view includes playground facilities, football goals, and cricket amenities.

02 - The view encompasses a range of native trees.

03 - The view to the southwest of the park reveals a variety of tree canopies and understorey planting. Additionally, a soccer goal is visible on the lawn.

04 - A playground is situated in the northeast corner of Tyrol Park.

05 - Existing Park benches.

06 - The view to the northwest corner of Tyrol Park reveals the park signage and an informal walkway through the mound.

07 - A group of young trees lines the southern edge of the park, adjacent to the residential fence.



Key Plan

01 Open lawn

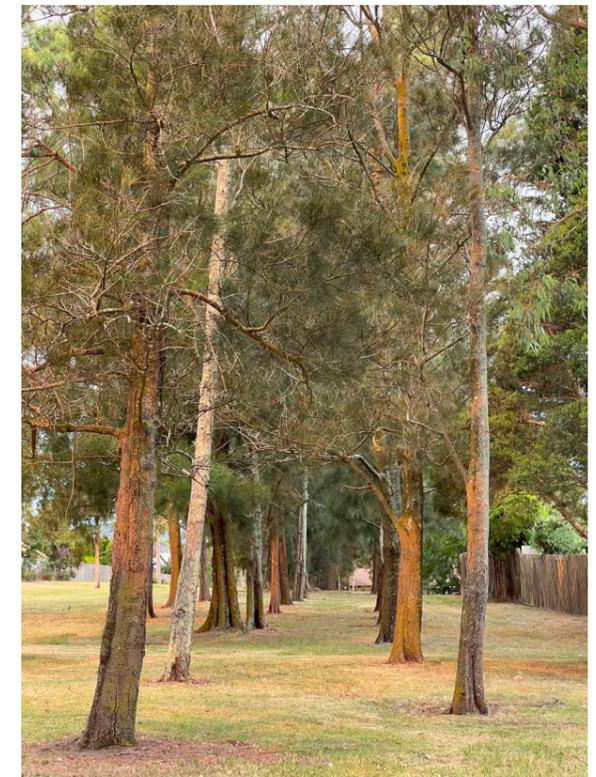


03



04 Playground

02



07



05 Park benches



06 Park signage



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Views

The site offers a variety of viewing experiences:



The view offers an expansive landscape of the park lawn, complemented by impressive tree canopies.



The view explores the eastern end of the park, where a pathway connects to Akrana Court, bordered by a line of trees along the residential fence.



The view from the south of the park overlooks the central lawn in the background, framed by groups of trees on the sides.



The intimate landscape view captures the north entry pathway, with the playground situated on the western side, and a distinctive mounded topography in the background.





NOT IN SCALE

Topography

The site exhibits a general elevation difference of 6 meters, ranging from the highest point at 80 meters in the northeast to the lowest point at 74 meters in the southwest. A notable feature of the site is a continuous mound that frames the central lawn.



Legend

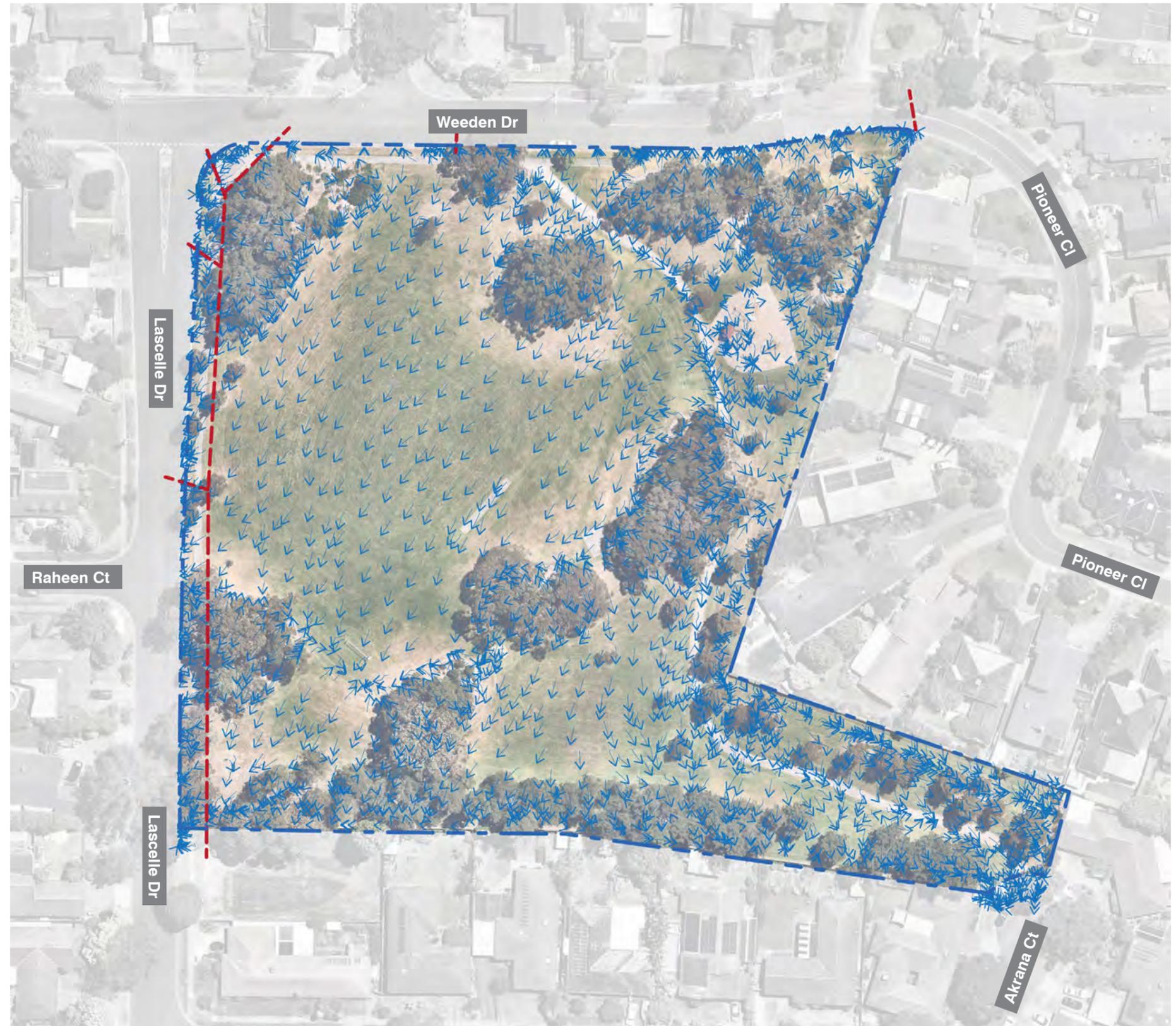
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Watershed/Drainage

The diagram illustrates the overall watershed of Tyrol Park. Surface runoff typically flows from the northeast of the site to the southwest and southeast, following the natural contours of the mound topography. Additionally, there is an underground stormwater drain running along the western edge of the site.



Legend

- Site
- ↙ Watershed
- - - Underground stormwater drain



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Existing Trees

Trees at the Tyrol Park are primarily planted around the sides and along the mound. Trees consist mainly of native with a mix of species, and vary in age. While the majority of trees are at low risk, only five trees are assessed to be at moderate risk. Additionally, there are numerous immature trees that require further maintenance.



Legend

- - - Site
- Existing Trees



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Environmental Vegetation Classes (EVC)

Tyrol Park is host to two Environmental Vegetation Classes (EVC):

EVC 127 Valley Heathy Forest: Defined as an area of a low, open forest to 15 m tall with a sedgy/grassy understorey with a component of small ericoid shrubs and grass-trees. Soil and moisture factors are critical in delimiting the vegetation.

EVC 126 Swampy Riparian Complex: Swampy Riparian Complex includes a range of EVCs and is representative of vegetation typical of swampy or waterlogged, low gradient drainage-lines. The EVC may include components of Creeklane Herb-rich Woodland, Gully Woodland, Shrubby Gully Forest, Fern Swamp, Swampy Riparian Woodland, Swampy Woodland and Swamp Scrub. Swampy Riparian Complex is typically a woodland to 15 m tall or forest to 20 m tall.

The EVC can serve as a guide for future planting design proposal, ensuring alignment with the objectives of the Whitehorse City Council.



Legend

— Site

PRE - 1750

■ EVC 127: Valley Heathy Forest

■ EVC 126: Swampy Riparian Complex



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Spatial Zoning

Tyrol Park is comprised with simple functional zones:

- An open lawn in the central of the park bordered by a distinctive mound on the west and south. This lawn space also includes amenities such as soccer goals, cricket facilities and benches.
- A playground is situated in the northeast corner of the park.
- The vegetation patches surrounding the site comprise trees, understorey vegetation, and grass.



Legend

— Site



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Access/Circulation

There are four key access points to Tyrol Park: two from Weeden Drive to the north, one from Lascelle Drive and one from Akrana Court to the south. Additionally, there are informal access points along Lascelle Drive to the west of the park.

The site currently lacks formal circulation pathways. There is one pedestrian footpath running along Weeden Drive and Lascelle Drive, as well as another pathway that starts from Weeden Drive and traverses the eastern side of the park to reach Akrana Court in the south. Informal circulation patterns are observed onsite to accommodate the needs of park users.



Legend

- - - Site
- ↔ Pedestrian Entry
- ↔ Informal Entry
- ↔ Pedestrian Path (formalised)
- - - Informal Path (observed)



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Edge Conditions

The diagram demonstrates the presence of both close and open edges on the sides of the Tyrol Park. The site is characterized as open at the north and west, while being close at the south and east. Additionally, there is a small open entry point at the southeast of the park. This area is relatively quiet, as it is away from the main streets.

The study can review the potential sightline issues and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.



Legend

- - - Site
- - - Open
- Close



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Materiality

The diagram illustrates the existing material palette of Tyrol Park. The majority of the site is covered by grass, while pedestrian pathways consist of a mix of gravel and concrete. Additionally, the playground is surfaced with mulch.

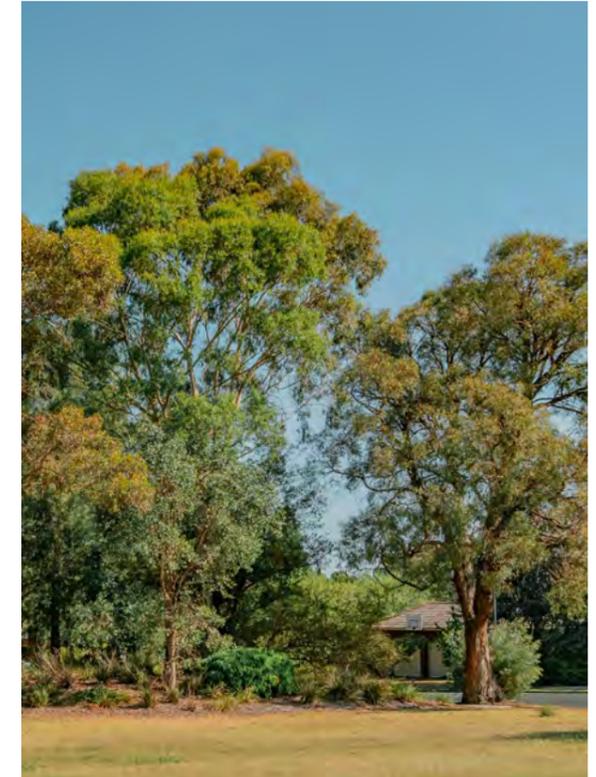


Legend

- - - Site
- Concrete
- Gravel
- Mulch
- Furniture

Landscape Quality Summary

Tyrol Park features an informal open lawn protected with earth mounding, allowing for informal active recreation. Additionally, there is a small playground located at the northeast corner of the site. Trees planted at the south are of a single species, in contrast to the rest of the park. The park is traversed by a pathway connecting Weeden Drive in the north to Akrana Court in the south. As visitors move along the pathway, the park offers changing views and experiences, transitioning from open spaces to a narrower area.





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