

City of Monash – Mount Waverley Reserve Master Plan- Consultation Record

The following document provides a record of key consultation activities undertaken during the development of the Mount Waverly Reserve Master Plan, 2021.

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1. Community Drop-In Session

An *informal* community drop-in session was conducted on-site on Saturday 27th March, 9am-11am, to present/display preliminary opportunities for master plan based on the research and consultation findings to date.

The drop-in session was manned by:

- Jackie Grieve – Strategic Leisure Planner
- Alexa Lloyd – Acting Recreation Project Officer
- Jayson Moran – Consultant (Insight Leisure Planning)
- Tim Fitzgerald - Consultant (Frisby Fitzgerald Landscape Architects)

Images from the ISP Options Analysis were mounted on whiteboards for discussion including:

- p. 52 – section 3.01 Strategic Site Opportunities
- p. 61 – section 3.03 Function Design Options Analysis
- p. 63 – section 4.01 Preferred Functional Design Option

A ‘Blast’ cricket training session (Mount Waverley Cricket Club) was being conducted at the same time as the drop-in session and several parents came a spoke to officers/consultants.

Approximate 12 residents/park users attended the drop-in session. A summary of key comments or notes are provided below.

Key reasons for using the reserve:

- Blast cricket participants.
- Kids played football at the reserve.
- Kids play cricket at the reserve.
- Cricket club members/committee member.
- Fitness.
- Walking/running.
- Dog walking.

What do you like about the reserve?

- Green open space.
- Fenced oval to walk dog.
- Tennis wall and basketball hoop.
- Trees and birdlife.

What could be improved at the reserve?

- Fencing the playspace blocks/restricts access.
- Prevent cars from parking too close to the T intersection (Charles St/St Albans Rd).
- Pine trees (on Melb Water land) drop lots of needles and would like these replaced with native trees.
- Too dark to exercise at night.
- Public toilets not open/locked on days when sport activities are not in progress (when public toilets are locked people urinate behind the sheds housing the electric rollers etc.).

- Old scoreboard is not used - redundant and could be removed.
- Nothing I like the reserve the way it is.
- Recreational playing surfaces e.g. full basketball court/tennis wall etc.
- Trees for shade.

Suggested Ideas/Improvements for the reserve include:

- Supportive of ideas presented to improve informal recreation zones including BBQ.
- Basketball facilities e.g. improved surfaces and space for basketball e.g. possibly full court.
- Double storey pavilion with upstairs multi-purpose/community space e.g. Alexandra Park Mornington, Heathmont Ausco Modular Pavilion, Dales park Pavilion (netball) Warrigal Rd.
- New and expanded cricket nets – including fully enclosed synthetic practice wickets (i.e. no gravel apron/surrounds). The nets need to be relocated as they are in shade under tree canopy and trees roots suck up water and turf wickets are too difficult to maintain in this location.
- Viewing embankments and better amenities for spectators e.g. undercover viewing in front of pavilion.
- Walking trail around the oval/reserve.
- Public access to cricket nets.
- Dog poo bag dispensers.
- Public lighting for recreational use.
- Open air cinema.
- Picnic facilities and BBQs x2 (e.g. between pavilion and playground).
- More water taps, especially near the playground.
- Bouldering wall/flying fox in the playspace.
- More native trees to support fauna and bird life.



Photos from on-site drop-in session.

2. Club Meeting: Draft ISP & Options Analysis

The following notes are from the meeting held with clubs (via Teams) on Wednesday, 10th March, 2021. Jayson Moran from Insight Leisure Planning presented extracts from Background Report and ISP document to the meeting. Copies of slides are available in the appendices. General discussion ensued.

Attendees:

- Mount Waverley Cricket Club - David Grossman
- Mount Waverley Football Netball Club - Stephen Pewtress
- City of Monash – Chris McEwan & Belinda Griffiths (Apology: Jackie Grieve)
- Insight Leisure Planning – Jayson Moran
- Absent: Mount Waverley Tennis Club, Waverley Community Learning Centre

General Comments:

- Representatives acknowledge the extensive background research and material covered to date.
- The group was updated regarding the status of Tennis within the municipality and at the reserve. It was noted that it is recommended that the Mount Waverley Tennis Club relocate to another site to support long-term club sustainability. This changes initial assumptions regarding future use and infrastructure requirements at the reserve.
- Council's Strategic Planning and Policy framework influencing the reserve was highlighted.
- Current and growing sport participation demand was acknowledged, including limitations on access to adequate training facilities to support football and cricket. Clubs acknowledge that this needs to be balanced against the carrying capacity and limitations at the reserve. This reinforces a reliance on access to adequate training facilities at alternative sites. Clubs requested further assistance from Council on this matter, particularly cricket nets.
- Representatives expressed understanding of the strategic planning framework and general support for the rationale and options presented, including suggested improvements for informal community use of the reserve. However, the representatives expressed overall disappointment with the options, notably the following fundamental areas of concern:
 - The plan does little to elevate the standard or capacity of facilities.
 - Preference for the pavilion to be demolished and a new contemporary facility developed. Groups acknowledge that this may be beyond 'policy guidelines/standards' however believe it is warranted given high levels of use, costs associated with renovating the existing facility (for limited benefit), raising the 'status' of facilities at the reserve, creating a more contemporary community facility. Options for a double-storey facility should be considered -for viewing and community facilities (meetings/conference/social space).
 - Clubs believe they have strong political support and capacity to attract external funding. Their vision is for a facility that is beyond current policy guidelines.
 - Additional cricket training nets are required at Mount Waverley Reserve (in addition to possible alternative training venues).
 - Consideration should be given to match standard oval lighting and improving the playing surface where required.

Summary:

- The existing pavilion facilities were designed (i.e. size and spatial components) to service a single oval venue. For the most part, facility components are comparable to recommended guidelines (both Council and AFL Vic) for venues at similar reserves (i.e. hierarchy). Notwithstanding, modifications are required to address contemporary standards, including female friendly facilities.
- The oval is already being used beyond the recommended turf carrying capacity. High levels of use and growing demand can be expected to continue. This will require a high level of maintenance intervention and proactive management. There are no options to provide an additional playing field/oval – the reserve will always be a single-oval venue.
- Clubs also express a desire for improved functionality within the pavilion as well as a larger social/community spaces to support community gatherings. It was noted that a significantly larger new pavilion on this site presents the following risks:
 - Increasing pressure on turf carrying capacity.
 - Potential impact on neighbouring residents.
 - Precedent setting (i.e. level of development beyond Council policy framework).
- Clubs feedback to be recorded and noted and will be considered further by Project Working Group in context of club needs & growing participation, broader community needs & consultation findings and key Council policy/strategy directions.

Meeting ending 5.15pm

Addendum:

Following the meeting outlined above, it came to the attention of the consultant team that the club representatives subsequently presented a second version of their preferred option to local Ward Councillor (Cr Rebecca Paterson). However, the option presented fails to reflect Council policy frameworks in terms of recommended infrastructure provision guidelines and is inconsistent with the Monash Tennis Plan (i.e. supporting relocation of tennis). The plan retains non-compliant tennis courts and fails to adequately consider amenity and informal use impacts on surrounding residents as well as an appropriate level of infrastructure development at the reserve. The scope of cricket training nets exceeds Council guidelines and the proposed introduction of an under-cover tennis (or multi-use) court is not something that Council has traditionally provided (nor is this considered the appropriate location should such a facility be developed – i.e. more appropriate at a significant Regional scale venue if to be provided). Therefore, the Version 2 presented by clubs is not supported.

The image presented to the Ward Councillor is provided below.

3. Staff Workshop: Draft ISP & Options Analysis

The following notes highlight key comments, feedback or suggestions from the staff workshop held on 14th December 2020, and/or emails, to discuss the draft ISP & Options Analysis.

Invitees:

- Patrick Mallon – City Design
- Belinda Griffiths- Recreation Services
- Ari Triskelidis - Engineering - written submission (email)
- Kerry Jansons –Community Planning & Development
- Adrian Willoughby - Engineering
- Tong Te – Traffic Engineer
- Trish McGee - Sustainability
- Anna Mezzetti - Sustainability
- Peter Bain – Strategic Asset Management
- Lauren Day Strategic Asset Management - written submission (email)
- Liesl Pacher - Horticulture
- Marcus Ballard - Horticulture
- Christine Van der Ark - Property
- Colin Bostock - Neighbourhoods & Place
- Bob Mason – Facility Maintenance
- Shane McMahon – Capital Works
- Tony Bernard – Capital Works
- Chris McEwan – Recreation Services
- Aaron Higginbotham – Recreation Services
- Barb Wallace - Metro Access Community Development
- Andre Schmid- Strategic Planning - written submission (email)
- Michael Grant - Horticulture
- Sandra Worsnop – Active Transport
- Jennifer Sebire – Early Years & Family Services
- Fee Harrison – Manager Community Strengthening
- Tony Oulton – Manager Active Monash
- Lucas Skelton – Manager Horticulture
- Ross Evans – Manager Engineering
- Catherine Rinaudo – Manager Arts & Culture
- Chris Thompson – Manager Children, Youth & Family Services
- Jayson Moran – Insight Leisure Planning (consultant)
- Tim Fitzgerald – FFLA (consultant)
- Aaron Hewett – Strategic Planning
- Sean McNamee – Manager Strategic Planning & Economic Development
- Jackie Grieve – Recreation Services

General Comments:

- Overall feedback was supportive of the ISP, Options Analysis and proposed directions.
- Mount Waverley Reserve is in a suburban, residential area. Strategic Planning is not aware of any major projects or future plans that would have an influence on the master plan.
- Supportive of relocating / demolishing the tennis courts.
- Support further activation for passive recreation, including proposed facilities along the east and south side of the reserve.
- Support moving the cricket nets, including keeping the south side of the reserve for passive recreation opposite residents.
- The potential relocation of the cricket nets from the south east of the site to the north (where tennis courts are currently) could potentially result in amenity impacts for neighbouring residents, however, it is acknowledged that this area is already used for sporting activities (i.e. tennis) which would have similar impacts. Future relocation of the cricket nets will need to be undertaken in consultation with the local the community and potentially further analysis of any noise and amenity impacts.
- Some concern that the playground is a considerable distance from formal (internal) car parking. However, it was acknowledged that on-street parking is available nearby. Appropriate all-abilities access will need to be considered.
- There was some concern raised about further extension of the existing main pavilion based on the age of the original structure (constructed in 1963 and already extended in 1982 and 2005) however, Council's Asset Condition Audit confirms the main structure has a ULE of over 34 years. Some services and fit out will require upgrading over the next 6-15 years. These items (and any structural issues) can be addressed as part of any future renovation to help extend the life of the asset.

Suggestions for consideration in progressing to a Draft Master Plan included:

- Consider opportunities to locate the public toilets closer to the playground and proposed new community facilities (i.e. stand-alone accessible & unisex public toilets at southern end of reserve)– proximity to the playground is considered important to encourage community use of play facilities. Sporting users will be serviced by existing toilets inside the main pavilion.
- Consider heat mitigation opportunities across the reserve.
- It would be good if the Master Plan can achieve a net gain in 'green' space, that is, reduction in hard surfaces e.g. circular walking path to be compressed granitic sand/gravel or similar to avoid increasing hard surfaces)
- Encourage a net increase in tree canopy, including 2nd and 3rd tier planting to support biodiversity.
- Suggest the new / upgraded play space have a 'nature play / adventure play' focus to service the local community (and support use by local primary schools that have an environmental education interest).

Email comments received post meeting included:

The following comments/suggestions have been considered as part of the feedback on initial draft report material.

- From Strategic Asset Management:
 - Support the plan to demolish tennis courts.
 - Supportive of moving cricket nets.
 - Love the idea of keeping the south side for passive space opposite houses.
 - From a parents perspective I think it would be better to move the toilet amongst the passive recreation area rather than including in the facility itself (usually not our recommendation!). It gives a better service experience for families.
 - Parking is not an issue as users of the passive space will park on street as it is the closest parking.
 - This is a similar oval to Watson's Park in Ashburton. Great playground, walking track around, but the toilet facilities are on the end of the pavilion on the other side – this makes it difficult for community use when the clubs are using the oval.
 - The other thing to keep in mind is the \$\$ involved in the ISP. I think that you may find there are a lot of facility improvements on the radar and the budget is restrictive so possibly the priorities may be in the recreation space seeing there is no change to the location of the pavilion facility.

- From Principal Design Engineer:
 - Development of the master plan should be aware of Melbourne Water plans regarding the installation of cathodic protection cabling required on the reserve. MW preferred locations have not been confirmed, although previous discussion have identified locations near the existing playground. Any upgrades to the playground will need to factor in these works. This location is also close to major trees and sufficient clearance is required to any tree roots.

- From Strategic Asset Planning:
 - There are no major issues identified from a Strategic Planning perspective.
 - You have identified the relevant Council plans and strategies in the ISP and referenced them accordingly. There are no specific key directions in the Monash Open Space Strategy, 2018 (MOSS) relating to Mount Waverley Reserve. The MOSS does set out general key directions to construct and improve circuit paths around our reserves (Chapter 5), as well as promoting a range of functions and facilities are provided on reserves and social / family recreation spaces (Chapters 4 and 6). The Draft ISP considers options to improve both of these facilities through infrastructure improvements recommended in Sections 3.02 and 3.03.
 - The potential future relocation of the cricket nets from the south east of the site to the north west corner could potentially result in additional amenity conflicts due to the location of a number of residential dwellings to the north and west. Although it is acknowledged that there is currently already tennis court provision located in that area, which would may have similar impacts. It is recommended that the ISP specifies that any future relocation of the cricket nets would be undertaken in consultation with the community and with further analysis of any noise and amenity concerns.
 - I note that we are currently finalising the Mount Waverley Structure Plan. However, the Mount Waverley Reserve is located outside of the MW Structure Plan study area, to the north west, and therefore has no implications for the Mount Waverley Reserve.

- The Mount Waverley Reserve is located in a suburban, residential area. Strategic Planning is not aware of any major projects of future plans that would have an influence on Mount Waverley Reserve.

4. Initial Community Survey

The following section provides a summary of selected key findings from the initial Community Survey which was available from late December 2020 to 26th February 2021. The survey attracted 279 responses.

Appendix C provides a copy of the full results from the survey. Key highlights are summarised below:

Respondent Profile:

- Responses were dominated by local, middle-aged, male residents:
 - 60% identified as Mount Waverley residents.
 - 72% were Male.
 - 60% were aged 30-59years.
- There was strong representation in responses from members of existing sporting clubs – particularly football and cricket – accounting for 77% of total responses:
 - 47% of responses were from members of the Waverley Blues Football Club.
 - 30% were members of the Mount Waverley Cricket Club.
- Approximately 23% of total responses indicated that they were not a member of any existing sporting club that use the reserve.

Access & Use:

- Despite a high proportion of local/Mount Waverley residents responding to the survey (i.e. 60%), the majority of people still access the reserve via motor vehicle. This highlights the importance of adequate parking, but also highlights opportunities for improving the walkability of the reserve and surrounding neighbourhood.
 - 71% drive to access the reserve.
 - 26% walk to access the reserve.

Meeting Needs:

- A high proportion of respondents (i.e. 74%) suggested existing sport, recreation and community facilities available at Mount Waverley Reserve are not meeting their needs all the time:
 - 36% indicated facilities do not meet their needs.
 - 38% indicated facilities only ‘sometimes’ meet their needs.
- However, almost one-quarter (i.e. 24%) indicated that facilities are meeting their needs.

Priorities suggested for Improvement:

- **Sport facilities:**
 - Additional change rooms and improvements to support mixed gender use of existing pavilion.
 - Additional and improved cricket practice nets.
 - Larger community social room.
 - Improve spectator amenities.
- **Community facilities:**
 - Walking paths.
 - Park furniture.
 - BBQ / picnic facilities.

- Improve playground.
- Informal recreation areas – e.g. basketball, tennis wall, outdoor fitness facilities.

5. Mount Waverley Tennis Club

Meeting #1: 16/9/2020

Purpose: Meeting to discuss the Draft Monash Tennis Plan and implications for the Mount Waverley Reserve Masterplan.

Attendees:

- Jackie Grieve, Strategic Leisure Planner, Monash City Council (JG)
- Chris McEwan, Recreation Planner, Monash City Council (CM)
- Jayson Moran, Director, Insight Leisure Planning (JM)
- Rebecca Wolf, Acting President, Mount Waverley Tennis Club (RW)
- Toni Peters, Snr and Jnr Convenor, Mount Waverley Tennis Club (TP)
- Mark Peters, General Committee, Mount Waverley Tennis Club (MP)

Meeting Notes:

1. At this meeting, CM provided an overview of the guiding principles from the Draft Monash Tennis Plan and how that relates to the Mount Waverley Tennis Club and implications for the Mount Waverley Reserve Masterplan.
2. RW emphasised the desire of Mount Waverley Reserve tenants to create a sporting hub at Mount Waverley Reserve that can accommodate football, cricket and tennis. This is club's ideal outcome, but club are also understanding of the spatial constraints within the reserve that may exist.
3. TP made comment about the Draft Tennis Plan and the proposed prioritisation of synthetic surfaces, emphasising that en-tou-cas courts play an important role in the development of juniors but is also a surface type that is popular with older club members. TP also mentioned that a long-term 6+ court solution that can accommodate a blend of synthetic courts and en-tou-cas courts, at Mount Waverley Reserve or elsewhere, would be of interest to the club and provide the opportunity for inclusive programming (e.g. Wheelchair tennis).
4. JM made mention that he believes a 6-court tennis complex may fit at Mount Waverley Reserve, but expects that will not be without significant impact to the reserve layout and passive areas of the reserve.
5. JM to 'draw up' some layout options for Mount Waverley Reserve as part of the Integrated Site Planning (or ISP) process that takes into consideration the above-mentioned.
6. RW mentioned that the club expects a merger or partnership of some description will occur in the future. The club expects that this could include 2 tennis clubs merging at a 6+ court facility at Mount Waverley Reserve (if found to be viable based on need assessment, options analysis and broader stakeholder considerations i.e. park recreational users), or the club joining with another club at a different location. The club expressed a desire to continue to be pro-active in future planning and may approach Council for support if any amalgamation discussions with other clubs is to occur. This was encouraged by CM and JG.

7. JG proposed that this group meet again to consider the findings and potential development options (as identified as part of the ISP process) and further expand upon possible implications/opportunities for tennis at the reserve and for Mt Waverley.

Meeting #2: 18/12/2020

Purpose: Meeting to discuss preliminary findings and potential development options identified by the consultant team as part as the Mt Waverley Reserve Master Plan planning process and implications for tennis and the Mount Waverley Tennis Club (MWTC).

Attendees:

- Jackie Grieve, Strategic Leisure Planner, Monash City Council (JG)
- Chris McEwan, Recreation Planner, Monash City Council (CM)
- Jayson Moran, Director, Insight Leisure Planning (JM)
- Rebecca Wolf, Acting President, Mount Waverley Tennis Club (RW)
- Toni Peters, Snr and Jnr Convenor, Mount Waverley Tennis Club (TP)

Meeting Notes:

1. This is a follow-up meeting to the one held on 16 September with the MWTC where officers made a commitment to re-meet with MWTC to consider the preliminary findings and potential development options identified by the consultant team as part as the Mt Waverley Reserve masterplanning process. The purpose of this meeting was discuss potential implications for tennis and the club.
2. Consultant (JM) presented preliminary site assessment and layout options re oval, pavilion, courts and cricket nets at the reserve which indicate an expanded tennis footprint in the reserve cannot be accommodated within the existing footprint of the reserve. It was noted that no opportunity exists to utilise adjacent open space or Melb Water land.
 - Draft Tennis Club Facilities Options Analysis – *was presented for discussion purposes*
 - Draft Functional Design Options Analysis – *was presented for discussion purposes*
 - Draft Preferred Functional Design Options – *was presented for discussion purposes*
3. A key finding of the options analysis is that tennis is not sustainable at the site over the longer-term. The report recommends that the club look for opportunities to relocate as opposed to redeveloping or expanding on-site, given the constraints (spatial & access constraints, competing needs & extensive underground services/assets along northern and eastern reserve boundaries etc) and unlikelihood of compliant or expanded tennis opportunities being accommodated within the reserve.
4. It was noted that the consultant findings are not yet more broadly available and that broader community input (i.e. local residents etc) is currently being sought via an on-line community survey at: <https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/mount-waverley-reserve-masterplan> Note: On-line survey consultation due to close 26 Feb.

5. RW question – can the oval be reconfigured to achieve compliant size and accommodate tennis? Consultant (JM) confirms oval is already compliant size, albeit somewhat irregular shape and it would not be feasible to reduce oval size. Reshaping (slight expansion of southern flanks) of the oval was being recommended.
6. RW acknowledges site limitations and requests to be sent preferred layout to share with broader committee and commence discussions around future relocation options. Yes this information will be circulated asap after the consultant team have had a chance to consider on-line community survey responses and other tenant clubs have been subsequently briefed (likely within the next 2-4 weeks).
7. TP shares that preliminary conversations have taken place with Essex Heights Tennis Club who were initially not very receptive to a co-locations or merger option.
8. CM offers any support or assistance in the way of sharing of information or attending committee meetings that can support the club through this process.
9. JG reiterates that officers will work with and support the club to identify possible future relocation/merger opportunities and help facilitate an acceptable outcome.
10. In principal agreement sought from MWTC committee to explore potential relocation/merger opportunities on the understanding that the club will continue to operate from Mt Waverley Reserve until a feasible option is identified.
11. RW asks if there is any possibility of lighting installations on western courts as an interim measure to get through in the short-term. CM to follow up.
12. It was also noted that a \$21M State Government funding announcement for the development of a new tennis centre at the Glen Waverley Golf Course was made this week.
13. MWTC still want to be considered at the new Glen Waverley location depending on what other opportunities will be considered. Whilst the club agreed that it was further than they would like, it should still be open for consideration.
14. MWTC has requested commitment in the form of a lease for the use of our current courts in lieu of the lease due to expire in a few months.
15. Thank you to all in attendance.

Submission on initial Issues and Opportunities:

Sam Sampanthar from the MWTC provided comments on the PDF version of the initial Issues & Opportunities Summary. Comments have been cut and paste below for referencing. Sam indicated that the comments were made on behalf of the MW Tennis Club committee, but also as a parent that has/had children involved with all four key user groups at the reserve (Cricket, Football, Tennis and Learning Centre).

#	Comments	Response / Implications for Draft Master Plan
1.	Mt. Waverley Station missing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site plan indicates rail line. Waverley Station will be noted.
2.	<p>How does this align with the recently adopted Mt. Waverley Structure Plan which found that the population in the Centre will age with an increase in households that are either lone person or couples without dependents (Page 6).</p> <p>Mt. Waverley Reserve is perfectly placed as the closest recreation venue to the Structure Plan area. It can provide a place for these older residents and retirees to gather for recreation, but also to avoid social isolation.</p> <p>In particular, a sport such as tennis is enjoyed by retirees and older persons. Many who played tennis as juniors returning to the sport after they retire.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mount Waverley Structure Plan and future demographic profile has been considered. The reserve will continue to be a focus for recreational opportunities for residents.
3.	<p>There are no water fountains near the training nets.</p> <p>The 'Hit for Six' report for impact of Climate Change particularly on Junior Cricket with respect to heat stroke.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of water fountains at key nodes/locations will be considered.
4.	<p>Historical Context of the reserve is also important. Mt. Waverley Reserve is the first recreation ground owned by the Shire of Mulgrave (circa 1923). The three main tenants of the reserve have a long history of working together, as the article above shows that even back in the early 1920s, there was a great level of cooperation between the three sports clubs (Tennis, Cricket and Football).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical context and uses has been acknowledged. No change required.
5.	<p>Does the hierarchy take into account location of the reserve to key public transport routes including The Mt. Waverley Train Station and three key bus routes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Route 733: Oakleigh to Box Hill including Clayton and Monash University - Route 734: Glen Iris to Glen Waverley - Route 623: St. Kilda to Glen Waverley <p>Is having everyone drive to venues for training, competition or social gatherings really desirable? How is this allowing equitable access to those without a car, school and uni students, disabled, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reserve hierarchy is consistent with Council policy and planning framework. No change required.
6.	<p>Mt. Waverley Reserve is one of the closest such facilities to the town centre and well serviced by Train and Busses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. No change required.
7.	<p>No consideration for access to Public Transport?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As noted, the reserve is well serviced by public transport. No change required.
8.	<p>The social space at the pavilion is not 'large'.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The social area is larger than AFL and Council guidelines. No change required.

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9.	No consideration for location of venue to town centre or access to PT?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As noted, the reserve is well serviced by public transport. No change required.
10	<p>There are five courts already in the precinct. Four en-tou-cas courts and one asphalt court used by the community. However, the lighting for existing courts is only on 2.5 courts - which severely limits the growth opportunities for the MWTC.</p> <p>The tennis club requires as a minimum of five fully lit tennis courts. A mix of en-tou-cas and hard courts would allow the club to offer suitable facilities to older members and juniors (who prefer the softer en-tou-cas surface) and hard courts which would allow the club to offer opportunities for wheelchair tennis in the future, as well as offer the hard court for community to book and use during the day.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master Plan recommendations are in-line with Monash Tennis Plan. No change required.
11	<p>Tennis is a sport that the older population tends to play. By relocating this club, how does this cater for the ageing population of Mt. Waverley centre (as observed in the Mt. Waverley Structure Plan). Also, Cricket and Football are seasonal sports, losing the Tennis club misses a big opportunity for these clubs to retain their players by providing an alternative sport during the off-season. Surely creating a sense of place and identity around this precinct will allow each sport to support each other and retain their players and build a strong knit community. Mt. Waverley is a very multicultural suburb, and tennis is an international sport. Having tennis in the precinct allows the opportunity for cricket and football to be exposed, particularly to new arrivals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master Plan recommendations are in-line with the Monash Tennis Plan. No change required.
12	<p>The four courts have served the Mt. Waverley community well for nearly 100 years. Particularly Hot Shots, seniors and developmental juniors. Granted, the space is not suitable for more serious competitors.</p> <p>While the courts space is not in keeping with current standards, the same can be said of Tally Ho Tennis Club where 6 of 7 courts don't meet the current standard with average court width of 15.2m. While at Pinewood/Notting Hill Tennis Club, 10 of 12 courts have an average of width of 15.5m. The current Tennis Australia standard width of tennis courts is 17.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master Plan recommendations are in-line with the Monash Tennis Plan. Opportunities to address recommended court sizes are constrained on this site. No change required.
13	<p>What constitutes a sustainable model? Is the sustainability of tennis clubs based on them being stand-alone facilities? Surely the sustainability equation changes if they are considered part of a multi-use facility rather than a traditional tennis-club structure and operated under a different 'sports club' structure?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master Plan recommendations are in-line with the Monash Tennis Plan. No change required.
14	<p>Yes to more trees and shading. Canopy planting should be done to provide shading for spectators, playground users and synthetic cricket nets. See 'Hit for Six' report re: Impact of heat on particularly Junior Cricket. Junior cricket training happens usually between 4:30 and 7PM, which tends to be the hottest part of the day in summer. Given the protective equipment batters have to wear to have a hit in the nets, shading from canopy trees or shade cloths should be considered as a way of minimising this risk to juniors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions supported. No change required.

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	The nets should also have water fountains near-by. The only water fountain in the reserve is on the opposite side to the nets and playground.	
15	Demolish existing Public Toilet, which is closed for most of the year. Include as part of pavilion development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions supported. No change required.
16	Trees provide shade for those wearing protective equipment and batting. Most Junior training sessions happen during the hottest part of the day. Need better facilities near nets (such as drinking water fountain).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions supported. No change required.
17	A multi sport pavilion would mean that the Public Toilet and Tennis Club can be demolished and moved into a multi-purpose facility that can be used throughout the day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition of public toilets supported. • No change required.
18	So tennis is expected to have the second highest potential additional participants of the four sports by 2041. Also the tennis is expected to have the most 'new' participants for Adults at 147. Presumably, a lot of these will be retirees returning to the sport after playing as juniors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Plan recommendations are in-line with the Monash Tennis Plan. No change required.
19	Surely Mt. Waverley Reserve has to be elevated above the others given it's proximity to Mt. Waverley Centre. Is there a flow on economic benefit to the local shops in Mt. Waverley Village from having a recreation facility so close to the center of town.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reserve hierarchy is consistent with Council policy and planning framework. No change required.
20	See previous comment about assessing the viability for tennis courts based on a stand-alone club model instead of other options such as a combined 'sports club' model. Having tennis in the reserve will allow a daytime use that will enable the pavilion to be used during the day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Plan recommendations are in-line with the Monash Tennis Plan. No change required.
21	The Lower Court was sold to Council to expand from a three-court facility to four court facility in the early 1960s. The land was purchased from H.J.B. Owens (the former owner of 4 Charles St) who was also the secretary of the tennis committee. Q: Did the sale of land to the council for the purposes of an additional tennis court contain any conditions or caveats that the parcel of land sold remains for the purposes of tennis?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The land is zoned PPRZ and will be retained for public open space purposes. No change required.
22	Public Court missing from this. There are five tennis courts in the precinct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A multi-purpose public court will be retained on-site. No change required.
23	Preferred option by Council?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Preferred' based on the research and analysis. No change required.
24	Based on a stand-alone club, but what about a model where the three sporting tenants are joined as an operating entity? Tennis courts allow this entity to generate income through court bookings and also to retain juniors in the off-season as well as to attract new players to the sport. Tennis has international exposure, which presents a great opportunity for tennis to be a hook for new arrivals to be introduced to AFL and Cricket.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Plan recommendations are in-line with the Monash Tennis Plan. No change required.
25	Was the option of including the expansion of the Neighbourhood House into the new pavilion to offer some of the programs from the during the day considered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of the 'pavilion' by the Neighbourhood House will remain available and encouraged, however separate facilities will still be required to service the needs of all users. No change required.

#	Comments	Response / Implications for Draft Master Plan
26	How would residents that back on to the tennis court react to having an open car park on their back fence rather than a locked tennis court facility?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car parking is not proposed in this location. No change required.
27	<p>No shading on this spot for Junior Cricketers. Have heat impact on junior cricketers considered?</p> <p>Training for juniors occurs between 4:30PM and 7:30PM and the position of the sun needs to be taken into account for a batter in the nets. A right hand batter will be squinting as they take guard.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shade and shelter facilities will be considered adjacent to core facilities. The cricket nets are positioned to reflect recommended North/South orientation. No change required.
28	Why is street parking on St. Albans St not considered viable on this context?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car parking along St Albans Street will remain, however this does not provide direct access to the pavilion. No change required.
29	How would residents who share a back fence react to having open use instead of a closed to public tennis facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further community review and feedback will be invited on the Draft Master Plan. No change required.

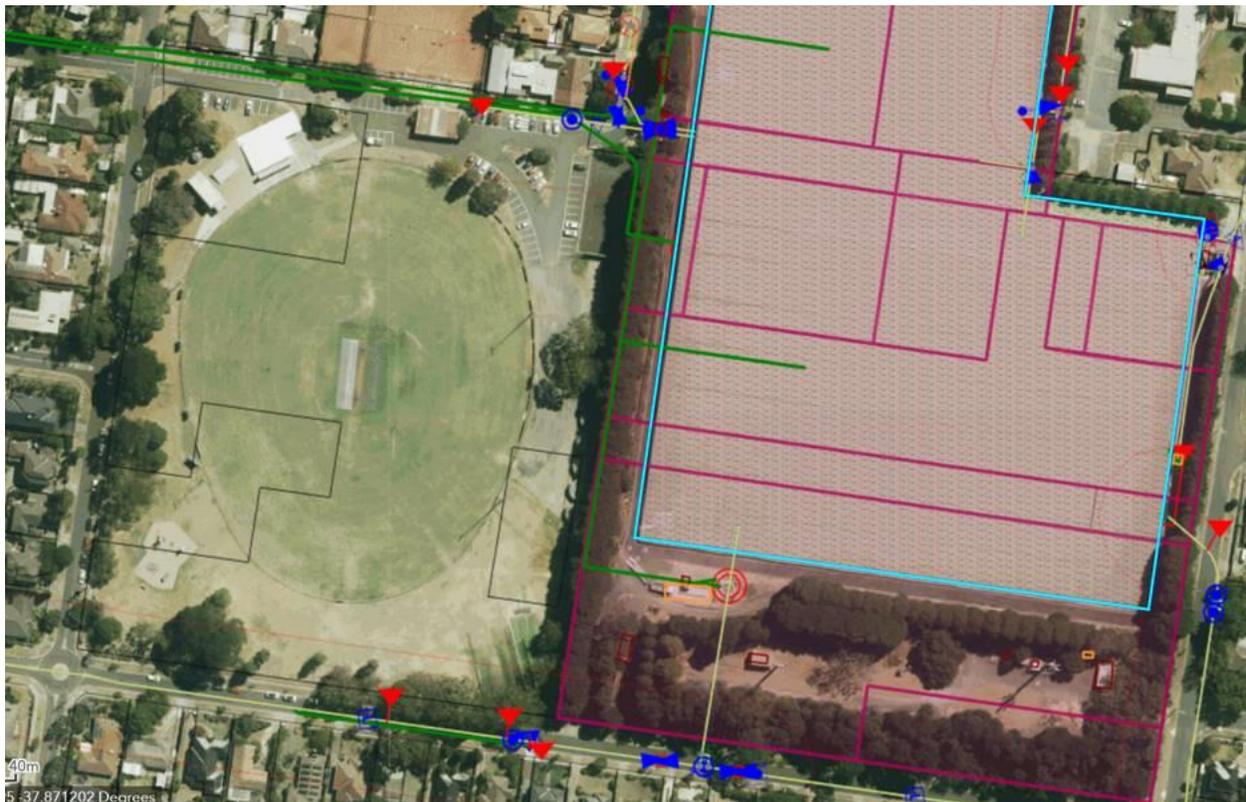
6. Melbourne Water

Summary of email correspondence and advice from Melbourne Water's Customer Response Officer, Lower Yarra Team, North East Regional Services, Waterways & Land, Service Delivery Group.

Mount Waverley Reserve sits adjacent to Melbourne Water controlled land known as Water Reservoir Number 16 (i.e. WR16).

Melbourne Water advised that the reservoir is a crucial component in Melbourne's water distribution network and will not be decommissioned in the foreseeable future. The asset supplies parts of the City and growth related to Fisherman's Bend. The site will not be surplus to requirements. No changes are proposed from a hydraulics or capacity point of view.

There are several drainage assets located on the north boundary of the recreation reserve and in Fleet Street, as well as valves and fittings on the north and south side of the oval. There is a scour pipe present on the eastern side of the oval. An application must be made to Melbourne Water's Asset Services team for specific conditions including clearance zones from assets. Access to these Melbourne Water assets are required at all times.



Melbourne Water Drainage Asset locations

Melbourne Water will remove and replace ageing, senescent pine trees along the boundaries of WR16 in the short-medium term (i.e. 1-5 years). This timeframe may be longer depending priorities at other Melbourne Water reserves. Large scale removal would include development of a landscape plan with input from Council and the community.

As a principle, Melbourne Water supports public activation of reserves, however WR16 is used by both Telco and MW operations, with considerable vehicle movements, chemical deliveries, crane operations and infrastructure in the area and therefore public access/activation is not appropriate at this site.

Melbourne Water does not have any requirements for use of Mount Waverley Reserve (other than existing drainage infrastructure) and would like the master plan to retain the integrity and security between the two sites.

Existing arrangements for water harvesting for sporting field irrigation should be formalised via a license agreement between Melbourne Water and Council so that rights and obligations are appropriately recorded. This could include access arrangements to inspect and clean the offtake as required.

7. Public Submissions

Two submission were received following promotion of the Master Plan planning process in the Monash Bulletin, Feb 2021. Key points or suggestions for consideration in the Master Plan are summarized below:

Submission by local resident:

- We live nearby and walk through this area at least once daily, normally accompanied by our dog, and very much appreciate this facility.
- This space is used by a great range of people and a great range of purposes: walkers, dog walkers, parents with small children, cricketers, footballers, and runners practicing, secondary school students socialising after school, etc. We would encourage the planners to bear this in mind so as not to allow the voice of large, well organised groups to lead to the space becoming devoted to facilitate fewer of these activities.
- We have observed that the play area for young children with climbing equipment etc. is in fairly constant use. We would suggest that this area could be enhanced by the installation of a table with seating and perhaps a coin-in-the -slot BBQ. There are currently, even without this provision, some picnickers using the space.
- We observe that the tennis court, basketball ring, etc. on the east side of the area is well used and would benefit from an upgrade.
- The area is very well used by dog walkers.

Submission on behalf of Waverley Wildcats Basketball Club:

- We have 28 teams ranging in age from U8's through to U18's with one Senior Women's team.
- Our teams train at Holy Family Parish Hall Mt Waverley three nights a week. With around 200 players, mostly residing in Monash area it would be wonderful for children and teenagers to have access to outdoor basketball courts. I noticed that Mt Waverley Reserve currently has a half basketball court which is great but wondering whether that could be extended to a full court.
- There are very few outdoor basketball courts in our area and being one of many clubs in Monash it would be wonderful if there were more outdoor courts available for children to use after school and on weekends and school holidays.

Additional submission received 7th April 2021 from local residents:

- Concerned about the fencing along St Albans Street boundary does not stop balls spilling out on to the road, sometimes being chased by adults, children or dogs in and out of parked and moving vehicles.
- Suggest replacing perimeter fencing with powder coated black fencing—vertical broomstick type.
- Upgrade/replace the existing playground equipment to increase appeal. Include adequate shade cover.
- Consider installation of adult fitness equipment and public BBQ/Picnic shelter.
- Retain the dog off-lead area. Install drinking taps with bult in dog bowl.

- Consider installation of public toilet closer to playground area.
- Consider planting exotic trees for autumn color/foliage.

8. Ward Councillors

The following briefing sessions were conducted with Ward Councillors:

- Ward Councillor Briefing - Director Community Development briefed Ward Councillors on club feedback received to 10 March presentation – Attendees – Cr Brian Little (mayor), Cr Rebecca Paterson, Cr Anjalee DaSilva, Russell Hopkins Director Community Development, Jackie Grieve Strategic Leisure Planner.
- Ward Councillor Meeting with club representatives at 4pm on 21 April 2021 (meeting recorded).

9. Other Groups

- Council Strategic Leisure Planner invited the Monash Advisory Committee to have input into the planning process via Council's Have Your Say forum. Email invitation and background information was distributed on 15/12/20.

10. Appendices:

The following appendices supplement the consultation record.

- a) Resident Flyer
- b) Distribution Area/Map
- c) Initial Community Survey results
- d) Mount Waverley Reserve Stakeholder Vision/Aspirations document
- e) Monash Bulletin, Feb 2021.
- f) Club I&O Presentation slides

a) Initial Resident Flyer

The following flyer was distributed to all households within approximately a 400m catchment of the reserve at the commencement of the planning process. The purpose of the flyer was to raise awareness, inform the community, invite submissions and promote the on-line survey.

Mount Waverley Reserve Masterplan

Dear Resident

Monash Council is exploring opportunities to improve Mount Waverley Reserve to support active recreation and the development and delivery of local sport.

We want to hear from you about what you think about how this reserve could be improved.



The reserve is situated on Monash Council land on the corner of St Albans and Charles Streets and features a public asphalt tennis court and tennis hit-up wall, basketball half court, sportsground, cricket nets, a playground and an off-lead dog area. In addition, the reserve hosts the Waverley Community Learning Centre (neighbourhood house on Fleet Street), Mount Waverley Tennis Club, Mount Waverley Cricket Club (summer) and Waverley Blues Football Club (winter).

When completed, the masterplan will:

- Provide a clear vision and strategic approach for the future provision of sport and recreation facilities in the reserve based on community needs
- Consider opportunities and issues at the reserve and determine the suitability, scale and scope of any potential developments
- Provide a conceptual plan and layout for key development priorities with indicative stages and cost estimates to assist Council attract external funding for future improvements.

Have Your Say Mount Waverley Reserve Masterplan

Your views and input are important to us.

Please take the time to let us know what ideas you have for the future of the Mount Waverley Reserve by:

1. Completing the **online survey** at:

<https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/mount-waverley-reserve-masterplan>

Please call Recreation Services on (03) 9518 3581 to request a hard copy of the survey or to have an officer complete the survey for you. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

2. Provide a written submission to Recreation Services via email: recreation@monash.vic.gov.au or mail to Recreation Services, Monash Council, 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley 3150.
3. For regular updates on the masterplanning process please subscribe to the project page at: <https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/About-Us/Council/Have-Your-Say/Mount-Waverley-Reserve-Masterplan>

We look forward to receiving your ideas and comments.

Consultation closes at midnight on Sunday 28 February 2021.

b) Second Resident Flyer



Mount Waverley Reserve Masterplan – Community Drop-in Session

Dear Resident

We are exploring opportunities to improve Mount Waverley Reserve with the development of a masterplan for the reserve. This masterplan will support recreation, physical activity and community sport.

We want to hear from you about how you use this reserve and how it could be improved. Please take the time to join us at a community drop-in session and share your ideas on the future of the Mount Waverley Reserve.



Community Drop-in Session

- Where:** Mount Waverley Reserve (Pavilion Forecourt), Charles Street, Mount Waverley
- Date/Time:** Saturday 27 March 2021 - drop-in anytime between 9am and 11am to speak to members of the project team
- More information:** For more information and regular updates on the masterplanning process please subscribe to page updates via the link below:
<https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/About-Us/Council/Have-Your-Say/Mount-Waverley-Reserve-Masterplan>
- Next Steps:** Ideas and suggestions received at this session will be considered in the development of a draft masterplan for Mount Waverley Reserve. We hope to have a draft masterplan approved for public exhibition and community feedback by mid-2021, with the implementation of recommendations to follow Council endorsement and subject to budget approval.

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Flyer promoting drop-in session.

The flyer promoting the drop-in session was distributed to 344 residents via Bing postal services (Ref. ID: MG9HGKGGHY46R44QTXQYGPY7T7X44) as per catchment zone within the yellow line depicted below:



Flyer distribution area.

c) Initial Community Survey results
Attach PDF.

d) Mount Waverley Reserve Stakeholder Vision/Aspirations document
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e) Monash Bulletin, Feb 2021.

The link below provides access to the Monash Bulletin, Feb 2021, which was distributed to all households in the City. Page 7 of the bulletin provides information about the Mount Waverley Reserve Master Plan planning process and invites public submissions.

<https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/about-us/news/bulletin/monash-bulletin-february-2021.pdf>

The bulletin was also available in Chinese (simplified), Chinese (traditional), Greek & Italian formats.

f) Club I&O Presentation slides
Attach PDF.