

# Archerfield Wetlands - Draft Precinct Plan Community Engagement Summary Report

The Archerfield Wetlands draft Precinct Plan was publicly released on 17 June 2019 and was followed by a four-week community engagement program until 15 July 2019, aimed at promoting awareness of the draft Precinct Plan and encouraging the community to have their say. The community engagement program included a range of face-to-face and online activities, including:

- postcards mailed to 31,691 households across 16 suburbs within proximity to the Oxley Creek Transformation study area
- displays at seven libraries within proximity to the Oxley Creek Transformation study area
- two information kiosks held at the Oxley State School Fete and the Blunder Road Shopping Centre
- social media posts, e-newsletter messaging and website updates
- a range of presentations/meetings with interested stakeholder groups including:
  - Oxley Creek Catchment Association
  - Mount Ommaney Neighbourhood Watch Group
  - Indigenous community members local to the Inala area
  - Residents at the Aveo Retirement Village.

The engagement program encouraged the community to provide their feedback on the draft Precinct Plan through a series of targeted questions via an online survey.

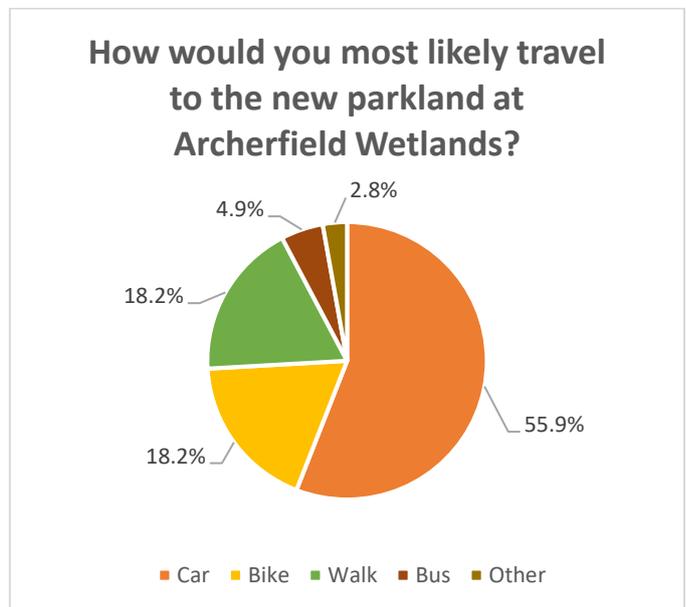
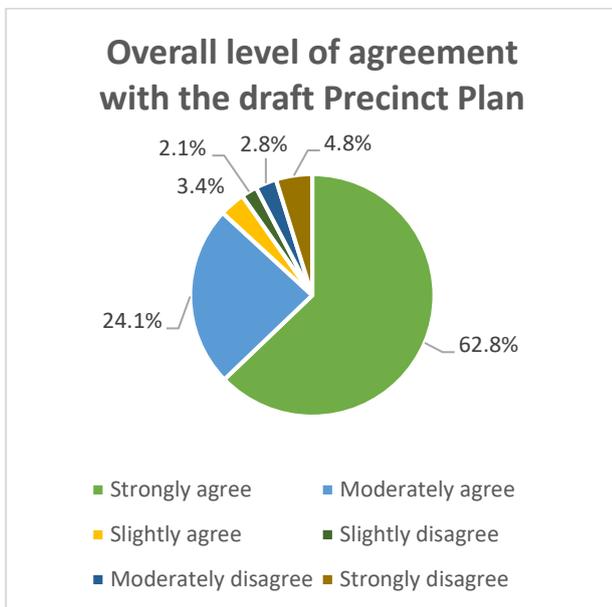
A summary of the engagement program is as follows:

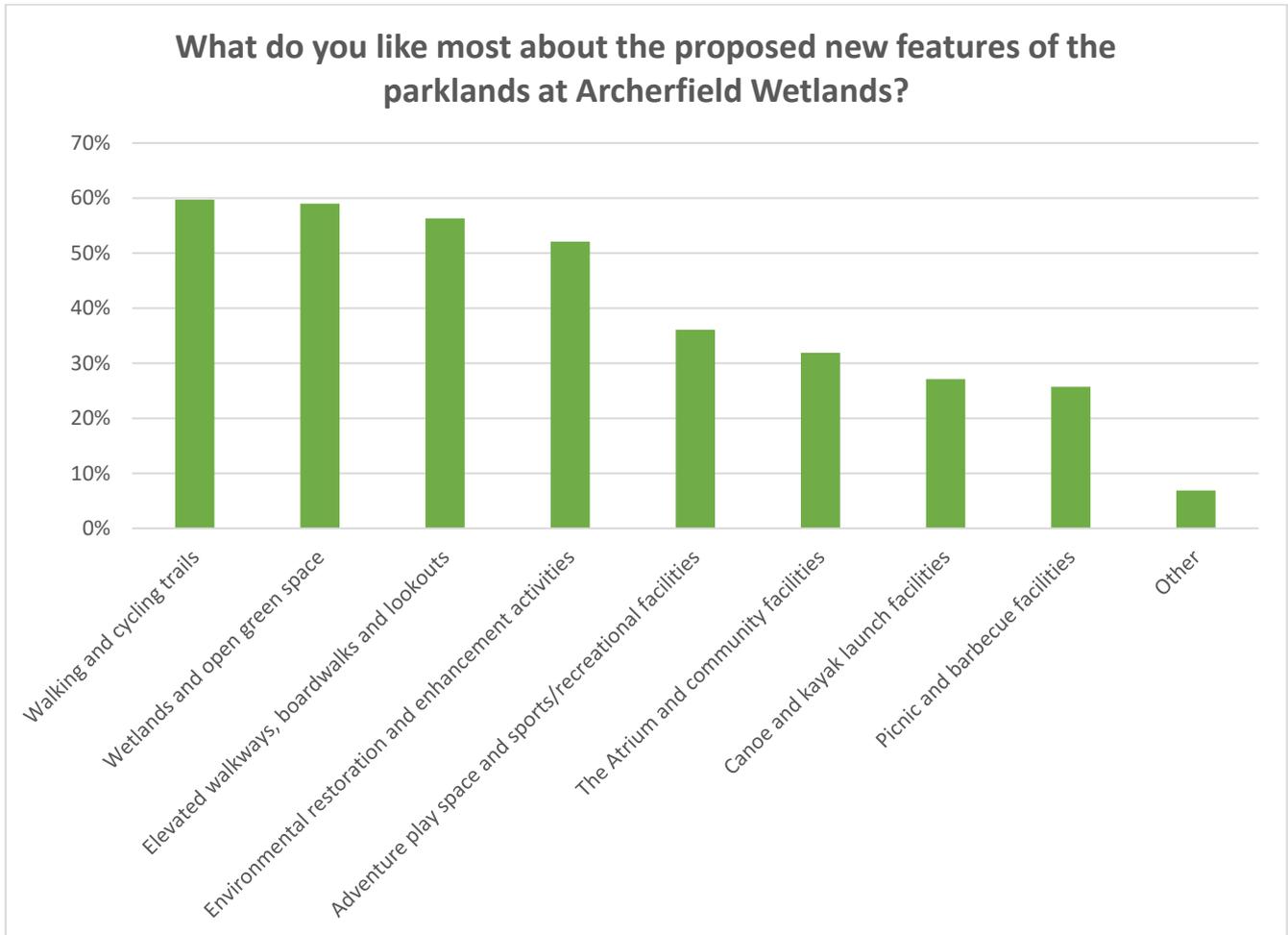
<b>6 face-to-face</b> engagement activities were held	<b>144 online surveys</b> received	<b>9 written submissions</b> received	<b>1,757 unique web page views</b>
<b>More than 200 customers</b> attended the engagement activities	<b>15 representatives</b> formed the Archerfield Wetlands Reference Group	<b>90.3% of survey respondents</b> support the draft Precinct Plan	<b>1,075 draft Precinct Plan documents</b> downloaded from the website

## Online Survey Feedback

A summary of the survey feedback included:

- positive support for the draft Precinct Plan was demonstrated with 90.3% of survey respondents in overall agreement with the draft Precinct Plan
- the community demonstrated support and interest for the proposed new features of the parkland, with the most supported outcomes including the walking and cycling trails, wetlands and open green space, elevated walkways, boardwalks and lookouts and environmental restoration and enhancement activities
- the majority of respondents indicated they would likely travel to the parkland by car, followed by cycling and walking.





## Key Feedback Themes

Community feedback received through the engagement program identified key themes which required further consideration in the final Precinct Plan:

- the proposed northern vehicular entry, including amenity, traffic and security impacts
- the proximity of the elevated shared path to residential properties, including privacy, security and amenity impacts for local residents
- the balance between community and recreational outcomes with the biodiversity, habitat values and functionality of the wetlands
- the potential provision of cultural facilities at Archerfield Wetlands Park.

## Addressing Key Feedback

The key feedback themes were considered through the process of finalising the Precinct Plan and incorporated as follows.

***Key Feedback Theme: The proposed northern vehicular entry, including amenity, traffic and security impacts.***

Concerns were raised by local residents about vehicular access to the parklands via Alban Street/Factory Road due to perceived impacts to the floodplain environment and the flora and fauna of the site, as well as amenity, traffic and security issues.

Following such feedback, Oxley Creek Transformation reviewed the location of the entry road and considered alternative options. In finalising the Precinct Plan, the vehicular entry point and car park at Alban Street/Factory Road has been removed and replaced with on-street parking on Factory Road and a pedestrian and cycle path connection to Creekside Park. Future opportunities for additional parking will be explored in the industrial area if required, in consultation with the local community.

The removal of vehicular access at this location necessitated a review of the canoe and kayak launch facilities provided at Creekside Park. The launch facilities have been removed and a canoe and kayak 'destination point' has been included closer to the southern boundary of the site. Oxley Creek Transformation will consider the corridor more broadly to determine potential launch points as part of a future Oxley Creek Canoe and Kayak Trail.

***Key Feedback Theme: The proximity of the elevated shared path to residential properties, including privacy, security and amenity impacts for local residents.***

Feedback was received from some members of the community who were concerned about the proximity of the elevated shared path to residential properties and potential impact on privacy, security and amenity.

The final Precinct Plan has been updated to remove the elevated shared path along the western boundary of the parkland between Archerfield Wetlands Park and the existing pocket park on Gleneagles Crescent. A new 'Wetlands Discovery Trail' has been included to provide a short boardwalk loop from Archerfield Wetlands Park through the wetlands. A singular access point has been provided to connect the Aveo Retirement Village to Archerfield Wetlands Park, subject to detailed design and further consultation with Aveo residents and management.

***Key Feedback Theme: The balance between community and recreational outcomes with the biodiversity, habitat values and functionality of the wetlands.***

Some members of the community queried whether the balance between community and recreational outcomes with the biodiversity, habitat values and functionality of the wetlands is suitable for the site. While the Concept Plan demonstrated that the vast majority of the site would be retained for conservation outcomes, it was evident that the imagery within the draft Precinct Plan predominantly focused on the built form community and recreational outcomes.

Community feedback reiterated the importance of recreational outcomes, including active transport networks to connect Archerfield Wetlands to the surrounding area, including Oxley Creek Common and other local parks.

The final Precinct Plan includes greater reference to areas of the site that will be protected and enhanced for their biodiversity values. A new two-page spread has been included to address the balance between conservation areas and recreation. This includes information on areas of restoration and protection and a 60-hectare designated wetland conservation area. It includes a new artist's impression of the Wetlands Discovery Trail to better communicate the sensitive balance between recreational trails and conservation areas. A trails diagram illustrating connections to Oxley Creek Common and the Brisbane River, as well as options for varied trail lengths within Archerfield Wetlands has been included as part of a new two-page spread.

***Key Feedback Theme: The potential provision of cultural facilities at Archerfield Wetlands Park.***

Feedback received raised the opportunity to provide cultural facilities within Archerfield Wetlands Park, providing a place for cultural celebration, education and interpretation for the community, including the Indigenous community.

The final Precinct Plan includes reference to opportunities to provide cultural facilities for the Indigenous and wider community and will be developed in consultation with the Indigenous community during detailed design and planning of the parkland.

## Targeted Stakeholder Consultation

The development of the Precinct Plan has been informed through collaboration with external consultants, engagement with key stakeholder groups, previous and new technical studies to understand the constraints of the site and ensure the proposed improvements are feasible, as well as an extensive community engagement program.

An Archerfield Wetlands Reference Group was formed with representatives from key stakeholder groups to inform the development of the Precinct Plan, offering an effective forum to craft, test and refine ideas in a workshop setting. Participants included representatives from local bush care groups, community groups, sport and recreation bodies, history groups and key land owners. Three meetings were held with the Reference Group to present ideas and gain feedback.

The Reference Group was instrumental in helping guide the development of the Precinct Plan, drawing on local stories and knowledge of the site to help shape and strengthen the vision for Archerfield Wetlands.