

WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

Edenhope Play Spaces Master Plan

Final Master Plan Report

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Vision and Principles

The community of Edenhope want playspaces to be places that:

- reflect the diversity of the community
- are safe places that are accessible and inclusive
- are connected to each other
- offer a variety of stimulating and engaging activities
- recognise and celebrate the environment
- provide a destination that is iconic
- are designed for all families








EDENHOPE
APEX PARK







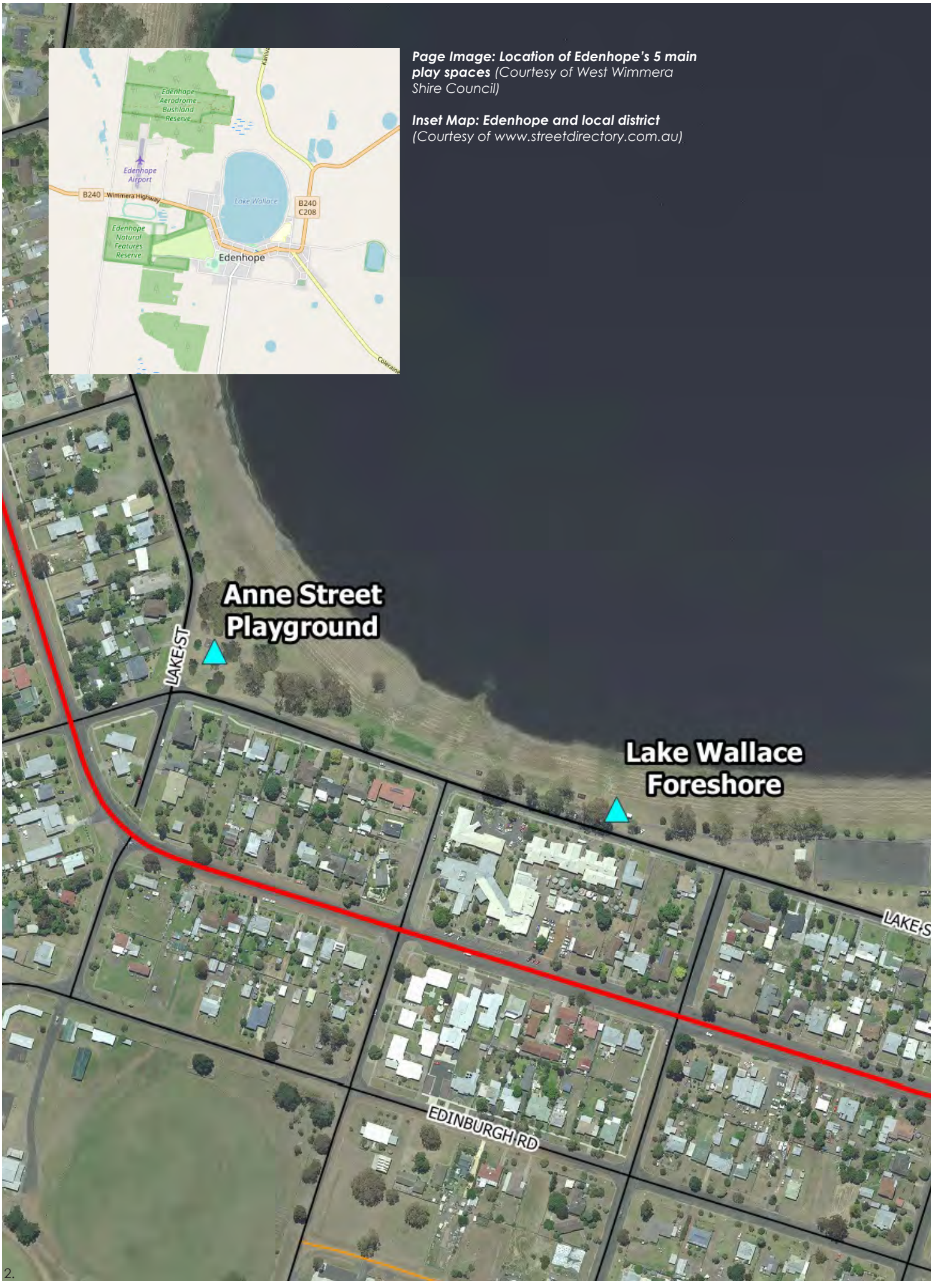
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1. Background:

Introduction, Strategic Context, Environment and Character





Page Image: Location of Edenhope's 5 main play spaces *(Courtesy of West Wimmera Shire Council)*

Inset Map: Edenhope and local district *(Courtesy of www.streetdirectory.com.au)*

Introduction

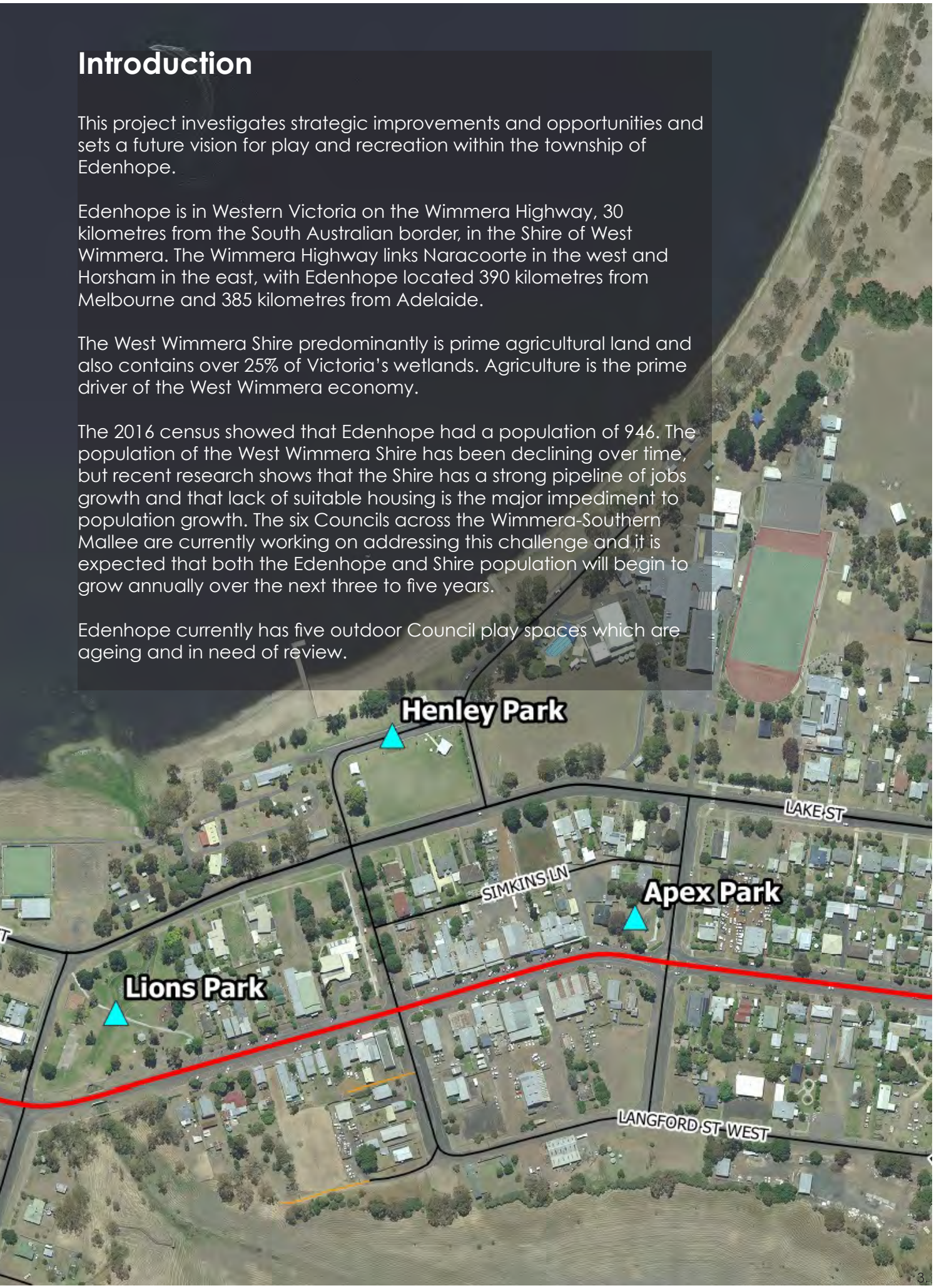
This project investigates strategic improvements and opportunities and sets a future vision for play and recreation within the township of Edenhope.

Edenhope is in Western Victoria on the Wimmera Highway, 30 kilometres from the South Australian border, in the Shire of West Wimmera. The Wimmera Highway links Naracoorte in the west and Horsham in the east, with Edenhope located 390 kilometres from Melbourne and 385 kilometres from Adelaide.

The West Wimmera Shire predominantly is prime agricultural land and also contains over 25% of Victoria's wetlands. Agriculture is the prime driver of the West Wimmera economy.

The 2016 census showed that Edenhope had a population of 946. The population of the West Wimmera Shire has been declining over time, but recent research shows that the Shire has a strong pipeline of jobs growth and that lack of suitable housing is the major impediment to population growth. The six Councils across the Wimmera-Southern Mallee are currently working on addressing this challenge and it is expected that both the Edenhope and Shire population will begin to grow annually over the next three to five years.

Edenhope currently has five outdoor Council play spaces which are ageing and in need of review.



Strategic Context

Purpose & Process of Master Plan
Undertaking a 'Play spaces Master Plan' for the Edenhope township is an opportunity to develop a set of principles and strategic directions regarding the future provision of play. The findings of this project will be used to determine the optimum number, location and focus of Council's play spaces.

This will also mean providing a structured program for staged upgrades, renewal of existing infrastructure and installation of new infrastructure within the play spaces identified for retention and development in the master plan. It may also determine the removal of any play spaces where better provision can be built upon and provided at another existing play space and if play equipment is removed, what other forms of recreation may replace it.

The master plan will provide a basis for funding applications to state and federal government for the implementation of discrete elements, depending on the requirements of the funding brief.

Council has set some clear objectives for the project divided into 4 **specific categories; physical, social, environment and economic** and they are summarised below:

Physical Objectives:
- Develop play spaces that link together and allow for a range of gross-motor, sensorimotor, fine motor activities, with graduated challenge for a range of age groups and open space to run around and play games
- Develop play spaces that have elements that encourage creative and imaginative play
- Develop play spaces that encourage learning and testing, in particular ensuring there are loose materials available for play
- Create connections and layers within play spaces that encourage deeper exploration

Social / Community Objectives:
- Develop play spaces that have access for all abilities and ages
- Develop play spaces that contribute significantly to the health and wellbeing of the community and encourage pride and a sense of ownership.
- Develop interesting, comfortable and safe play spaces.
- Develop clear linkages to and between the open spaces within the township.
- Embed with the play spaces a recognition of Edenhope's cultural heritage and the elements that make it unique.
- Develop interpretive play equipment, furniture or art that can be utilised by all age groups and demographics.

Environmental Objectives:
- Develop sustainable design concepts to reduce impacts on the environment, including the incorporation of natural and recycled / re-purposed materials (where possible and appropriate, a reduction in water use where possible and the incorporation of water re-use ideas
- Develop play spaces that enhance the appreciation of the natural environment and where suitable include natural features and planting
- Develop play spaces that protect local heritage (including aboriginal and environment)

Economic Objectives:
- Develop play spaces that provide additional community value and bring more locals and visitors into Edenhope, thereby improving local commerce and increasing township business
- Create 'flow on effects' from improved local commerce and township business, by increased local employment and
- Create 'flow on effects' from improved local commerce and township business by making Edenhope a 'destination' with broader tourist development to attract commuters or travelers on the Wimmera Highway to 'stop and stay'.

• Source goods and services required during the project's implementation phase locally where possible.

Literature Review
Prior to undertaking both site assessments and initial community information gathering (*refer Community & Stakeholder Engagment Report #1)* the following were reviewed to understand the influence and impact of state government policy and Council strategies, plans and reports on this project:

- *Active Victoria - A strategic framework for sport and recreation* (2017-2021)
- *Australian Early Development Census 2018* (Edenhope Vulnerability Data)

Council Planning
- *West Wimmera Shire Council - Asset Management Strategy* (2018-2021)
- *Draft Community Vision* (2021-2041)
- *Domestic Animal Management Plan* (2017-2021)
- *Target 10,000, West Wimmera Shire Economic Development Strategy* (2015)
- *Municipal Health & Wellbeing Plan* (2017-2021)
- *Social Infrastructure Study - Apsley - Edenhope* (2014) Here Studio and urbanSCALE
- *Street Tree Management Plan (2018)*
- *West Wimmera Shire Council - Municipal Early Years Plan* (2019-2021)

Council Design Projects:
- *Edenhope Central Activities Area Streetscape Design* (2021) Thompson Hay Landscape Architects

Other Relevant Documents:
- *DPCD South West Victoria Landscape Assessment Study - The Wimmera Plains* (2013) Planisphere
- *Growling Grass Frog Survey at Lake Wallace, Edenhope* (2016) Rakali Ecological Consulting Pty Ltd
- *West Wimmera - Official Visitor Guide* (January 2019)
- Lake Wallace Connadoyen Environmental Tourism Booklet - Friends of Lake Wallace



Right: Page 5 What the Community Values
West Wimmera Shire Council - Community Vision 2021-2041

Environment & Character

Local Town Character

Edenhope is a small, quiet rural service centre located on the banks of Lake Wallace and surrounded by fertile and undulating Wimmera country which is primarily used for sheep and grain. It is the administrative centre of the West Wimmera shire and is located on the Wimmera Highway only 30 km from the South Australian border.

Edenhope has developed mainly as a cropping and grazing area. Several large properties have been subdivided for smaller family farms, particularly for soldier resettlement after World War II. At that time the town's population reached nearly 1000, compared with about 450 in the 1930s. The school was raised to higher elementary standard in 1946 and a high school began in 1959. The year before, the town began its annual Henley on Lake Wallace boat regatta.

Edenhope has a district memorial hospital, elderly persons' facilities, a racecourse, a golf course, boating and fishing facilities in Lake Wallace, and tennis, swimming and bowling facilities. As well as the State combined primary and secondary schools, there is a Catholic primary school. There are Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran and Uniting churches. The lake has foreshore parkland and there is a reserve adjoining the showground; the racecourse is west of the town, near the aerodrome. Edenhope's tourism and information centre is in a former court house, and the town has a hotel, a motel and a caravan park.

Lake Wallace (Connadoyen)

Lake Wallace sits on land belonging to he traditional owners of the area - the families of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadwadjah, Wergaia and Jupagulk. They call the lake 'Connadoyen'. It is a freshwater lake located in central Edenhope, which has in the past been for domestic water use. The lake covers an area of around 200 ha, is only a five minute walk from Edenhope's main street. The lake was named after the legendary Scottish revolutionary, William Wallace. It is an ideal spot for boating, water skiing, swimming and fly-fishing for redfin and trout. At times of extreme drought it dries up. It was completely dry during the millennial drought and with the rains of 2016 (a particularly wet year), filled again. There is a jetty and several boat ramps. Lake Wallace is also a waterbird haven that hundreds of birds visit and nest. There are bird hides and a 5 km scenic walking track around the lake.

In 1866, Australian cricketer Tom Wills trained a team of Aborigines on the lake's banks. The team played throughout Victoria and New South Wales, and several members formed the Aboriginal team which toured England in 1868.

Other significant waterways include Back Swamp (ephemeral wetlands connected to Lake Wallace through Lions Park) in Edenhope and in the wider district Lake Bringalbert, Lake Charlecrark, Lake Ratzcastle, Miga Lake and Newlands Lake.

Environment Character & Biodiversity

Landform

This is a landscape of flat to slightly undulating alluvial clay plains created by sweeping aeolian (wind-blown)sand dunes and ridges, with shallow swales forming between. Crescent-shaped lunettes are common along the northern and north eastern edges of low lying lakes and wetland areas.

Waterform

This region is exceptional for the number and diversity of lakes, swamps and wetlands dotted throughout the terrain between Horsham and Edenhope. These vary from chains of small, shallow depressions to larger lakes such as Lake Wallace. The formation of these lakes and wetlands is primarily due to a lack of channelled drainage and there are very few creeks or rivers where they exist as a result.

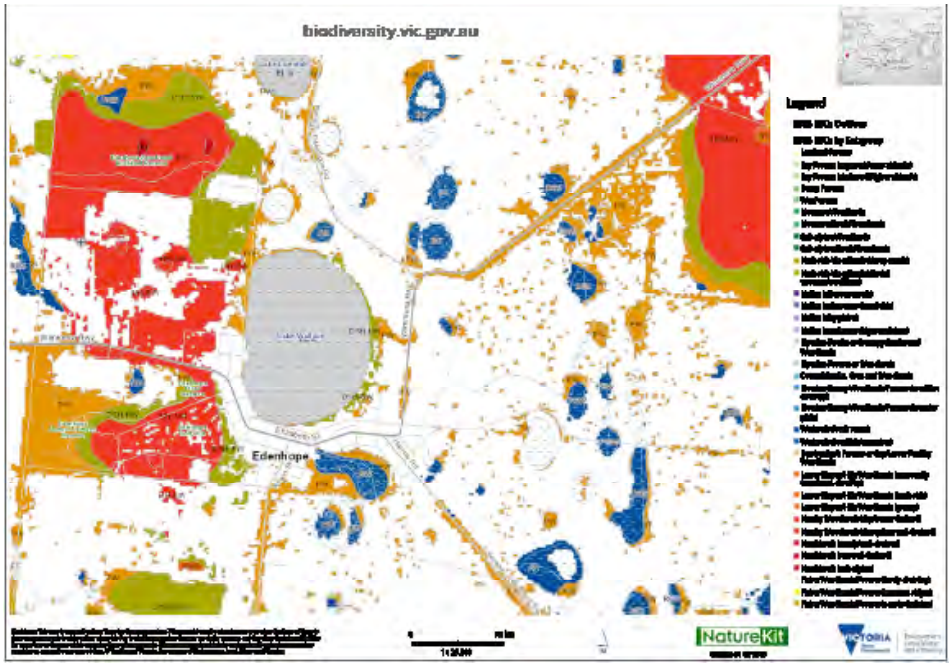
The Wimmera-Mallee Pipeline is a significant infrastructure project in this region. By enabling a more efficient use of water in farming and irrigation, the pipeline may reduce the need to graze wetlands and use them as a water source.

Vegetation
Though the landscape has been heavily cleared for agricultural production, numerous stands of vegetation remain scattered throughout paddocks, within the roadside reserves and conservation areas, and along rivers, creek lines and property boundaries. Of these, remnant River Red Gums (in the southern areas) and Buloke trees (in the northern area) are the most prolific species.

There is a large number of state parks and bushland reserves, particularly in the western region. These are often concentrated around wetlands and other water bodies, and in reserves of vegetation along the ridgelines. Very little exotic vegetation is evident, with occasional shelterbelts or Cypress planting along driveways.

Significant Habitat
The bird population in Edenhope is significant – with over 100 species of birds noted. This includes the rare Red-tailed, Black Cockatoo. The 'Icons of Edenhope' bird murals in the main street show the diverse local bird life.

The Growling Grass Frog (Litoria raniformis) inhabits both the Back Swamp and Lake Wallace and the connecting ephemeral creek that goes through Lions Park.



Above: West Wimmera EVC Map
Courtesy of www.biodiversity.vic.gov.au
Below L - R: *Lake Wallace Vegetation and the Growling Grass Frog (Litoria raniformis)*







2. Site Assessments



Site Assessments







Purpose and Assessment Method
Detailed site appreciation was undertaken by 3 x 20 Studios on Tuesday 16th November and Thursday 9th December 2021 at 5 specifically identified sites, Anne Street Park, Apex Park, Henley Park, Lake Wallace, and Lions Park - where the present infrastructure is managed by West Wimmera Shire Council. Post-consultation several other sites identified by community members were also visited and are noted in this report.

The purpose of assessing existing sites for play is to establish issues and potential, in particular where future improvements can be made.

The assessment process involved working through a prescribed checklist on site to note and score from 0-5. Zero 'being not present' to 5 being 'excellent and above average'. Photos were also taken to capture individual aspects of each site.

It's important to also note that being a strategic project, walkability and access connections between each of the sites and key local community facilities have also been assessed as important to ensure a good balance of local play suitable for different ages and locations.

OVERALL SCORES - Edenhope Playspaces

SITE	Lake Wallace	Apex Park	Anne Street	Henley Park	Lions Park
PLAY TYPE:					
PLAY VALUE:					
AGE RANGE SUITABILITY:					
ACCESS:					
PLAYSPACE CONTEXT:					
AMENITY:					

Not Suitable	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
0-20%	21-40%	41-60%	61-80%	81-100%

Not Suitable: Means the play space is either missing, unsafe or unusable. No universal access.

Poor: Means there is minimal play or supporting infrastructure available and available play is severely limited by range, choice and quality of equipment or landscape setting. Limited or no universal access.

Average: Means there is a small range of play and supporting infrastructure available, usually for a limited age group and with some choice. Standards equipment and landscape setting. Limited universal access.

Good: Means there is a much broader range of play and supporting infrastructure present, and there is integration with landscape setting. Still limited quality, but more available for different ages and some universal access present.

Excellent: Means play space is well considered and engaging, with a broad range of different types of play for different ages. Well developed level of accessible amenity and play, good supporting infrastructure. Well integrated and makes use of landscape setting for play.

Areas of Investigation:

Play Type:
Investigates how well-designed, complex and diverse in experience play activities are. It also checks that elements are fit for purpose and in good condition.



Play Value:
Investigates the quality of the play space - do many different opportunities exist for a high-quality play experience and does the play space capture most types of play (physical, social, imaginative and cognitive) regardless of scale.



Age Range Suitability:
Investigates the suitability of the play space for particular ages and the provision of enough quality play for all ages across the play network.



Access:
Investigates the provision and quality of universal access to amenity and play. Does the play space welcome everyone in the community?



Play space Context:
Investigates the quality of the natural or designed landscape setting and opportunities used to integrate it with play.





Summary of Key Findings:

Background & Site Assessments

Summary

Key findings for consideration in the development of the Play Spaces Master Plan for Edenhope are as follows:

- There is alot of opportunity with the current open space at all sites, given established trees and lakeside views at some sites

- Better connections are required between all play spaces, in particular from the central township north to Lake Wallace and from the schools to the west. This may be achieved by path connection, signage or markers (could be art treatment or elements) and visual connection

- Accessibility is poor at present and needs to be seriously considered at all sites in the form of sealed paths that seamlessly connect with seating, picnic tables, drinking fountains and bins. Where possible (and particularly with higher profile sites at Henley Park and Lions Park) provide integrated accessible paths and inclusive play within the play space

- All playspaces are underdeveloped and old and require upgrades to equipment to provide a broader range and greater complexity of play opportunities at individual sites, that makes the most of the local environment and is better integrated with the landscape

- There are presently very limited opportunities for children under 5 years, this needs to be a consideration given young families and visitors to Edenhope

- There are too many sites within a very small walking distance, key sites are Lions Park, Lake Wallace and Henley Park and some reconsideration of the future of these facilities needs to be undertaken. Consideration as to whether there are other opportunities for play (formal or informal) in alternative town locations

- Consideration should be given to conversion of Apex Park into a 'civic gateway park' rather than a play space with a focus on social interaction

- Anne Street Park should possibly be reconsidered as a space for informal nature play and / or for families with younger children

- Fitness equipment along Lake Wallace Foreshore needs to also be reconsidered as to whether it should be consolidated or continue to be located as stations along the existing Lake Wallace Foreshore perimetre path

- Lions Park needs to be redesigned as well as upgraded. The drainage line / ephemeral creek channel needs to be re-imagined without fencing as a softer, more natural treatment (utilising particular vegetation to support Growling Grass Frog habit), board-walk and bridge crossings. Safety requirements around waterway to be considered as more integrated infrastructure

- Henley Park is presently dissected by service road. Re-thinking or removal of this road would enable expansion of play space and clearer / safer connection between all facilities onsite and make the entire site more user-friendly - particularly to local families living or visiting Edenhope

- All sites should be redeveloped to showcase the natural environment and support local flora and fauna. More natural shade is needed at Henley Park and along Lake Wallace Foreshore

3. Community Engagement 1:

Information Gathering



Community Engagement - Stage 1

What we did

On Thursday 9th of December 2021, Felicity Brown from 3 x 20 Studios visited Edenhope to meet with the local community and gather information.

The sessions included school students from Foundation Grade & Grades 1-6 and Year 7-8 at Edenhope P-12 College and Grades Prep-6 at St Malachys Primary School, then meet with families from Edenhope Kindergarten and lastly meet with adult community members.

The structure of the sessions were question based, and used plans showing the locations of all the play space to prompt conversation and feedback. This report documents and seeks to disseminate and utilised feedback received from the Edenhope community.



5 Classes at Edenhope P-12 College

3 Classes at St Malachys Primary School

1 Families & Children at Edenhope kinder

1 Community Meeting

93 Completed Online 'Have Your Say' Surveys

In Summary

What we heard

Gathering community feedback from all age groups on the use of local play spaces in Edenhope is paramount to strategic planning. Not only is it important to understand the community itself, but also current use of town play spaces (or non-use) and what the community's vision for the future, including what type of play activity desired is.

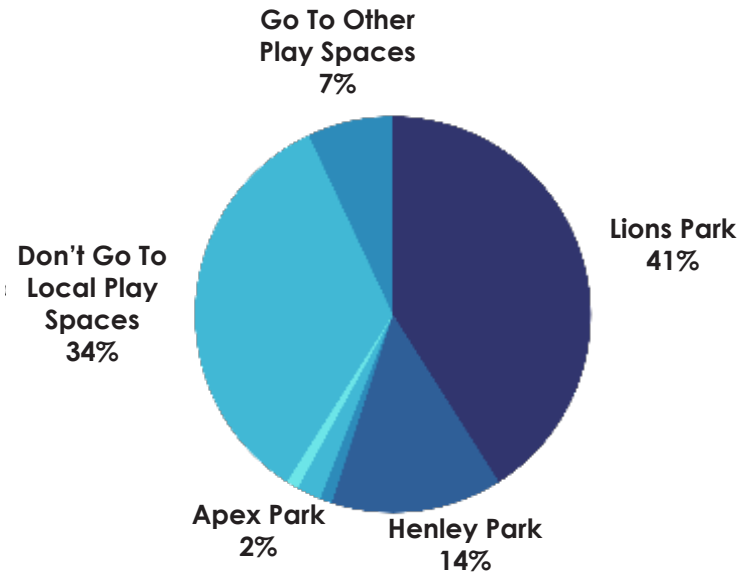
The following both summarises and records conversations during all consultation workshops held:



16 in 25

Students who participated in the workshops lived **outside** the Edenhope Township

1.1 Children living in vs outside of Edenhope township



41%

Play at **Lions Park**

14%

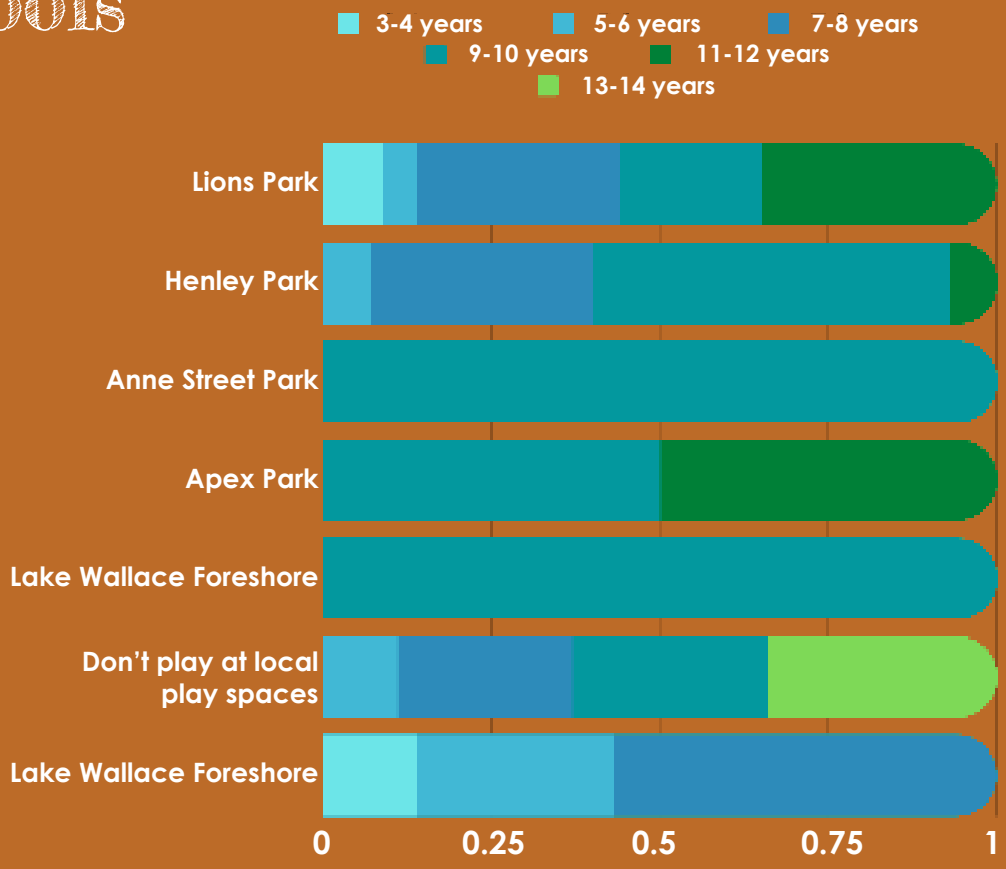
Play at **Henley Park**

34%

Don't go to local play spaces

1.2 Play space use by children in Edenhope

Schools



1.3 Graph of play space use by students & their families

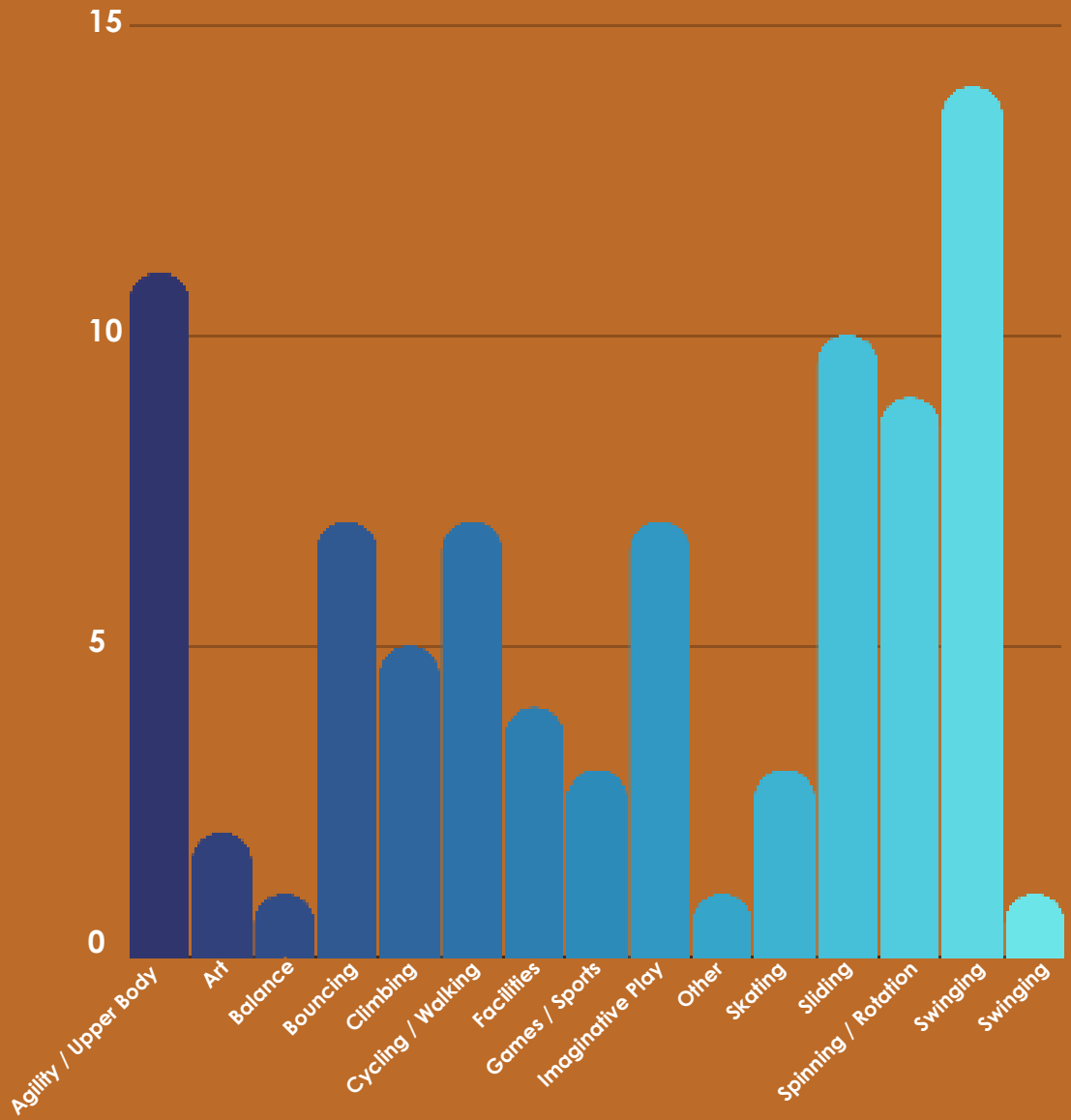
Lions Park is the most well used play space by the whole range of age-groups, excepting 13-14 years age group.

Henley Park is mostly used by 7-8 year olds (33%) and 9-10 year olds (53%).

Apex Park is mostly frequented by older children

Older children don't tend to use any of the play spaces, namely 29% of 11-12year olds and 34% of 13-14 year olds.

Play in other spaces 14% of 3-4 year olds, 29% of 5-6 year olds, and 57% of 7-8 year olds play in spaces other than the 5 council play spaces.



1.4 Graph of most popular type of activity the community wanted to see in future play spaces

The 7 most popular types of play that school classes would like to see in local play spaces or parks are:

1. **Swinging** (Nest, Tyre, Hammock, Scale, Giant, Accessible, Toddler Seat Swings)
2. **Agility / Upper Body** (Flying Fox, Zipline, Parkour, Rock Climbing & Adventure Play)
3. **Sliding** (Mound, Tunnel, Spiral or Wavy Slides)
4. **Spinning / Rotation** (Spinning Horses, Eggs & Cups, Upright Spinners & Hamster Wheel)
5. **Bouncing** (Inground Trampolines, Ball Pit)
6. **Imaginative Play** (Cubbies, Boat, Pirate Ship, Cave)
7. **Cycling & Walking** (Pump Track, Bike / BMX Course, Bike Paths/Trails and better connections between schools and play spaces)

Edenhope Kindergarten

52 Langford Street, Edenhope
Educators: Felicity and Katrina

Kindergarten Class

What we heard

1/ What is your favourite park or play space?

PARK	No OF STUDENTS	WHY?
Lions Park	4	No toilet Play on scooter and bikes
Henley Park	0	Cars are a problem
Anne Street Park	0	
Apex Park	0	
Lake Wallace Foreshore (Fitness)	0	
Nature walk behind the tip *(Edenhope Flora Reserve)*	1	A nature walk in Edenhope Flora Reserve - including written botanical names

2/ What would you like to do or play within a park?

- Like to play with the family
- Swings with baby seats and bigger seats
- Love Lake Pertobe climbing frame
- Love the Goroke Play space
- More slides
- Merry-go-round
- Hand-operated water pump
- Wild areas – sand and water play
- Grasses amongst rocks
- Flexible spaces for interpretation
- Cherry trees & other fruit trees
- Nature focused play spaces

Community Workshop

A community workshop was held on Thursday 9th December in evening facilitated by 3 x 20 Studios and West Wimmera Shire Council and was attended by X community members (council to provide numbers)



Lions Park

What we heard

STRENGTHS:	Most play equipment of all the play spaces in Edenhope
	Different age kids
	Good lines of site
	Highest use
	Easily seen by visitors to Edenhope
	BBQ and shelter
	Close to the police station
	Close to shops
	Existing vegetation
WEAKNESSES:	Slide was removed
	No fence to the road
	No toilet (15 trees used for toilet)
	BBQ in line of sight of the park (i.e. blocks views into the park)
	Skate park does not cater for little ones
	Watering regime – timing ie comes on in the morning and the equipment is wet or in the afternoon at school pickup
OPPORTUNITIES:	Pump track
	Traffic signs on the little bike course
	Racing slides – 2 slides side by side
	Mindfully placed seating to face equipment and activities
	Parking needed opposite police station
	Open views within the park
	Fenced areas
	Heritage fruit trees - permaculturalist
	Attract tourists
	Connections to Lake Wallace
	Signage to Lake Wallace
	Tourism funding opportunities
THREATS:	Swale connection with a fence
	Busy road
	Snakes in wet areas (tiger snakes)





Henley Park

What we heard

STRENGTHS:	Prominent location
	Close to schools
	Existing infrastructure
	Close to lake
WEAKNESSES:	Location of toilets – blocks the connection to the lake and is on the other side of the road to other amenities
	Traffic/ vehicle conflict with pedestrian movement
	No shade over the play area
	No seating near the play area
	Limited play opportunities
	Closed shelter blocks views and transparency
	Bindi eyes
	Wind from Lake Wallace off the water is cold
	When the lake is empty (ie millennial drought – it is not a pleasant space to be)
	Baby change is in the shower & disabled toilet
OPPORTUNITIES:	Relocate play equipment
	Lighting
	Water play like Mildura
	Rationalisation of vehicle movement
THREATS:	Road in middle
	(Henley Park green becomes a 'red-line' during carnival to provide a space for serving of alcohol)

Apex Park

What we heard

STRENGTHS:	Swings under the tree – lovely tree (E.sideroxylon usually full of parrots when in flower
	Obvious tourist spot
WEAKNESSES:	Dangerously close to intersection when heavy vehicles
	Unsupervised play when adults are offsite
OPPORTUNITIES:	Timber jinker at the front to be relocated to the back – so it is not so prominent
	Murals
	Picnic/eating takeaway food space more than playground
THREATS:	Roads

Anne Street Park

What we heard

STRENGTHS:	Birds in trees
	Views to Lake Wallace
WEAKNESSES:	Very young age group catered for – under 2-year-olds
	One swing playground – not good for social play
	Outgrow the swing quickly
	No shade
OPPORTUNITIES:	Nature play
	Water play – not lake water
	Shack feeling
	Sandplay area
	A playful landscape – ie mounds, rocks, logs,
THREATS:	Lake – floodwaters
	Road







Lake Wallace Foreshore (Fitness Equipment)

What we heard

STRENGTHS:	Equipment is used because they are there
	Good for visitors and kids to Edenhope
	Visible – not hidden
	Visitors like them
	Good synthetic softfall material
	Good aesthetic – like the modern look
WEAKNESSES:	Spaced apart – too hard for some to walk to
	Not all abilities
	No levels or resistance in the equipment
	Summer exposed to the sun
	Winter exposed to wind
	Maintenance is constant – problems with control of the X-trainer – jams fingers
	Much of the equipment is aged and becoming outdated
OPPORTUNITIES:	Continue equipment all around the lake
	Collect equipment together in one area
THREATS:	Road
	Barriers/trip hazards to the edge of equipment
	Little kids on equipment easily sustain injuries
	Lake

Other places to play / Items of note

What we heard

- Tennis courts are used for riding bikes and roller skates – used a lot from October onwards
- Link to the jetty from the main street
- Baby change facilities available in town include: disabled toilet in town toilets, the Hub and Henley Park shower/disabled toilet
- North-south connection in town to strengthen the relationship between lake and main street
- RMIT research paper was done some years ago (Toni was to follow up)
- The bird population is significant – over 100 species of birds in Edenhope
- Growling Grass Frog inhabits both the Back Swamp and Lake Wallace and the connecting ephemeral creek that goes through Lions Park (a reference to management in the ecological report)
- A high-level vision of Edenhope needed to capture potential connections to:
    - Edenhope College
    - St Malachy's School
    - Lions Club Community Garden & Bird-hide
    - Edenhope Flora Reserve – nature play area
    - The entirety of Lake Wallace
    - Recreation Reserve/ Football oval
- Carrie Landcare Group

Community Online Survey 1

Information Gathering

An online survey was conducted using Survey Monkey on Council's 'Have Your Say' page on its website for 2 months from December 2021 - end January 2022. Community members were asked to answer 11 questions - some multiple choice, some open ended. The questions aimed to cover usage, appreciation and future vision.



Overall the response to the survey was terrific - with 93 survey responses received in a township of 946 or 9.8%. (ABS Census Data 2016)

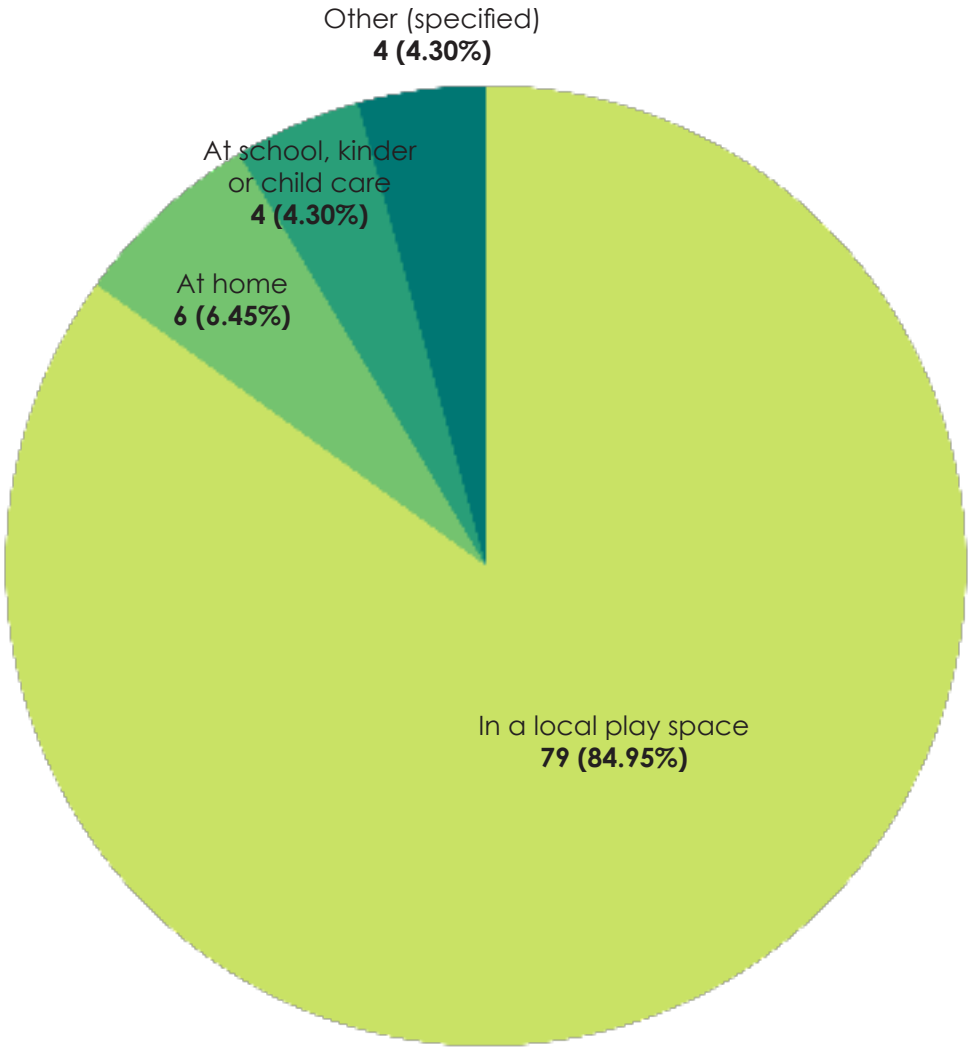
A synthesised summary of the feedback results follows in this section of the report to try and give and indication of support for particulars.

1. Where do you and your family like to play?

What we heard

3.1 Graph of where the community like to play

Total respondents 93/93

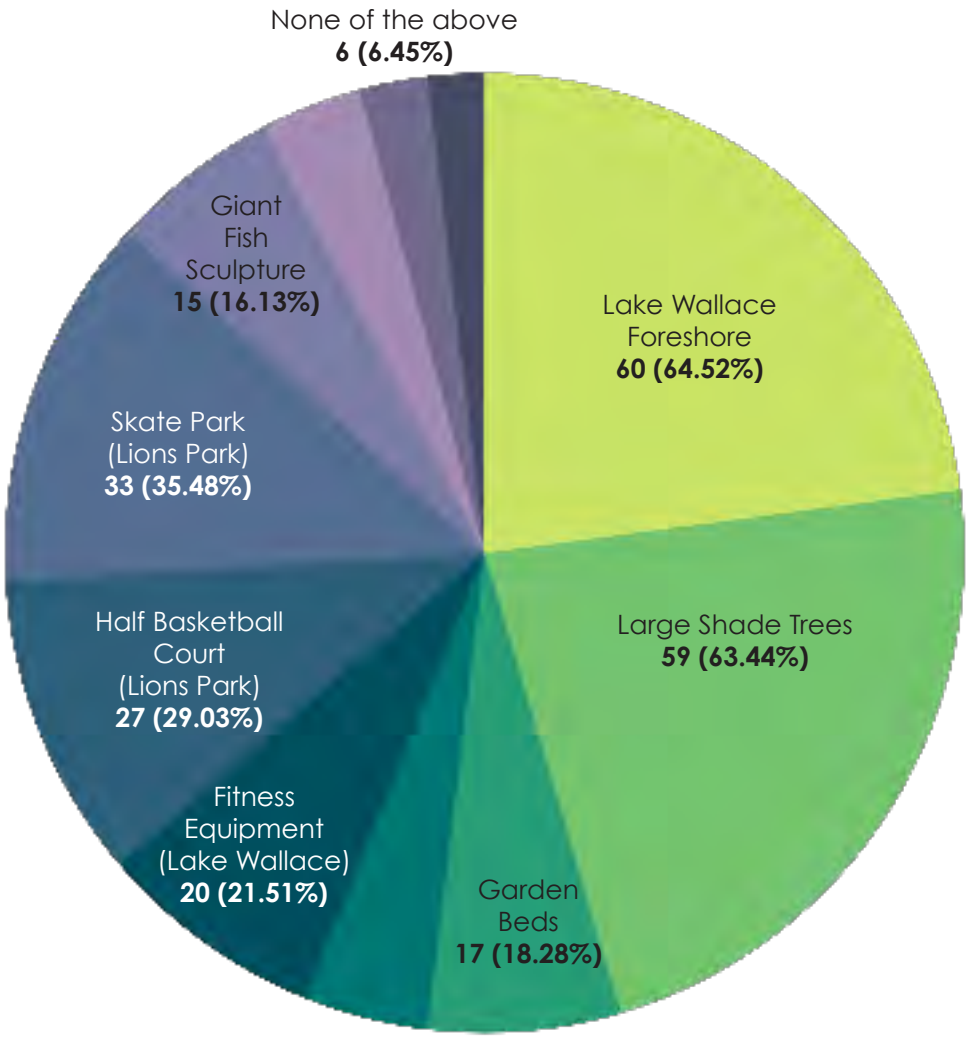


2. What uniquely local aspects do you love about play spaces in Edenhope?

What we heard

3.2 Graph of local aspects the community love about Edenhope

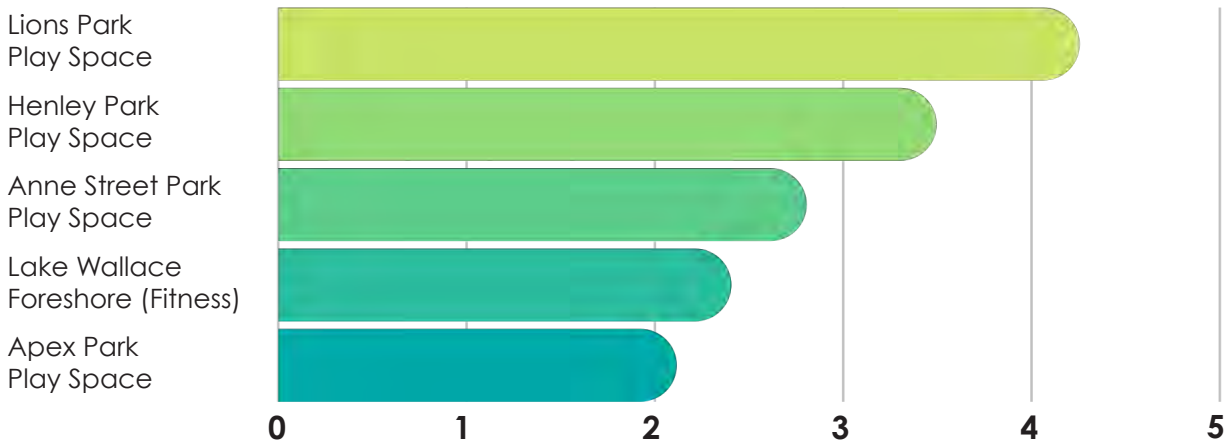
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3. Rank Edenhope townships play spaces in order of your families' preference for somewhere to play.

What we heard

3.3 Graph of the average score of preference ranking for Edenhope play spaces
Total respondents 91/93



Breakdown of Ranking Preferences:

Name:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total	Avg Score
Anne Street Park	4.71% 4	24.71% 21	34.12% 29	18.82% 16	17.65% 15	85	2.80
Lake Wallace Foreshore (Fitness)	10.59% 9	10.59% 9	12.94% 11	40.00% 34	25.88% 22	85	2.40
Lions Park	62.92% 56	13.48% 12	14.61% 13	3.37% 3	5.62% 5	89	4.25
Henley Park	17.58% 16	42.86% 39	20.88% 19	8.79% 8	9.89% 9	91	3.49
Apex Park	3.41% 3	11.36% 10	19.32% 17	25.00% 22	40.91% 36	88	2.11

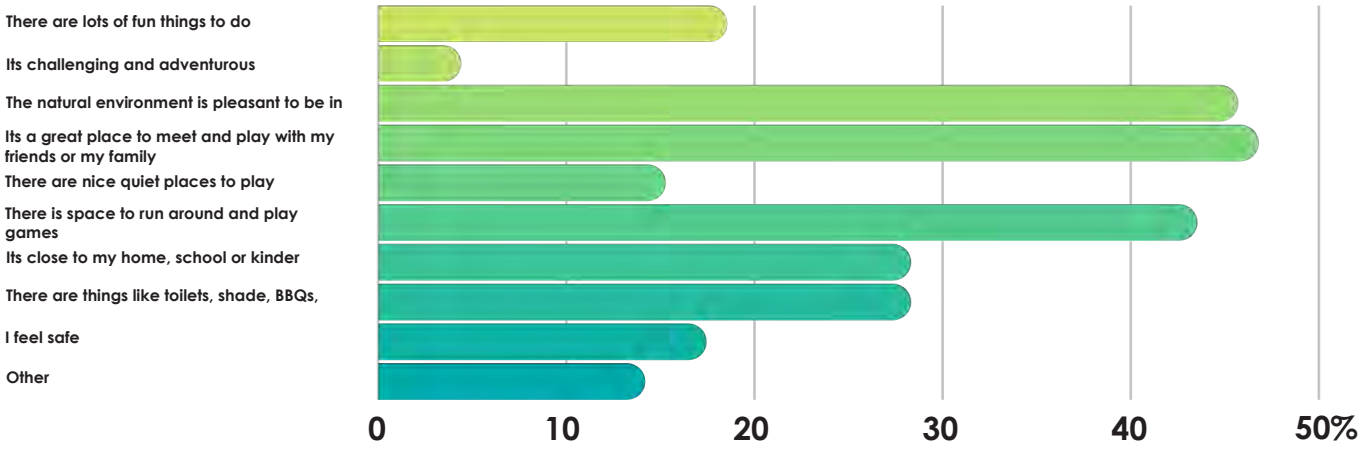
Note: With scoring in this instance 1 = Highest and 5 = Lowest preference or choice for somewhere to play

4. Considering your highest preference, what do you most like about this place?

What we heard

3.4 Graph of preferred site and what the community liked about it

Total respondents 92/93

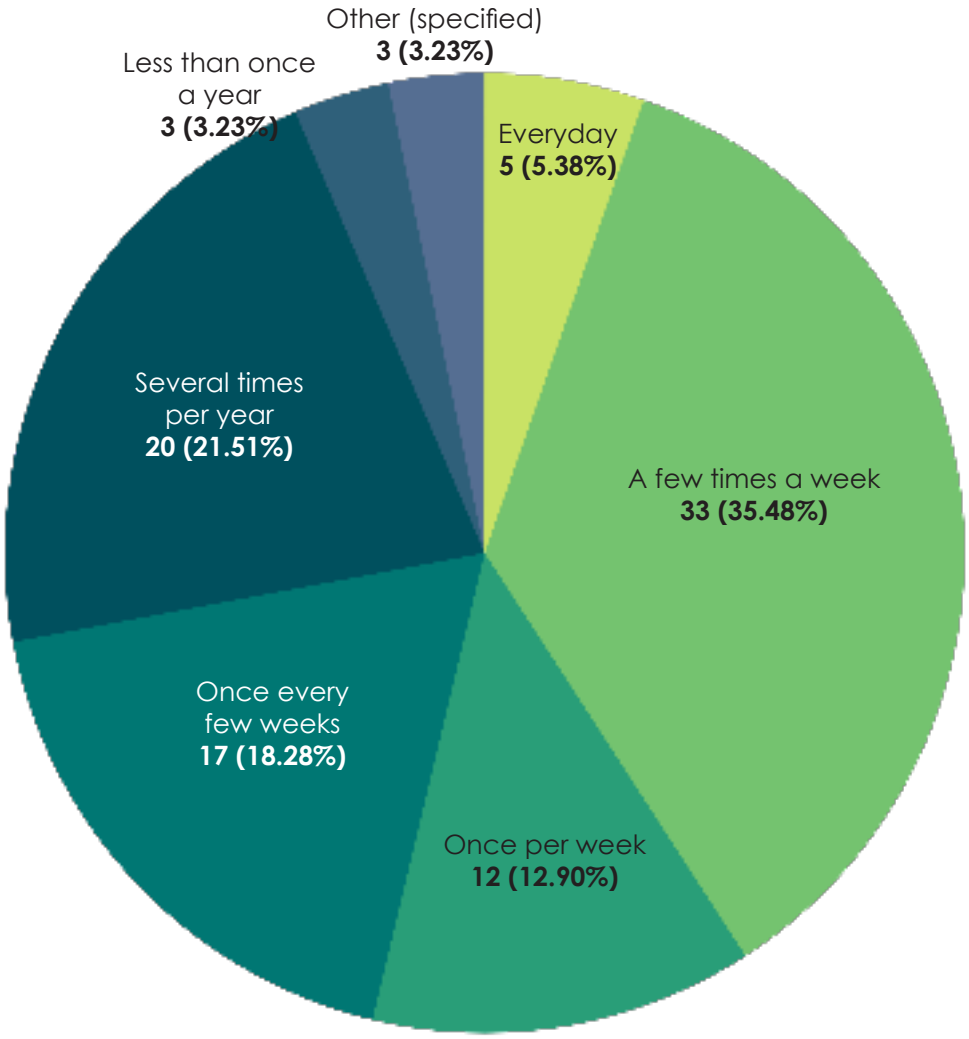


5. How often do you go there?

What we heard

3.5 Graph of how often the community visit their preferred site

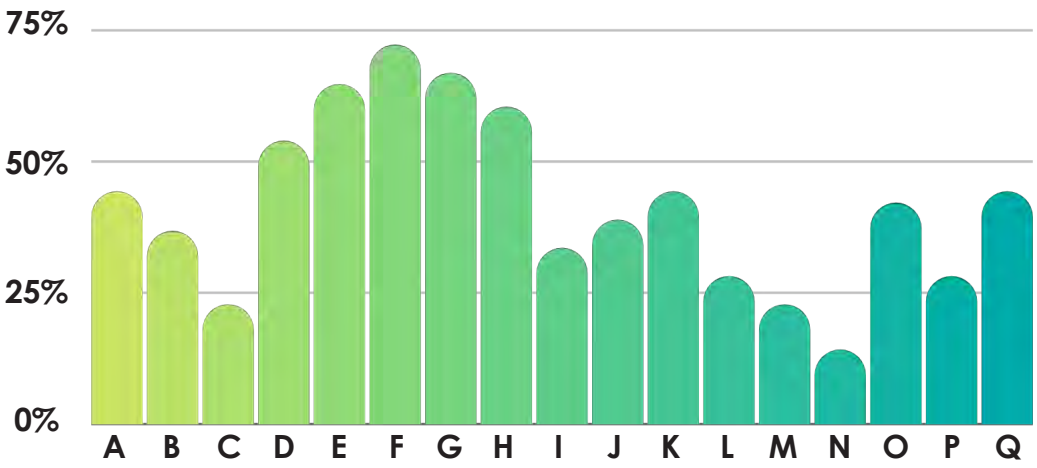
Total respondents 93/93



6. Is there anything that would make this a better place to play?

What we heard

3.6 Graph of suggestions for improvements to existing play spaces
Total respondents 93/93



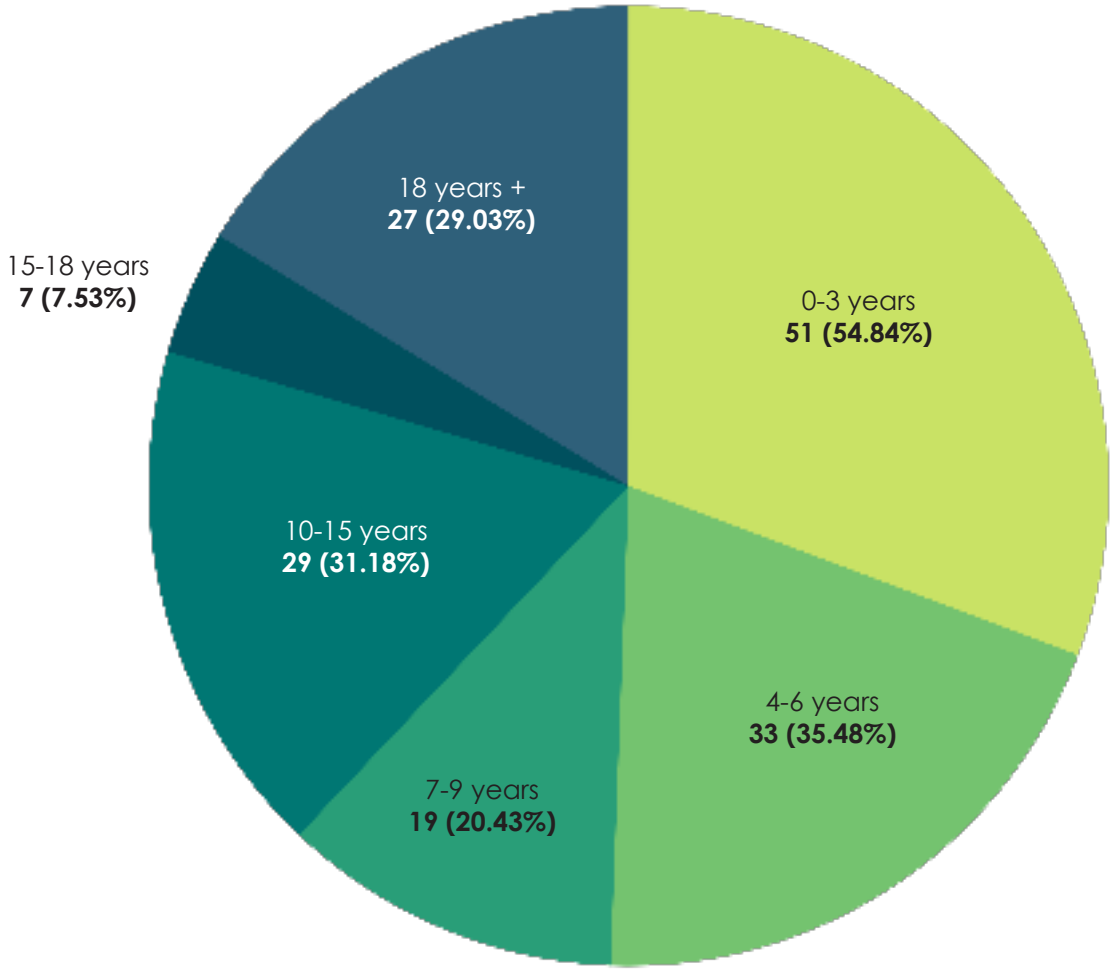
A. More accessible features and supporting facilities
B. Some inclusive and accessible play
C. Wider, sealed paths to play spaces
D. More shade, picnic facilities and seats
E. More things to do (i.e. better variety of play)
F. New play equipment
G. A better range of play for younger children
H. A better range of play for older children & teens
I. Play and recreation opportunities for adults & seniors
J. Play opportunities for different generations to participate in together
K. More nature play
L. Include integrated art & bespoke features
M. Include town character or history in play spaces
N. More space to run around and play games
O. More shade, picnic facilities and seats
P. Make it look nice and clean
Q. Other

7. What are the ages of your family members? (mutiple responses allowed)

What we heard

3.7 Graph of the distribution of community families' ages

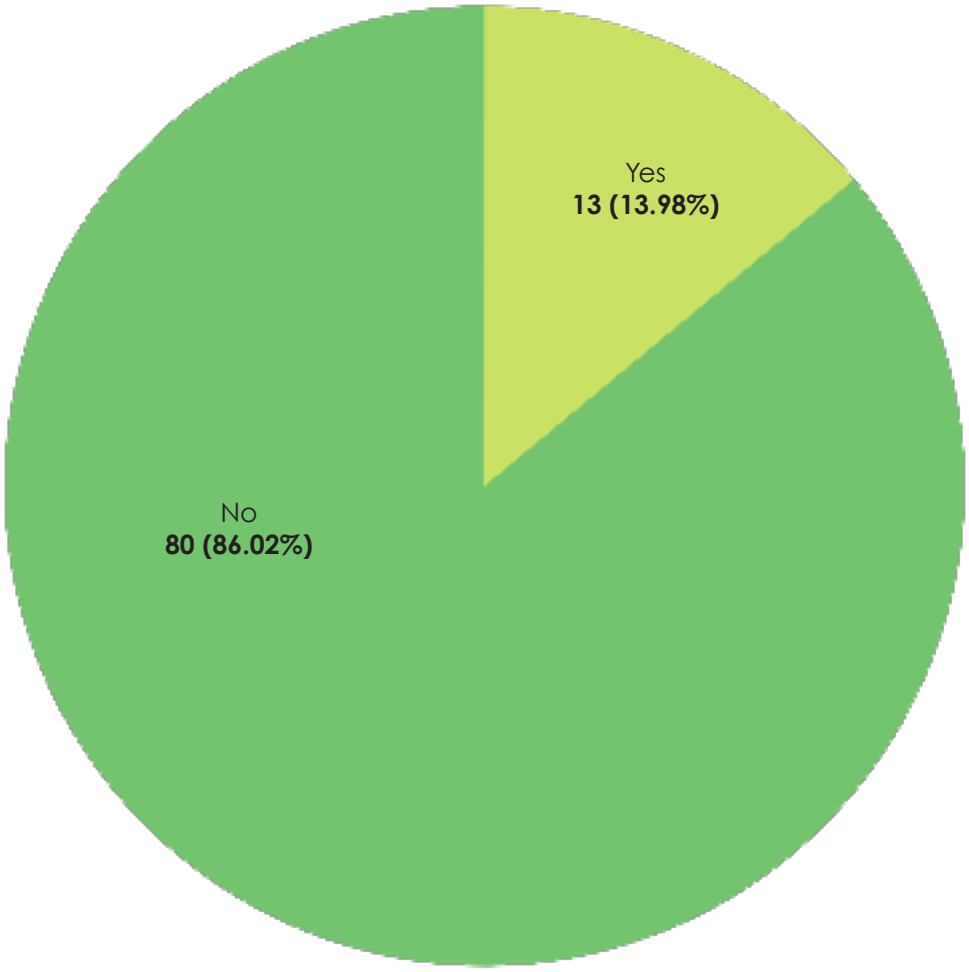
Total respondents 93/93



8. Do you, or any member of your family have any special requirements for us to consider?

What we heard

3.8 Graph of additional needs for play spaces in the community
Total respondents 93/93

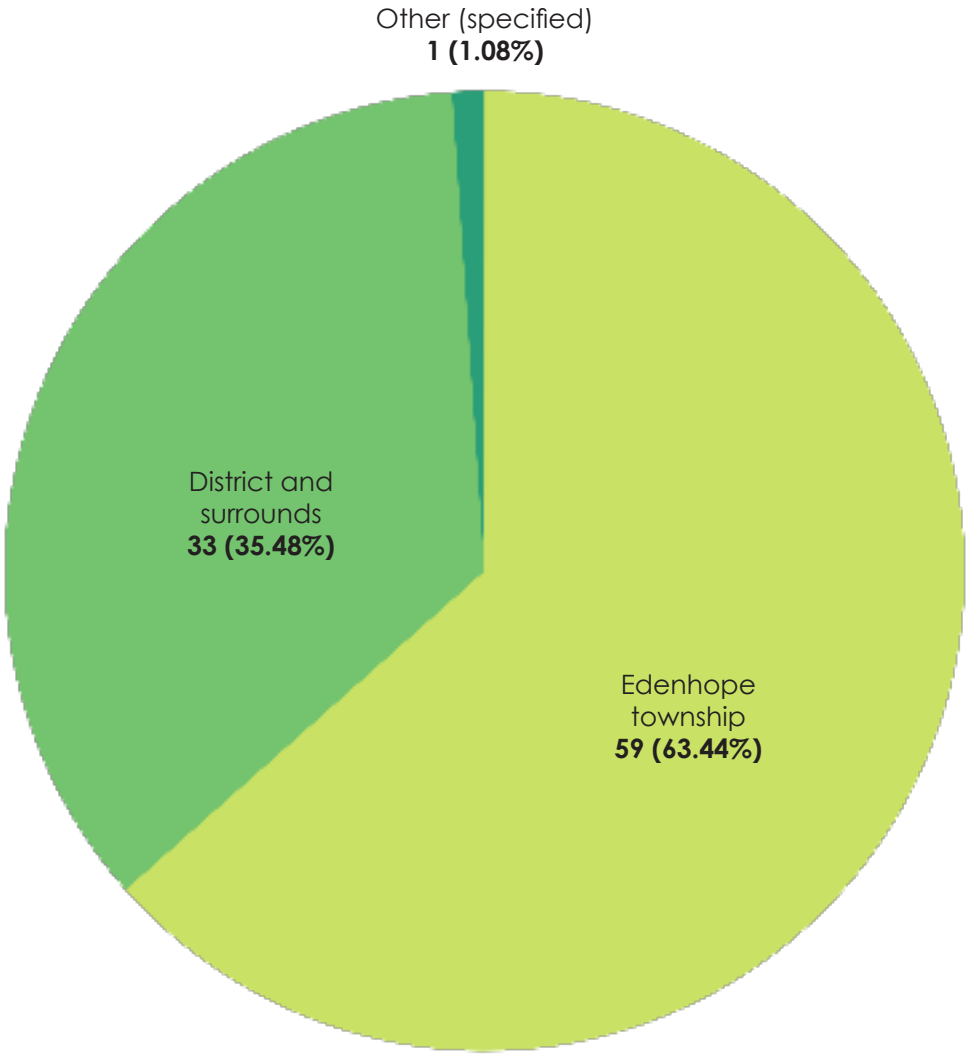


9. Where do you and your family live?

What we heard

3.9 Graph showing where the community live (in or out of town)

Total respondents 93/93

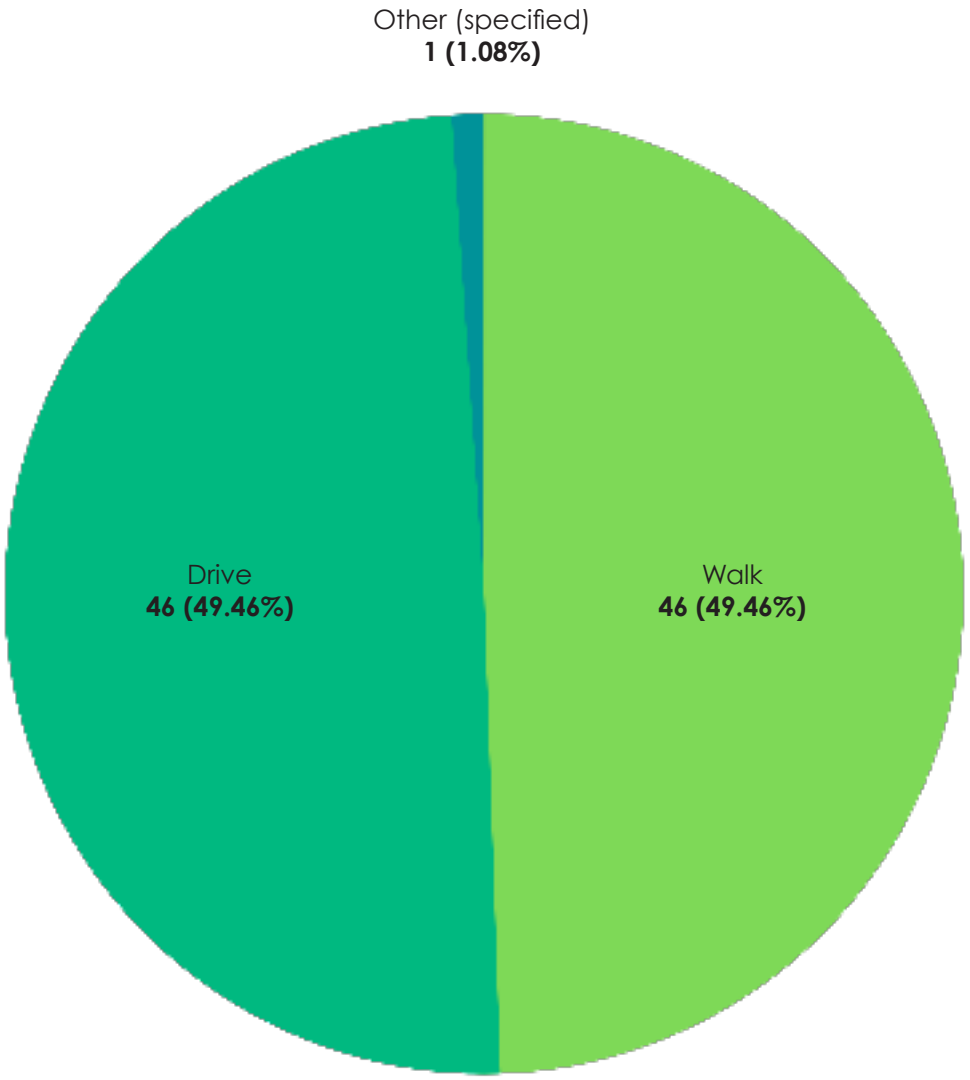


10. How do you usually get to play spaces in Edenhope from home?

What we heard

3.10 Graph showing how the community travel to local play spaces

Total respondents 93/93



Summary of Key Findings:

Community Engagement 1

Summary

Key findings for consideration from the Community Engagement in the development of the Play Spaces Master Plan for Edenhope are as follows:

- Lions Park is most visited and valued park / play space in Edenhope. The age of equipment, lack of toilet facilities and obtrusive fencing around ephemeral creek / drainage channel are seen as problematic, but the community support better planning and design here

- There is a desire in the community for better and safer play opportunities at Lake Wallace - given the toilet and picnic facilities at Henley Park. The organisation of the area and internal service road there is

- All play spaces are considered out of date, with not enough variety or interest to meet the community's current and future needs

- **Toilets** (within easy walking distance), well considered **fencing** and **shade** are seen by the community as highly desired

- Lake Wallace is highly prized by the community and many think more should be done to increase its value to both local residents, traders and visitors to Edenhope and to make the most of its natural / ecological features

- Tourism in extremely important to the commerce of the township - particularly at Lake Wallace, this consists of visitors passing through and those who come to Edenhope for camping / caravaning holidays

- Students (who participated in school workshops) feel that the most important play activities to consider when improving Edenhope's play spaces are **Swings, Agility / Up per Body** Play, **Slides, Spinning / Rotation Play, Bouncing (Trampolines)**, **Imaginative Play** and **Cycling & Walking**

- A larger proportion of students who participated in workshops lived outside of the Edenhope township on average (16 in 25), whereas survey respondents who lived in town tended to be more than half (63.44%). There appears to be a need to support both walking and driving to play spaces, with added reference to a desire for more opportunities to cycle as well

- There is support in the feedback for both water play and nature play, including natural and loose materials used in play spaces

- Of the responses for Question 8 'Do you, or any member of your family have additional needs we should be aware, several answers referred to mobility and recreation considerations for seniors

- Spaces that are age-appropriate are highly desirable, particularly for younger children. The largest number of respondents to the survey had children aged between 0-6 years

- If families were visiting play spaces outside of Edenhope they tended to be at: Harrow, Goroke, Kaniva, Naracoorte, Beachport, Millicent, Horsham and Lake Pertobe in Warrnambool

- There was support for recent upgrades by council of play spaces / parks at Goroke and Kaniva

4. Preliminary Schematic Design Plans and Community Advisory Group Feedback



Community Feedback

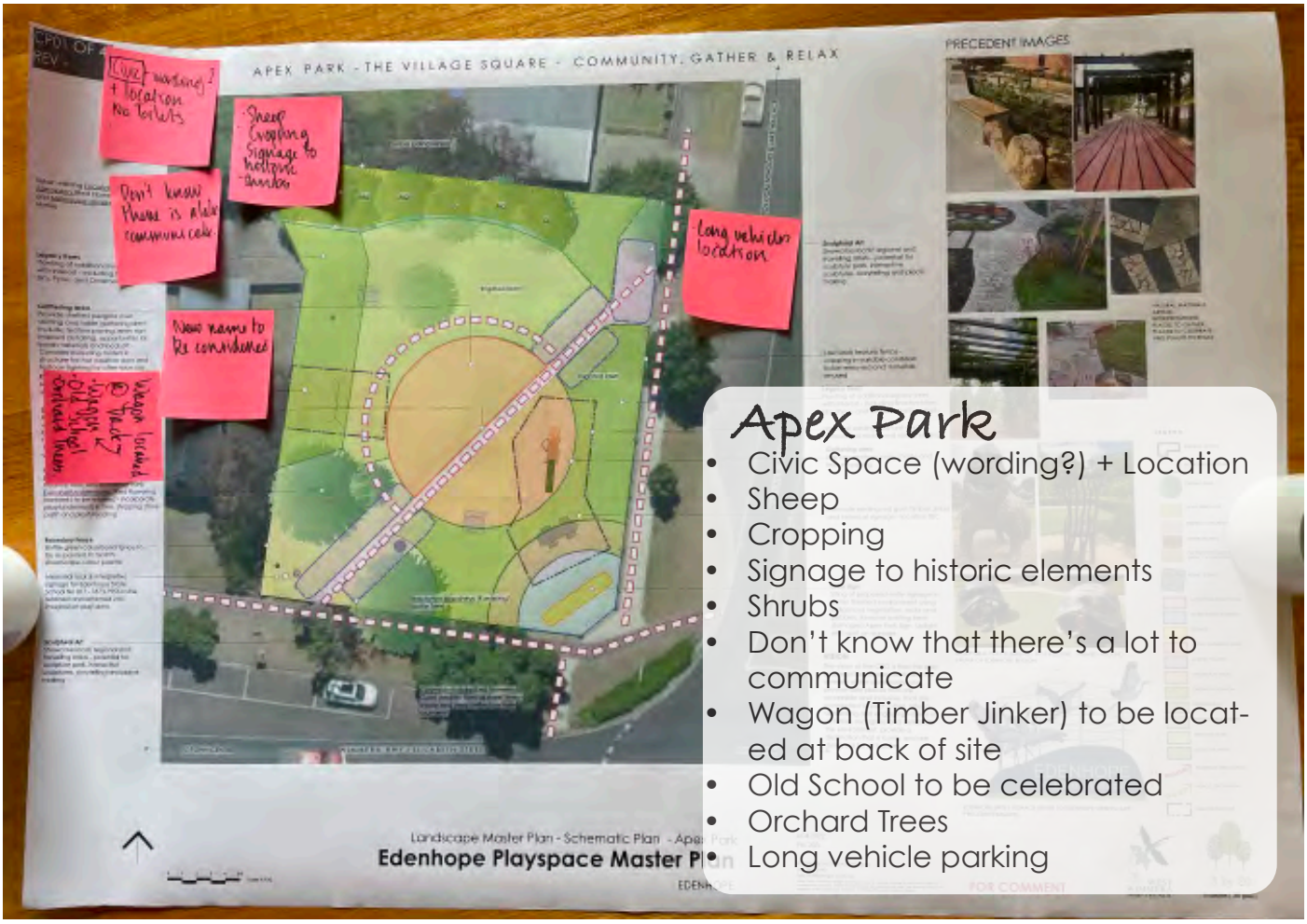
Edenhope Community Advisory Group

Edenhope has a newly formed Community Advisory Group (CAG) made up of members with an interest in providing information advice and feedback on local projects.

This group met on March 17th for the first time to develop a shared vision and principles for this project and then again for a second time on April 8th face-to-face to work through the Preliminary Schematic Plans for each site and provide feedback in preparation for developing Draft Master Plan designs for each site.

The following pages outline these meetings and the feedback gathered.





Apex Park

- Civic Space (wording?) + Location
- Sheep
- Cropping
- Signage to historic elements
- Shrubs
- Don't know that there's a lot to communicate
- Wagon (Timber Jinker) to be located at back of site
- Old School to be celebrated
- Orchard Trees
- Long vehicle parking



Henley Park

- Carpark long vehicle - gap in fence
- Path and stone holder - make room
- Tuning circle for caravans - control access (Charles Lawrence Drive)
- Relocate dump point (Charles Lawrence Drive)
- Disabled car parking off Charles Lawrence Drive
- Hotspots - portable toilets - footpath to connect
- Legacy Tree suggestions
- Shower in toilet block is used after water-skiing
- Food van location? Power?
- Include lots of swings
- Read trees
- More trees around the green
- Formalise link to stadium / pool and caravan park
- Water Ski- connection to Lake, parking along the road with boats



Anne Street Park

- Toilets
- Connection points across Lake Street
- Bindis (3cmv) vs Jacks



Lions Park

- Information relocated
- Fish removed
- Shelter removed
- Wayfinding signage
- Poutrail seat
- Would like play equipment to be multi-generational
- Listen to the frogs
- Landcare seating
- Footpath / Zebra Crossing to Lake Street
- Cumbungi removed (*Trigoclan rubens*)
- Flat sections in path - pull over area
- Hotshots @ Kenna's Courts
- Toilets - Bowling Club has toilets

Summary of Key Feedback:

Community Advisory Group

Key feedback on the Preliminary Schematic Plans for the Play Spaces Master Plan for Edenhope are as follows:

- Keep and bring people to our town
- We want to be iconic (i.e., sets Edenhope apart)
- Nature based play activities and opportunities to incorporate story telling into this nature-based play
- Keep and bring people to our town- we literally drive out of town to play elsewhere (good for the shire but not specifically Edenhope)
- Attract play based events - e.g.: skate days
- Looking at opportunities play spaces create for our youth e.g., the skate park if well designed can encourage skate skills in our youth.
- Create opportunities for families/ groups to meet
- Safe place to connect
- Consider toilets at key facilities (namely Henley and Lions Park) - the design particularly needs to match the use (presently Henley Park toilets not located or organised well)
- Frog habitat at Lions Park - very significant
- Celebrate town history
- Safe and intuitive street crossing connections
- Better signage
- Consider long vehicle parking and use at Lake for water-skiing
- Value and plan for legacy of existing trees
- Multi-generational play at Lions Park

5. Community Engagement 2:

Draft Master Plan Public Exhibition & Community Survey Feedback



Community Online Survey 2

Draft Masterplan

An online survey was conducted using Survey Monkey on Council's 'Have Your Say' page on its website for 1 month from June - July 2022.
Community members were asked to answer 26 questions - some multiple choice, some open ended, not all compulsory to answer. The questions aimed to elicit responses on the proposed master plan design for each of the four sites.



Overall there were up to 55 survey responses received and three submissions also received in a township of 946 or 5.8%. (ABS Census Data 2016)

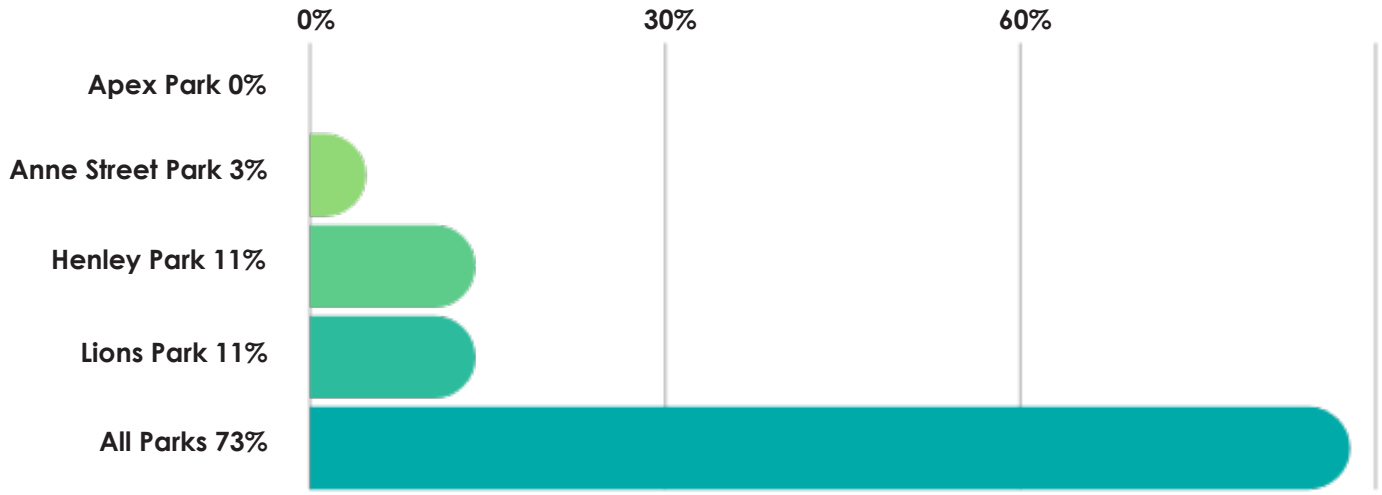
A synthesised summary of the feedback results follows in this section of the report to try and give and indication of support for particulars.

5.1 & 5.2 Feedback on the Draft Master Plans

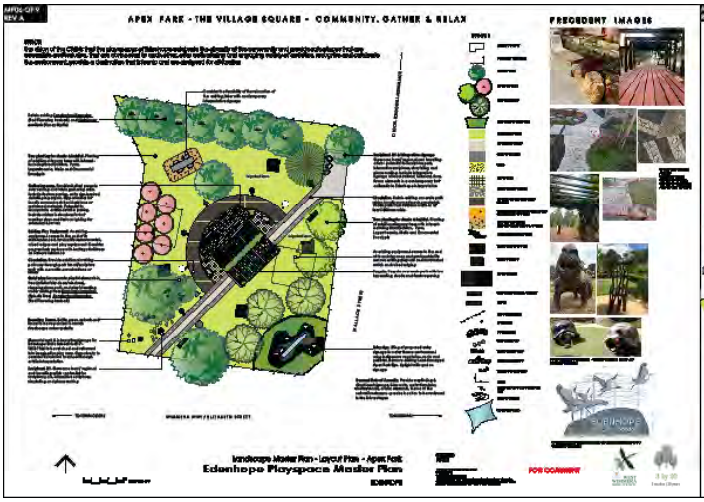
What we heard

3.1 Which plans would you like to give feedback on?

Total respondents 26/55



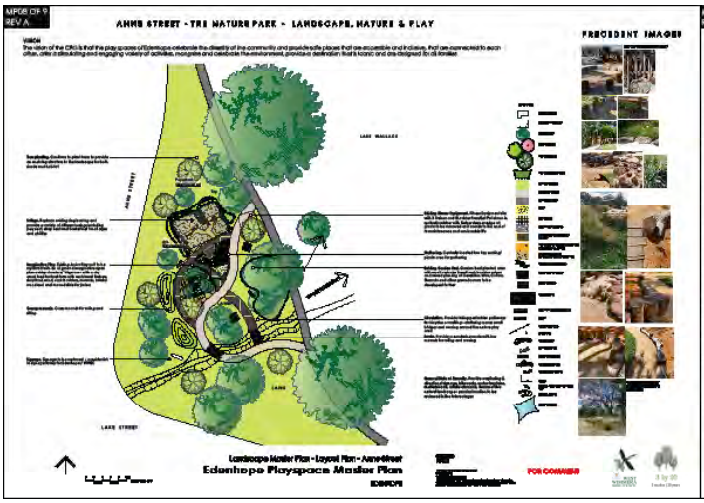
5.2 Draft Master Plans



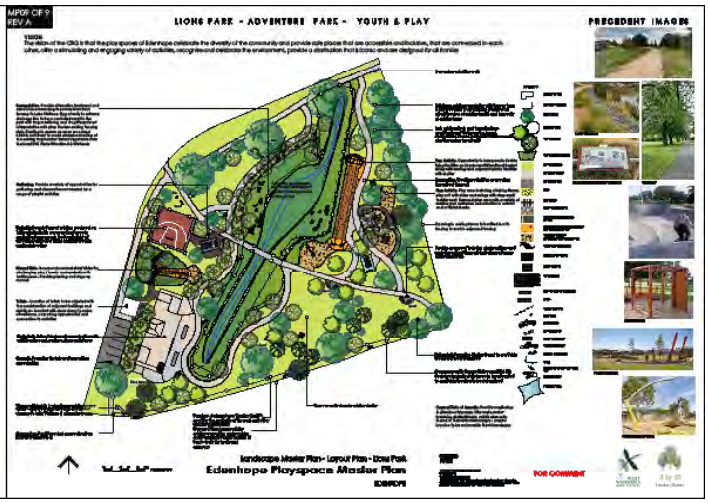
Apex Park Draft Master Plan



Henley Park Draft Master Plan



Anne Street Park Draft Master Plan



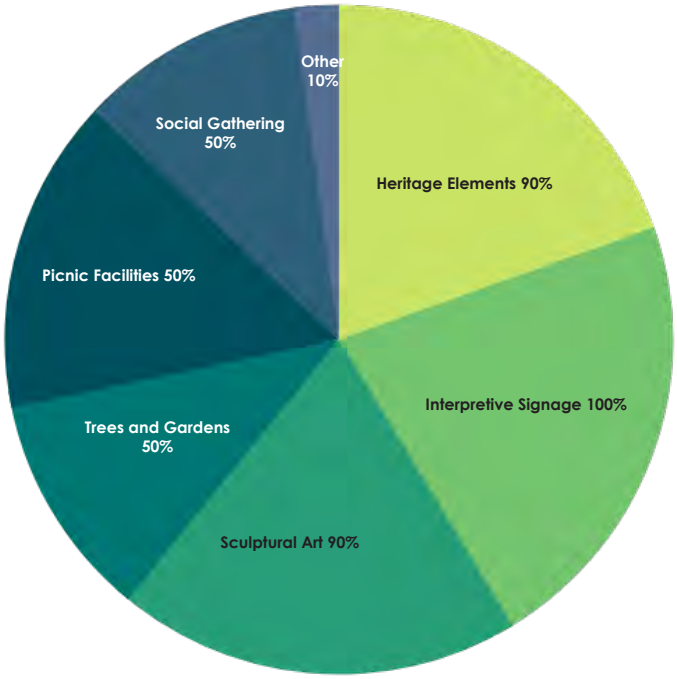
Lions Park Draft Master Plan

5.3 Apex Park

What we heard

5.3.1 Graph: Tell us what you like about the master plan design for Apex Park

Total respondents 11/55



5.3.2 Is there anything else we've missed or should change?

Total respondents 2/55

The following were additional points were made by the community:

- Make a real eye-catching entrance to town
- Leave play equipment
- No, nothing missed
- Fence the whole thing to make safer for children
- Do we need all these parks - seems excessive with many children living out of town
- This park is close to my home and will be
- excellent and welcoming to everyone. Please don't change it - love it

5.3.3 How do you feel that the proposed master plan will impact the future use of Apex Park?

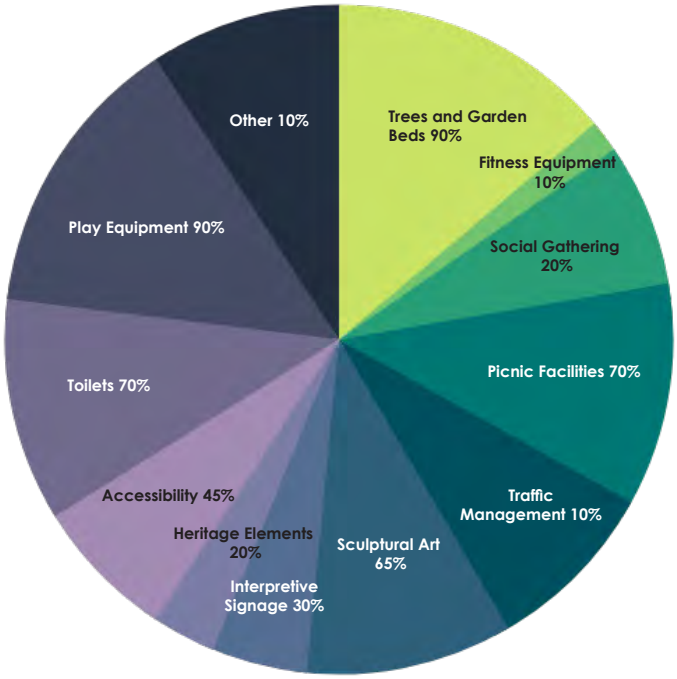
Total respondents 10/55



5.4 Henley Park

What we heard

5.4.1 Graph: Tell us what you like about the master plan design for Henley Park
Total respondents 12/55



5.4.2 Is there anything else we've missed or should change?
Total respondents 10/55

The following were additional points were made by the community:

- Toilet location
- Leave Henley Park as it is - remove plants and play equipment near toilets
- Don't waste money moving toilets
- Lack of space for visitors with caravans or boats - difficulty with turnaround
- Concern around losing view of lake
- Renovate Sound Shell
- Emergency Assembly Area - needs to be maintained
- History - Aboriginal Cricketers
- Access for ambulances
- Area for having lunch and enjoying the view (where playspace is proposed)
- Access for events, markets etc.
- No changes - perfect!

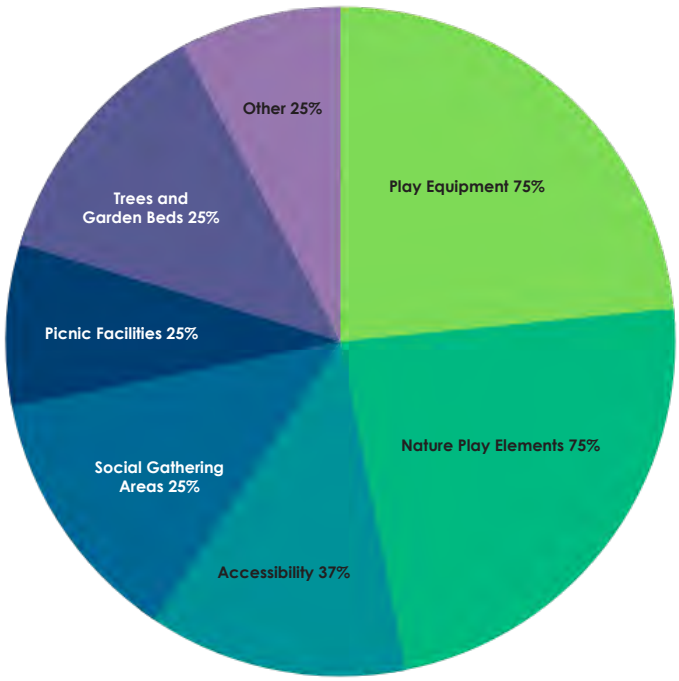
5.4.3 How do you feel that the proposed master plan will impact the future use of Henley Park?
Total respondents 10/55



5.5 Anne Street Park

What we hear

5.5.1 Graph: Tell us what you like about the master plan design for Anne Street Park
Total respondents 3/55



5.5.2 Is there anything else we've missed or should change?
Total respondents 2/55

The following were additional points were made by the community:

- Leave exercise equipment in existing locations
- Equipment should be spread out for health and safety reasons
- Don't waste money moving toilets
- Why is existing play equipment disappearing - why can't it be retained as part of the park
- No nothing missed
- I think this is my favourite - the design and all of it
- Unsure of shade elements here?

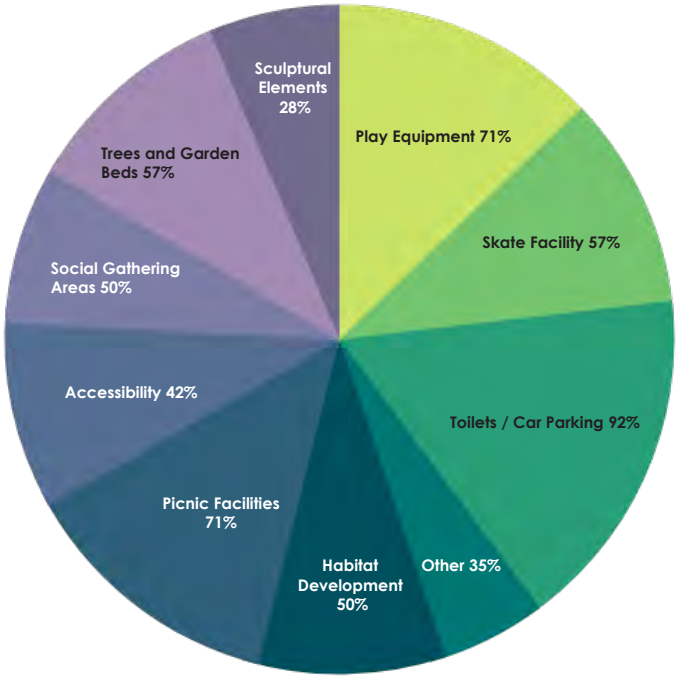
5.4.3 How do you feel that the proposed master plan will impact the future use of Anne Street Park?
Total respondents 3/55



5.6 Lions Park

What we heard

5.6.1 Graph: Tell us what you like about the master plan design for Lions Park
Total respondents 10/55



5.6.2 Is there anything else we've missed or should change?
Total respondents 11/55

The following were additional points were made by the community:

- Toilets should be Option A
- Toilets are a priority
- Buffer to Basketball Court - to prevent balls going onto road
- Fencing needed for playground
- It needs a BBQ area
- It needs play equipment for young children and a slide for older children. Lions Park should be a destination for everyone
- Leave play equipment as it is and add a few more items (slide)
- Leave the fish in the park
- Fencing to playspace important for safety for children
- No I think this looks wonderful especially the inclusion of much needed toilet facilities

5.6.3 How do you feel that the proposed master plan will impact the future use of Lions Park?
Total respondents 8/55



5.7 General Comments and Submissions

What we heard

5.7.1 Do you have any other feedback or comments?
Total respondents 12/55

The following were additional points were made by the community:

- Moving toilets is a waste of money
- Investing in Lions Park
- Plans don't consider the elderly enough
- The trees and natural elements are great
- Toilet suggestions are great
- Please leave fish at Lions Park
- Really like the master plans and think it will bring people to Edenhope and make more usable spaces
- The community doesn't always like change - but this is change for the better
- Henley Park is used during the week by people who wish to park and eat this lunch and the plan at Henley Park would severely limit this
- Individual car spaces at Henley are not useful to cars pulling a boat or caravan
- Everything listed will impact the future of Henley Park
- Give families a closed playground so they feel safe
- Please fence a couple of the playgrounds
- I have been a part of the community group in the development of these plans and I am extremely impressed with the plans and how feedback has been worked into the plans
- I do like the choice for the toilet blocks as they are closer to parking
- Delighted with all aspects of the proposed planning
- Look forward to the long awaited update

5.7.2 Additional submissions received

Three written submissions were received from the following community stakeholders and representatives and their full content is located in the appendix of this report:

Helen Mulraney-Roll, President
on behalf of Edenhope Tourism Information Centre Inc.
Received 27th June 2022 (Email to Council)

Toni Domaschenz
on behalf of Vision & Voice of Edenhope,
Received 26th June 2022 (Email to Council with attached Letter)

Luke Austin, Operational Delivery Manager
Wimmera Catchment Management Authority
Received 27th July 2022 (Email to Council)

Summary of Key Findings:

Community Engagement 2

Key feedback on the Draft Playspaces Master Plans for Edenhope are as follows per site:

APEX PARK

- Keep play equipment
- Will be a real destination in Edenhope
- Interpretive Signage, Sculptural Art and Heritage Elements are well supported by the community

The community believe (Top 2 responses) the proposed master plan will mean:

- Apex Park will be used much more by different age groups
- Apex Park will help to support other local businesses in Edenhope

HENLEY PARK

- Costs involved with moving existing toilet block is generally not supported
- Development of playspace along Lake Wallace foreshore is generally not supported, as community values desire that the clear view and open space is maintained. Playspace to be relocated on site
- Site is local Emergency Assembly Area and this needs to be considered
- Traffic flow and car parking needs to be re-addressed as proposed layout doesn't fully support desired use, in particular for reticulated vehicles (Caravans and Boats)
- Consider fencing for playspace
- Consider access for emergency vehicles and set up for events

The community believe (Top 2 responses) the proposed master plan will mean:

- Henley Park will bring more out of town visitors to Edenhope
- My family and others will use Henley Park a lot more

ANNE STREET PARK

- Fitness equipment should be retained here
- Consider whether fitness equipment along the trail is preferable to fitness equipment in a cluster
- Consider inclusion of existing equipment
- Shade provision

The community believe (Top 2 responses) the proposed master plan will mean:

- Anne Street Park will give families with young children a place to play
- Anne Street Park will compliment and support local natural and environmental activities

LIONS PARK

- New toilets are a priority and should be Option A - good to have near car park
- All play activity should be combined, not in separate locations. Fencing to be considered, but will depend on final location
- More for younger children
- Some community members wish to retain central drainage channel as is and re-consider 'botanical overlay' with planting. Note: Wimmera Catchment Management Authority have a strategic management plan for this park and support direction of this master plan
- Consider retaining 'Fish Sculpture'

The community believe (Top 4 responses) the proposed master plan will mean:

- Lions Park will give families with young children a place to play
- Lions Park will be more accessible and inclusive
- Lions Park will become a destination for the community
- Lions Park will bring more out of town visitors to Edenhope

This feedback and more detailed feedback provided in submissions received (see Appendix) have been considered in the preparation of all Final Playspaces Master Plans.

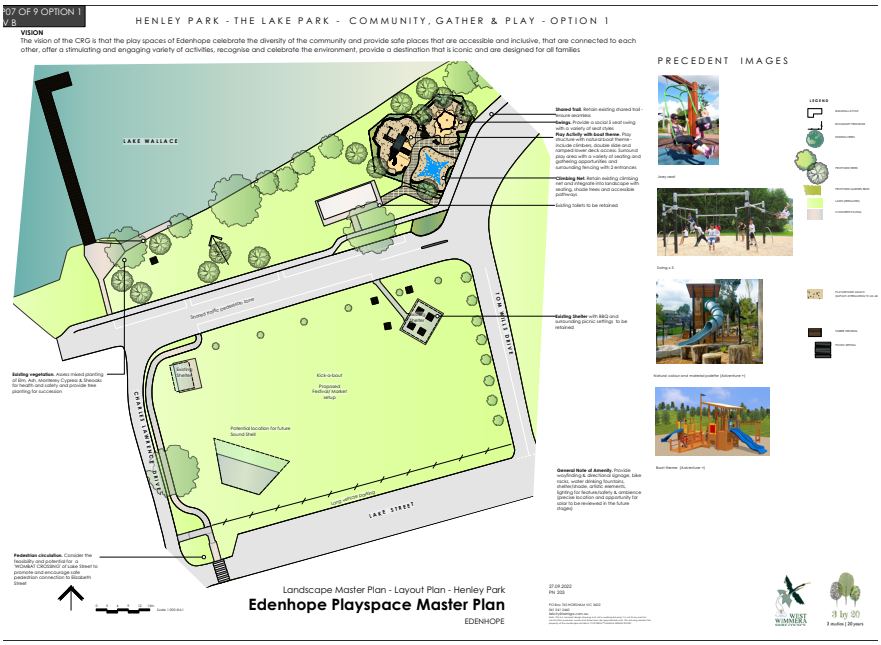
6. REVISION B:

Final updates to Henley Park & Lions Park Designs

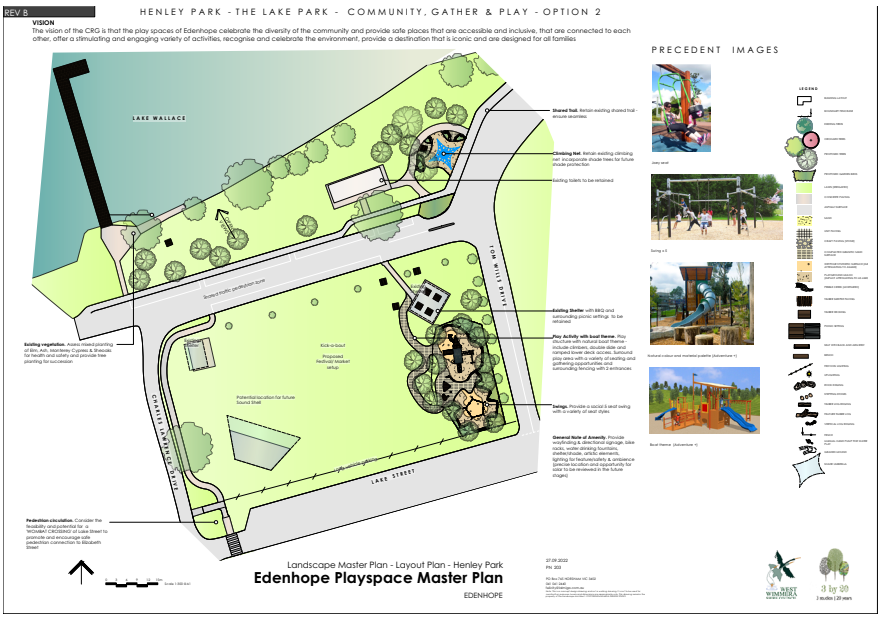


6.0 Final Draft Master Plan Options and Reviews

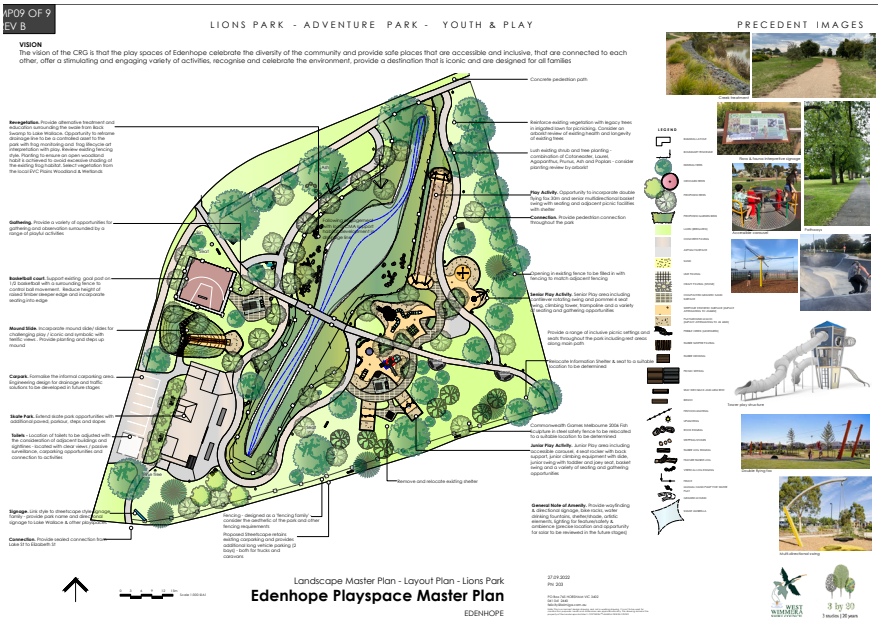
Henley Park Master Plan - REV B (Option 1)



Henley Park Master Plan - REV B (Option 2)



Lions Park Master Plan - REV B



6.0 Council Meeting Minutes

What we heard

The following were additional points were discussed and recorded at the Council Meeting on 21 December 2022 relating to the adoption of the final Play Space Strategy / Master Plan:

1. That Council adopt the Edenhope Play Space Strategy / Master Plan and that it is updated to reflect Council recommendations.

2. That Council adopt location (Option B) for a fully accessible toilet facility in Lions Park off Lake Street, west of Lake Wallace inlet channel.

3. That Council adopt an option for Henley Park development - Option 1 with playground equipment
closer to Lake Wallace.

4. The Council Officers will annually prioritise and present the proposed projects for Scoping, Planning and or Delivery to Council for consideration and potential inclusion in the Annual Plan and Budget.

5. That the following points are to be considered when detailed plans are undertaken:

- *that specific care be undertaken in selection of plant species in detailed design to ensure site lines remain good for public safety purposes and that the space does not become cluttered or over-grown.*
- *interpretive information with respect to native frog species to be included for Lions Park.*
- *that shade sails or more permanent shade structures be considered as a shade option as well as tree canopy.*
- *that paths be accessible, to encourage seamless movement throughout the parks and an accessibility audit be considered upon detailed design to promote inclusive designs.*
- *that a secure area for children via fencing of playground equipment be considered at Henley Park.*
- *that any planting within the waterway at Lions Park is done in a manner that will not obstruct flow.*
- *that maintaining the lake view from the foreshore be taken into account with future developments at Henley Park.*
- *ensure appropriate locations for accessible car parking are included.*
- *provide a wide variety of play equipment to provide options for all ages and abilities.*
- *that an arborist be considered to assess current vegetation in parks as required.*
- *that a variety of seating options be considered at all venues.*
- *specific consultation on relocation of the Commonwealth Games fish to be undertaken prior to any decision on relocation.*
- *that other recommendations within the body of this report also be considered when detailed design is undertaken.*

Carried (3 for / 1 against / 1 abstain)

7. REVISION C:

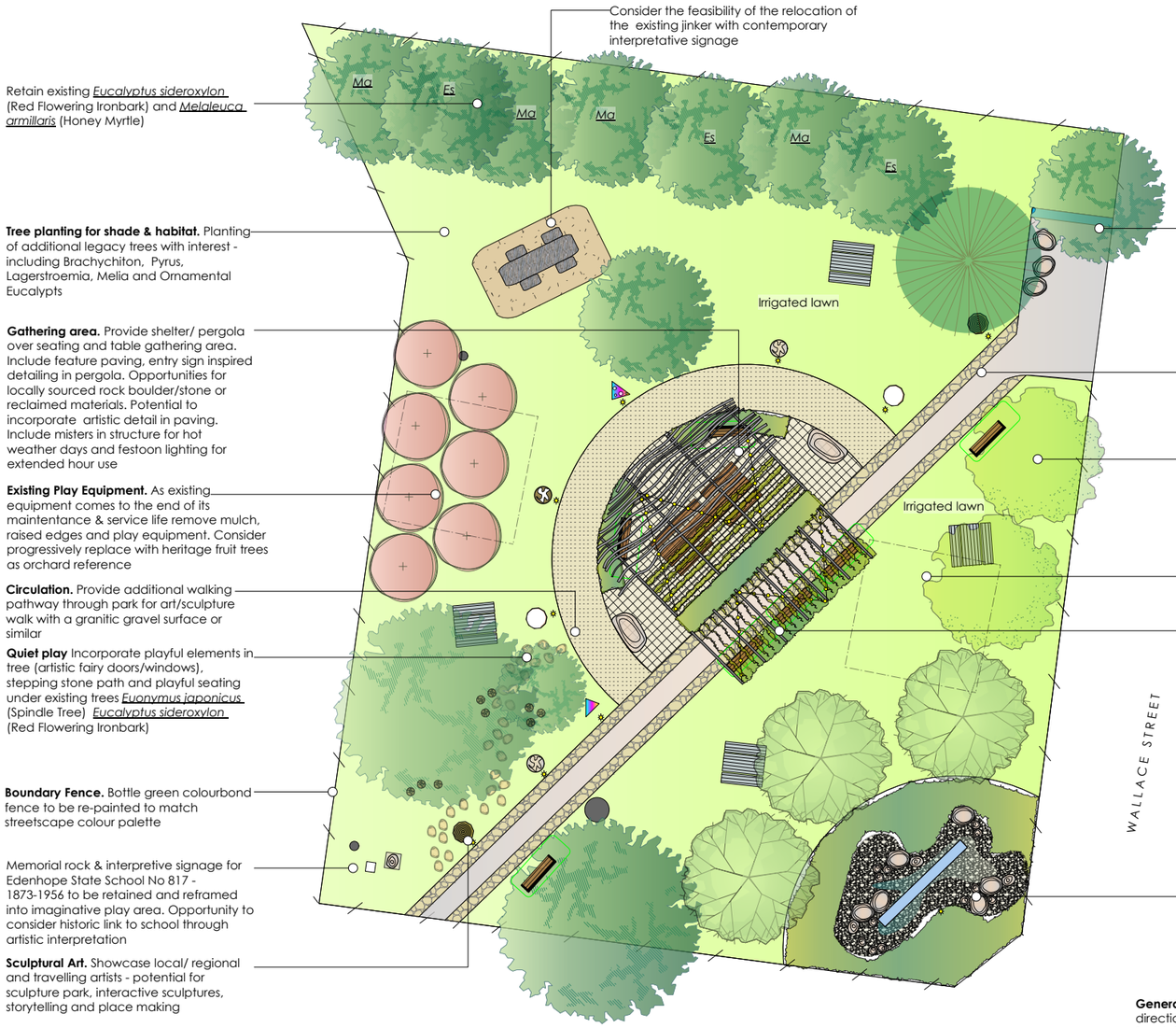
Final Edenhope Playspaces Master Plans & Details



APEX PARK - THE VILLAGE SQUARE - COMMUNITY, GATHER & RELAX

VISION

The vision of the CRG is that the play spaces of Edenhope celebrate the diversity of the community and provide safe places that are accessible and inclusive, that are connected to each other, offer a stimulating and engaging variety of activities, recognise and celebrate the environment, provide a destination that is iconic and are designed for all families

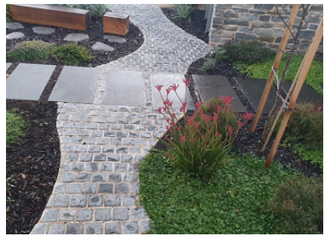


LEGEND

- BUILDING LAYOUT
- BOUNDARY FENCELINE
- EXISTING TREES
- ORCHARD TREES
- PROPOSED TREES
- PROPOSED GARDEN BEDS
- LAWN (IRRIGATED)
- CONCRETE PAVING
- ASPHALT SURFACE
- SAND
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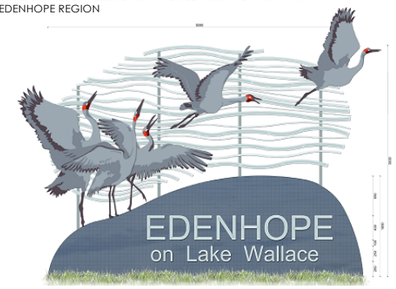

NATURAL MATERIALS, ARTISTIC INTERPRETATIONS, PLACES TO GATHER, PLACES TO CELEBRATE AND PLACES TO RELAX







SCULPTURAL PLAY ELEMENTS - THEMED AROUND FAUNA OF EDENHOPE REGION



EDENHOPE ENTRY SIGNAGE (REFER TO EDENHOPE STREETSCAPE PRECEDENT IMAGES)

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HENLEY PARK - THE LAKE PARK - COMMUNITY, GATHER & PLAY

VISION

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Shared Trail. Retain existing shared trail - ensure seamless

Swings. Provide a social 5 seat swing with a variety of seat styles

Play Activity with boat theme. Play structure with natural boat theme - include climbers, double slide and ramped lower deck access. Surround play area with a variety of seating and gathering opportunities and surrounding fencing with 2 entrances

Climbing Net. Retain existing climbing net and integrate into landscape with seating, shade trees and accessible pathways

Existing toilets to be retained

Existing Shelter with BBQ and surrounding picnic settings to be retained

Existing vegetation. Assess mixed planting of Elm, Ash, Monterey Cypress & Sheoaks for health and safety and provide tree planting for succession

General Note of Amenity. Provide wayfinding & directional signage, bike racks, water drinking fountains, shelter/shade, artistic elements, lighting for feature/safety & ambience (precise location and opportunity for solar to be reviewed in the future stages)

Pedestrian circulation. Consider the feasibility and potential for a 'WOMBAT CROSSING' of Lake Street to promote and encourage safe pedestrian connection to Elizabeth Street

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Joey seat



Swing x 5



Natural colour and material palette (Adventure +)



Boat theme (Adventure +)

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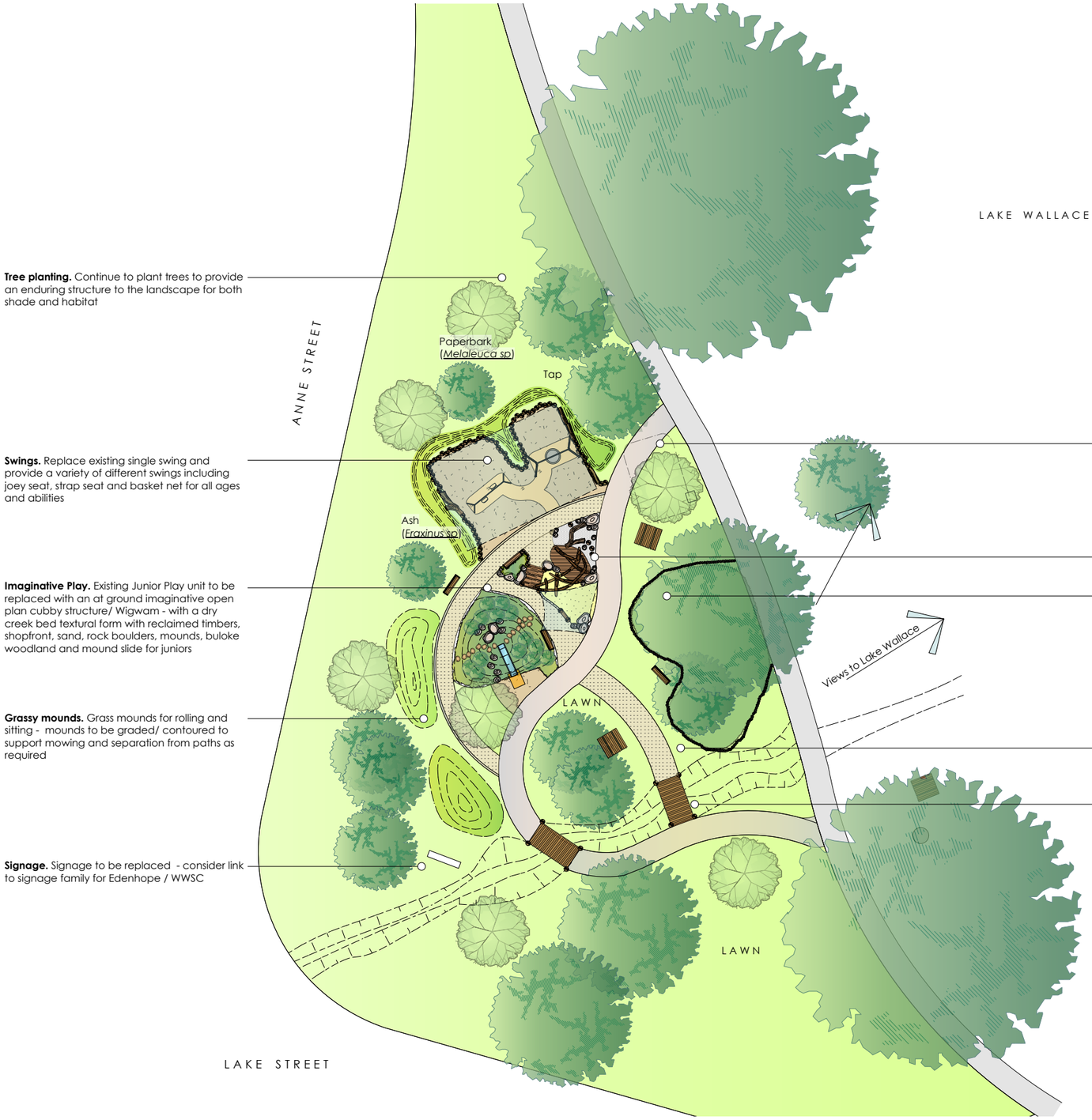
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ANNE STREET - THE NATURE PARK - LANDSCAPE, NATURE & PLAY

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Tree planting. Continue to plant trees to provide an enduring structure to the landscape for both shade and habitat

Swings. Replace existing single swing and provide a variety of different swings including joey seat, strap seat and basket net for all ages and abilities

Imaginative Play. Existing Junior Play unit to be replaced with an at ground imaginative open plan cubby structure/ Wigwam - with a dry creek bed textural form with reclaimed timbers, shopfront, sand, rock boulders, mounds, buloke woodland and mound slide for juniors

Grassy mounds. Grass mounds for rolling and sitting - mounds to be graded/ contoured to support mowing and separation from paths as required

Signage. Signage to be replaced - consider link to signage family for Edenhope / WWSC

Existing Fitness Equipment. Fitness Equipment site with X Trainer and Shoulder Press/Lat Pull down in synthetic rubber with timber sleeper edge at grade to be removed as it comes to the end of its maintenance and serviceable life

Gathering. Centrally located low key seating/ picnic area for gathering

Existing Garden Bed. Garden bed planted area with small vesicular Basalt rock boulder edges and mixed planting of Geraldton Wax, Correa, Sheoaks and other groundcovers to be developed further

Circulation. Provide linking pedestrian pathways for tricycles or walking - clattering across small bridges and running around the nature play area

Swale. Provide meandering swale with low mounds for rolling and running

General Note of Amenity. Provide wayfinding & directional signage, bike racks, water drinking fountains, shelter/shade, artistic elements, lighting for feature/safety & ambience (precise location and opportunity for solar to be reviewed in the future stages)

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Low key natural play elements



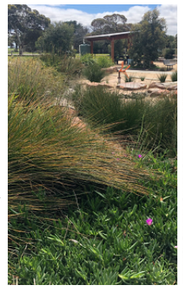








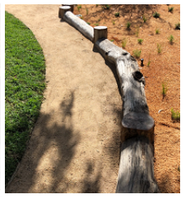













Remnant tree Ballarat (interpretive signage & protection)

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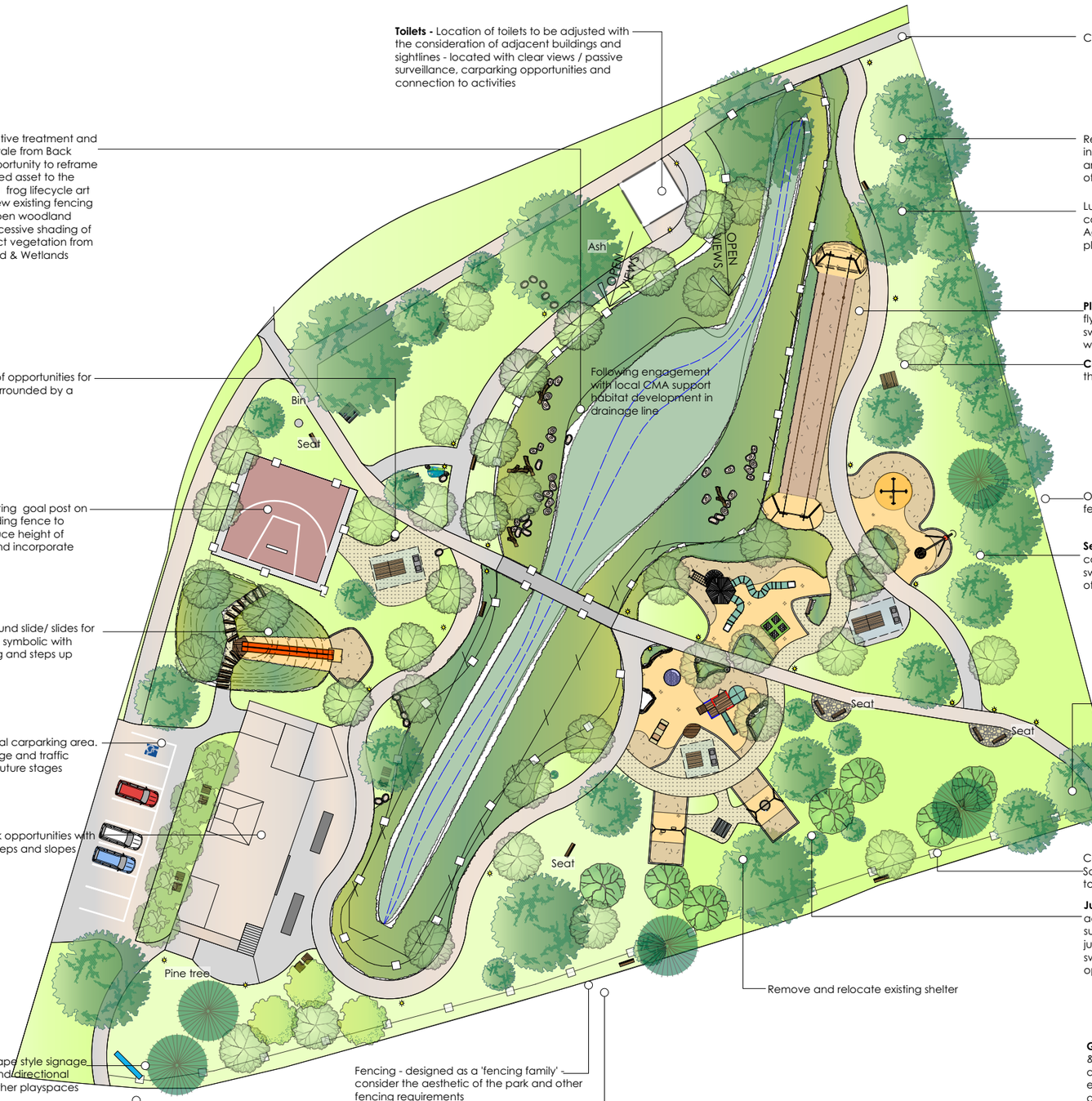
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LIONS PARK - ADVENTURE PARK - YOUTH & PLAY

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Toilets - Location of toilets to be adjusted with the consideration of adjacent buildings and sightlines - located with clear views / passive surveillance, carparking opportunities and connection to activities

Revegetation. Provide alternative treatment and education surrounding the swale from Back Swamp to Lake Wallace. Opportunity to reframe drainage line to be a controlled asset to the park with frog monitoring and frog lifecycle art interpretation with play. Review existing fencing style. Planting to ensure an open woodland habit is achieved to avoid excessive shading of the existing frog habitat. Select vegetation from the local EVC Plains Woodland & Wetlands

Gathering. Provide a variety of opportunities for gathering and observation surrounded by a range of playful activities

Basketball court. Support existing goal post on 1/2 basketball with a surrounding fence to control ball movement. Reduce height of raised timber sleeper edge and incorporate seating into edge

Mound Slide. Incorporate mound slide/ slides for challenging play / iconic and symbolic with terrific views . Provide planting and steps up mound

Carpark. Formalise the informal carparking area. Engineering design for drainage and traffic solutions to be developed in future stages

Skate Park. Extend skate park opportunities with additional paved, parkour, steps and slopes

Signage. Link style to streetscape style signage family - provide park name and directional signage to Lake Wallace & other playspaces

Connection. Provide sealed connection from Lake St to Elizabeth St

Concrete pedestrian path

Reinforce existing vegetation with legacy trees in irrigated lawn for picnicking. Consider an arborist review of existing health and longevity of existing trees

Lush existing shrub and tree planting - combination of Cotoneaster, Laurel, Agapanthus, Prunus, Ash and Poplars - consider planting review by arborist

Play Activity. Opportunity to incorporate double flying fox 30m and senior multidirectional basket swing with seating and adjacent picnic facilities with shelter

Connection. Provide pedestrian connection throughout the park

Opening in existing fence to be filled in with fencing to match adjacent fencing

Senior Play Activity. Senior Play area including cantilever rotating swing and pommel 4 seat swing, climbing tower, trampoline and a variety of seating and gathering opportunities

Provide a range of inclusive picnic settings and seats throughout the park including rest areas along main path

Relocate Information Shelter & seat to a central location to be determined

Commonwealth Games Melbourne 2006 Fish Sculpture in steel safety fence to be relocated to a suitable location to be determined

Junior Play Activity. Junior Play area including accessible carousel, 4 seat rocker with back support, junior climbing equipment with slide, junior swing with toddler and joey seat, basket swing and a variety of seating and gathering opportunities

Remove and relocate existing shelter

Fencing - designed as a 'fencing family' - consider the aesthetic of the park and other fencing requirements

Proposed Streetscape retains existing carparking and provides additional long vehicle parking (2 bays) - both for trucks and caravans

General Note of Amenity. Provide wayfinding & directional signage, bike racks, water drinking fountains, shelter/shade, artistic elements, lighting for feature/safety & ambience (precise location and opportunity for solar to be reviewed in the future stages)

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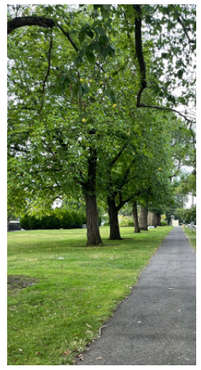
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PRECEDENT IMAGES


Creek treatment




Flora & fauna interpretive signage


Pathways


Accessible carousel






Tower play structure


Double flying fox


Multi-directional swing

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Play Elements, Structures, Materials & Planting

Apex Park

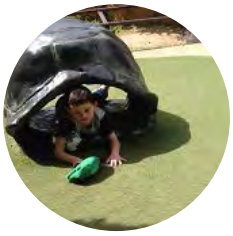
- Play elements include thematic sculptural pieces
- Customised shelter
- Signage on main corner to be reflective of local council branding, including bird life etc.
- Uplighting to give the space a 'presence' as a civic space during day and night in the main business area in town
- Picnic tables, platform seats and bench seats
- Rocks, hardwood logs and long steppers
- Interpretive signage
- Materials including; Stonework (Crazy Paving), Natural Stone, Concrete, Timber and Steel. Loose surfaces; Softfall Mulch and Granitic Gravel
- Planting including; Large and Medium Sized Native Shade Trees (Legacy Planting)

Henley Park

- Existing rope net pyramid to be retained and built around
- Multi-Unit play structure with 'Boat Theme', opportunities for gathering, and accessible ground level play and safety fencing
- A 5-Seat Swing Bay with a variety of different seat types
- Retain Existing Picnic Shelter with picnic facilities
- Retain Existing Toilet Facilities
- Natural Colour & Materials Palette
- Retain and Support Existing Planting, as well as introduce Legacy Planting
- Ensure seamless connection with existing Shared Trail Path

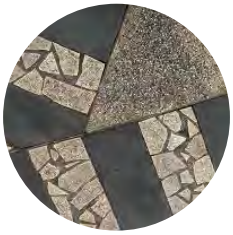
Apex Park










Henley Park






Anne Street Park

- Swings: double swings and nest swing
- Small mound slide
- Imaginative play area with decks and logs and wigwam for play
- Picnic tables, platform seats and bench seat
- Rocks, hardwood logs and long steppers
- Materials including;
- Planting including; Large and Medium Sized Native Shade Trees (Legacy Planting)

Lions Park

- Double 30m flying fox
- 360 degree swing
- Swings: double swings
- Play structure with slides
- Accessible Carousel
- Large Mound Slide
- Half Basketball Court
- Skate Park Area including: paved parkour, steps and slopes
- Picnic Tables, platform seats and bench seats
- Picnic Shelters standard small and medium
- Interpretive signage
- Materials including;
- Planting including; Large and Medium Sized Native Shade Trees (Legacy Planting)
- Revegetation planting in drainage channel 'Open Woodland Habitat' chosen plants from local EVC Plains, Woodlands and Wetlands

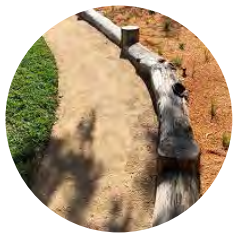
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Lions Park













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8. Appendix:

Draft Master Plan Submissions



From: Luke Austin <AustinL@wcma.vic.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 July 2022 4:18 PM
To: Sarah Ellis <SarahEllis@westwimmera.vic.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Edenhope - Lions Park Draft Plan

Sarah,

Thanks for your email, I am responding on behalf of Dave.

I have reviewed the Mater Plan for Lions Park, in particular the proposed works around the drain. In principle we support the installation of additional habitat and vegetation into the drain and the planting of local EVC plants around the park.

The proposed works fit with the work we have been doing with West Wimmera Shire Council and the implementation of the Lake Wallace Strategic Plan. Wimmera CMA would be happy to provide advice and assist with the implementation of the Master Plan as required. We currently have an MOU in place with Vicroads to reuse timber from road projects for environmental purposes. If you require any logs for the proposed habitat, we would be able to access this.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss the project further don't hesitate to give me a call.

Thanks

Luke

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From: **Helen Mulraney-Roll** boxgrove1@outlook.com
Subject: Edenhope Play Space Master Plan.
Date: 27 June 2022 at 3:04 pm
To: Sarah Ellis SarahEllis@westwimmera.vic.gov.au, James Bentley JamesBentley@westwimmera.vic.gov.au, Ram Upadhyaya RamUpadhyaya@westwimmera.vic.gov.au
Cc: David Bezuidenhout DavidBezuidenhout@westwimmera.vic.gov.au

Dear Councillors and Staff

I am writing to inform you that Edenhope Tourism Inc have had meetings with different community members of different demographics related to the Henley Park Proposal.

It has been pointed out by Sarah Ellis that the project is a long-term project. The group don't believe it will be because they have seen in the past how projects get rushed through.

We are asking WWS Councillors and Staff to respect and listen to voices of the Edenhope Community.

There are 3 other play spaces around Edenhope and the wishes of young Mothers to have a fenced area at Henley Park for their small children has been identified to be near the large BBQ area closest to the Edenhope College. They just want to keep a close eye on their children while they enjoy a picnic, family reunion, a friends' gathering, or programs that other organisations provide.

We would expect that WWS Councillors and staff's position of great importance when considering the historic values related to our Aboriginal Cricket History. Aborigines walked along the shores of Lake Wallace to play and practice the art of cricket, including the foreshore grassed area of Henley Park.

Lions Park has been identified as the main play space for families, friends, visitors, & tourists. Edenhope tourist group are witness to many visitors and locals who occupy the BBQ area and play equipment at this park. It is in need of a toilet only and a slippery slide which was asked for 8 years ago by a young local male who still wants a slippery slide.

A face-to-face meeting with all stakeholders including the Police about the position of the toilet in Lions Park would be a positive outcome. The plan sees a toilet adjacent to the Police Station. (Court day is a busy day with the public).

The reasons we don't want changes to the Lake Wallace foreshore and the road closure access from Anzac Ave and Tom Wills Drive.

1. Henley Park is an Emergency Assembly Area.
2. How will the Emergency Services access some-one who has had a health event (Heart Attack) on the pier or in the vicinity of. How does the public access the Emergency First Aid at the current toilet site if the road is blocked.
3. The schools emergency evacuation site is Henley Park.

Edenhope -Home of Australia's First overseas Touring Cricket team in 1868. (Edenhope 150 years Celebrations 2008 pg 15).

4. The passage to where the Aboriginal Cricketers walked was on the shores of Lake Wallace in the vicinity of Henley Park and the Edenhope College.
5. Closing this to a play space we believe to be disrespectful and inconsiderate. Henley on Lake Wallace.
6. The grassed area has been a viewing point for all water activities on Lake Wallace particularly at Henley on Lake Wallace which has been held for 150 years. 20 years of an empty lake saw the Henley events take place on the Henley oval and foreshore. The end of a full day of activities a concert or band took to the stage to entertain into the evening along with Fireworks which was occupied by onlookers on the foreshore

on the foreshore.

7. When Lake Wallace is full again the Annual Henley Regatta will again focus on the water with water activities. (Edenhope 150 years Celebration 2008 pg 5.)
8. *The plan to have children's play equipment blocks the view of spectators who enjoy these events.*
9. *Children grow up and leave the district for all reasons. Edenhope is an ageing population who enjoy the most attractive asset they have.*
10. The Tourism Group are also concerned about non locals who don't live and breathe our communities make suggestions and end up decisions for everyone.
11. Leave the current Toilet block where it is. - The cost of shifting them is beyond comprehension considering a large amount of money has been spent already through a grant from the government and local monies. Like the old toilets that serviced the past, the new will also survive the future for years to come.

Yours Sincerely
Helen Mulraney-Roll
President
Edenhope Tourism Information Centre Inc.

Vision & Voice of Edenhope

23.6.2022

Draft Submission by Vision & Voice of Edenhope (Progress Association) to the Edenhope Playspace Masterplan

To Sarah,

Vision & Voice of Edenhope wish to present a response to the draft Edenhope Playspace Masterplan. We commend the council in looking at the issue of playspaces in Edenhope, but wish to draw attention to the limits of the project. We originally asked for a Masterplan for Lions Park, and ultimately council decided to do a 'town wide' plan. Our concern is not with the Masterplan idea, but that four playspaces are presented in isolation with each other and the rest of the town. We previously raised concerns with isolated planning approaches in our 2021 budget submission, and our position is unchanged (20.5.21).

Our submission is based on the idea of 'Destination Edenhope' with the plans part of our town, and with a hierarchy based on liveabiltiy for existing residents, followed by engaging new residents, then attracting overnight visitors and then encouraging daytrips.

Town-wide approach

We would like to see an introduction page and town map, to acknowledge and highlight that there are many more playspaces in Edenhope, including Lake Wallace, Edenhope Flora Reserve, the school grounds and various sporting centres and that this study is limited to the four playgrounds (with boundaries shown).

Rather than choose one of the four Playspaces to be a priority for investment, we would like to see the priority in key features across the parks and linking the parks. We would like the masterplan to have a time overlay – so we can target key aspects for funding and fundraising rather than confuse what is for now and what for later. If connecting the four parks is outside the scope of the consultants brief, we hope shire staff create this connection as we believe it is important for our town and should be included in the final submission to council.

Our submission is therefore by playspace and by priority.

Vision & Voice of Edenhope

Lions Park

A key feature of Lions Park is the undulating landscape, visibility between the playspaces, and the adventure theme, particularly engaging a wide range of age groups at different parts of the playspace safely. Parents are not necessarily close to the children or even necessarily at the park – so encouraging independent play is a key.

Agree

- We like the plans for the skate park, slide, new swing, flying fox and formalised carparking at the skatepark. (we did not discuss the climbing cube)
- We support the connecting footpaths (we hope they are wide) around the park (we like the idea there may be traffic marks on them)
- We support more information/education on the frogs and potential artistic links to local wildlife in the park.
- We support signage at the south western side of the park as per the Edenhope Streetscape Plan and Apex Park (the brolgas mural). Directional signage to other assets is also supported (main street, other parks and Lake Wallace).

Disagree

- We do not support the move of the Play Activity equipment to the north of the park. It isolates from the rest of the park with line of sight lost (particularly to the skate park) and risks being near the road, also makes the flying fox isolated on the other side).
- We do not support the basketball court having two rings (there are a number of other courts in town) .
- We do not support the 'botanic' branding. Some issues include the condition of some trees (damaged or elderly), inappropriate planting to date, kids are already targeted by magpies (causing distress) and the high value on the line-of site
- We do not support obstruction to the flood control/floodway aspect of the drain (stormwater treatment is most effectively achieved in Back Swamp).

Further discussion

- We would like a discussion about the shelter, as we think it could be retained with a revamp in the short term, or moved to work with a public toilet in the general area it is currently situated, but less obstructive.
- We would like to discuss the final toilet location, with our current preference in the south east part of the park (we have been assured that tennis are being supported by bowls). We know every option comes with risks and rewards.
- We would like a more detailed discussion regarding the fish and info shelter before decision on moving or replacement.
- We would like to discuss the tree planting and negative impacts of some shrubbery, with a different approach to future plantings.

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Henley Park

Henley Park is the main all-age gathering space in Edenhope. Importantly, it is the only adult friendly gathering space in town that is not associated with a specific sporting club/activity. It incorporates our 'million dollar view' of Lake Wallace and is the hub of festivals and events (excluding poor weather). The key event is the Henley on Lake Wallace festival, though many parties, markets, concerts, and small gatherings are held most days and weekends. It is popular as a place to eat meals outdoors. It is used regularly by visitors, who may or may not have children. When the lake has water enough for swimming and boating, the foreshore becomes more popular, with more children/families attracted, the pier and the sandy beach become high use areas. Many of our adults are ageing and/or disabled and rely on ease of access to this flat park.

As such, we wish to submit that we do not support a major change to Henley Park at this time.

The changes at Henley proposed are potentially exciting, but they come with many risks too. So for a high cost plan, we may not end up with a better outcome then the important destination we already have. The wide open space of the foreshore welcomes all ages for a wide range of activities. We don't want to lose that with permanent fixtures. Right now families bring their play equipment (often balls) and children play games like chasey and climbing existing trees and structures. We don't need 'destination equipment' to attract people, we already attract people and events, so the priority should be addressing site limitations.

Agree

- We agree that a younger child playspace is needed to add to the current uses at Henley. Our preference is it is an enclosed playground along the eastern side of Henley Park Oval. (More below on this).

Disagree

We disagree with any short term plans in relation to:

- Closing the service road has the ability to alienate those people who are quite vulnerable and are regular park users. It is a high cost activity.
- There is a concern about the waste of funds on moving a toilet that is new. (Especially now the big tree is gone, so much more of the foreshore is open than 6 months ago)
- Making significant changes to the roads is very costly, and at this stage is not the priority.
- Installing extensive equipment on the foreshore has the potential to exclude other users. It re-focuses Henley to be just like the other parks, with children prioritised, and even potentially disturbing the older visitors making them feel unwelcome.

- There is the risk that comes from putting moving parts where many gather that they may be damaged or become hazards, particularly during festivals and events, in particular where adults are drinking or children not supervised closely.
- We disagree with further tree planting, with the lake view a key feature of the park.
- Specifically we are concerned that Henley Park's role as a Neighbourhood Safer Place may be jeopardised by the proposed changes, as the fire safe open space is essential, along with access to water and amenities. Closed road and tree planting may impact on this.

Further Discussion

- Roads and parking: We believe that further discussion is needed regarding the roads and parking. An essential change, not listed, is disabled parking and access. Other than that, it is very high cost to alter that much road space, so significantly more community consultation is needed. One option may be to install bollards to limit traffic to events, as some trialling of options is undertaken. Likewise, additional parking along Charles Lawrence Drive and Top Wills Drive could value add to the park, but needs further work, in particular how long vehicles and caravans will be catered for, currently a high user group.
- Footpath: The footpath changes are needed to link parks, but the circular path in the main lawned area needs more thought, as it potentially causes issues during events and given our preference for a different children's park citing, it changes how parts connect.
- Trees: With the lake view a key aspect of this park, we believe any new tree planting needs further consultation to provide shade and shelter (and future climbing) without obstructing the park. There is plenty of evidence where trees have overtaken their original purpose and become dangerous or obstructive.

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Apex Park

Apex Park is a transitory space, most often used for lunch meals, travellors passing through, students transiting and smaller children with supervision.

Agree

- We support the installation of the brolga sculpture
- We support a focus on 'civics' in particular history of the park, farming, the old school and the log (which we support moving to the north west of the park)

Disagree

- We think the play equipment can stay.

Discussion

- This park could be upgraded with discussion with Historical and Tourism groups to interpretive signage to a theme of times past. Attracting funding outside of playspaces may be more feasible.
- This could be the location for the fruit orchard, but further discussion is needed.
- This park is not our priority for major upgrades at this point.

Anne Street

Anne street is a low impact park that services neighbouring homes and those walking around part or whole of Lake Wallace, so short visitation times are a focus.

Agree

- We agree with a nature play theme.
- We agree with new swing.

Disagree

- We disagree with removing the fitness stations. If children's safety is a concern, and access, this could be reviewed with better signage and changed edging. The fitness stations are used by locals doing own rehab and for those who do not want to exercise at a main park (e.g. body shaming). It is also a change for those walking, particularly as a family group or sporting group, as they go around Lake Wallace.

Discussion

- This park could be upgraded with discussion from Landcare about nature play and the connection with the Lake environment. Other than the single swing that is in poor state, other aspects could be improved at a later time.
- This park is not our priority for major upgrades at this point.

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Project Prioritisation

We would like to see the masterplans has an overlay of priorities, being the top 5 in particular as a package for funding rather than a single park. Depending on ability to fundraise, fund and attract funding, some other priorities could be included.

As we have previously indicated, our group is more than happy to support grant applications and fundraising activities to gain our priorities in a timely way. We are very excited by the opportunity to make Edenhope more liveable and a more popular destination for a range of ages and abilities.

1A Lions Park Toilets

Our highest priority remains the installation of a toilet at Lions Park. It has bee years that parents are carrying bags for poo and dealing with children weeing behind trees. Adding the toilet provides a basic amenity to the site, but allows people to stay longer and host more activities e.g. parties. It is the biggest problem and quickest fix facing playspaces in town, with budget already allocated and user groups keen for a resolution.

2a Fenced Henley Playground

We would like to see an enclosed playground along the eastern side of Henley Park Oval. Based on play equipment found at Naracoorte playspace. Key features to support young children's safe play with some fixed shaded areas within. The installation of some clear panelling in the existing easterly BBQ shelter would allow supervision during food preparation. Additional seating for parents along it would be appreciated.

This project has the advantages of using what is currently low use area, it is high prominence and value adds to the Henley on Lake Wallace and other festivals with secure and enjoyable children's entertainment space (something that is currently imported in). It also provides a secure easterly fence for the park, reducing burdens for event organisers (safety and ticketing).



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2b Adventures at Lions Park

Additional adventure at Lions Park. We would like to see equipment returned, extended and installed that increases the 'adventure' options for a range of ages as per the Masterplan shown. Key features would be extending the skate ramp for safety and more participants, replacing the large slide/s and installation of a flying fox. Potentially the formalised parking near the skate ramp.

2d Linking within and between parks

In the adventure theme, creating linking paths between the playspaces and within the playspaces increases the fun and connectiveness of the spaces. In Lions Park, riding around the creek makes that space a feature and is safer than the only options currently, which are near the road and/or very steep. Connecting Henley/Lions and other parks with footpaths mean older children are engaged in moving around the town and families can move over time between spaces. In particular a path is needed along Henley Park's southern edge, and along Lake Street between playgrounds (including a short crossing to Anne Street Park from the Lake Street footpath.

Pedestrians could be prioritised with paint. Using zebra crossing lines, pedestrians could be prioritised. Sites would include the Service Road at Henley, Lake Street near Henley Park, Orme Street (near Lake Street). This would hopefully address a number of concerns about safety and connectivity.

We have heard some comment that WWSC is planning to install a connecting footpath from Lions Park to Lake Wallace/Henley Park. We have previously indicated a strong desire to be included in consultation on footpaths, particularly to ensure they make adequate provision for our disabled, young and parenting population. We ask to be involved.

2d Signage and Destination Edenhope

Installing the brolga murals brings together the destination Edenhope theme. Directional signage encourages people to visit the different parks for different reasons and in different ways. The log jinker would need to be moved to its new site as part of this project, as it is in the way. Additional themed equipment could be included in this priority e.g. equipment that looks like a frog, bird or fish.

Thank you for your consideration of our submission.

You Sincerely,

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