

FEEDBACK COMMENTS FINAL SORT @ 31 August 2021

Q. 2: If you are not a resident of Brown Hill, could you tell us why are you interested in the pool and/or reserve?

LIVE CLOSE BY

We live very close and have kids that would utilize the facilities
I am not a current resident but my mother lives in Brown Hill and I spent much of my life living in Brown Hill. I still spend a lot of my time in Brown Hill and use Brown Hill Reserve as well.
I live in Warrenheip and exercise in Brown Hill
Originally from Ballarat. Visit family frequently. Family home in the area. Grew up in the area.
I live in the bordering suburb Black Hill and we as a family often visit Brown Hill
Ex-Brown Hill resident, recently moved to Ballarat East
Because we live near there and go there daily.
We live in Black Hill and utilize the site often
Neighbour in Ballarat East, we use the facilities in Brown Hill.
Live in Nerrina and would like a nearby skatepark
We live in Nerrina so Brown Hill is our closest, most convenient play/recreation area
I live very close
In laws live there so my kids spend time in Brown Hill
We are in Warrenheip and Brown Hill is our closest urban area
Live in Black Hill just a stone's throw away
We are very close
Because I am close to brown hill.
Often walk to the area from Ballarat East.
Neighbouring community member

ATTEND SCHOOL/KINDER IN THE AREA

Because I go to Caledonian school
Because me and my friends can go down there after school.
I go to school in Brown Hill and may sometimes go there. I also come out this way a lot.
Because it's close to my school and I can go after school
I go to school in brown hill.
Because I go to Caledonian primary school, I could use it after school
I go to school in Brown Hill and I could go after school.
Work at Caledonian Primary School
My family and I often go there for fun and we like to catch up there with friends after school.
During summer I love to go there after going to the school nearby.
I like swimming on weekends and also after school
I work at a local school nearby and it would be great to access this for school use
excursions, experiences etc
I go to school

My child goes to Brown Hill kindergarten and we use this area a lot (we live nearby but not 'Brown Hill')

I go to Brown Hill school and I go there after school on the summer

Because I go to school in Brown Hill

Student at Caledonian Primary School

I go to school in Brown Hill and I could go there after school or with my family.

Because it's really fun and its near school and I can go there after school I go to school here it's part of my family

It would be fun for my family and its close to my school

I go to school in Brown Hill

Because I go to school in Brown Hill and I can use it after school

I go to school in Brown Hill, and sometimes go to the pool when school is finished.

Even if I live in Brown Hill (which I am) I would go there after school

I go to school

My school CPS is close to it so I can go after school

Work at the kindergarten

And I go to school near there.

Live in Ballarat East. Kids go to school in Brown Hill, as well as Auskick, parksrn, bike rides and walks

SPEND TIME IN THE AREA

Spend a lot of time in the area

There will be a lot more things to do at the reserve.

Nice area to walk along

I use this area to exercise

User of the reserve

Visit area for recreation

User of the progress park sports field

Run thru the area regularly

I live in Black Hill and regularly walk to and use the Brown Hill Reserve

We live in neighbouring suburb and use the playground

USE THE POOL

We go to the pool almost every day when it's open. It's great family time for us and an excellent way to keep my kids active and socialising

I can ride my bike to the pool in summer

I grew up in Brown Hill & parents still live there. Often bring my children to pool in summer

Because I used to go there in summer and after school, we normally go swimming in summer.

I live on the edge of Ballarat East so the pool and reserve are my local facilities.

I'm on the border and use the pool and oval, playground etc.

I live in Nerrina and the reserve and pool is only 5mins away from my home so I currently use it.

I live on the fringe of Brown Hill, and have a passion to ensure all children have the chance to learn to swim, and everyone remains safe around water.

We use the pool and reserve due to living in Soldiers Hills

USE THE WALLABY TRACK

Run Wallaby Track Parkrun regularly

I'm a regular Wallaby Track park runner

Parkrun participant and Yarrowee Creek walker

We spend a lot of time at the reserve and are heavily involved in the parkrun which starts at the reserve

I live in Nerrina, and my son and I quite often walk the Yarrowee Trail, and he loves the Brown Hill playground.

I live in Nerrina, next to Brown Hill and love walking through the park and reserve with my dog.

MOVING TO BROWN HILL

We have land that we are building on later this year, we have a family and it is an area we enjoy spending time in

I will be moving to Brown Hill in the coming months.

INTERESTED IN DEVELOPMENT OF AREA

I am interested in seeing the areas facilities being developed and improved.

I don't really go there but I would like something new

To make my community more family orientated and utilise the space we've got.

OWN RENTAL PROPERTY IN BROWN HILL

We own a rental property in Brown Hill.

Own investment property in Brown Hill

DOES NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION

The reserve has opportunity for greater usage, however the pool should be transformed

I like that pool because pools are fun

We maintained reserve, playground & walking tracks. Eventually would love to buy in area.

Q. 10: Comments related to your pool and reserve usage.

POOL USAGE

As our kids are small, we don't utilize the pool often however as they grow and learn to swim, I envisaged they would use it more

We loved the pool when it was community ran and used it a lot and we've always bought a family membership

We would use the pool more in summer but the facility is dated and our children complain that the water is colder than other facilities

Possibly if the pool was on the same membership as the eureka and aquatic centre, I would use it more.

The pool has been a fantastic asset to the area, been very well looked after by Brown Hill Progress Association. They were very welcoming, even offering a warm milo after swimming lessons to the young children, it was very disappointing when CoB had this stopped.

I like the pool because it is warm in summer

Pool is open for such limited days over summer it's hard to time it to use and it's not suitable for young children

We would use it more if it was heated

With little children we have not visited the pool in recent years as the toddler pool has been closed, and the water is far too cold. But we would LOVE a pool that was heated somehow and had a toddler area.

It's lovely to pop in for a swim after a hot day or go with my grandchildren for a swim.

Pool is too cold for the kids, we use Eureka.

I love the idea of the pool, but the reality was, I'd try Eureka as it had warmer water and opening hours that suited a morning swim. This past summer, the writing was on the wall when Council didn't open up on the hottest days of the year - which are the only days we can take the cold cold water!

Pool is never open enough during summer and need overhaul to make whole area more useful

Don't use the pool because of lack of appropriate facilities for small children

I would use the pool and hall more if there were activities on there and better advertising of opening hours and events.

My MIL uses pool for Zumba classes

I volunteer on needs basis in programs at the pool - learn to swim classes; school/kinda events; Zumba or whenever I am needed.

It's great to have a pool that is smaller for our children, the Eureka pool is too busy for our kids, they prefer less people around for them to be able to learn to swim

We personally don't use the pool; but our children did in the past

The pool we have used a couple of times only because my kids are young and different ages and it makes it hard to watch them all at once when I'm by myself.

We used the pool more when it was community ran and had the slide etc.

DOES NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION IN RELATION TO POOL USAGE

You can't learn to swim at a water station, Brown Hill is a community unlike the Eureka pool.

We need that pool!!

It's always lovely to see people enjoying themselves in and around the pool. As the pool is aging, I can see the need for change. I think the plan sounds quite positive and feel that the splash pool would be great fun.

The Brown Hill pool is an integral part of learning to swim for children. It is a fact that more people are drowning due to never being taught how to swim.

The pool is very close to us, but catching a warm day in summer over the weekend is often few and far between. Sadly!

If the pool has to go. A Splash park would be great, for this area

It would be nice to see the space used for a water park

I think they should get a new pool instead of the splash park

I think the pool does need to close. It has been under-used.

I think that they should get a new pool

I think they should keep the pool but add a water park and add rest area please

It would be amazing to see the pool area get turned into a water park and added playground resources for families. Even fun equipment would be great for others in the brown hill area young and old.

The pool was built by returned soldiers who obviously saw the need for children and others access to swimming lessons and recreational activities. The pool as it stands should be heritage listed due to its significance.

If it does be destroyed and then replaced, small schools, like the one I used to go to, they can't have a pool excursion.

A splash park would be more suited for a community friendly feel.

Our community needs a pool during the summer months. It's where children learn water safety and families come together to socialise. It provides work for life saving youth members and builds community spirit.

The pool has been an important part of my family for 4 generations and I hope similar facilities can be provided for this part of Ballarat in the future as it is a growing community. Redoing the pool would be great admin(?) is hard to watch little kids at the big outdoor pool.

With the growing Ballarat population and recent Covid restrictions allowing outdoor activities over indoor, it's vital our community can take advantage of having an outside pool. We were specifically drawn to live close to the brown hill area when choosing our first family home because of the pool. Since moving from Ballarat west, we have always looked forward to raising our new little family being able to enjoy using the pool and undertake vital learn to swim programs.

If the pool was to go, I would hope that we could hold on to the legacy at least after all these years and hard work. I hope we can keep something there for the kids at least.

I've been a local for 46 yrs my boys learnt to swim at this Pool went to Brown Hill Kinder and Brown Hill school

If the pool is decommissioned then there should be other activities to take its place.

RESERVE USAGE

I live close by the reserve and often see elderly walkers, carers and their wards, young mothers and babies walking through and enjoying the reserve.
I take my nieces to the reserve but don't use the pool
Love the reserve - we used it a lot when the kids were really little. We often park at the hall and walk to kinder past the playground and along the track at the back of the oval to Brown Hill Kinder. The community events in the reserve have been fantastic.
The reserve is fine,
We like the festival and playground
Use playground, nearby walking trail and toilets over near cricket ground.
Walks with grandkids and Parkrun. Always looking for water and toilets.
For cross-country
We have also held one kids birthday party at the bbq.
Use the playground and tracks with grandchildren. Use area for exercise and picnics.
We live close to the reserve and it feels like an extension to our back yard. We use all of it regularly.
We enjoy going to the oval for a kick of the footy and using the playground
Reserve has a lot of potential without the pool.
I also take disabled clients to the reserve weekly to go for a safe walk in a relaxing atmosphere. We then have a BBQ lunch there. I'd hate to lose the use of BBQ and the lovely relaxing atmosphere of the reserve
I use the reserve regularly for exercise and catching up with friends

PLAYGROUND USAGE

We mostly use the playground maybe once a month
We visit mostly to use the playground
We use the walking track and playground frequently
Love the playground and gardens for picnics etc
Use the playground and bike paths
We avoid the playground in Spring due to the emergence of snakes
We use the playground all year round
Take the grandchildren to the playground.
We use the playground regularly, and the rotunda for family and friend gatherings, kids' birthdays, watching cricket etc.
I have been more in the state forest than in the playground or oval
I usually use the playground because I have lots of younger siblings.
I've played on the playground and went there for school and cross country

WALLABY TRACK USAGE

We use the walking track and playground casually but would use it much more if it had better facilities and was more attractive to children
We use the reserve to play on the playground and walk the dogs and access the Yarrowee river trail
Walk regularly along Yarrowee Creek track in Brown Hill and sometimes walk through the reserve.
We particularly use the reserve and Yarrowee trail for their natural environment,

COVID has increased the usage of this area. I've lived here my whole life and this is the busiest I've seen the reserve and the Yarrowee trail.
I have two young kids and we often, use the walking track and then do a stint at the playground.

RESERVE & DOGS

My only concerns using that area (reserve) are the high amount of off lead dog interactions.

Would like more dog friendly areas

Use BBQ and open space for the dog

Mainly for exercising my dog

I walk my dog there sometimes and go there with school.

Exercising - walking dogs

Absolutely love taking the dog down to the reserve.

DOES NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION IN RELATION TO RESERVE USAGE

The park and natural surroundings are a haven for the area.

Great area for community events

Its proximity to the Goldfields trail is very significant

I think if the pool is closed a splash park would be a great alternative also an upgraded playground with maybe a pump track or skate park. Bbq and picnic facilities.

Keeping things as natural as possible and continuing to replant natives would be good.

Stronger links to and recognition of the Wadawurrung community need to be made, especially recognising the importance and beauty of the Yaramlock.

Green space in a community like Brown Hill is essential to expose kids to nature and the natural environment, whilst integrating recreation opportunities as they grow and develop

The reserve is a great asset and well utilised.

A redevelopment sounds amazing!

Your ideas are wonderful for further development and would be well received by all I'm sure.

I like it because there is a market

The reserve is great and has lots of potential for being more beautified and surely some more features.

I like the reserve. It's the heart of Brown Hill.

Can there be a dog friendly, enclosed, off leash area?

Reserve - Auskick Program.

EA Sports 'It's in The Game'

Would be better suited as a year-round facility

Would really like a water bubble tap near the playground/bridge over to Yarrowee trail.

Cricket nets open to public and AFL regulation goal posts

Would love more sports facilities

Keep children active

At school we go there for activities

We have just moved to area in Jan 2021 and have had limited opportunities post COVID. However, we're patrons of pool and reserves in our previous location and would be here too

Q. 13: Comments relating to the future of the pool

SPLASH PARK IN RELATION TO FUTURE OF POOL

I think compensation just in the form of an activity for children like a splash park would be perfect

A splash park would be awesome

Splash parks are good for young kids not older children.

A water park sounds like a great alternative

I think the pool is outdated and the site could be used for a more friendly site ie splash pool

Splash park & basketball court & skate park for local kids to enjoy & bring community together

Compensated with a splash park

If not a pool then a waterpark

A splash park instead would be great

Water park would be great,

A fenced splash zone in summer and a ball court in winter would be much better use of the space

If there was a splash park, that close to the road, hopefully there could be some more privacy screening from Humffray St - like I think maybe the Buninyong pool fencing - open and solid sections.

A splash park would be more suitable for the area and less maintenance

Splash park over the top of where pool is now so that one day it could be reopened as a pool again

Splash pad would be great, turned into a recreation space outside of summer times.

I would support a water park

Compensation via a Splash Park merits a positive way forward for inclusion of younger families.

FUTURE OF POOL

We need a pool for the fast-growing local community

It's sad that we could potentially lose the pool, Eureka is far too crowded, kids need to be able to swim and have a space to practice. Both options would be good

Understand that pools are expensive. Black Hill pool is very close by

The Pool is one of the only spaces in Brown Hill the community can use. There aren't many other utilities here, only in town.

As a person who has lived in the community since a young child it would be very sad to see the pool go after having so many memories there. The new plans look really great though, and now having my own young children who frequent the area I believe we would utilise the area with the new plan more often.

If the pool were to be replaced, a small indoor heated pool would serve a wider cross-section of the community, and would be able to be used year-round.

We need to keep our pool.

Although I don't use the pool myself, it's an important community resource for this side of town. We have so little over here as it is and the permanent removal of the pool is not good for the community.

Keeping the pool would be good, but it is old and dated. A new pool or splash park would be loved by the community.

Upgrading the Brown Hill Reserve & pool would be so good for the community.

The loss of the pool would be a shame.

While I understand that the pool in its current state is no longer viable, I would hope more functional facilities could be provided.

I definitely think that if the pool goes, something else should be put in its place. The population around Brown Hill is expanding rapidly and kids (and adults) need things to do. Save this piece of history to help our future

If the pool gets closed, then maybe that area can be used for something more useful for the families within the community. With all the rules and regulations around pools these days, there's no room for fun anymore

I think if the pool closes the site at least should be kept as a site for cooling off. Or maybe we could run it as an indoor pool?

Why the hell should my rates pay so you people can be compensated? Get in into your heads UTILISE EUREKA POOL!!! Kids can cycle exercise yourself to the very close decent pool and shut Brown Hill, do you have any idea how long it's run at a loss! Years!!

If the Pool goes a new one would be great, I feel it is too small and very old fashion I feel Brown Hill is growing and it needs revamping to a more modern pool and an area for bigger gatherings

Regarding the idea of 'compensation' for the Brown Hill community if the pool were to be closed: I'm not sure the future construction of a new pool would be justified, given Black Hill and Eureka pools are not far away. However, I think the local area should be compensated by having some form of recreational facility replace the existing pool. I think the splash park included in the BHPA proposal is a good suggestion.

The pool is a key part of the brown hill community. I hope we can keep it for the foreseeable future.

I think the pool should be replaced. These community pools are a gathering space and like the corner store getting less and less. Perhaps a few different concepts of the reserve can be developed and put to the community. An inclusive community space is needed, where a pool and the community space connect. The existing pool doesn't offer what the community needs, with less maintenance and opening hours we have all seen the change since the council took over the pool and the culture changed with it too.

The pool was a real hub and life blood of the community when it was managed differently. We also keep taking things away from the teenagers, we need to keep things alive for this age group and not forget about them. Golden Square in Bendigo have recently gone through this and transformed it back into a community hub. I encourage you to view www.goldensquarepool.com.au

It is an under-utilised asset that is wasting rate payer money.

We absolutely need a community asset. A new pool would be wonderful for everyone, especially given the increased risk of children drowning due to lack of swimming lessons during extensive lockdowns. A heated pool with new facilities could be a REAL asset to the community and operate as a profitable business model where it is maintained well and accessible more months of the year. eg. Eureka Swimming Pool.

A great outcome would be for a retractable cover to be put over the Eureka Pool then the east side of Ballarat could utilise this asset all year round. The brown hill reserve could then be a splash park with no reinstatement of the pool.

If the pool was to go, a water park (similar to Doveton Street) should replace it.

Pool is an eye saw at present.

The existing pool is a privilege, not a right. The cost for any 'compensation' comes from council funds which is basically our rates.

The pool needs to close. Water park is a great idea for a replacement.

Brown Hill needs a place where the community can get together and if the pool is removed, it needs to be replaced with a similar community asset.

The Eureka Pool is an excellent facility - this space at the Brown Hill Reserve could definitely be put to much better (and cheaper to maintain) use.

I love we have a local pool. But Ballarat's weather isn't fantastic, but also the pool is known to be freezing and the grounds are not very appealing. The Eureka pool isn't that far away and it has a ton a features, colours etc. pools for lots of age groups... the only half fun feature at Brown Hill pool was its old slide, which is now gone... again, we have two young kids 3 and 6. And sadly the kids pool had a leak or something so that was not recently operational. A splash park could be really fun....

It would be wonderful for the community to have improved infrastructure/equipment at the reserve to compensate for the loss of the pool and its recreational activities

If the council close the pool, I think they should (must) put some other recreational equipment in place, the people (children especially) of Brown Hill, are just as important as those in the "newer" areas. I would be willing to take an active role in finding solutions to retain the pool and would be willing to take an active role in maintaining the pool

I feel that nothing is impossible and I would support the Council in keeping the pool open. I am keen on the development of the reserve and I also work in conjunction with the Brown Hill Cricket Club to also improve the oval and surrounds.

A new pool facility is the best option for the site

Once closed, I don't imagine they'll reopen one ever, society is probably moving more towards having backyard pools in private.

Lucas (6 years) wants the pool to stay. If it can't he would love a splash park and maybe one day a pool back.

GENERAL COMMENT RE SITE

I would expect Council to fund the redevelopment of the area, instead of having a derelict pool serving no purpose

Brown hill is growing fast and needs more Resources, not less.

We would like to see the Ballarat Council put more thought into the continuing improvement of facilities on the Eastern side of town. Brown Hill has experienced a rapid rate of residential growth but very little improvement in surrounding infrastructure.

The suburb of Brown Hill needs more done for the community... There needs to be more done for the eastern suburbs especially with many new homes being built

This is a growing community and as such access to outdoor recreational facilities is important. It's an area which is growing, especially families, it would be a waste to not maximise it potential and build strength in the community

Would love other active/sports areas

Plus, the reserve being revamped to encourage family and create a larger Community. I feel being local is important to keep and support our local businesses and have lots of ways to bring families out to mix and enjoy Mother Nature I feel out of all we have gone though we have learnt the value of Community and how Our values of this has been lost from the Past.

Why are you asking hypothetical questions in this? If there are multiple options, state the multiple options. Do not give one hypothetical option. This does not gather meaningful

community feedback. Please clarify what kind of compensation - do you mean rates reduction? Or another, better facility?

No houses or business buildings built on public recreation land

The council dilly-dally far too much when it comes to starting new projects. I'd want them to start stage 1 immediately if they were to close the pool

Ballarat is unlike most other towns of its size in that they have many community pools. City of Ballarat continues to talk about the need for 'active', 'fit' and 'healthy' residents yet is closing all the pools in favour of making money from the aquatic centre, yet currently the aquatic centre has caps on entry due to capacity limits and a massive waiting list for swim lessons, this is likely to continue in the future

A pool is a recreation space and so if the time has come for its end of life, then the space needs to be converted to another recreation space, so that Brown Hill residents don't lose an asset outright. The space would work well as a splash park and therefore could be multi-- use over two different seasons as we all know that its only hot summer for a few months of the year. In the cooler months, a half basketball court, skating area or a nature playground could be incorporated. There are really great examples of nature play spaces including Geelong Botanical Gardens. Please let me know if you would like more information on this. Happy to help.

Community could be compensated with new facilities more suitable

The Council cannot be trusted to compensate residents. It may do so for 1 year, then rules would change. Splash parks do not cater for adults or older children. They do not give people skills to remain safe around water.

Put something out towards the Albert Park estate where new families are

Compensated by putting something else the community can use.

How big are the plots for the redevelopment?

The hall could also be used much more effectively for community events and groups. At the moment it seems to be used by a very small number of groups that feel ownership over it rather than opening it up to the community.

Given the expansion of the Brown Hill community I think the council need to compensate and invest in the area given there are not a lot of services in the area and so many people now.

While compensation wouldn't be necessary other locations such as Black Hill would need to be able to adequately service the increase in pool users from the Brown Hill area.

Skate park would be ideal in the area

I think the cafe, pub and other business will continue the revenue

Q. 22: Any further comments relating to the redevelopment of the reserve.

REDEVELOPMENT CONCEPT

The above suggestions for a redevelopment sound amazing for the Brown Hill Community! Our school would be able to use this a lot more during the year. We have a lot of new housing in Brown Hill and this would be an added attraction to the area for current and future residents.

Your plans look great, and thank you for highlighting publicly that the pool is nearing end of useful life, and for being on the front foot for our community in having plans for 'compensation' by council if/when it comes to that.

Great opportunity to see Council allocate some resources to a developing area. Brown Hill is a long-standing suburb which seems to have been neglected in a number of areas in

recent years. While we do not want the density of development as in the west the area has proven popular with (it would seem) an increase in young families and young people as well as older residents. It is imperative that the semi-rural feel is maintained and important assets such as the park (a central meeting point for the suburb) and Yarrowee trail/creek area are protected and upgraded/maintained to cater for resident needs.

This is a really great idea! We don't want our council closing down public pools, but we do want our council to upgrade community facilities across ALL areas of Ballarat - not just within the state government "growth zones".

My great grandparents owned the property that was purchased by the council in that area (specifically next to the hall) and I would love to see it all remain as a community resource. My family has extensive historic ties to Brown Hill.

Anyway, I think a redevelopment of this kind is a great initiative and I strongly support updating the pool complex, added shade over the playground and more tables with shade, a half basketball court near the splash park and more lighting and the adult exercise benches.

As a parent of five children, the youngest now 16, I made regular use of various community facilities, particularly in the children's younger years. These included: natural and creek reserves; playgrounds; picnic areas; pools and sporting facilities. Being able to play, swim, gather with friends and enjoy the natural environment made for wonderful childhoods for our children. Moved to Brown Hill 13 years ago. Thank you for your work in preparing this potential plan for redeveloping our reserve.

All the above would be awesome fingers crossed this will bring lots of gatherings and people and families connecting

We use this area regularly with our preschool age children. Would love to see some of the proposed redevelopments. Would be a much better use of resources than keeping the pool running when it only benefits a small percentage of the community and is only open a few months of the year. The cost to maintain would be much better put into the reserve and improving it.

Family time seems appropriate for this space

Time for upgrade asap, we are recently new to the area and would like to see a lot of improvements to the reserve, we think it would be a great hub for family outings if done correctly

Let's build upon the reserve foundations from its existing 120 years (or nearly) and set up the Brown Hill community with a wonderful asset that meets current and future needs better, is flexible and stands the test of time for the next 120 years. Brown Hill has a wonderful community feel, let's have the reserve be something that we can be even prouder of!

The quicker it's redeveloped the better

The reserve is outdated and poorly located for what the area is now. There are other areas further out of town towards the Albert park estate that would suit better for young families. As a couple with no kids, we would also be more likely to visit as it is in the new developing area of Brown Hill.

There are a high number of young families in Brown Hill. New amenities need to meet the needs for the future of residents. Infrastructure for teenagers would be a great benefit.

It would be lovely to still keep some open grassy (natural) areas and not build it all up.

It is a lovely area great to improve on it, so everyone can share.

A great deal of thought has gone into this so well done and I appreciate the consultation.

It's about time this side of Ballarat experienced some investment from Council.

I think this is a great opportunity and well worth the time and effort

We are older residents of the area but are starting our grandparenting journey so it would be great to have usable areas close to home and they will all live in the area too.

Would love to see this whole plan come to fruition!

Good Luck!

Let's make this parkland a showpiece.

I am so thrilled with the new plans for the development of the Brown Hill park. Living in Brown Hill is a privilege, it's a beautiful area. The Brown Hill Progress Association is doing a wonderful job. "Congratulations"

I'm very excited by these proposals

It would be wonderful for the community to have improved infrastructure/equipment at the reserve to compensate for the loss of the pool and its recreational activities

It's an area which is growing, especially families, it would be a waste to not maximise its potential and build strength in the community

Perhaps a few different concepts of the reserve can be developed and put to the community.

An inclusive community space is needed, where a pool and the community space connect.

Whilst a pool is useful, what is more important is that the whole reserve is optimised as a community space that serves everyone across the seasons.

WORDS OF CAUTION

Whilst I like the idea of more facilities, I also love how quiet and peaceful the reserve is in general. I would not enjoy it as much if it was bustling, loud and with people everywhere. I would not visit as much if that were the case as I love the solitude.

Brown Hill has always held attraction to its residents because of its picturesque natural surroundings. Aside from the redevelopment of the pool site, it would be beneficial if any change to the reserve was sensitive to this. Large amounts of concrete and steel, such as a skate park, would detract from the natural landscape.

It is such a wonderful area for the community. Please don't lose that.

Please enhance the area, don't desecrate it!

I'm not in favour if it means cutting trees down

As a long time in and out Brown Hill resident (I can remember putting 5 cents in a tin container on the gate to use the pool!) I would like any developments to compliment, the existing vegetation and ambience of the area.

Please think of the space as an inclusive space to welcome people of all ages. Ensure that the redevelopment has something for younger and older children, where families and friends can gather, where the larger community can gather and the planning reflects accessibility for everyone.

I'm so glad to see the development of this area is high on the agenda but please take everything into consideration. I would hate to see it go to waste because there has been an idea put forward and nothing else is considered. Think about all the development that is happening all over Ballarat. The way to grow the community here is to be family friendly for all ages. Not just the older kids. Think about how our splash park can stand out compared to the other ones around town. I look forward to hearing and seeing what is proposed. Thank you for taking the time to seek the community's interest in this. Always happy to help out if there are fundraising events or alike.

Whatever is done needs to maintain the integrity of the area and ensure it is inclusive for all ages.

I just hope the trail and surrounding area doesn't become absolutely packed out and less peaceful.

A space that caters to the broadest amount of people is important
We need community assets. Don't sell us out. The Council has significant rate payers increase in revenue in our area. We should capitalize on this. The pool has cost the council no money for many, many years. Community assets should be increased and outdoor activity promoted. Build a better area, not a compromise pushed by Council.

SPECIFIC TO RESERVE

More seating around the playground would be helpful
Additional rubbish bins and dog poo bag dispenser would be good. A path from the hall car park directly to the playground would be good as it would help mothers with babies and toddlers access the playground easier.
I think there is great opportunity to make the reserve and links to the walking path and creek a great feature for the community.
Sealed space suitable to teach young children how to ride would also be great addition. Can't think of any space in immediate area.
The park that's there at the moment I don't think is sufficient enough to support our growing community here! There have been many times I would have liked to use that park area for birthdays, family catch ups, especially in these times where it's not possible to have family in our homes. But the toilet situation and sheltered areas are not the best, and so far from the actual play area.
The Rotunda without the BBQ, could maybe be equipped with a bbq. I don't really see that being utilised. Maybe with the extra protection and space it would. regardless, I don't see it used very often. Another suggestion was a community notice board at the playground. for say people who do Parkrun, community events etc..... Close by the community notice board could be a box/toy exchange box. Again, I wouldn't think this would have a great expense.
The current reserve serves well without over usage. It is a family area with room for passive enjoyment for all.
Some additional fitness stations - once again there are a range of these - maybe community feedback can determine what type
With small kids the reserve provides opportunity for running around, looking at wildlife (mostly birds), walking and playing on the oval.
An area for bigger gatherings plus the reserve being revamped to encourage family and create a larger Community. I feel being local is important to keep and support our local businesses and have lots of ways to bring families out to mix and enjoy Mother Nature I feel out of all we have gone though we have learnt the value of Community and how Our values of this has been lost from the Past.

SPECIFIC TO POOL

I still like the pool I would just like it to be bigger
The pool is an historical icon hand built by the community. Its usage is totally reliant on having a welcoming management with flexibility of services and event's. If it can be saved plus other buildings and parkland improved that is a much better outcome.
Keep the pool we have now because some of my family work there
I have just received the newsletter advising of the proposal to close the Brown Hill Pool. How very disappointing. What is of great concern is the statement in the newsletter that 'City of Ballarat will no longer be able to justify the expense.'

Close our pool? No, No, No, No! Brown Hill is unique. The pool site was dug out by the community. (?) labour did the concreting. The concrete dressing sheds were built by the Progress Association, we even made the concrete bricks. We raised the money for the filtration plant for the (?) set up. Council got it cheap. The toddlers pool was also a Progress work.

Tell us what is wrong that now needs fixing! Can it be a three- or four-year progress to spread the cost? If we know the cost, we could help raise the money and pay much of the cost. I am now 89 years of age and was active at the pool since I was 22 years old. My pick swinging days are in the past, but my thoughts on the pool are very much up to date.

Council might consider putting an extra \$10 or \$15 on our rate bill as one thought to help raise the money. Donations from the community could also help. I could give you a list of past citizens that have helped the pool and the park. I had 18 years on the Council with two terms as Mayor of the City, so my thoughts could have special interest. Please keep me in the loop. I knew it was only a matter of time that the pool would go it being hard to maintain each year. Our Progress Assoc. did well to keep it going all these years. I was one of the volunteers back then.

The issue of a COVID world is every present.... I wonder how we will go with the Eureka pool absorbing demand and numbers being limited due to COVID? On a more personal note, and one which may not have been raised before, Public pools by default provide a safe space for women and children experiencing domestic abuse. On a long hot summer day, the escape to a local pool can be a life saver literally.

The Brown Hill Pool has been a prime example of community engagement in action. The very well patronised local swimming lessons were subsidised by the local church op shop over several years. How wonderful to see this level of commitment from among the community. Are you really ready to let this go? With the new demographic in the Brown Hill area, has the Committee or Council truly reached out 'new arrivals' in the area to highlight the Pool's importance as a volunteer, community-based asset?

I look forward to ongoing engagement on the proposal and I thank the Committee for their ongoing work in this area.

An excellently written report this month regarding the pool and the Reserve. I understand the pressure on the Association regarding this and as mentioned, the never-ending tsunami of new regulations with which public swimming pools, and swimming pools in general, are forced to comply. However, in this context there is money being thrown around pretty much everywhere at present, and it may be possible to secure some from either State or Commonwealth. I would not leave this search to Council, as I can't help being a bit cynical here. Public swimming pools are a large expense for Councils to maintain and staff, (and yes I know that the Brown Hill pool has been done so by volunteers, saving Council a fortune), but how easy is for that Council to save spending money, by being tardy in looking for funding, resulting in not having a pool at Brown Hill? If this pool was in the Lake Wendouree area, it would have been rebuilt 20 years ago.

Retain/develop pool and surrounds. We may have only one chance to retain/develop pool etc. With a pool, splash park, skate park and other amenities it could be a hub for people of all ages to use and an example for the rest of Ballarat.

It is quite sad that we are going to lose the pool. You could tell that was coming with the apathy of council last year when the pool was rarely open and no one understood why. The lack of hours the pool was actually open last season and the number of people that came to the pool only to find it closed so it was inevitable that the council wanted to close it! We know because we live across the road and saw many disappointed persons last year that could not go to the pool for a swim when out walking our dog's

I am new to Ballarat, having just moved into the Brown Hill area, with the view to settling herein. I read all the suggestions for the development of the area around the pool as having great merit. My major concern is that the pool, once gone, will not return, and certainly not in its original state. Like the Black Hill Pool, these are examples of community design too easily dismissed because they are not possessed of architectural drama. Outcry should be consistent regarding the possible removal of the pool. These both are wonderful examples of early municipal swimming pools. Their loss should be viewed with great concern. Ballarat's history is what makes it an important regional city, as it rightly is. Were the Town Hall to be slated for removal, a second rebellion would ensue. That such is not happening with the pool is because of its lack of design presence. But I suggest these pools are iconic. Certainly, I have fond memories enlivened when I go to either of the pools. My view is that all the other suggestions have merit, but not at the expense of the Brown Hill pool. It will be a piece of recent history gone, which will be irreplaceable. No modern-day Aquatic centre can replace this. Nor have the redolence of these old swimming pools. I sincerely hope sufficient community support can be mustered for the pool's preservation, in the interest of both adults and children, as well as for maintaining the history Ballarat rightly flies at its masthead.

Why is it that Black Hill is supported to keep their pool and Brown Hill is not?

I do not like the substitute Splash Park or Skate Park which is an ugly idea in what is a peaceful green space. Surely Brown Hill deserves a pool to cater to local children and prevent unnecessary travel to Eureka pool or Black Hill by car?

How come the community of 80 years ago could provide its own pool and today we cannot?

What reason has this wasteful council got to deprive us, when they will spend money on these unsatisfactory alternatives – the old prejudice against the East??

Get a campaign going to raise funds locally and force council to contribute and do the job to serve us as they are elected for!!!

Get a new pool and keep the rest as it is

A better pool and splash park would be good.

The idea of a public pool in Brown Hill shouldn't be discounted completely. Splash parks are great for families but building an indoor pool on our side of town for year-round use would be amazing.

You are not getting a new pool. Accept it and move on. Not a chance in hell.

A definite space needs to be allocated immediately for a new future pool.

I think that we should get a new pool somewhere else in Brown Hill too

No replace it with a new pool

We need a new pool

I really think they should put a heated pool instead of a splash park!!

Please build another pool for the kids

I think that we should get a new pool to somewhere in Brown Hill or Ballarat.

Replace pool

The redevelopment of Brown Hill Reserve looks good. But we still won't have a swimming pool. How will the children learn to swim or do water aerobics for the older generation we have nothing this end of town. I would like to see heated indoor/outdoor pool that can be used all year round.

I think if the pool closes the site at least should be kept as a site for cooling off. Or maybe we could run it as an indoor pool?

Eliza (4 years) would really love there to be a pool in Brown Hill for her to learn to swim in. She is really looking forward to starting swim lessons this summer with her brother!

It will be a tragedy for future residents if we don't fight for our pool. The water "parks" are a disgrace.

We need a pool for the fast-growing local community

If the council close the pool, I think they should (must) put some other recreational equipment in place, the people (children especially) of Brown Hill, are just as important as those in the "newer" areas.

A pool is a recreation space and so if the time has come for its end of life, then the space needs to be converted to another recreation space, so that Brown Hill residents don't lose an asset outright.

I think the pool should be replaced. These community pools are a gathering space and like the corner store getting less and less. The existing pool doesn't offer what the community needs, with less maintenance and opening hours we have all seen the change since the council took over the pool and the culture changed with it too. The pool was a real hub and life blood of the community when it was managed differently.

Ballarat is unlike most other towns of its size in that they have many community pools. City of Ballarat continues to talk about the need for 'active', 'fit' and 'healthy' residents yet is closing all the pools in favour of making money from the aquatic centre, yet currently the aquatic centre has caps on entry due to capacity limits and a massive waiting list for swim lessons, this is likely to continue in the future

It's sad that we could potentially lose the pool, eureka is far too crowded kids need to be able to swim and have a space to practice. Splash parks are good for young kids not older children. Both options would be good

If the Pool goes a new one would be great, I feel it is too small and very old fashion, I feel Brown Hill is growing and it needs revamping to a more modern pool

I feel that nothing is impossible and I would support the Council in keeping the pool open.

A great outcome would be for a retractable cover to be put over the Eureka Pool then the east side of Ballarat could utilise this asset all year round. The brown hill reserve could then be a splash park with no reinstatement of the pool.

There must be something in the area especially for summer time. Eg a pool and or splash park It is an essential hub for the Brown Hill Community. Last summer the pool was closed most of the time which was disappointing. If it can't remain as a viable long-term public facility, it would be better to re-purpose for public use asap rather than have it sit idle without public access. The water park should be the main priority especially for relief during the hot summer.

SPECIFIC TO SKATE PARK, BASKETBALL HALF COURT

SKATE PARK Development needs to consider the demographics of the local population - eg a skate park may be better on the north side of the freeway where the newer housing developments are with more children.

I understand that a skate park would be good for the older children and teenagers but it would be better located in a more suitable area north of the freeway where there are no such activities for children.

If space is unavailable within the reserve to construct something worthwhile then something north of the highway where are more spacious sites would be perfect as this area is lacking any such facility.

This skate park I think would be better situated on the north side of the freeway where more younger families are.

Skate park would be ideal considering how many kids are using the natural jumps near and below black hill lookout

I think we definitely need to think to the future and what kids enjoy doing! A skate park, splash zone, basketball court etc, they are the things that will get families back out and involved in the community. We have none of those things over this side of town, and let's face it, we're only growing!

A space similar to Creswick and snake Valley would be ideal with toilets

I am opposed to the construction of a skate park on several grounds: 1) I don't see the need for a skate park in Brown Hill currently - the local neighbourhood is not inundated with skaters looking for somewhere to hang out. Nor are Ballarat's weather and current drainage in the reserve conducive to year-round use; 2) I don't believe a skate park would support maintaining the current 'theme' of the reserve; 3) Assuming the Brown Hill market was to re-start at some point in the future, a skate park would take up valuable space on a permanent basis. Rather than constructing a skate park, I think a public art installation acknowledging and celebrating the ties to the land of the Wadawurrung people would be a better use of the space and fit better with the reserve's theme.

Congratulations on the concept. I cannot think of anything radically different but would offer the following: - The skate park should be closer to the South East corner to ensure there is adequate space for a market

The idea of a skatepark and or pump track is a great idea as it is something every member of my family and many friends in Brown Hill would use particularly a pump track.

Make sure the right company is involved in the skate park. Otherwise it will end up poorly designed and not worth the investment

I do not wish for a concrete jungle skatepark and nor do my teenagers. You haven't asked the teens; this is a bunch of elderly progress assoc. making decisions we neither need nor want and I shall be writing to and recommending others write to Council. How dare you suggest residents fund the pool! You people clearly don't understand insurance costs!

Skate park, ok for older children.

The idea of a skate park up towards the car park on that grassed area seems fitting as in my opinion it's a bit of a dead spot. Not utilised very much at the moment

It's great to see this type of development taking place in the Brown Hill area, big thanks to all involved

Having been involved in the skate park community of Ballarat from pre-teens through twenty's (now in my late 30's with 3 young children) I don't believe this type of skate park would get much use and without meaning to sound at all ungrateful for something such as this, it appears to be somewhat of a "let's put a skate park here for the sake of it" type scenario.

With the main Ballarat skate park in Barkly St only a few minutes away from Brown Hill, the majority of users with the skill level required to use the features of the proposed BH park would likely go to Barkly St instead. The only people I see using the proposed BH Park would be younger kids on scooters or bikes rolling around on the flat sections for the novelty factor of riding in a skate park. I believe the area would be much better utilised by building a pump track instead.

While it could be argued that Brown Hill already has 2 pump tracks close by at Black Hill, these are made of dirt and disappointingly have had no maintenance rendering them unusable to kids for the most part, and obviously completely unusable for skateboards and scooters. This leaves Vic Park and Creswick which are a long way from Brown Hill.

Something similar to the pump track at Creswick would be ideal which being asphalt requires no maintenance and can be used by a much broader range of people from kids to adults of all

skill levels using scooters, skateboards and bikes. Because of this I believe it would a better use of the space and would see continued use for as long as it exists.

Not keen on the skate park – sorry!

I'm a skater myself so would love a skate park to use, but I also know that skate parks become very busy and I don't like that idea.

I wouldn't put a skatepark in the reserve, because skateparks are noisy. Instead it would be great to have a bike track, similar to the Creswick Pump Track which is very popular with kids. A lot of kids ride the Yarrowee River Trail with their bikes anyway, so having a purpose-built bike track along the way would be a great fun addition.

No skate park – it pushes families out

BASKETBALL HALF-COURT: I am not convinced a sporting facility is the best possible use of the space in the suggested location, particularly if that facility is based around a single sport. I am concerned that construction of a sporting area would not be in keeping with the current theme of the reserve, and that likely annual usage would not justify construction of the facility. I suggest one of two alternatives: 1) Move the suggested community garden from the current location near the playground to the half-court location and abandon the half-court; 2) Design the half-court to be a multi-sport area with an all-weather surface (artificial turf or non-slip hardcourt) to increase usage. For example, the area could include multiple sets of line markings and walls to allow for playing other ball games. Apart from these issues, I think the suggestions made in the redevelopment proposal are realistic, practical and would increase the amenity of the reserve into the future.

The basketball half court would be good for the children but the location needs some more thought. Could it be part of the possible splash park area?

I would like a skate park and a picnic area

I would rather see the basketball half court be up where C is.

Half-court basketball – excellent idea. We need an area promoting activity and family participation.

SPECIFIC TO SPLASH PARK

I would tend to like the idea of redeveloping the pool area with a splash park and new toilets

Our family love the idea of a splash park as our young kids regularly use the one in Ballarat North so one that is much closer would be fantastic.

I don't mind the idea of a splash park but if you don't use solar heated water, I think it will be a waste of time, money, and space. If you go to any other splash park in Ballarat and feel the water it is beyond freezing even on the hotter days, and barely useable. I'm not being a sook; I truly believe it to be a waste.

A skate park and splash park modelled on Creswick would be fantastic. We often drive to Creswick on a monthly basis to use the facilities there

I think a splash park would be under-utilised and other proposed options are more suited to the climate

Splash park is a great idea, but if the pool is not included in the redevelopment project, then I think it will never come back, which would be a real shame. It was already greatly missed last summer.

I think compensation just in the form of an activity for children like a splash park would be perfect

If the pool was to go, a water park (similar to Doveton Street) should replace it

Splash park & basketball court & skate park for local kids to enjoy & bring community together

I think the pool is outdated and the site could be used for a more friendly site ie splash pool
The pool space would work well as a splash park and therefore could be multi-use over the different seasons as we all know that it's only hot summer for a few months of the year. In the cooler months, a half basketball court, skating area or a nature playground could be incorporated.

Splash park over the top of where pool is now so that one day it could be reopened as a pool again

SPECIFIC TO DOGS

Dog walking is also popular - dog bag stations and drinking water for dogs would be good.
A dog park: Perfect location along the track for those who walk their dogs and can give them a safe place for all to run free instead of on the track.

Include an off-leash dog area

PLEASE consider installing enclosed dog park!!!! There are fantastic modern dog parks in Melbourne and we need that in Ballarat!!

Need more off-leash dog parks

I hope that the council will listen to the residents. We need a fenced dog park in Brown Hill as there are a number of us that walk dogs in the reserve plus more waste bins and waste bags for the dogs. There are plenty of places in the reserve where one could be established.

Dog poo bin would be great. The reserve and the Yarrowee Trail have become an absolute dog toilet over the last few months, it's so disgusting.

SPECIFIC TO TOILETS

My major concern is that the layout of any toilet block must ensure there is ease of access for disabled with enough room for carers as well; change tables for babies & toddlers; disability group needs to be consulted on any design.

Requires a toilet block closer by. Hard to take a child that is toilet training that far to the cricket oval. We live in Gracefield Rd and there are no playgrounds with toilets near us or close to our home.

Toilet block to be designed to cater for the general public out walking and a divided wall be built for showers and toilets for the use of pool patrons. We should be thinking big.

SPECIFIC TO PLAYGROUND

Not enough seating to watch children play on equipment.

Keep play equipment natural, appreciate what nature can provide and utilise it. Minimise the plastic in playgrounds.

Maybe a small maze for the toddlers

Also, think about younger children and the playground. But if you look at the Brown Hill community there are a lot of younger families. I would love to see a playground like those over the other side of Ballarat that can be used all year round. Ballarat winters are long, it's nice to be able to have somewhere to go for the kids to get fresh air.

Fencing please for young kids near the creek and road, and some space to park bikes too
I think a multi-purpose playground would be great like other suburbs have developed in Ballarat. ie: big slides and playground, small climbing wall, half basketball court.

Need a bin near the playground

The playground isn't bad, but could do with a freshen up. A few new items... The playground at Lake Esmond has several tree stumps around the edging, with some taller which is great and I could only imagine not super expensive.

I particularly would love the playground area for older children be implemented with new housing developments having no backyards!

It was my idea in the beginning to put a children's playground at this Progress Park area. Adventure Playground with natural play equipment.

It would be sad to lose the pool, but I would be in favour of a redevelopment and making the place family friendly eg - better fencing around the creek where the playground is would be good

Playground: would be nice to have sun sail for shade; fence around the playground as it is close to a main road and to keep dogs out of the playground; more educational play equipment

Drinking fountain would be great to top up water bottles

More benches and picnic tables near the playground

SPECIFIC TO SOLAR LIGHTING; STAGE; COMMUNAL GARDEN

SOLAR LIGHTING: I agree that better lighting is sorely needed in the reserve. I am a little concerned at the suggested placement of lights on the proposal map, though. I agree a light would be needed near the splash park and one at the back of Brown Hill Hall. The third light stand, however, should be installed close to the playground - it gets very dark at that end of the reserve, particularly in winter.

PERMANENT STAGE: against the hall is very likely to be used frequently (see the one at Cooma, NSW) but there needs to be ample space for a crowd. Lights and sound need to be directed to the North - suggest where the shelters and car park are against Reid St(?) The permanent stage area is excellent, encouraging the community groups to show place their talents.

COMMUNAL GARDEN: Interested if community garden / urban farm is incorporated I love the creek and small bridge....as do the kids. I believe this could be such a lovely little wonderland if beautified.... colour on the bridge... some garden / plant pruning and maintenance and maybe planting... `just around near the bridge section. Some TLC there would really make that area pop.

As well as incorporating a community garden to cater for all member groups of demographics.

Community gardens - especially vegetable patches - maybe family zones - once again if well thought and planned, they build community engagement as well as environmental awareness and healthier humans - mentally and physically. Native plantings - showcase the diverse and beautiful range of native plants we have - "grow" awareness

Planter boxes with indigenous plants/banksia's, etc. would bring bird life to area. Plantings that would encourage children to investigate and explore nature –

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

The reserve is ideally located towards the end of the populated area of the Goldfields trail and is therefore is ideally suited as a rest area. I think a cafe/coffee shop with outdoor seating and upgraded access to the trail (a bridge) are absolutely essential elements to attracting patronage of walkers and cyclists to the park, as well as enhancing a much-

needed hub uplift. The flavour of the park should be a peaceful and idyllic blend of public and nature. To this end I would support consideration of pondage for goldfish and ducks and other local birdlife. The site should be considered as a localised central hub that is ideally suited for further future expansion of nature walks into the Monte Christo bushland. Facilities should be focused around relaxing and supporting outdoor activities such as the cafe, bike racks, workout station, lounge style seating, BBQs and the splash park. I would support the movement of the sporting oval, slightly out of town to enable expansion of the public access area.

I would like to see the area developed so pop up markets can return with ease.

We had a look at the proposal and fully support it. I have a few suggestions as well: Water Park - Mildura has a really good park - well thought and planned - worth a look if you are up there or the council up there may provide a virtual tour. These things can be real draw cards for the community as well as visitors. They can reflect the history of the area but more importantly showcase the ecology of the area and its balance and our impact on it. A way to improve people's understanding of these things is vital and small, short, punchy statements work the best. Also, to highlight the destructive impact that gold mining had - such a brief, brutal and mostly fruitless mania that has had such a long term, devastating impact on the area.

Chess board for people to engage and interact with each other

We should demolish the trees at the front of the playground. They are a barrier to the area.

Plant some native, more inviting trees. Put a bike track for the under 10-year old's around the area, to lead into interest in bike tracks at Black Hill (BMX). Have equipment that entices people to participate in activity. Some gentle adult areas for the parents or elderly to increase mobility, instead of sitting about. Call the children's area a Ninja area.

Involve Aboriginal locals. Look to build native habitat. Promote nature. The creek and surrounding area are improving, but we could make it better. Involve school children to green this area with native habitat and encourage participation which in turn brings belonging.

Actively work with residents to community assets that will support future generations

There are really great examples of nature play spaces including Geelong Botanical Gardens.

Please let me know if you would like more information on this. Happy to help.

We also keep taking things away from the teenagers, we need to keep things alive for this age group and not forget about them. Golden Square in Bendigo have recently gone through this and transformed it back into a community hub. I encourage you to view

www.goldensquarepool.com.au

RELATES TO OUTSIDE OF RESERVE & OTHER COMMENTS

Would be keen to see some extra seating and a Rotunda on the opposite side of the Progress Bridge

Additional facilities could be added without taking away the beauty and this could increase usage.

It would be great if the market returned to Brown Hill Reserve. I miss that. The hall developments are fantastic. Keep up the great work!

I'd be interested in any working bees for the area so I could be involved if able

These questions are really limiting - it's difficult to give meaningful feedback on things like the look and feel of the place when there's only one option to accept or reject and it's not clearly described. I think it's great you're asking our community but I really think it would

be worth doing this survey again with better questions. You'll get better feedback to work with.

Why are you asking hypothetical questions in this? If there are multiple options, state the multiple options. Do not give one hypothetical option. This does not gather meaningful community feedback.

Please clarify what kind of compensation - do you mean rates reduction? Or another, better facility?

Some of the questions on this questionnaire are leading... question validity of results.

How big are the plots for the redevelopment?

think the cafe, pub and other business we continue the revenue

I was upset when the house was built right next to the playground, it would have been good to introduce more shops (cafe etc) before approving more residential in our incredibly small mixed-use zone.

Small things like this that bring people to our community also support other businesses in the area such as the milk bar, the fish and chip shop, the new cafe that will be opening soon. It will also allow other small business the confidence to open up here knowing that families are out and about enjoying what Brown Hill has to offer.

There needs to be inclusion of the redevelopment of the oval to better cater for other users, primarily junior football and netball. There is significant development occurring which will increase the need for facilities to cater for the increased participants in football and netball, on top of the usage at Russell Square

The bridge across the creek needs to be widened and made safe for kids, so that they cannot fall down the bridge between the rails.

Bike path along the Yarrowee can bring residents together at the reserve. It's accessible to a large population.

I am keen on the development of the reserve and I also work in conjunction with the Brown Hill Cricket Club to also improve the oval and surrounds.

I'm wondering if any consideration will be given to a traffic/parking management plan for the area. We are impacted during the times when the reserve or hall are being utilised and have particular difficulty in exiting or turning into our property when cars are parked all along Humffray Street. Passing traffic poses a danger to young and old as they cross the road as there is a 60 km/h speed limit, and also a bend in the road the limits vision of coming traffic. The recent construction of a dwelling to the east of the playground has reduced the availability of off-street parking and as the reserve becomes more utilised, more people will be parking on the road more frequently.