

Community engagement summary report

Templeton Reserve pavilion redevelopment

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Background

The pavilion at Templeton Reserve needs improvements to meet modern standards in line with state legislation and the Knox Pavilion Strategy. Council must decide how to do this whilst balancing residents and visitor preferences for the reserve with the need for accessible, inclusive and safe sporting facilities for the local clubs and their members.

We are exploring options to fund a redevelopment of the pavilion, including federal government funding. As we start to think about how to improve the pavilion, we want to understand what is important to the community.

Phase 1 engagement occurred from Thursday 19 February to Wednesday 11 March 2026.

The feedback collected will help inform the next stage of design and future decisions about the pavilion. After funding for the pavilion redevelopment is confirmed, a second phase of engagement will occur to get community feedback on a draft pavilion concept design.

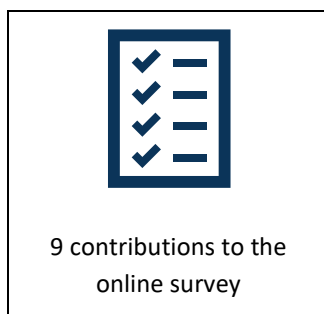
Communication activities

Council promoted this engagement via the following communication activities:

		
155 letters mailed to households within a 200-metre radius of the reserve.	Signage displayed at the reserve.	Web page on the Knox City Council Have Your Say website.

Engagement activities

Council captured community feedback the following ways during the engagement period:



In addition, the [Have Your Say web page](#) had 103 visitors and was viewed 127 times.

Key findings from engagement activities

Online survey

We received 9 contributions from the community via the online survey. The following key themes were raised.

Theme 1: Improved pavilion amenities

Respondents commonly supported upgrading the pavilion to provide modern and inclusive facilities for sporting clubs and the wider community. This included improved toilets (particularly female-friendly facilities), spectator seating, and flexible indoor spaces such as a kitchen or function room. Some also suggested a two-storey pavilion with viewing areas.

Quotes from participants:

“Better toilets for girls. Seating and cover for spectators.”

“Would desperately need a community indoor space... that can be booked for community group get together.”

Theme 2: Community access and outdoor facilities

Many responses emphasised that Templeton Reserve is widely used for walking and passive recreation, not just organised sport. Feedback highlighted the need for more public seating, shaded areas, BBQ facilities, improved pathways, and maintaining open green space.

Quotes from participants:

“As so many local people now use the Templeton Reserve, it is no longer just a sporting reserve.”

“Much more seating is needed for the locals.”

The Templeton Reserve Pavilion redevelopment project is only inclusive of the football and cricket sports pavilion and included amenities, not the surrounding green space and facilities. This

feedback will be passed onto the Council Open Space teams for future consideration.

Previous completed open space projects at Templeton Reserve have included additional seating, outdoor gym equipment, a picnic shelter and BBQ facilities, a drinking fountain, and car park improvements. These works were delivered between 2018 and 2020 as part of the Templeton Reserve Masterplan 2016.

Theme 3: Design considerations for shared use

Some feedback highlighted the importance of pavilion design that considers shared community use and surrounding residents. This included suggestions such as appropriate internal spaces for groups, thoughtful layout of function areas, and design elements that help manage sound and activity within the pavilion.

Quotes from participants:

“A room would be good so music isn’t annoying to others and neighbours.”

“Function room that can be hired out.”

Sporting clubs

Council has engaged directly with local sporting clubs including Wantirna South Junior Football Club and Templeton Cricket Club to understand needs and preferences for the potential pavilion redevelopment.

Next steps

Council is securing funding for the pavilion redevelopment.

Once funding is secured, a draft concept plan for the pavilion redevelopment will be developed. The draft concept plan will be available to view on the [Have Your Say page](#) and for further feedback. The final concept plan will then be developed, reflecting feedback on the draft concept plan. Subscribe to the [Have Your Say page](#) to stay up-to-date on this project.

Further information

Any questions can be directed to Council’s Sport and Leisure team via email leisure.services@knox.vic.gov.au or by phoning 9298 8000 during business hours.