

Adelaide's Great Park – Riverbank Precinct

Greater Riverbank Precinct Implementation Plan (GRPIP) Stage 2 Community Consultation Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Greater Riverbank Precinct Implementation Plan attracted significant interest from all sectors of the community, with over 1500 people attending a family friendly open day. Key elements and proposals on show at the staffed 30 June open day built on Stage 1 community consultation on the draft vision, guiding principles and ideas on how the Greater Riverbank Precinct could be reactivated.

During the stage 2 month long consultation process from June 30 to July 31 2013, community feedback on key elements and proposals were sought, A very high response rate to these proposals was received, with six hundred and eight (608) feedback forms, ten (10) children's surveys, six (6) community comments on the SA Plan Your Say website and some discussion on social media, in addition to five hundred and thirty-three (533) post it note comments at the Open Day.

There was overwhelming support for the vision for the Greater Riverbank Precinct to become 'Adelaide's great park', with people expressing views that it would make the area a vital, dynamic hub of the city and increase tourism.

Key features of the Greater Riverbank Precinct Implementation Plan were also well supported, with the great majority of people in agreement with the four new paths running east-west along the riverbank. The River Path was identified as the most important connection to respondents as was the River Path first stage improvements.

Good north-south city to river connections were also well supported. There were lots of suggestions on how the Royal Adelaide site could be used in the future with several people suggesting the retention of some of the heritage buildings for use for educational, medical or cultural / arts facilities or student or aged care accommodation, with some open space used to expand the Botanical Gardens. There was strong support for the concept of redeveloping Kintore Avenue. However some held the view that Kintore Avenue surrounds including the Torrens Parade Ground were too historically significant to be touched. Despite not being asked, there were lots of people who suggested that they would like the walls of Government House to be taken down and the grounds to be open to the public, while a smaller number of people rejected this idea for historical reasons.

There was also strong support for the renewal proposal for the Core Entertainment Precinct and creation an Adelaide version of Melbourne's Federation Square at the AdelaideFestivalPlaza. Several people commented that the FestivalPlaza needed a revamp. While people wanted a 'Federation Square' type of development they also wanted it to be uniquely Adelaide and not a copycat version of the Melbourne's landmark.

The renewal proposal for BonythonPark was also well favoured with many people of the view that there is the opportunity for greater recognition and celebration of Aboriginal culture and history there. Several suggestions were also made on the types of additional features for BonythonPark, many of which focus on a mix of passive and active recreation opportunities for families.

Good transport connections were identified as also being important, including the integration of rail and bus services with the Riverbank Precinct. Less reliance on cars and car parking and

greater emphasis on creating a more pedestrian and cycle friendly city, with great pathways linking the city's major attractions, open space and the River was desired.

There were numerous ideas and suggestions put forward by respondents on the types of activities, facilities and events that would attract them to spend more time within the Greater Riverbank Precinct. The majority of comments related to creating safe, active spaces which naturally draw people to the areas and provide a mix of passive and active recreation opportunities and encourage social interaction. One comment that best sums up the common view of what the average person hoped for from the Riverbank precinct plans was *'just beautiful places to walk, cycle and sit with views of the CBD, small cafes and places dotted along the way....an area that is beautifully landscaped with interesting and surprising places to discover.'*

While a small proportion of people were sceptical of the plans and in particular, their affordability, impact to the park lands and ability of the Government to deliver on the Greater Riverbank Precinct Implementation Plan, there was excited anticipation and a great desire expressed by a majority of respondents to start activating these plans as soon as possible.

1. BACKGROUND

As part of its development of an implementation plan for revitalising the Greater Riverbank Precinct, Renewal SA undertook community consultation from June 30 to July 31 2013 (Stage 2) on the draft plan.

The purpose was to inform and receive community feedback on key elements and proposals prior to the plan being finalised. Renewal SA wanted to validate community support for the key concepts of the 20 year plan to guide its recommendations for the next steps of implementation. The feedback is summarised in this report provided to Renewal SA and design consultants, Woods Bagot, for incorporation in the final implementation plan.

Community consultation on the draft vision and guiding principles and ideas for how people wanted the Riverbank to be reactivated formed Stage 1 consultation undertaken in March 2013. Information about the project and Stage 1 consultation report can be found at www.riverbank.sa.gov.au.

Kath Moore and Associates was engaged by Renewal SA to collate, analyse and report on the key findings from the Stage 2 community consultation process.

1.1 Methodology

The community was engaged in this process through the following mechanisms:

Open Day – 30 June 2013

- Held in the Adelaide Convention Centre foyer
- Project information display and project team available for further discussions
- The day included entertainment and fun activities related to the Riverbank such as, rowing boats, gondola, children's drawing, jogging and cycling activities and golf
- The day was attended by more than 1500, comprising of families and people from a range of ages
- Feedback forms were made available at the Open Day in addition to being available online and at static displays. The form is attached here as Appendix A.
- Post it note comments were also sought on the key elements and proposals
- A children's survey was also administered.

Other feedback opportunities throughout the consultation period included:

- SA Plan Your Say website link
- SA Plan Your Say interactive blog
- Online feedback form
- Static displays at Adelaide University Hub Central, Adelaide Convention Centre and the SA Major Projects Conference

- Detailed submissions -these have been provided to the design consultants and do not form part of this report
- Twitter social media – the discussions predominantly promoted the information and atmosphere of the Open Day

Promotion of the Open Day and consultation opportunities through:

- Advertisements on radio and in major and local newspapers
- Renewal SA Adelaide's great park website and stakeholder database
- SA Plan (Your Say) and ODASA database
- SA Government employee messaging system
- Vibrant City website
- Adelaide City Council website
- Twitter social media
- Postcards distributed through local cafes

1.2 Purpose of the Report

The Stage 2 feedback summarised in this report (with the exception of detailed submissions, social media comments and face to face feedback to project staff at the Open Day) is to be incorporated into the final Implementation Plan. This plan is being prepared by consultant consortium led by Woods Bagot and Oxigen. The report will be publicly available via the Renewal GRIP (Adelaide's great park) website. (www.riverbank.sa.gov.au)

2. ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS

Following the end of the consultation period on 31 July 2013, more than 1300 sources of comments and feedback were received on the Riverbank Precinct Implementation Plans. This included:

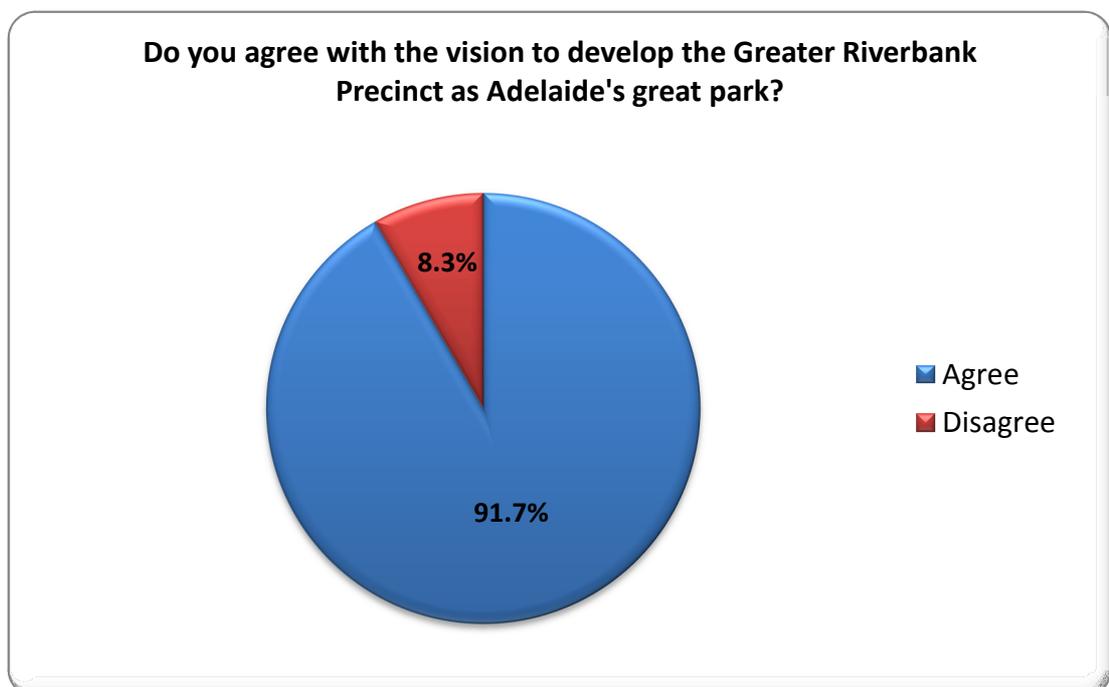
- 608 feedback survey forms
- 10 children's surveys
- 6 community comments on Your Say website
- about 170 Twitter (social media) comments

Outlined below is a summary of the feedback received via the feedback survey, children's survey, post-it-notes, the SA Plan Your SAy website and Twitter at the end of the consultation period on 31 July 2013.

2.1 Survey feedback form results

608 survey forms were received, of which 194 were hardcopy feedback forms completed on or following the 30 June Open Day and 414 of the feedback forms were filled in online.

2.1.1 The extent to which respondents agree with the vision to develop the Greater Riverbank Precinct as Adelaide's great park



The great majority of survey respondents (91.7% or 550 out of 608 responses) agreed with the vision to develop; the Greater Riverbank Precinct as Adelaide's great park.

Those in support of the vision believed that the project was well overdue for Adelaide and that it would make much more of this area, creating a vital, dynamic hub of the city and increasing tourism.

Some comments from those in agreement with the vision:

- *This is a very exciting project! It is visionary and also very practical. It will provide a new focus for South Australians and visitors.*
- *Adelaide is a perfect size and layout for this kind of development. The park lands are one of the most wonderful things about this city but are drastically underutilised.*
- *As long as it contributes to the beautifying the city in a sustainable manner, it will increase visitors and tourists to this area and will be great for business and Adelaide as a whole.*
- *It enhances Light's vision and plan and provided order and structure to existing and potential uses of the river precinct.*
- *It's so great to see this plan and see that we are finally going to make the most of this beautiful asset, right in the heart of the city.*
- *Excellent idea, Adelaide needs to put its mark on Australia's map from tourism point of view. We need something unique to SA to attract overseas tourists. We also need to promote SA / Adelaide to international audiences. Most of my overseas friends don't know where Adelaide is.*
- *Fantastic opportunity for the future of our children and generations to follow.*

A small proportion of people (8.3% or 50 out of 600 responses) did not agree with the vision of some aspect of what was on display. The main reasons given by respondents were that it was a waste of money, there were more pressing needs for funds in other areas in the State and objections relating to building on the park lands and reducing the amount of open space in the city.

Some comments from those not in agreement with the vision:

- *I am against building anything more on the parklands because they are unique in the world and they are what make Adelaide an attractive and desirable city. Adelaide needs open spaces for public outdoor events and any "developments" would reduce the amount of such open space.*
- *Far too much of "our" money will be wasted in the whole plan! Typical is the \$40,000,000 that is the proposed cost for this stupid footbridge we do not need.*
- *There are more pressing needs in the state, especially health.*

A few commented that they liked the plans except the Casino, while others said they would like to see Government House included as part of the plans and open it up and the gardens to the public.

2.1.2 Key Features of the Greater Riverbank Precinct Implementation Plan

Views on the key features of the Greater Riverbank Precinct Implementation Plan were sought. These features included:

- Four new paths running east-west along the Riverbank

- Stronger north-south city to river connections
- Renewal of four key sites
- First stage projects

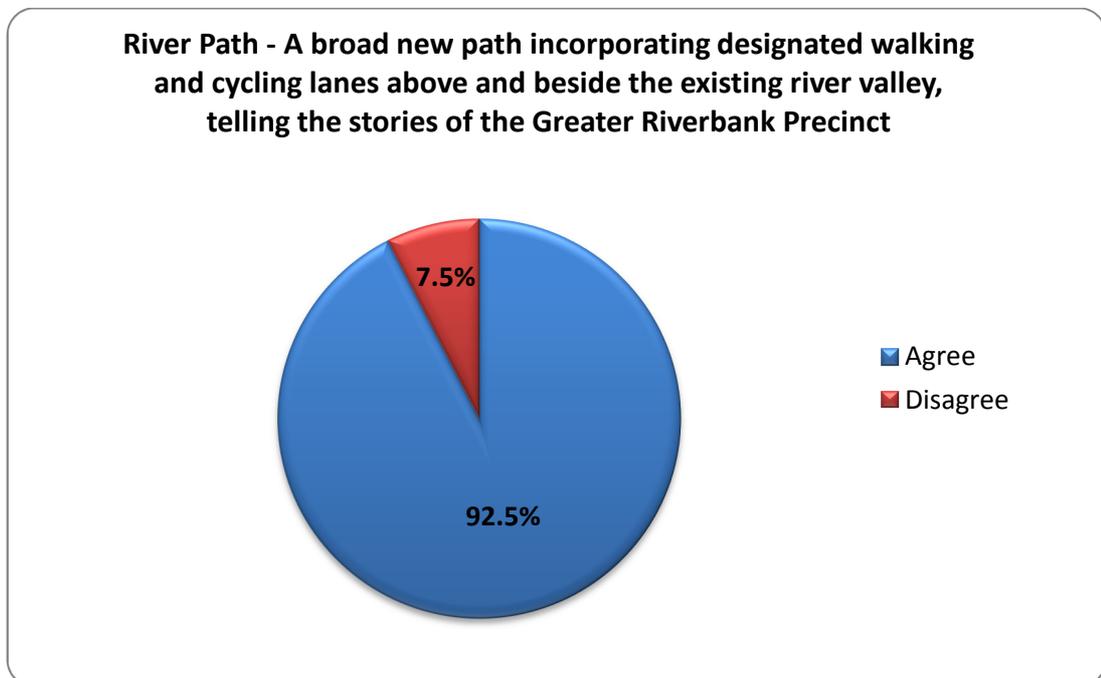
The response rate and a summary of key comments relating to the key features are noted below.

2.1.2.1 Extent to which respondents agree with the concept of four pathways running east-west along the Riverbank:

There was strong agreement for all four paths running east-west along the Riverbank. A higher proportion of respondents were in agreement with the River Path proposal than the other three paths. A breakdown of responses for each of the four paths is included in the charts below.

a/ River Path

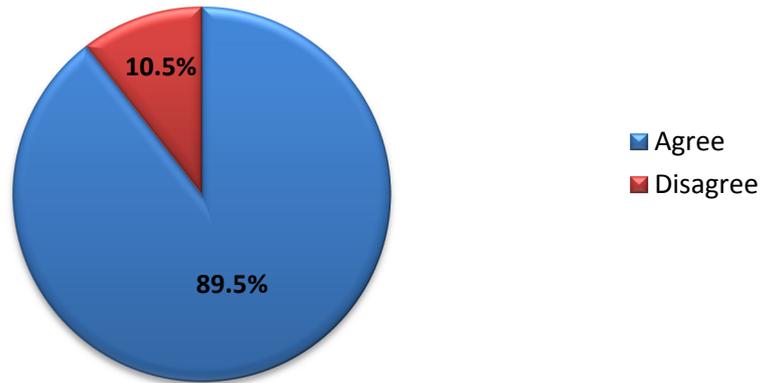
92.5% or 515 out of 557 responses agreed with the River Path.



b/ Central Path

89.5% or 494 out of 552 responses agreed with the Central Path.

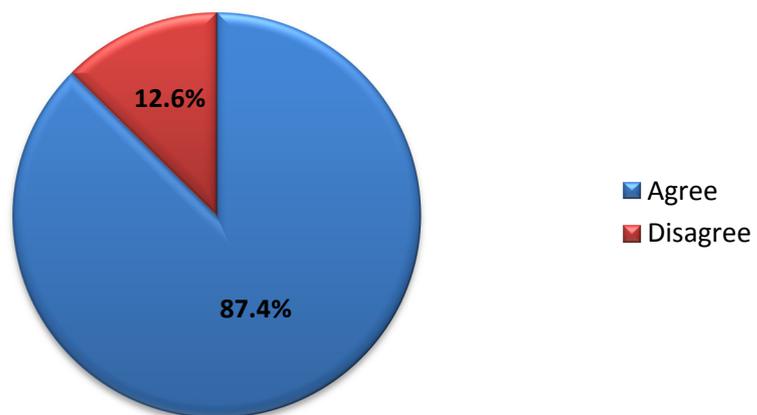
Central Path - A new path between the river and North Terrace through the Botanic Garden and university campuses to the Core Entertainment Precinct, new Royal Adelaide Hospital and Bonython Park Revitalisation area.



c/ North Terrace Path

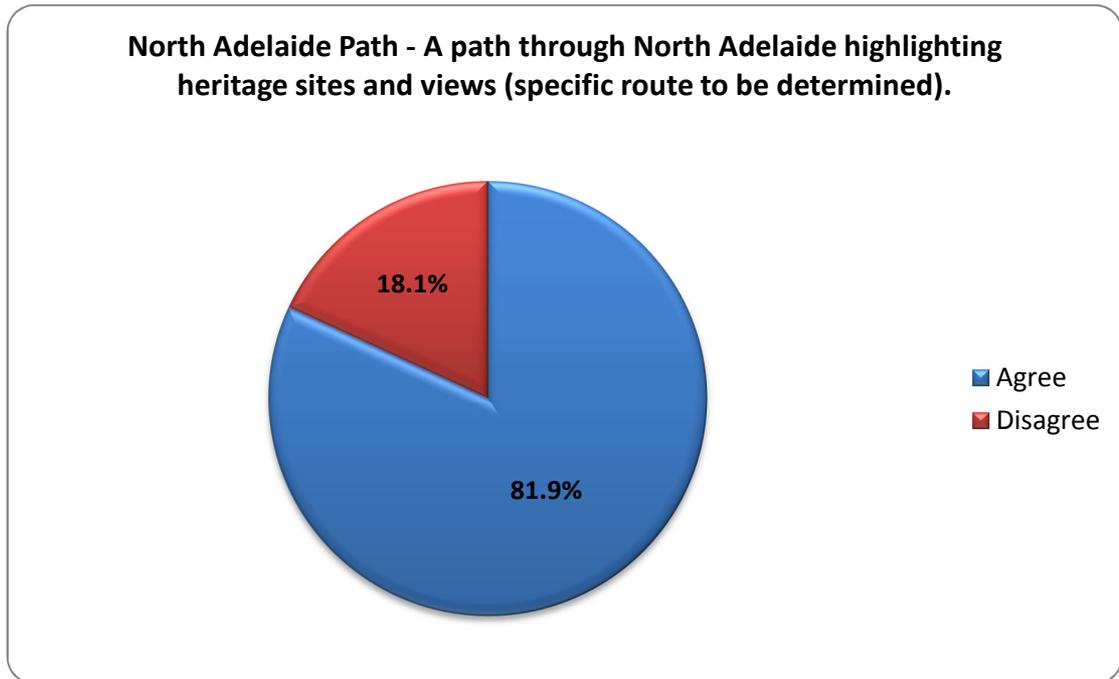
87.4% or 484 out of 554 responses agreed with the North Terrace Path.

North Terrace Path - An extension of the high quality central North Terrace boulevard treatment eventually including Port Road and Hackney Road.



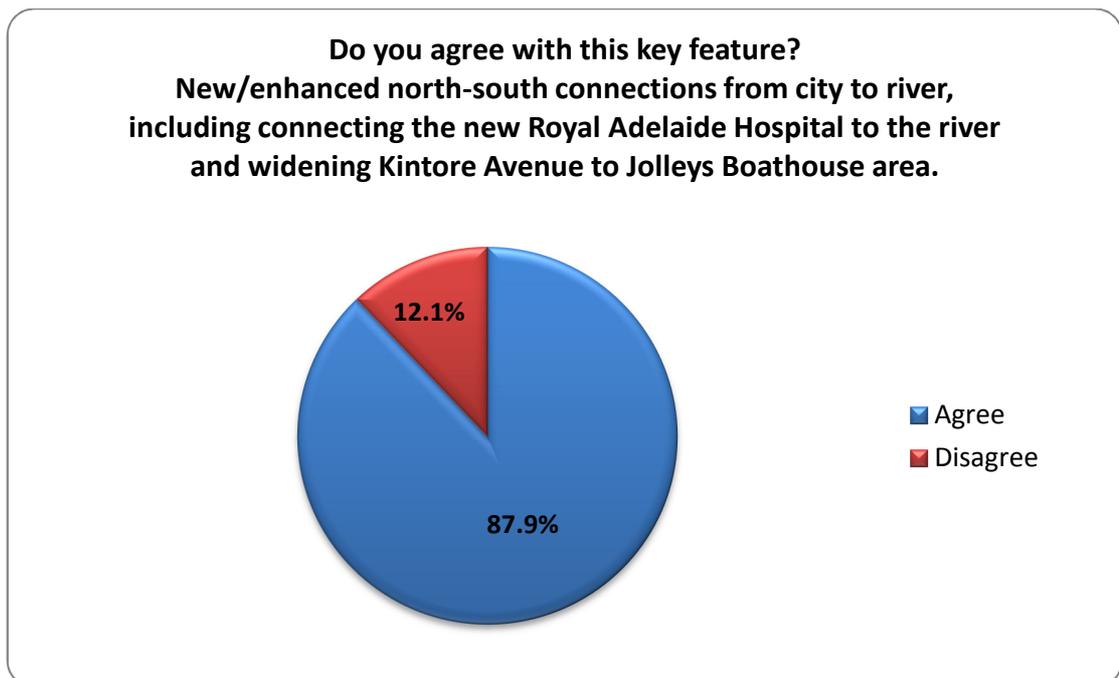
d/ North Adelaide Path

81.9% or 453 out of † 553 responses agreed with the North Adelaide Path.



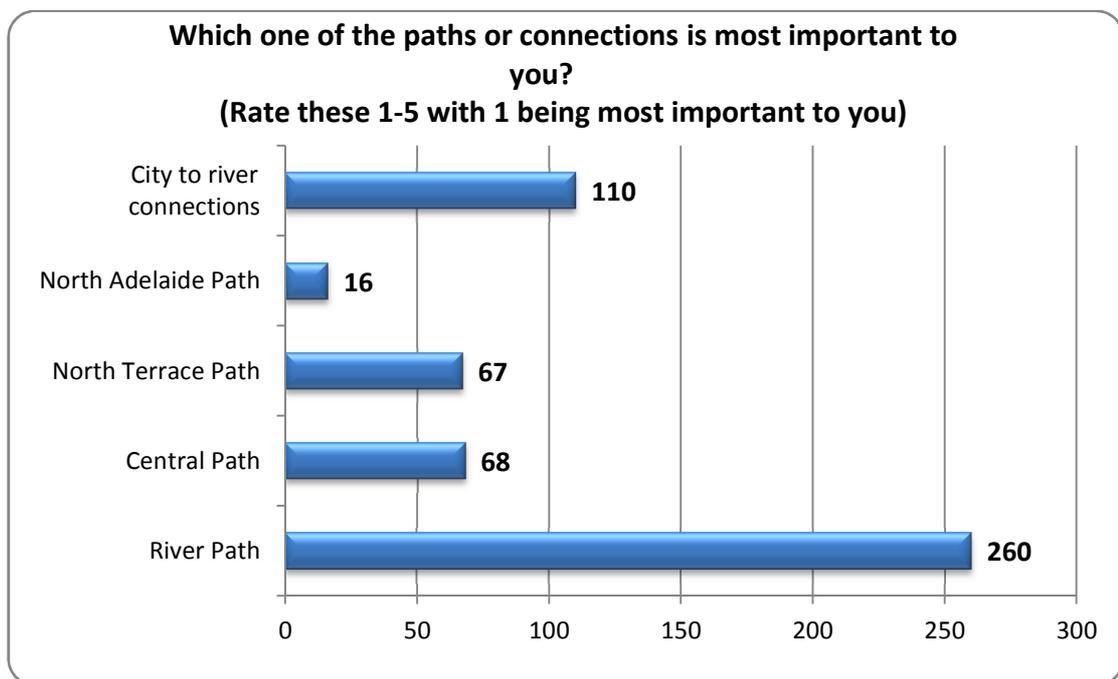
2.1.3 Extent to which respondents agree with stronger north-south city to river connections

There was also strong agreement for new/enhanced north-south connections from the city to river, including connecting the new Royal Adelaide Hospital to the river and widening and enhancing Kintore Avenue as a key shared pedestrian and vehicle link between North Terrace and Victoria Drive. 87.9% or 464 out of 529 responses agreed with this feature.



2.1.3.1 The paths / connections of most importance to respondents

The River Path was identified as the most important path or connection to respondents and North Adelaide the least important path.



The above represents the path identified as most important, n = 521

Some comments about paths/connections:

- At the moment it is difficult to find safe, accessible routes from the city to the river - the river seems completely separate and cut-off. The riverbank precinct should be PART of the city, an area that is bustling with energy and people, day and night, that draws people to it, and makes the most of its natural beauty as most other cities with rivers at their hearts do. It will be wonderful to be able to walk and cycle along it, stop for a meal and a drink, enjoy some entertainment, and have all the attractions from Bonython Park to Hackney Road connected.
- As a cyclist commuter to the CBD, I will get behind anything that makes my ride to work safe and more enjoyable. A common complaint is that cycling paths simply stop. That's why I think city to river paths are critical.
- These access points must not appear contrived but should be based on linkages to natural node points from centres of concentration of activity. Current draft appears to address this but should not unthinkingly be locked in as the site develops and the balance of activities varies over time. Also need to link in with public transport, in particular extension of tram along King William Street to North Adelaide and along North Terrace east of KW St to provide a hop-on; hop-off arrangement as seen in many tourist areas overseas.
- These areas need to be targeted with activation and clear sight lines creating boulevards. They need to have a hierarchy that is designated with the level of use. Making sure that it is clear where to walk at night for example where there is enough activity to make it safe.

- *If the path allows easier & safer commute along the river and into the city it will make the city much more accessible.*
- *Fantastic, open it up and activate these areas, so much history there for all to enjoy and see, hidden away from the eye.*
- *City connection points should include safe and segregated bicycle ways and consider gradients up from the river valley.*
- *Widening of Kintore Avenue should be the key feature, incorporating the RSL's proposed memorial walk between North Terrace and Torrens Parade Ground. This would also enhance pedestrian access to History SA exhibitions on the ground floor of ANZAC House.*
- *Yes, but who is thinking about transport needs? I would like to see free parking established on the outer fringes, much like the O'bahn car parks, with access to an extended city tram running between major sites.*

A small proportion of people thought that the new / improved paths wouldn't revitalise the city or were a waste of money and that Kintore Avenue surrounds including the Torrens Parade Ground were too historically significant to be touched. Some people indicated they wanted the walls down around Government House to be able to improve linkages while a smaller minority thought that Government House and its grounds should remain untouched.

2.1.4 Renewal of four key sites: Suggestions on how the Royal Adelaide Hospital site could be used in the future

There were several suggestions (407 in total) to the question of how the Royal Adelaide site could be used in the future.

The majority of the suggestions fell into the following categories:

- Retain the heritage buildings for mixed use development, integrate with the botanical gardens.
- Use for medical facilities of some description.
- Use for educational facilities and business/industry initiatives i.e. creating a new city high school or international school, give back to Uni SA or Adelaide Uni and use for business incubators.
- Turn into student accommodation facilities for students or aged care accommodation.
- Create a cultural / arts hub i.e. home to the Fringe and WomAdelaide and other outdoor events and turn heritage buildings into a health museum.
- Give some or all of the space back to botanical gardens.
- Using some open space for imaginative play areas and family friendly facilities including casual eateries.

Some comments relating to use of the Royal Adelaide site:

- *I believe it should be a mixed development incorporating higher education / arts & cultural institutions in the heritage buildings; open space and clear, open linkages between North Terrace, the Botanic Gardens, Adelaide Zoo and the remainder of the parklands; an open festival event space, which could host the Garden of Unearthly Delights, WOMAD, etc. It is crucial for the future of the East End that the site house ongoing businesses (higher education, arts & cultural), as well as attract large amounts of visitors (festival event space).*
- *Combination of new city high school, child care centre, university accommodation, new business start-up initiative attracting new industry sectors (not manufacturing) and equal measure of café, lunch venues.*
- *Maintain existing heritage buildings for adaptive re-use by cultural or educational institutions. Relocate and dramatically expand Tandanya. Develop within the space created by demolition of the remaining buildings a Museum of Modern Art and an open air festival hub for events such as the Garden of Unearthly Delights. Expand the botanic Gardens.*
- *The existing RAH should be used to house the new medical facilities on the existing site, as designated in Light's original plan.*
- *Should keep Heritage buildings, buildings should be kept to link up with Adelaide University Medical School/ Perhaps extension of beautiful gardens also to link up with botanical gardens.*
- *Update buildings and facilities to use as a hospital and care facilities for the Aged - SA will have a large aged population in the coming years and plans should be put in place to care and treat this specific community.*
- *A version of Cornwall's Eden Project would fit with the aspirations of the site perfectly. It would respect the botanic, educational and cultural (including world music) traditions of the precinct, and could even be incorporated within an expanded Botanic Gardens (meeting two ambitions in one project and perhaps providing an additional source of revenue to the garden.*
- *Part converted into student accommodation/eateries, the remainder returned to parklands and/or added to Botanical gardens.*
- *In whichever option is pursued, an expansion of the Botanic Gardens is important. These deserve greater prominence in the North Terrace Boulevard.*

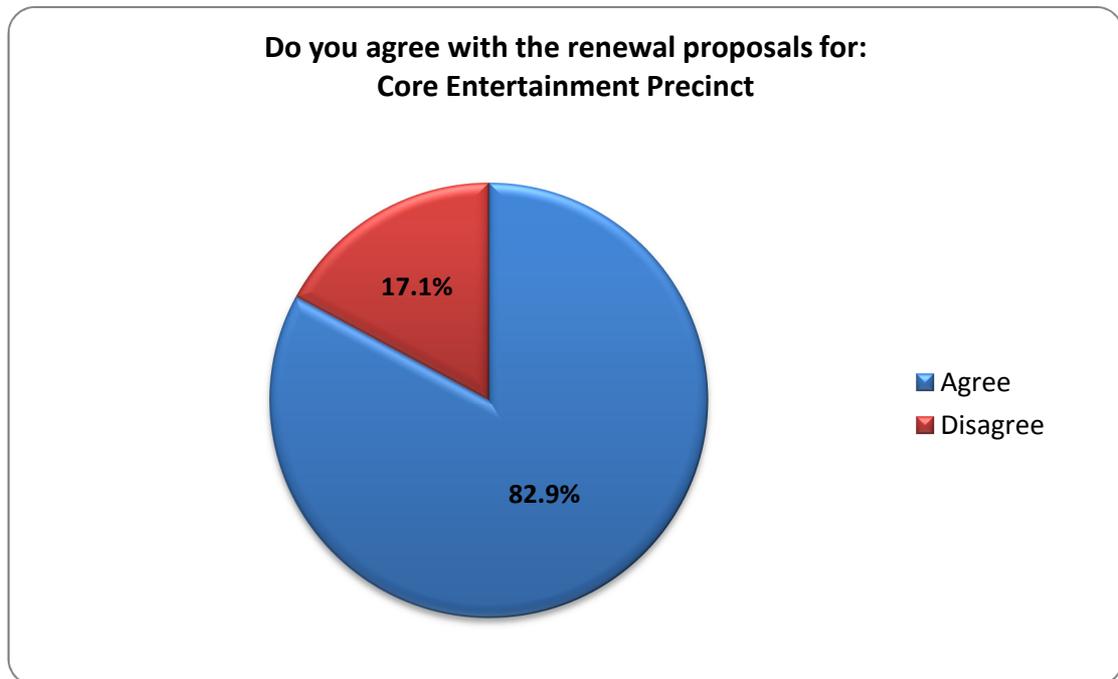
2.1.4.1 Extent to which respondents agree with renewal proposals for the Core Entertainment Precinct

There was a very high response rate to the question regarding the extent to which respondents agree with renewal proposals for the Core Entertainment Precinct.

82.9% or 426 out of 514 responses agreed with the renewal proposal for the Core Entertainment Precinct.

Several people commented that while they supported the overall proposal they were not keen on plans for the extension of the Casino. There were also numerous

comments about creating non-car travel alternatives and not providing additional car parks. There was also considerable support for making improvements to the Festival Plaza.



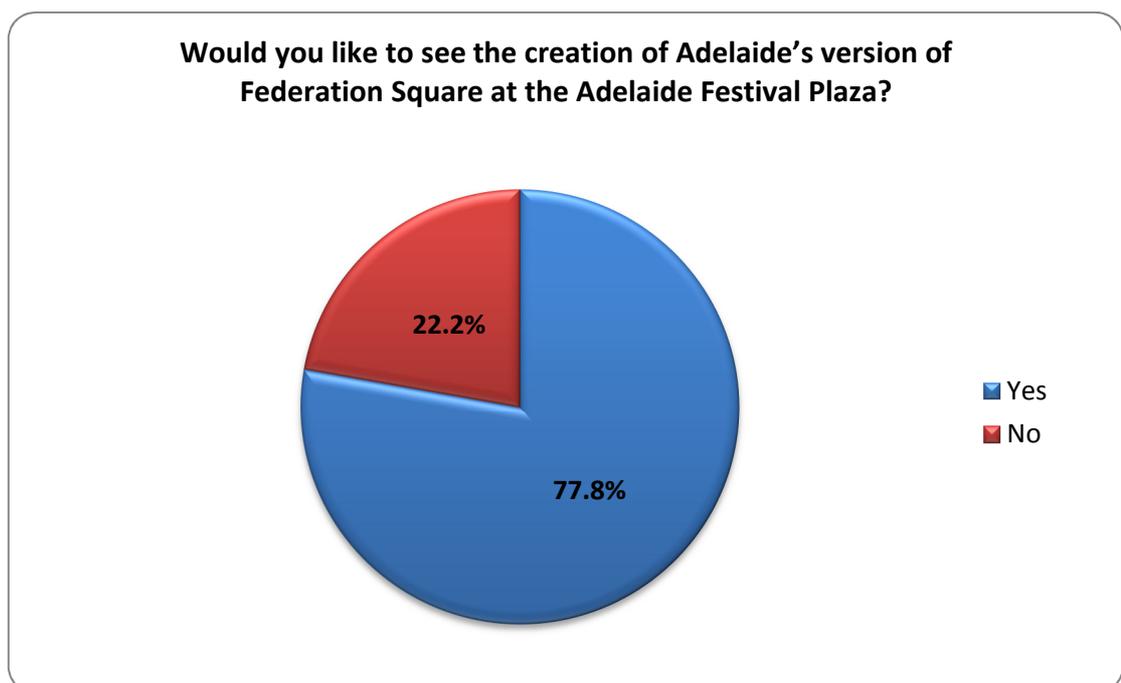
Some comments on the renewal proposals for the Core Entertainment Precinct:

- *Promote non car travel alternates and you'll have a more vibrant city. Why is there a need to extend the Casino? It's just a money making venture that's counter-productive to social interactions that are at the core of this whole project. Revitalising the entertainment core around the river sites, the festival centre however are positive moves.*
- *This is the most exciting part of the plan and should be implemented as soon as possible. The restaurants and cafes in particular along the Torrens will bring much needed vitalisation to the area and will be a great place to meet for a coffee or a meal and to bring you friends to when they are visiting from interstate.*
- *The use of Festival Plaza should complement the redevelopment of Victoria Square and not compete with it. The State government should definitely lever off private funding and development (the Casino) to achieve a high quality result in the public realm.*
- *Improvement to the Festival Theatre is long overdue and detracts considerably from the superb innovations e.g. Cabaret etc.*
- *Needs to be more like the riverbank area in Melbourne with markets, open air activities, cafes and an open air cinema.*
- *Major uses should be in the public realm - private sector developments are in danger of developing an elitist/exclusionary approach. Vibrancy and intimacy must be the objectives - keep it at a human scale so that people are not threatened or intimidated by the scale of the buildings. Shade will be critical for*

- Summer and wind is also likely to be a problem so low walling and windbreaks will be important. I support the idea as per Q11 re: an Adelaide Federation Square but with the above provisos given our more intense climate.
- This should be a priority, particularly with the Adelaide oval redevelopment completion at the end of the year. There needs to be activity in this precinct to entertain oval and festival centre attendees.
- A tourist hub should be located here. During the summer, when tourism is at its peak, the train is the cheapest way to get around. Keeping Otto Hajek's work is a good idea as it attracts attention to the space. At the moment there are centres dotted about the city, but none in context with its surroundings.
- Don't forget the Entertainment Centre (an Adelaide icon) basically at Bowden! Future planning and activation of this park should also consider access and inclusion of existing entertainment complexes, training facilities and food and dining ignored if the master plan is stopped at the Port Road /Park terrace intersection.
- I agree with developing the Festival Plaza as a major events space, including the Casino, but I don't wish to see multi-storey development any further into the area beyond the Casino development. Stick with cafes, restaurants, big screen, interactive water fountains and other attractions for families.

2.1.4.2 Level of support of Adelaide's version of Federation Square at the Adelaide Festival Plaza

There was also support for creating an Adelaide version of Melbourne's Federation Square at the Adelaide Festival Plaza. Respondents wanted it not to be a copycat of the Melbourne landmark, but rather something unique to Adelaide. 77.8% or 388 out of 499 responses supported this proposal.



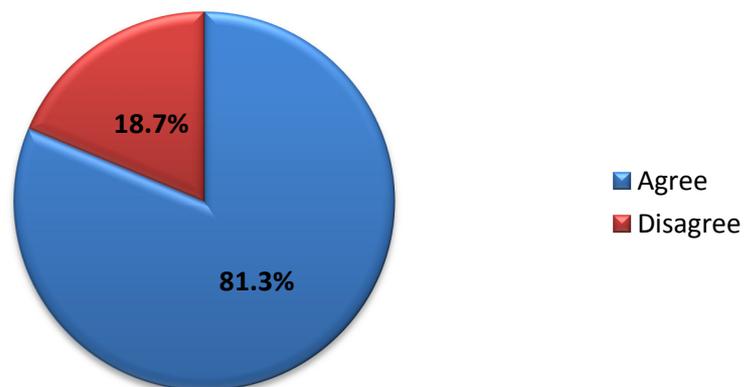
Some comments about creation of Adelaide’s version of Federation Square at the Adelaide Festival Plaza:

- *Magnificent idea! Close to public transport for people to get to the city.*
- *But not a copy-cat version - make it distinctively Adelaide.*
- *The creation of Adelaide's version of federation square is a great idea! We need to better utilise the space.*
- *Better / different to Melbourne - uniquely Adelaide - wineries, festivals, the arts, flinders / outback, churches -- that's all Adelaide & SA.*

2.1.4.3 Extent to which respondents agree with a revitalised Bonython Park celebration of Aboriginal culture and history and South Australia’s bicentenary in 2036

There was agreement with the renewal proposal for Bonython Park to celebrate Aboriginal culture and history and South Australia's bicentenary in 2036. 81.3% or 417 out of 513 responses agreed with this proposal.

Do you agree with the renewal proposals for: Bonython Park Revitalisation: A revitalised Bonython Park to celebrate Aboriginal culture and history and South Australia’s bicentenary in 2036



Some comments about the renewal proposal for Bonython Park:

- *There should be much stronger acknowledgement incorporation of Aboriginal culture, are there traditional Aboriginal games that can be played? (Whispering Wall with Team Room), many water features, fountains, a water park?*
- *Absolutely given the history of the area and riverbank opposite. There needs to be recognition and celebration of Aboriginal culture and history here.*
- *Reference to Aboriginal stories should be embedded in the built and natural environment. It will take time but Aboriginal (particularly Kurna) people should be asked what stories they want to tell and helped to tell them through public art and other.*

- *I agree with the concept, although that seems highly contradictory. Perhaps you could phrase it as a general celebration of the history of the South Australian region, and include these two features as important aspects of that. Celebrating these two alone, alongside one another will cause unnecessary conflict.*
- *Would rather see it broadened to celebrate multi-cultural history.*
- *I like the idea of a linear park containing various landmarks and entertainment spots along its length. You can integrate it with plazas and the like very easily*
- *Happy with normal upgrades but don't feel the need for major revamp. It's nice and tranquil as is.*

A small proportion of respondents didn't agree with this proposal primarily because they thought the area of Bonython Park was already reduced to allow room for the widening of Port Rd, is already too small to allow major public events, and is fine as is or think the money would be best spent elsewhere.

2.1.4.4 Additional features respondents would like to see as part of the Bonython Park Revitalisation

There were several different suggestions, with a snapshot of some of the different suggestions of most appeal noted below.

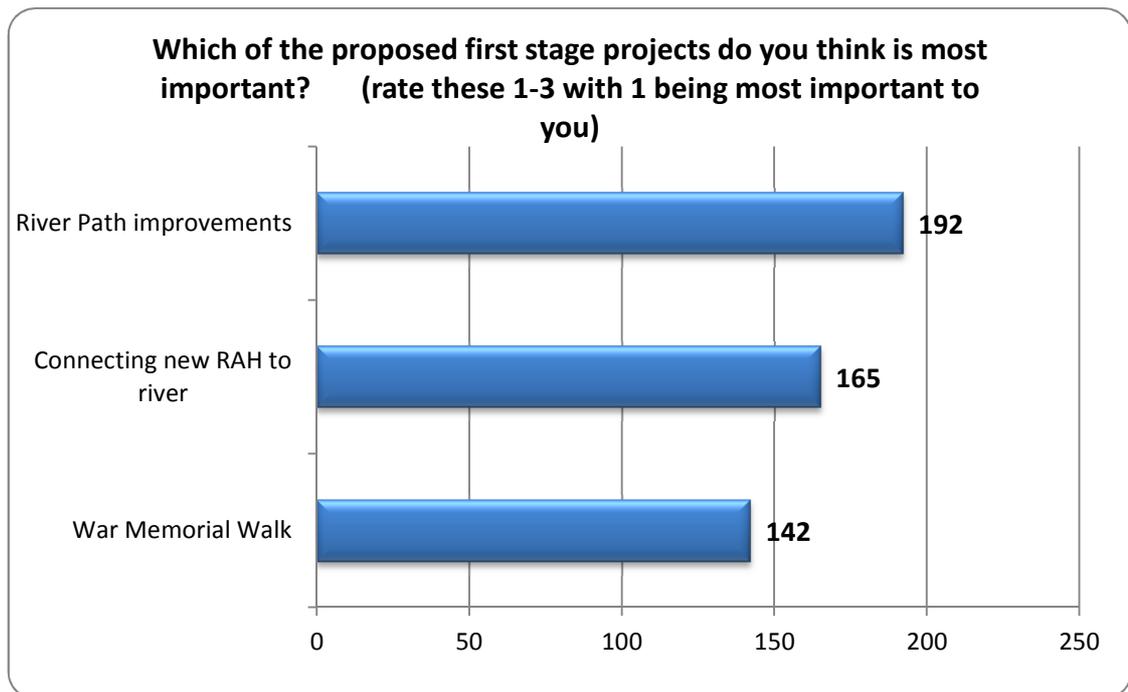
Some suggestions about additional features as part of the Bonython Park Revitalisation:

- *The continuing redevelopment of the park as a play centre and activity hub as has been put forward by previous proposals.*
- *Open spaces, wetlands, walkways, native plants, good lighting, b-b-q areas, park lands, dog exercise areas, seating, outdoor community cinema, etc.*
- *Better facilities to make it family friendly, modern and safe restrooms, a designated area for mobile food vendors perhaps a mobile kiosk that can be used at other government owned parks.*
- *Viewing platforms over wetlands/Public access playgrounds and highlight areas of heritage interest. Solar panel farm to power public facilities - testament to SA's approach to sustainability. Works done with a view to create sustainable living environment.*
- *Safety needs to be a key consideration, culturally revitalising the park is great, but Adelaide has a safety issue in parklands which will not improve over night because we don't have the population to achieve greater use. Better path design so that paths are close to areas where natural surveillance occurs, and also better lighting to make these spaces more (cyclist and pedestrian) commuter friendly.*
- *Perhaps more 'rest' areas, shaded trees? Fixed shade structures - for seniors / disabled. Sufficient public conveniences? Water fountains?*
- *Weather proof and fenced play areas for children with more cafes for parents.*

- *Not just lawns, any revitalisation needs to be climate appropriate and useful. Edible gardens might be a nice addition. Ensure good lighting along all paths and more playgrounds/workout stations to promote unstructured exercise.*
- *Sculptural and artistic works that the public can move through and interact with.*
- *Link it development through to Bowden Park 27B opposite Clipsal - Bowden Urban Village. Enhance sporting precinct.*

2.1.5 First stage projects respondents think are of most importance

River Path improvements were identified as the first stage project of most importance by a small majority.



The above represents the path identified as most important, n = 499

Some comments made in relation to the first stage projects:

- *I think as long as these developments make the space more centred around humans and human movement - walk, jogging, cycling, skate boarding - and they open up and connect the city, then I think they're all important.*
- *I sincerely hope that any River path from Elder Park to area adjacent to Torrens Parade ground does not mean the installation of a concrete overpass over K W Road.*
- *Let's go underground from Elder Park/Festival Theatre to Torrens Parade ground. Get rid of the pedestrian crossing on King William Rd.*
- *The connections from the city i.e. Rundle Mall to the River are the most important first steps as it needs to be easier and more attractive and enticing for people to get to the riverbank.*
- *Connecting the new hospital to the river is important - a 'trapped market', for want of a better term, that will populate the area year-round.*

- *Connecting the river to public transport needs to be a huge priority.*
- *I love the idea of creating a larger gathering area around our War Memorial, to encourage more people to attend Dawn Services, etc. and really highlight the Memorial as a key location and feature of the City.*
- *"War memorial walk" - Great idea but why keep the Governors House gated off. I'm sure more South Australians would love access to the site.*

2.1.6 The sort of activities, facilities and events that would attract respondents to spend more time within the Greater Riverbank Precinct

This question also attracted a high response rate (417 in total), with a majority of comments previously made under other questions. The majority of comments related to creating safe, active spaces which naturally draw people to the areas and provide a mix of passive and active recreation opportunities and encourage social interaction.

Some suggestions on the sort of activities, facilities and events that would attract respondents to spend more time within the Greater Riverbank Precinct:

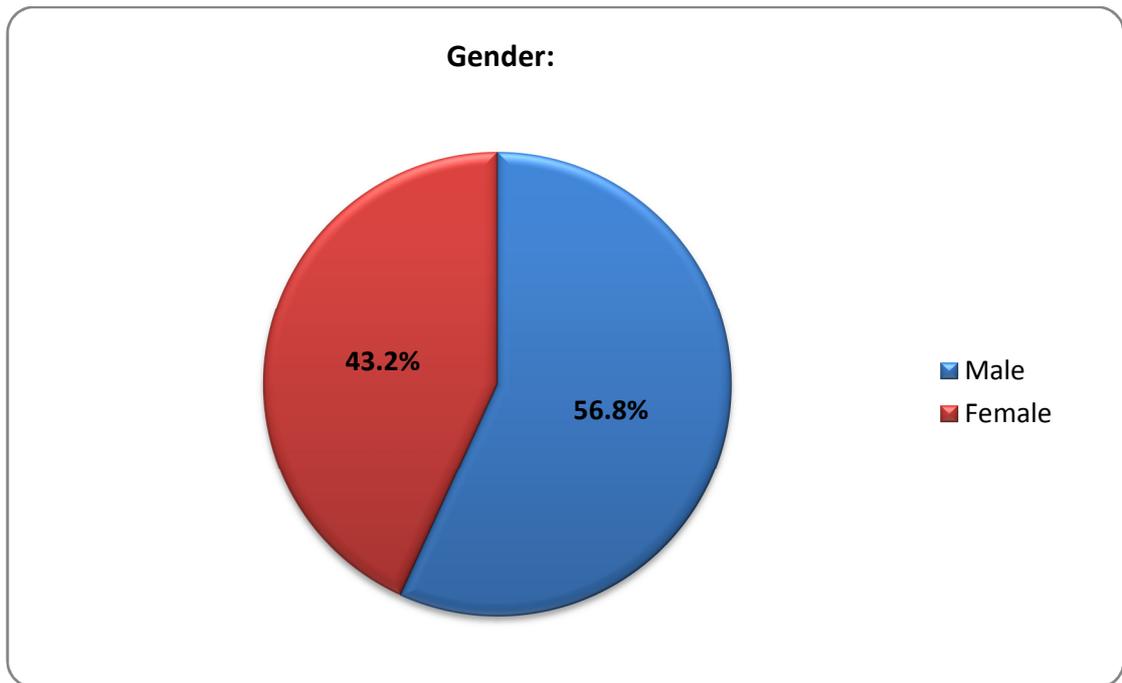
- *Just beautiful places to walk, cycle and sit with views to the CBD, small cafes and places dotted along the way. An area that is beautifully landscaped with interesting and surprising places to discover.*
- *Drinking water fountains, dog park (off the leash), fixed equipment you can train on (promotes exercise) Free BBQs. Separate running / walking / bike paths. Good lighting to walk at night.*
- *Shelters need to be available to cope with all weathers. Possibly a regular farmers market. Encouragement to local artists to perform - without too many restrictions.*
- *Great food, coffee, wine, creative businesses, bikes, picnics, river activities, impromptu and planned performances, confidence that just turning up will.*
- *Fairs and festivals that are more than just the same old crappy weekend handicraft stalls. Something like the "Northern Lights" on the festival centre roof all the time. Ingesting statues and artworks that you can stand next to/sit on for photos.*
- *Easy pathways to get from North Terrace to the river and back.*
- *Anything that involves participation – tug of war, chess contests, teddy bear picnic, Aboriginal story telling recorded in rocks along the paths/seats nearby.*
- *A water walk (enclosed across the Torrens), a fountain like soothing out of Vegas with water 'dancing' and lit up at night.*
- *Open air concerts that are accessible to people of all incomes.*
- *Cafes and other facilities that would encourage informal utilisation of park areas.*
- *More shaded areas, pop-up shops and restaurants.*
- *Whatever the main festival of the month in Adelaide – should have a component set up in the Riverbank Precinct.*

- *I like to ride to the park lands each weekend and it would be nice if I could ride through the riverbank and there is something that catches my eye and I can stop and participate on the whim.*

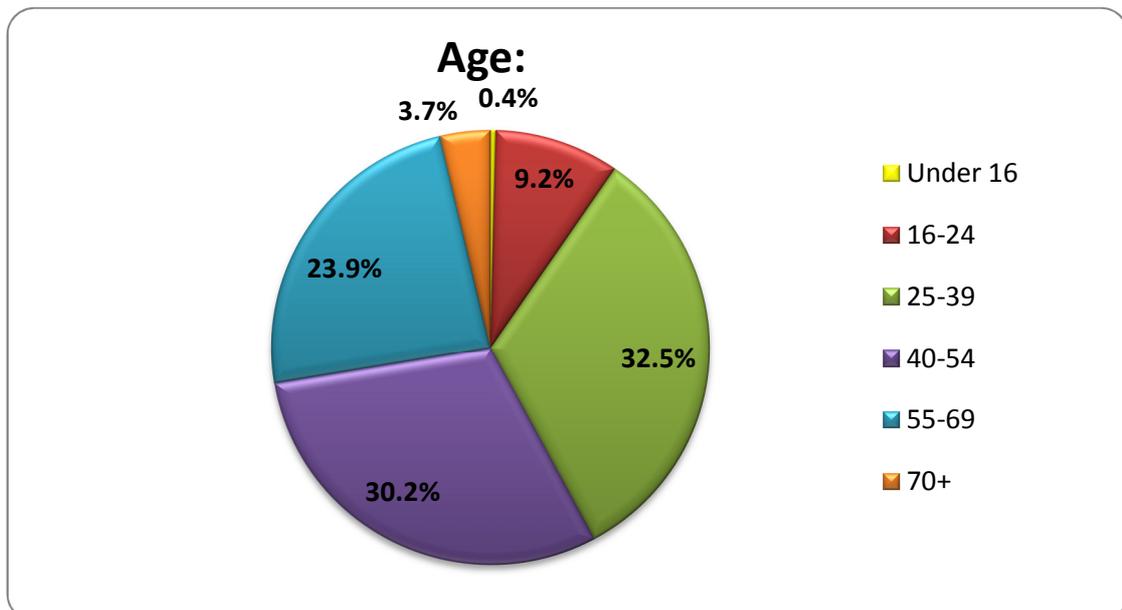
2.1.7 Profile of respondents

Several people did not complete this section of the survey. Of those that did, there were a greater proportion of females than males who completed feedback forms. The greatest number of feedback forms were received by those in the 25 – 54 years age groupings, however, there was a good mix of most age groups with the exception of under 16 year olds and over 70 year olds.

2.1.7.1 Gender



2.1.7.2 Age



2.2 Post-It-Note Comments

A total of five hundred and thirty-three (533) post it note comments were made at the Open Day. Display panels with questions /topics were made available for people to add their comments. A list of all comments has been recorded, however for reporting purposes only a sample of comments which represent some of the common views are noted below.

2.2.1 Vision for the Greater Riverbank Precinct to become Adelaide's great park

Seventy-six (76) post it note comments on this topic were recorded.

Of those who supported the vision, some comments included:

- *Yes, fantastic idea. Love to see the Zoo extended over the River into the side of the City. Bio recycling for native animals.*
- *Absolutely...full of activity and spaces to facilitate and promote health and wellbeing. 24-hour spaces, well lit and beautifully designed, productive gardens, art, sporting facilities etc.*
- *Incorporate children's playgrounds along the bank; destination facilities for families and children of all ages. Wonderful to create a vibrant and lively environment for Adelaide residents and visitors.*
- *This precinct has been begging for this much more cosmopolitan make over for years. Very exciting.*
- *Of those who didn't support part of all of the vision, some comments included:*
- *No more development on parklands.*
- *Too many footbridges. Make use of the bridges already there. For example, the "Boomerang" bridge linked to zoo; Uni footbridge; and the new one linking the oval.*

2.2.2 Proposed city walk of most importance

Twenty-seven (27) comments on this topic were recorded. Of these:

- 19 indicated that the River Path walk was most important
- 4 chose the Central Path
- 3 chose the North Terrace Path
- 1 chose the North Adelaide Path

a/ River Path

- *River path should be #1 and be the premier route. Flow is important, so support the suggested bridges.*
- *Widen Linear Park bike path + fix tight/ blind turns to allow access for disabled hand cycles + fix tree roots lifting path. Cycle parking security @ both ends of path.*

- *Lots of structures across river really affect peacefulness of walk/ride that presently brings such pleasure & solace. Think of other ways to get these linkages e.g. to zoo- free river connection.*

b/ Central Path

- *Central Path, because it is new and will bring life and a new perspective to great current buildings/ areas.*
- *Large capacity walking/cycling path across railway near new RAH will be essential to link the many people there to the rest of the River precinct.*

c/ North Terrace Path

- *North Terrace is essential and all others proposed are necessary to provide diversity in use and options- be great to run various festivals along these corridors at different time.*

d/ North Adelaide Path

- *Palmer and Boragh Gardens have very nice views of the city and hills, so may wish to include this on North Adelaide trail.*

2.2.3 Importance of stronger North-South city to river connections

Forty-nine (49) comments were recorded on this topic. Most agreed with this statement and some comments included:

- *Yes to promote walking, cycling and focus on healthy lifestyle and amenity.*
- *Good idea with new hospital- linking to relaxing/walking area-for patients/visitors.*
- *There should be an "off road" link for recreational cyclists between the east parklands and the River Torrens Linear Park. E.g. a parklands corridor through the old Royal Adelaide Hospital site once it is vacated. Currently cyclists have no choice but to use roads or illegally use footpaths!*
- *To honour the ANZAC centenary create a memorial walk on Kintore Avenue Re develop Kintore Ave, it's dangerous and unsightly?*
- *Public transport will inevitably become more important over the next few decades. Integrating rail and bus with the plans is really important – car parks are short term and short- sighted solution.*
- *Wall down around Government House- and Kintore Ave.*

2.2.4 Extent of agreement with the renewal proposal for the Core Entertainment Precinct

Sixty-eight (68) comments were recorded on this topic. There was a mix of comments on this topic from people who agreed with the proposal or those who didn't agree with some component of the renewal proposal.

Some comments from those who agreed included:

- *Love the idea of a big screen area to watch major sporting events.*

- *Adelaide festival hub is a major tourist attraction. Needs to be live and bubbly. Great for sporting events + other live telecasts.*
- *Definitely like the "mixed use" idea- offices, cafés, shops, venues. Car parks could counteract the Government's aim of reducing congestion/traffic in CBD. Encourage walking/bike travel.*
- *Good idea to have a core entertainment area-make it vibrant and sustainable.*

There were several comments from people who were opposed to the extension of the casino as part of the renewal proposal for the core entertainment precinct. Some comments from those who disagreed included:

- *Who puts a Casino in a park?*
- *Don't extend the Casino in the park unless it becomes at global standard i.e.: food, entertainment.*
- *Move the Casino out of the Railway station. It's a grand building that is wasted by the tackiness of the pokies.*

Some other general comments about this renewal proposal included:

- *No heritage buildings should be destroyed in the process. Making the riverbank more interesting is a must.*
- *Better connection between North Terrace, buildings and river. Hide car park and access roads- they are hideous barriers. Festival Centre should be the jewel of the area- upgrade cladding and return the buildings to glory.*
- *To ensure optimal activation of this area, there must be new apartments & a hotel to attract visitation and loving.*
- *Arts hub that allows for creative inspiration + collaboration.*

2.2.5 Extent of agreement with the revitalisation proposal for the Bonython Park

Seventy (70) comments on this topic were recorded. Of these most were in agreement with the proposal. Several suggestions were also made about the types of activities and facilities that people thought should be included as part of the renewal proposal of Bonython Park.

- *Yes, with well-designed and lit infrastructure and inner city family housing nearby to support facilities.*
- *I love the update of Bonython Park playground-great place to meet friends, take kids, cycle past and links you to socialising places in Thebarton / Hindmarsh / Brompton-city fringe options. Keep trees ok.*
- *More gardens, trees and shrubs to attract birds, insects etc. Less paving.*
- *Do not obliterate the ability of rain to fall on ground and soak in creative swales as catchment and wild life spaces.*

Some suggestions on the type of activities and facilities for Bonython Park included:

- *Enclosed dog park.*
- *Making water a main feature i.e. interesting water fountain etc.*
- *Coordinate use of Bonython Park for Fringe events*
- *Beautiful lighting- Art!- BBQs.*

Other general comments included:

- *Free transport link to city.*
- *Further recognition of Aboriginal heritage and culture. Built environment creates excellent opportunity for learning and appreciation.*
- *Extend revitalisation beyond Bonython Park to Parklands north of Torrens including North Adelaide train station then through parklands to Aquatic Centre. This will bring Bowden development into plan.*
- *Better wheelchair access- disabled access is not always wheelchair friendly.*

2.2.6 First stage projects of most importance

Forty-seven (47) comments on this topic were recorded. Of these:

- 5 - indicated that the War Memorial Walk along Kintore Avenue was most important
- 4 - indicated the River Path Improvements
- 4 - indicated the Morphett Street pedestrian crossing
- 34 - were other suggestions

Some comments included:

A/ War Memorial Walk along Kintore Avenue

- *Anzac Memorial walk in time for the centenary of Anzac in 2015.*
- *RAH site 1st then Memorial Walk.*

B/ River Path Improvements

- *River Path display the glory of Adelaide.*
- *River path including Bonython Park. For memorial walk- open up Government house grounds and create park link from North Terrace to river.*

C/ Morphett Street Pedestrian Crossing

- *Connect new Royal Adelaide Hospital to river.*

D/ Other Suggestions

Festival Plaza/Theatre

- *Priority should be eyesore between Festival Theatre and Parliament House.*

Morphett Street

- *Morphett St Bridge or any of the North-South paths are a real priority. Simple way to encourage access from CBD to river area.*

Elder Park

- *Elder Park area first- so beautiful but needs more life.*

Public Transport and Park and Ride

- *We need bike racks on the front of all buses. They have them elsewhere.*
- *Reduce the surrounding parklands by three rows of parking to create a Park'n'Ride precinct and cover with clever landscaping.*

Cyclist and Skateboard facilities

- *Cycling facilities must be able to accommodate long/wider bikes*
- *Make Nth Terrace footpath a legal shared use zone for bikes and pedestrians*
- *No skateboarding along pavements-should be separate areas/rules for them*

Environmental

- *Why do none of the first stages include "water quality?" Surely water is the heart of the park*
- *Too much concrete paving at Jolleys- and more native plantings not sterile grass and exotic trees*

Other

- *Returning Government House gardens to public enjoyment and heritage residence to public use. The next Governor moves residence. North Terrace precinct is enhanced at small cost- gardens are established.*
- *Extend North Terrace cultural space by closing Frome Road and linking activities all the way to National Wine Centre.*

2.2.7 Suggestions for how the Royal Adelaide Hospital site could be used in the future

Sixty- nine (69) suggestions were made on how the Royal Adelaide Hospital site could be used in the future. An extension of the Botanic Gardens and retention of heritage buildings for reuse as health, education and training facilities were some of the most common views expressed.

Some of the comments under category headings included:

Botanic Gardens Extension

- *A productive garden linked to the Botanic Gardens- real food, produced in the city.*
- *An Eden project style of space linking in with the Botanic Gardens and Horticultural studies at University of Adelaide.*

- *Some of RAH site might be returned to the Botanic Gardens, but need to have vibrant residential and working population within it. Good area for public school.*

Cultural, Arts and Entertainment Spaces

- *A significant Indigenous Australian Museum/gallery and meaningful cultural gathering place for all South Australians.*
- *Turn heritage building into museum (largest Aboriginal museum in OZ perhaps) Plenty of other vacant block in CBD for residential.*
- *Demolish ugly 60s 70s building to create park and events space. Keep heritage buildings to turn in viable business e.g. Hotel.*
- *Collaborative Artist Space- Community facilities for meetings.*
- *Federation Square in Melbourne – Great! Do something like that.*

Housing

- *Refurbish and make it into student accommodation.*
- *Use as subsidised accommodation for rural families visiting or staying with family members in RAH.*
- *Add a mixed apartment/hotel to bring vibrancy and people to the precinct (not just during the day).*

Health and Educational Facilities

- *Retain heritage buildings for public use. Retain some health functions there i.e. Rehabilitation. Extend botanic gardens to some extent.*
- *Education Centre- high school. Include space for non-profit organisations (educational) that are self-providing.*
- *Reuse old building pre 1950s as student accommodation/ secondary college/university expansion and return the rest to the park lands/ botanic gardens.*
- *RAH a world class medical university and training facility- it should remain publicly accessible, not sold off for profit to fund incompetent short term government decision making.*

2.2.8 Activities, facilities and events that would attract people to spend more time with the greater Riverbank Precinct

Sixty-six (66) comments on activities, facilities and events that would attract respondents to spend more time within the greater Riverbank precinct. Comments are broken up into several categories below.

Environmental

- *Flush the Torrens with seawater. Pipe laid on its bottom. A seawater storage further upstream.*

- *Community gardens. Clear red tape and regulations to allow pop-up businesses to operate in some parts of parks.*

Recreation

- *Parklands need lots more areas where people can get away from the frenetic activity of the city.*
- *True variety. Walking/cycling routes with changing scenery (natural and built) Entertainment and quiet areas, Sports fields not needed as already well located for in other areas of parklands.*
- *Dog park and watering stations.*
- *Large adventure playground, zip wires etc.*
- *BMX track, skateboard (with shade), giant chess, ½ court basketball FREE.*

Water Activities and Facilities

- *Exciting and unique water features in the Torrens. Fountain at the end of the bridge is just OK.*
- *Some funky new paddle boats or row boats something unique.*
- *My dream: a world class aquarium on the Torrens.*

Social and Cultural Activities

- *Open up Government House gardens to the people for fun events and art and food and enjoyment of the space we own!*
- *Allow lots of buskers, lots of concerts, markets, stalls, family workshops, public speaking events, festivals, outdoor classes (e.g. yoga, gym, meditation, painting.)*
- *Unless there are plenty of cafes, pubs, no one will really come down here.*
- *Grower's market and good quality crafts- like St Kilda Beach Market in Melbourne- not tacky trash.*

Public Transport

- *It is vital that public transport is improved and made more frequent – more free transport to encourage use and visitors.*

Other

- *SA needs to skill up its builders to promote and encourage heritage and historic building reuse not endless demolition. In Europe many buildings are centuries old. In Adelaide we would be so lucky.*
- *Some emphasis of "free facilities" for lower socio- economic groups. Some of us can't afford to pay every time we go out.*
- *Would be good to have info on fitness effects e.g. walking distance between precincts.*

2.2.9 Miscellaneous comments

Twenty-one (21) comments were recorded on a range of topics. Some key additional comments included:

- *Cleaner water in the River Torrens.*
- *Acknowledge existing trails e.g. Kwacha walking trail, before developing new ones.*
- *Have separate cycle and pedestrian paths, so both can move around comfortably. For example “Stanley Park” in Vancouver, Canada.*
- *Exercise and play equipment along bike paths. Widen/ smooth river/walk paths.*
- *Politely prepare the next Governor to reside in another place e.g. North Adelaide.*
- *Can a Farmers Market be incorporated beside one of these paths? Possibly THEBARTON area.*
- *“City Bike” stations that can be hired in one destination and left at another.*

2.3 Children’s Survey Results

Ten survey forms were completed by children between the ages of 1 – 14 years at the Open Day.

A summary of their comments are noted below.

2.3.1 Top 3 things children would most like to see and do at the Riverbank

From the table below, water and play equipment activities were particularly popular with children.

Top 1	Top 2	Top 3
Play – Loves Darling Quarter	Mummy Do Exercise	Chasey – ‘find things’
Harry Potter Land	Water slide	Holiday House
Water slide	Playground	-
Fish	café	The River
Seeing the ducks	Artist character drawings	Cafe
Ducks and Fish	Water slides and playground	Boats
Feed the ducks	Paddle Boats	Walk along it
Rihanna	Nicki Minaj	Justin Bieber
Musical events	Water sports	Night events
Playground with lots of equipment	Covered wading pool	Shady trees with picnic tables and rubbish bins

2.3.2 Other comments about the plans for creating a great park for Adelaide along the Riverbank

Of the 8 children who made comments:

- 4 children said they had no further comments or likes the plans as they were
- 4 children made the following suggestions: 'should build some holiday houses', 'places to explore, run and play', 'make it look nice – put in a playground', 'they look good – I like the bridge'.

2.3.3 Activities that children participated in at the Open Day

Of the 9 children survey responses received, children participated in:

- 9 -Performing artists
- 8 - Tasting free food
- 6 - Listening to musicians
- 5 - Old MacDonald's Farm
- 5 - Riverbank display boards
- 4 - Photo booth
- 3 - children's art activities
- 2 - AFL kick and handball program
- 2 - Playing mini golf
- 2 - Yoga demonstrations

2.3.4 Gender and Age

Of the 10 survey responses:

- 4 were female
- 5 were male
- 1 'unknown'
- 2 children were 1 – 5 years of age
- 4 children were 6 – 10 years of age
- 2 children were 11 – 14 years of age
- 2 children did not indicate their age

2.4 Your SAY Website and Social Media Comments

Six community comments were received on the Your Say website. Ideas for the Riverbank precinct included:

- *The existing RAH site could be a permanent home for the Fringe Festival's 'Garden of Unearthly Delights' and the fringe festival – a grass roots cultural and musical venue.*

- *Move Parliament House to the existing RAH site next to the Botanical Gardens and transform the current site of Parliament House to an open area like Federation Square in Melbourne to link to the Convention Centre, Festival Centre, Elder Park, River Torrens and the Adelaide Oval.*
- *What a great idea to have flow throughout the parkland area – have outdoor annual sculpture competitions, free Wi-Fi gathering points and lots of quality street foods, buskers and pop-up stands – local made items only.*
- *Having regular group exercise classes like Zumba or yoga for anyone to join in.*
- *Use the recycled water pipeline to landscape – more lawns, deciduous trees and lush greenery.*
- *Piltawoldi near the lock is a very special area for the Kaurna people and would make an ideal site for the new Kaurna City Cultural Centre if the elders thought so. More cultural recognition within the city for local appreciation and tourists is required.*
- *Expand down the linear park along the train to encourage more walkers, tourists and bike riders – better environmental care of this area needed.*
- *Would like a Sydney Darling Harbour – but with trees and environment preserved.*

There were also about 170 Twitter comments which engaged people in a range of discussions including the RAH and the design competition, media reporting on the plans and general discussion about the timeframe of the project and costs.

3. CONCLUSION

The number of people attending the Open Day and providing feedback demonstrated a high level of interest in the plans for the Greater Riverbank Precinct by both genders and people of all ages. The sample size, combined with the high proportion of those making positive comments and in agreement with the proposed features and renewal proposals, provides clear indication that there is overwhelming support for the key concepts of the draft Greater Riverbank Precinct Implementation Plan.

The vision put forward for the Greater Riverbank Precinct as Adelaide's great park resonated strongly with the vast majority of respondents. The vision was seen to reflect the community's desire for beautifying one of Adelaide's greatest assets in the heart of the city, leaving a legacy for generations to come and being a showcase for tourism.

Strong east-west and north-south pathway connections were identified as important key features to increase accessibility between the city and river and activate and open areas for safe, enjoyable use by pedestrians and cyclists. The River Path stood out as the most important connection and first stage project. People also recognised however, that connecting the new hospital to the river was also a priority. While not specific to the Riverbank Precinct Implementation Plan, ensuring good public transport connections to the river was commonly repeated in feedback and identified as an element which needed to be taken into consideration by the Government.

How the current Royal Adelaide Hospital site is used in the future captured the imagination of many, with support for retention of heritage buildings for mixed use development, integrated with additional open space for the Botanical Gardens and open festival event space.

The Core Entertainment Precinct also promoted a number of comments with the majority supporting the renewal proposal. Upgrade of the Festival Plaza and inclusion of restaurants, cafes and open air markets and events along the Torrens were perceived as bringing much needed vitalisation to the area.

While there was support for the creation of an Adelaide version of Melbourne's Federation Square at the Festival Plaza, the support rate was not as high as the other renewal proposals, primarily because many people held the view that while they wanted something as iconic as the Federation Square was to the Victorian community, they wanted something uniquely Adelaide and the design to reflect this.

The renewal proposal for Bonython Park was also well supported, with acknowledgement that there needs to be greater recognition and celebration of Aboriginal culture. At the same time, celebration of the South Australian and multi-cultural history could also be incorporated. As part of the Bonython Park revitalisation, additional features of most appeal included open spaces, wetlands and walkways, and the continued development of the park as a play centre and activity hub with family friendly facilities.

Creation of safe, activated and fully accessible spaces which naturally draw people to the areas and provide for a mix of passive and active recreational activities and social interaction opportunities would attract people to spend more time within the Greater Riverbank Precinct.

While the extent of support for the features and proposals presented in the draft Greater Riverbank Precinct Implementation Plan was significant, a small number of concerns were raised and should if possible, be taken into consideration when finalising the Plan.

The majority of concerns related to the loss of park lands and development on the park lands reducing the amount of open space in the city. A small number of people felt there was an overemphasis in the plans on the built environment, preferring to see a greater allowance in the plans for a more natural environment. There were also several comments made about the Casino development, with some opposed to any extension, along with any further multi-storey developments in the Core Entertainment Precinct.

Retention of heritage buildings or their facades, creating a pedestrian and cycle friendly precinct with pathway linkages to all of the City's attractions, reducing the need for car travel and car parks and ensuring new development is vibrant and sustainable are other elements which should be taken into account in the implementation plan.

APPENDIX A

Adelaide's great park – Draft Greater Riverbank Implementation Plan Feedback Form