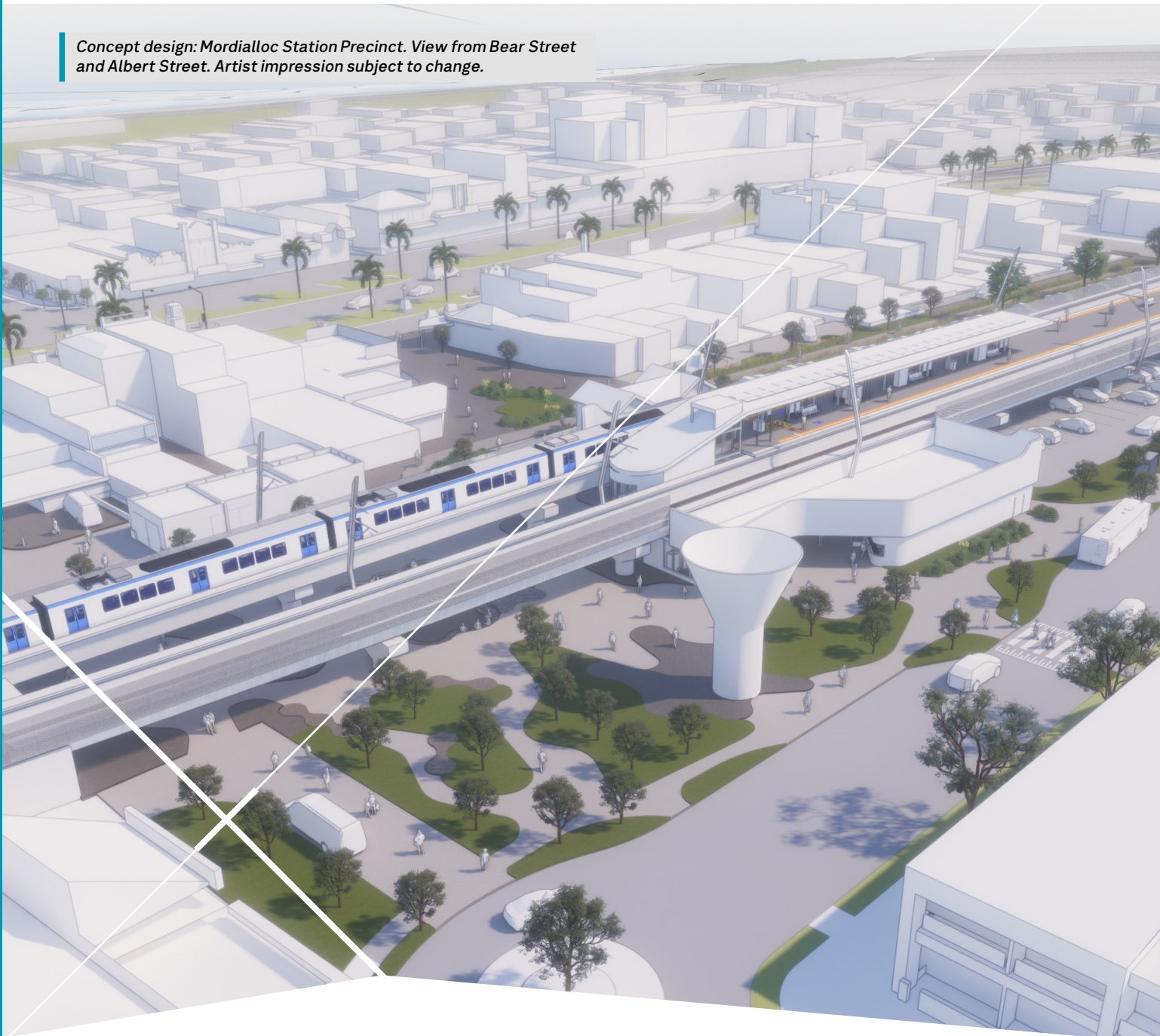


McDonald Street, Mordialloc
Bear Street, Mordialloc
Station Street, Aspendale

Community consultation report

June 2024

Concept design: Mordialloc Station Precinct. View from Bear Street and Albert Street. Artist impression subject to change.





Bear Street, Mordialloc.



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The boom gates down on McDonald Street.

Project overview

We're removing the level crossings at McDonald Street, Mordialloc and Station Street, Aspendale by building two new rail bridges.

We're also removing and closing the Bear Street level crossing in Mordialloc and building a new Mordialloc Station, creating a vibrant new station precinct with safe access for pedestrians and cyclists by 2026.

Improvements to the local road network will help traffic and pedestrians move smoothly and safely through the local area.

The new Mordialloc Station will have modern and accessible features and a new station precinct that celebrates the area. We'll protect the heritage water tower, incorporate elements of the original station building into the precinct, and include planting and landscaping that reflect the natural surroundings.

Why these level crossings need to go



Approximately **26,000 vehicles** travel over these level crossings each day



Boom gates are down for **up to 40 minutes** of the morning peak (7am to 9am)



33 trains during the morning peak (7am to 9am)



12 near misses at these crossings since 2016 and **one fatality**

Consultation summary

In September 2023, we released early concept designs for the new station precinct and public space.

We asked you to share your ideas and feedback on aspects of the early designs, including:

- the overall look and feel of the station precinct
- ideas for the new public space
- landscaping
- themes for public art
- car parking.

We received over 400 valuable pieces of feedback on the concept designs via online surveys, community information sessions and workshops, and our contact centre. This community feedback has helped shape the designs, and we thank you for your input.



McDonald Street level crossing.

In June 2023, we announced the level crossings in Mordialloc, and Station Street in Aspendale, would be fast tracked. As part of this engagement phase, we asked locals to providing feedback on how they move through the area and what's important to them.

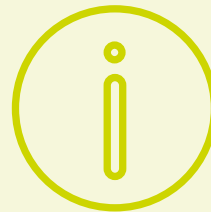
During this phase, we received more than 800 pieces of feedback via online surveys, community pop-ups and our contact centre.

How we engaged

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workshops with the local community and Mordialloc Secondary College



77

enquiries via the contact centre



168

design feedback surveys completed

84

questions received via the 'Ask Us' function on the Engage Victoria online consultation hub



125



people attended face-to-face and online information sessions

Early concept designs survey

We invited community members to complete a survey about the early concept designs.

The purpose of this survey was to seek community feedback on aspects of the project and the new Mordialloc Station precinct.

About you

Here's some information about you and the other respondents:

Your connection to the Mordialloc and Aspendale area



85%

live locally to the project



49%

use walking and cycling paths in the area



45%

own land or property in the area



21%

have children who go to school or childcare in the area



In addition to our community survey, we held two public space workshops in November and December 2023, one with Mordialloc Secondary College and another with the community. Participants highlighted the importance for public space to connect local communities and be incorporated with the area's local identity.

Potential features mentioned in the workshops included drinking fountains, safe lighting, weather protection and places to rest.

What we heard: a snapshot



New station precinct

- Around two thirds of the respondents prefer a new station precinct with a look and feel that incorporates characteristics and features of the local area.
 - Nearly two thirds of respondents prefer a mix of landscaping styles throughout the public space.
 - Around half of the respondents would like the original Mordialloc Station building to be retained if possible.
 - Car parking for train passengers is very important for almost half of the respondents.
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Station precinct landscaping

- Overwhelmingly, respondents want to see trees and plants that are native or indigenous in precinct landscaping.
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Artwork

- Half of the respondents prefer artwork with themes reflecting the local area, while a third prefer nature-based artwork.
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Moving around the area

- Lighting was the most requested improvement for walking and cycling around the area, with four out of five respondents noting it would help people move around.
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Public space

- More than 70 per cent of respondents would like to see more than half the public space dedicated to new trees, plants and landscaping, with a balance between open grassed areas, gathering places and nature-based play in the remaining space.

Note: Respondents could select multiple options in some questions.

The new station precinct

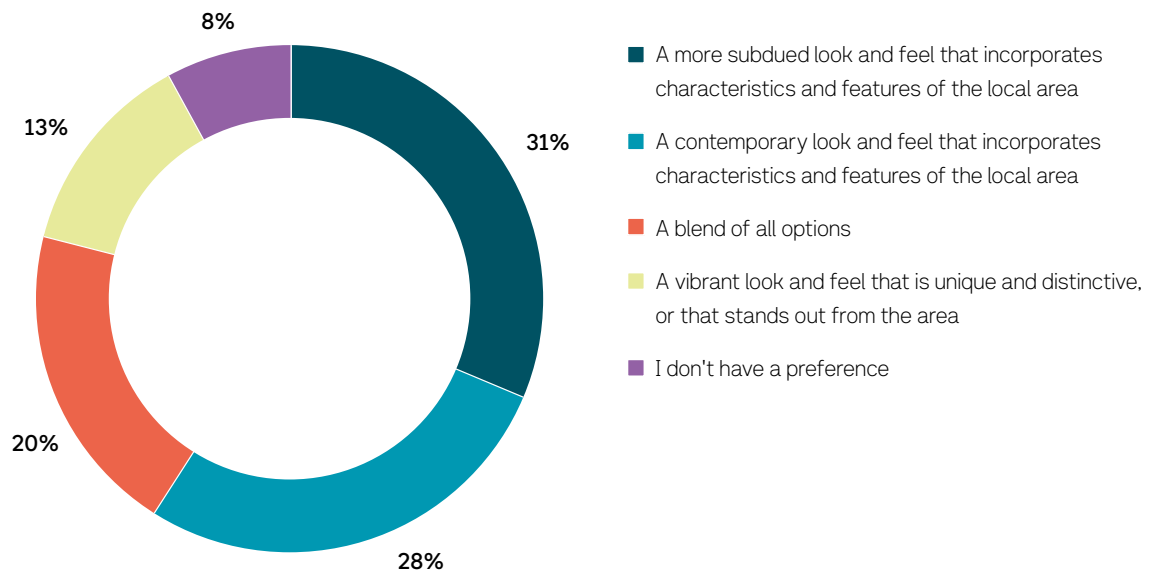
The new station precinct will have the station building, a station forecourt and gathering spaces, as well as walking and cycling paths.

What would you like the overall look and feel of this area to be?

Multiple choice, five options. **Total responses 163.** Percentages based on number of respondents who answered this question.

What we heard

Nearly two thirds of respondents prefer a look and feel that incorporates characteristics and features of the local area.

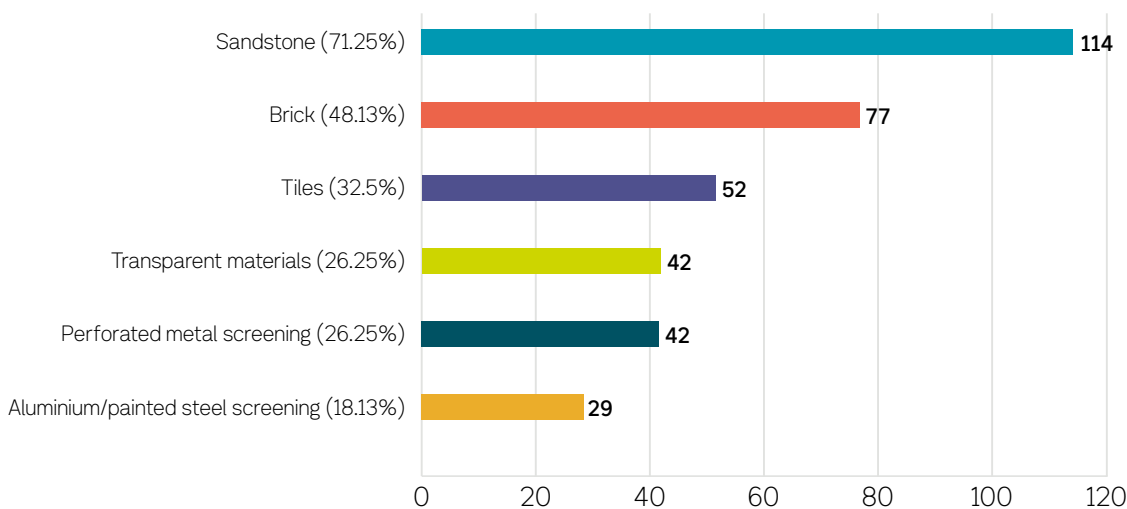


What types of materials would you like to see used in the new station precinct?

Multiple choice, six options. **Total responses 356.** Percentages based on number of respondents who answered this question. Survey respondents were able to select multiple options.

What we heard

Sandstone was the most popular material choice, with over 70 per cent of respondents selecting this option, followed by **brick**, and **tiles**.

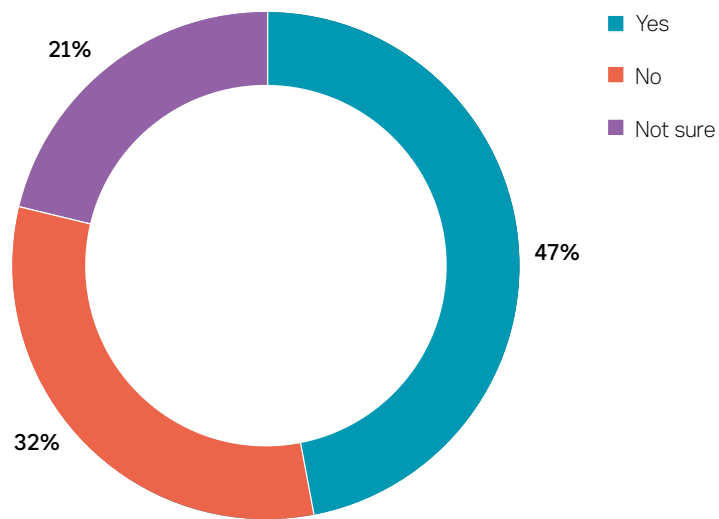


As part of the project, would you like to see the original Mordialloc Station building retained, if possible?

Multiple choice, three options. **Total responses 162.** Percentages based on number of respondents who answered this question.

What we heard

Around half of the respondents would like the original Mordialloc Station building to be retained if possible, while a third wouldn't, and a fifth are not sure.

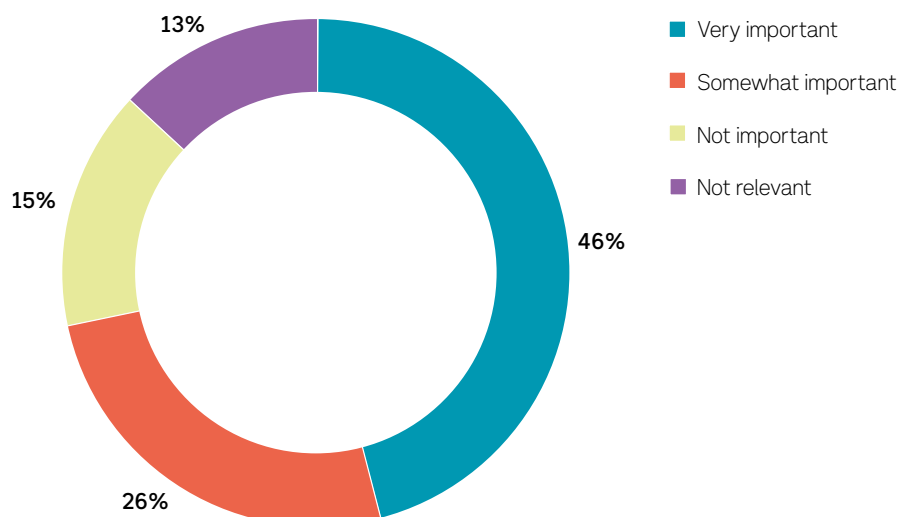


How important or not important to you is commuter car parking at Mordialloc Station?

Multiple choice, four options. **Total responses 163.** Percentages based on number of respondents who answered this question.

What we heard

Car parking for train passengers is **very important** for nearly half of respondents and **somewhat important** for a quarter of respondents.



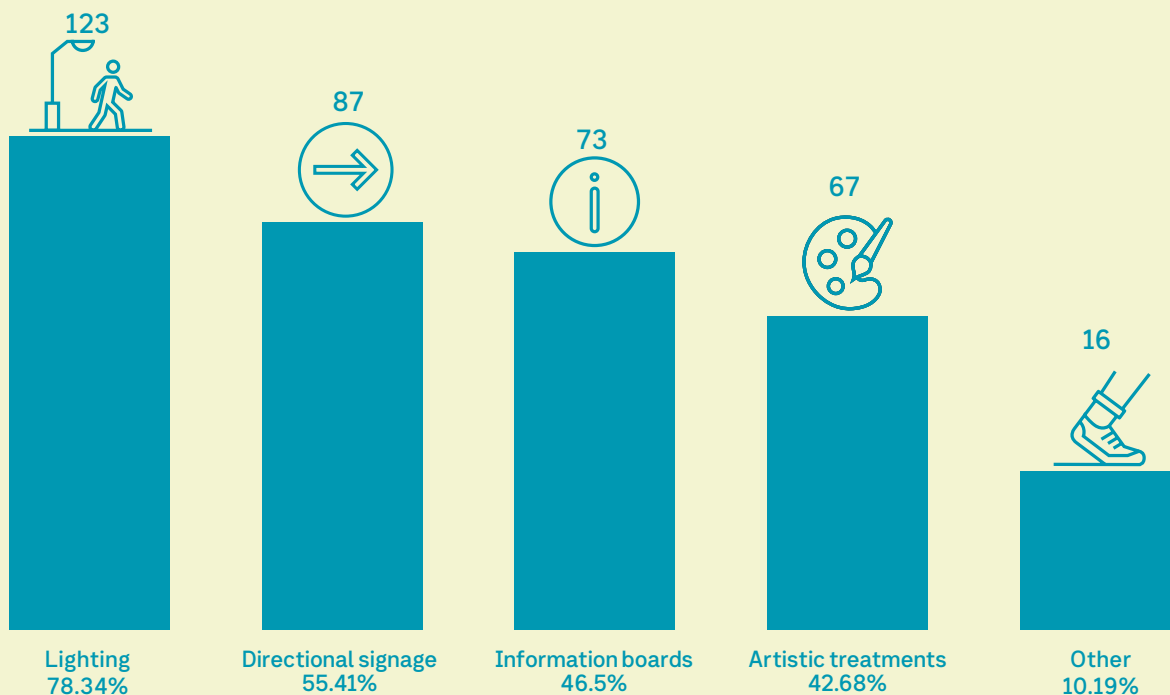
Moving around the area

What could help people move around the area?

Multiple choice, five options. **Total responses 366.** Percentages based on number of respondents who answered this question. Survey respondents were able to select multiple options.

What we heard

Lighting was the main priority to help people move around the area, with nearly 80 per cent selecting this option. More than half said **directional signage** would help, with **information boards**, and **artistic treatments** the next most popular options.

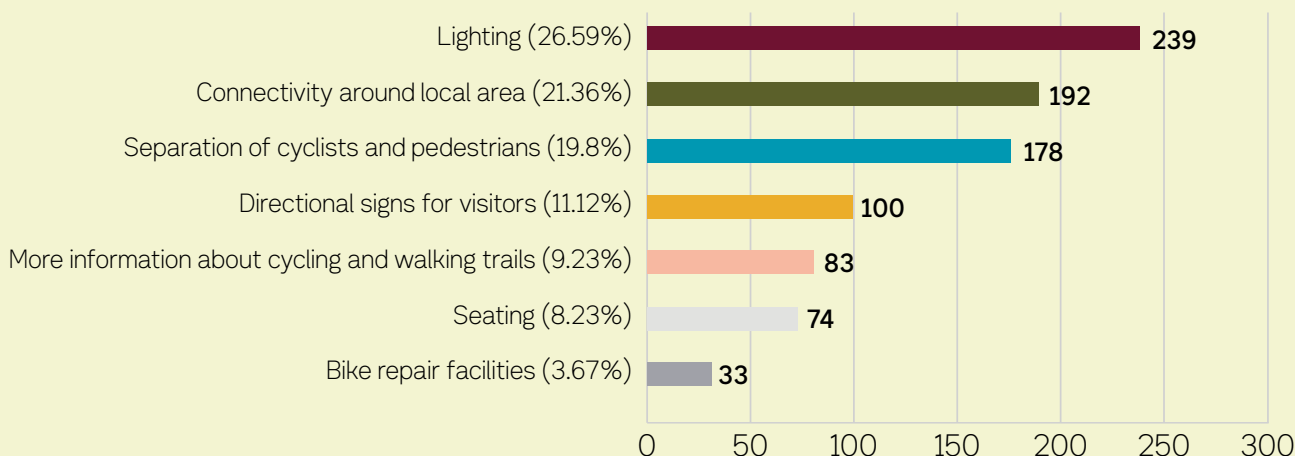


What improvements could we make for walking and cycling?

Multiple choice, seven options. **Total responses 150.** Survey respondents were asked to rank their top three options, so percentages are based on a weighted number of respondents who answered this question.

What we heard

Lighting was the most requested improvement for walking and cycling around the area, followed by people wanting better **connectivity around the local area** and **separation of cyclists and pedestrians**.



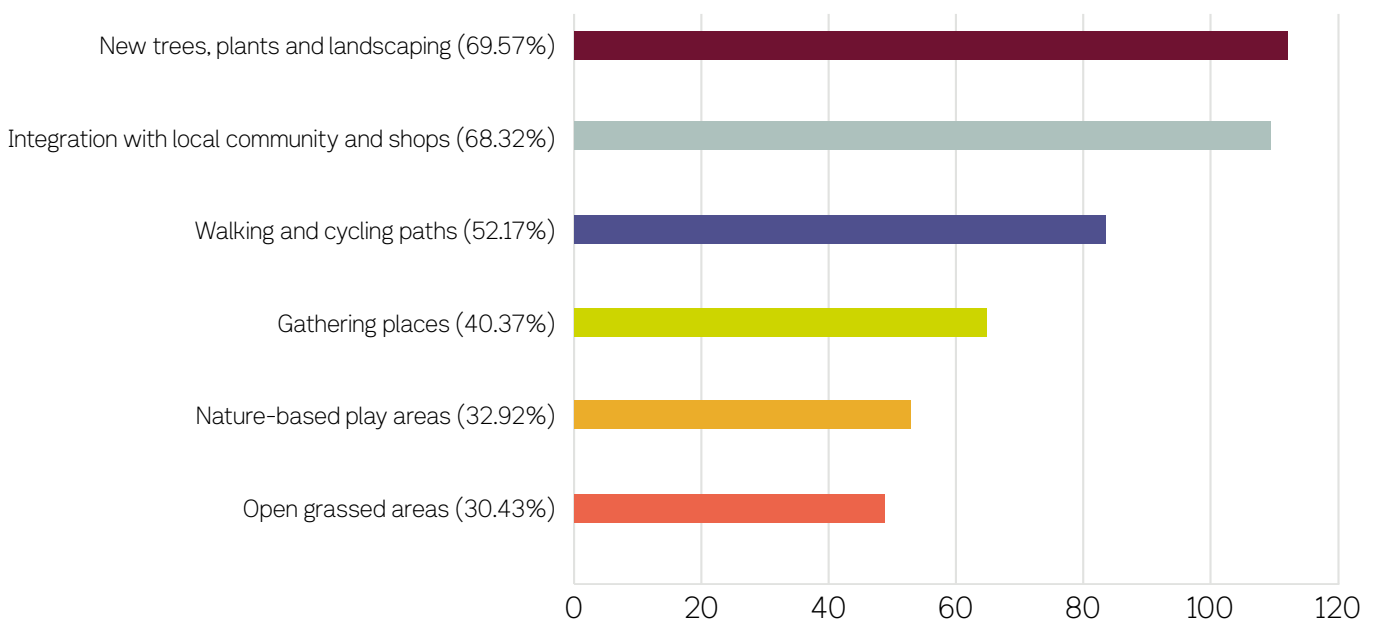
New public space

Which public space features would be of most interest to you for the station forecourt?

Multiple choice, six options. **Total responses 473.** Percentages based on number of respondents who answered this question. Survey respondents were able to select multiple options.

What we heard

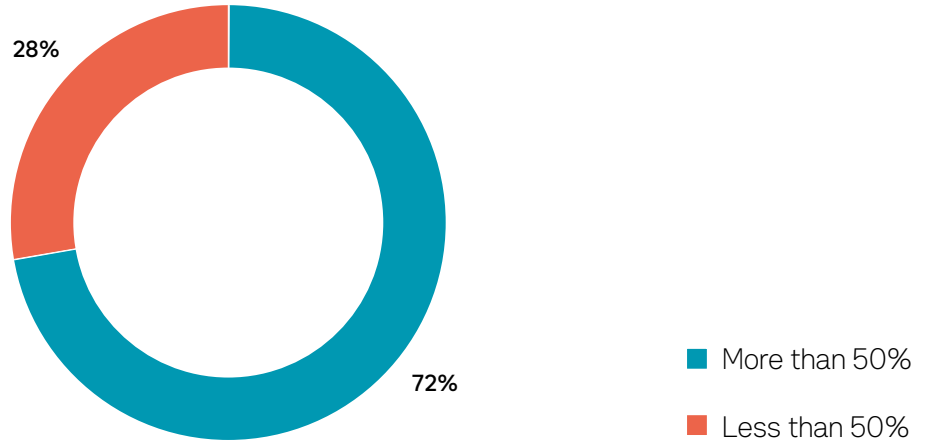
More than two thirds of respondents prefer **new trees, plants and landscaping for the station forecourt and integration of the forecourt with local community services and shops.** More than half of the respondents are also interested in **walking and cycling paths.**



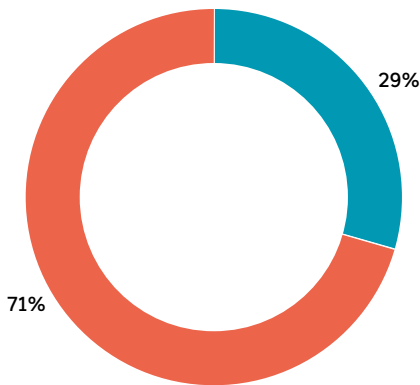
How much of the new station precinct public space should be dedicated to new trees, plants and landscaping?

Most respondents would like to see more than half of the open space dedicated to **new trees, plants and landscaping**.

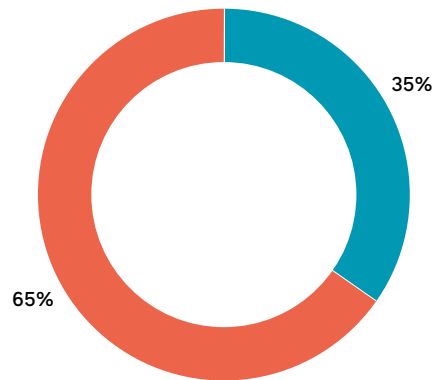
Open grassed areas, gathering places and nature-based play were not a priority for most respondents.



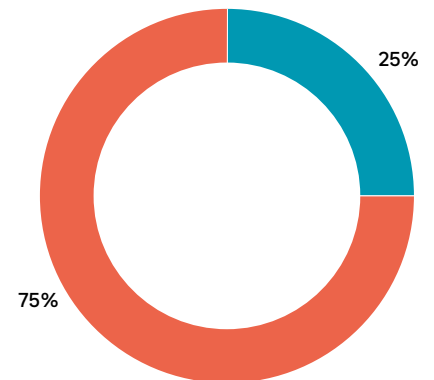
How much of the new station precinct public space should be dedicated to open grassed areas?



How much of the new station precinct public space should be dedicated to gathering places?



How much of the new station precinct public space should be dedicated to nature-based play?



Landscaping

As part of the new station precinct, we will be planting new trees and greenery.

We need to consider many factors when deciding on the best plants for the area. This includes considering what currently exists in the area, planting locations (access to sun or shade), irrigation and water sensitive design, adapting to climate change, and creating habitats for birdlife and fauna.

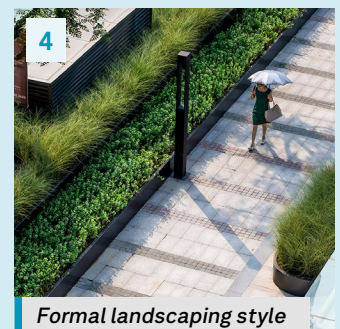
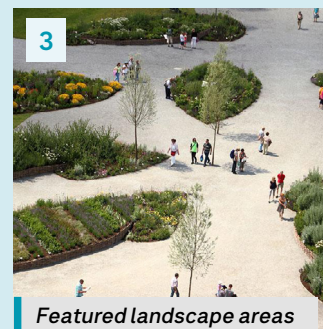


What style of landscaping would you like to see?

Multiple choice, four options. **Total responses 212.** Percentages based on number of respondents who answered this question. Survey respondents were able to select multiple options.

What we heard

Most people would prefer a **mix of landscaping styles throughout the public space** with two thirds selecting this option. This was followed by informal landscaping style, featured landscape areas, and formal landscaped and garden areas. The below are ranked in order of preference, with 1 being the most selected.

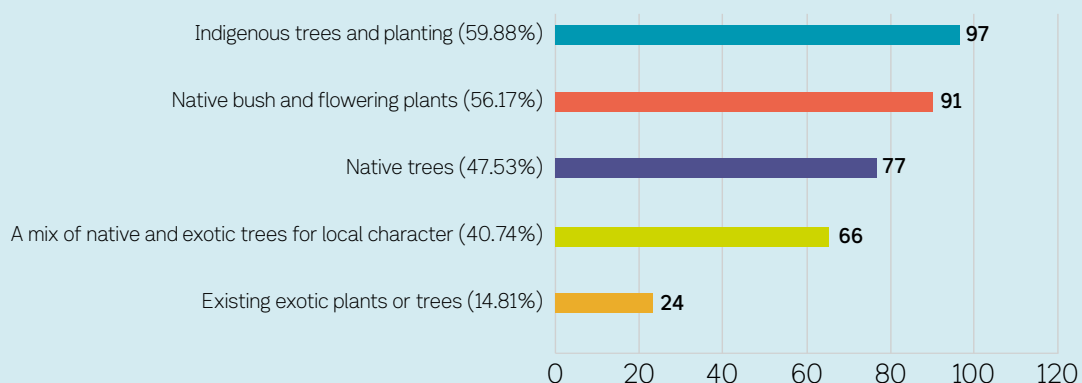


What types of plants would you like us to use in the project area?

Multiple choice, five options. **Total responses 355.** Percentages based on number of respondents who answered this question. Survey respondents were able to select multiple options.

What we heard

Indigenous and native trees and plants were the clear preference, with the top three plant type selections being **indigenous trees and planting, native bush and flowering plants, and native trees.**



Artwork

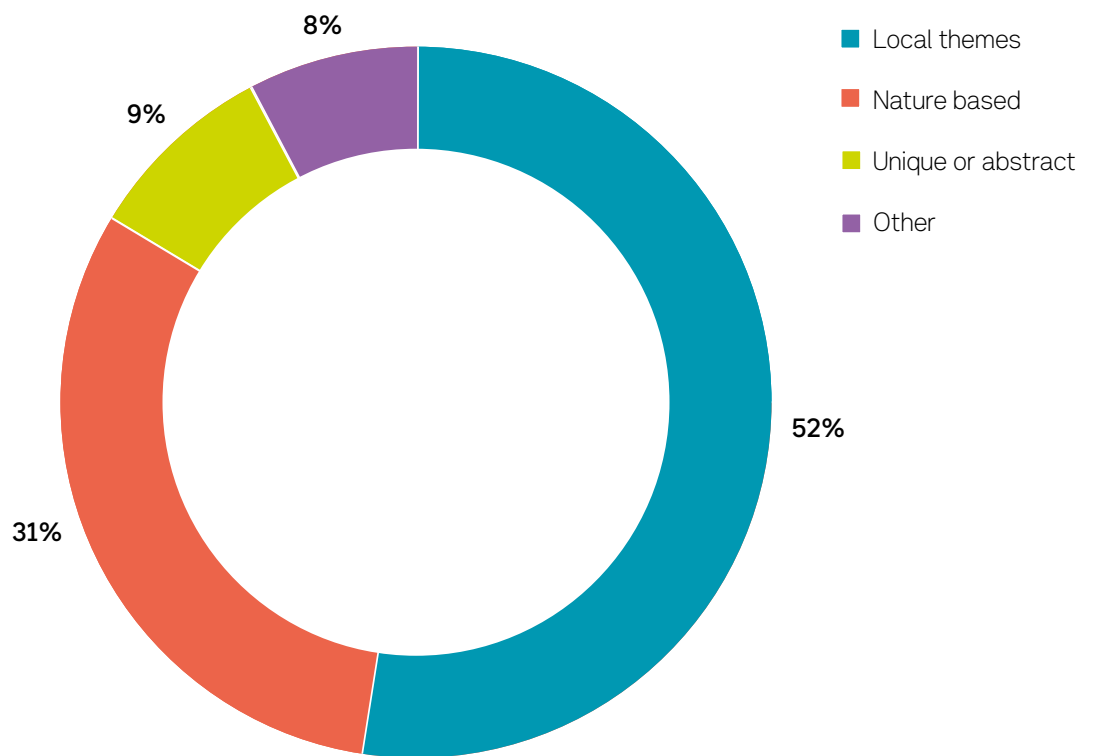
As part of the project, we will brief an artist to create artworks in the station precinct.

What kind of artwork would you like to see in the area?

Multiple choice, four options. **Total responses 160.** Percentages based on number of respondents who answered this question.

What we heard

Half of the respondents prefer artwork with **local themes**, and around a third prefer **nature-based** artwork.



Thank you and next steps

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback on aspects of the concept designs, including the look and feel of the station precinct, landscaping, and themes for public art.

Your feedback has helped shape the updated designs.

When the updated designs are released, you will have the opportunity to ask questions and chat to our project team.



Keeping in touch

To stay up to date, subscribe to our email updates at levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe. If you have any questions or would like more information, call **1800 105 105** or email contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also follow us on social media or send us a private message on our Facebook page.



Cars waiting at the boom gates on McDonald Street.

Project timeline



2022

- McDonald and Bear streets, Mordialloc and Station Street, Aspendale level crossing removal projects announced
- Early to mid 2023
- Early site investigations



Mid 2023

- Early site investigations continue
- Community consultation
- Mid to late 2023
- Early site investigations continue
- Early concept designs released with community consultation
- Planning consultation



2024

- Updated designs released
- Contract awarded for works
- Early works start



2025

- Major construction starts
- Final designs released



2026

- Level crossings removed
- Project completed

Timeline subject to change.








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