



SUMMARY REPORT

Community Voice Quick Poll October 2020: Public Parks and Shared Path Patronage

The October Quick Poll ran from 26 October to 9 November 2020.

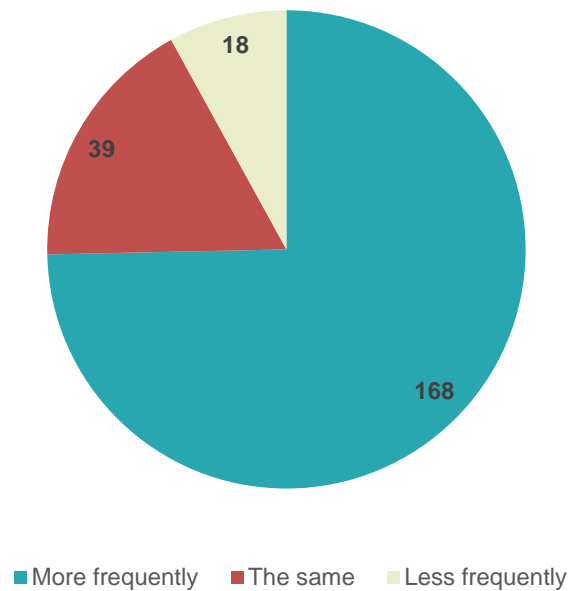
We wanted to know whether Community Voice members had used public parks or shared paths (not including street footpaths) in Glen Eira more frequently since the start of COVID-19 restrictions.

If that was the case, we then wanted to know whether Community Voice members anticipated that they would continue using them more frequently than pre-COVID-19 levels for the foreseeable future.

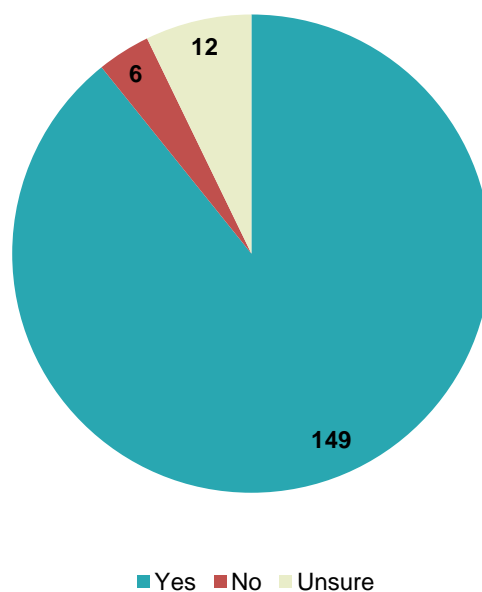
Community Voice is an online group of 428 residents who broadly represent the Glen Eira community in terms of age, gender and suburb. 226 members completed the poll, which is a response rate of 53%.

Findings

Q1 Since the beginning of the pandemic, I have used parks or shared paths (not including street footpaths) in Glen Eira...



Q2 Do you anticipate that you will continue to use parks or shared paths (not including street footpaths) in Glen Eira more frequently than before the pandemic for the foreseeable future?



Q3 Is there anything you would like to add about Glen Eira's public parks and paths?

Public park and path requests	Would like more!	41
	More park amenities	33
	More signage for safer and responsible behaviours	30
	More botanical interests	20
	Walking and cycling path separation	15
	Better upkeep of parks	14
	More fenced off-leash dog areas	6
	Wider paths	5
	Would like more web info about public parks and paths	2
	More speed reduction measures for cyclists	2
Street roads and footpaths	Safety of street footpaths	9
	More on-road bike lanes	8
Participant usage	Love the parks!	30
	Use for exercise	8
	Outdoor picnics	8
	Too far from nearest public park	2

Illustrative quotes:

"It would be great if they were widened - or alternatively some signage for which side of the path to walk on (like walk on the left, like vehicles in lanes). It would really help!" (Female, 25-34, Elsternwick)

"Have enjoyed parks where there are nice spaces for kids and adults of all ages to hangout and be active. The re-built park corner McKinnon Road and Tucker Road is our local park and a great example of the above. We have spent lots of time there." (Female, 35-49, McKinnon)

"Please keep investing in open space upgrades and more tree planting. Thanks!" (Male, 35-49, Caulfield South)

"Delineated areas to separate bikes and pedestrians could be useful in some locations" (Female, 18-24, Bentleigh East)

"Glen Eira needs to create more parkland without organised playing fields for general nature. A wetland area to attract more birds would be beneficial for the community." (Female, 60-69, Carnegie)

"As a Murrumbeena resident we are blessed with lots of local parks. It's been so wonderful to see so many people use local parks and the sky rail. I've also noticed frequent patrolling of parks from Glen Eira Council staff which is keeping them clean and safe." (Female, 35-49, Murrumbeena)

"Parks, in my humble opinion, need to have botanical interest - not merely recreation facility. Given 'freedom' to travel people will have a choice of parks: ask yourself how will they choose?" (Male, 70+, Bentleigh East)

"Would love there to be some sort of speed reduction by cyclists particularly older males who think they are competing in the Giro D'Italia on walking paths around Packer Park" (Male, 60-69, Carnegie)

"With train capacity down to 8% 2 hour parking spots aren't really needed, people really want to support local business down Koornang Road, they don't want to be fined for doing it by parking their cars there, how about lifting some of it? How about given the desperate need for outdoor dining now the challenges business face we work together and turn the library car park even half of it into outdoor covered dining for these eateries? Businesses would love it." (Female, 35-49, Carnegie)

"Where possible plant trees with a suitable canopy to provide more shade" (Female, 70+, Caulfield South)

"Parks were busier than usual. It was great to see the community out walking and riding bicycles more. This is what parks are for and well utilised." (Female, 60-69, Bentleigh East)

"It would be good to have off-road bike paths to connect various parks. This way our kids could get out on the bike more easily and safely." (Male, 35-49, Glen Huntly)

"Hopefully Caulfield Racecourse becomes an urban forest with new paths. Looking forward to new bike paths from Djerring trail to Bay and city, and connecting to Frankston Rail trail, Rosstown Rail trail and Neerim/Glen Eira Rd schools cycling route." (Female, 50-59, Glen Huntly)



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QUICK POLL: PUBLIC PARKS AND SHARED PATH PATRONAGE

Residents have turned to public parks for exercise, sun and physically-distanced socialising during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We want to know whether you have used public parks or shared paths (not including street footpaths) in Glen Eira more frequently since the start of COVID-19 restrictions.

If that IS the case, we would then like to know whether you anticipate that you will continue using them more frequently than pre-COVID-19 levels for the foreseeable future.

The findings from this will help us to continue providing high quality parks and plan for the changing needs of the community.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, I have used parks or shared paths (not including street footpaths) in Glen Eira...

More frequently	The same	Less frequently
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(If 'more frequently') Do you anticipate that you will continue to use parks or shared paths (not including street footpaths) in Glen Eira more frequently than before the pandemic for the foreseeable future?

Yes	No	Unsure
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