City of Port Phillip
Tree Summit 2009

Consultation Summary
Part A

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1 Introduction

Port Phillip City Council is working to upgrade its policies for managing trees and nature strips. The existing Street Tree Policy dates back to 2001. Urban development and a changing climate require an updated approach to how we manage our trees and open spaces. Significant changes include:

- A changing climate – increasing temperature, reduced rainfall, ongoing water restrictions and increased storm frequency and severity;
- Increasing population density – growing development pressures and tourism;
- An aging tree population – disease and an increasing number of mature trees in a drier, hotter climate is leading to increased tree death, limb failure and damage caused by tree roots.

Consultation with the community regarding the tree policy occurred in August and early November of 2009. In order to ensure that a representative number of individuals, groups and opinions were represented, council requested information from the community through a variety of mediums: a telephone, online and in person survey; two tree summits and a Tree Policy Community Reference Group. Each type of consultation identified different opinions and competing needs associated with trees and nature strips. Results from the summits are summarised in this document.

The first tree summit was held on the 18th November at the St Kilda Town Hall with 107 participants. The second tree summit was held on the 25th November at the Port Melbourne Town Hall with 79 participants.

The purpose of this document is to present all of the information collected at the tree summits back to the community members who participated as well as those who expressed interest in attending but were unable to make it on the night. This document presents the raw data collected electronically and on butcher's paper, as well as highlighting some of the key themes that have emerged through the preliminary sorting and analysis of the data.

This document is not meant to provide any detailed analysis of the data or any conclusions about what the community as a whole are saying they want. It is important to note that the tree summits are only one component of a comprehensive community consultation process that has been underway since the start of August, 2009. The extensive consultation was designed to ensure that all members of the community have an opportunity to contribute their ideas and opinions and to help the development of new policies on trees and nature strips in the City of Port Phillip.

The data presented in this document reflects the views of the community members who participated in the summits and does not include the views or opinions of other community members who were not in attendance.

A detailed report on all of the community consultation undertaken on trees and nature strips will be published by council early next year and will include the results from the telephone interviews, the online and in person surveys, the youth consultation as well as the results of the two tree summits.

The results of the various community consultation activities will be used by council to inform the development of a new tree management policy and a nature strip policy. It is anticipated that draft versions of the tree policy and the nature strip policy will be presented to the community for comment in April 2010.

> **Did you know?**
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> The community provided a large amount of information to council on trees and nature strips from:
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> -381 complete responses from Telephone Surveys
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> -150 complete responses from Online Surveys
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> -183 participants at two Tree Summits
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> -Video interviews at the South Port Youth Festival
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> -10 community representatives on the Tree Policy Community Reference Group

2 Method

Ideas and feedback developed by the tree summit participants were collected using two methods: electronic voting and texting using key pads; and ideas and comments written on butcher's paper at each of the tables. The information collected using the technology to vote was tallied on the night and the results are presented in this document. No further analysis of the electronic data was undertaken.

The information collected on butcher's paper was entered into the computer post summits. Thirteen major themes were identified during the analysis of participant responses entered on the butcher's paper (Table 1). Each response was grouped according to the theme that it related to most strongly. The development of the themes and the grouping of the responses were undertaken using a qualitative approach. Where responses were found to relate to several themes, the question was grouped according to the theme that was thought to be most relevant.

Some themes were broken down into sub categories where it was found that a particular issue within a theme was coming up often. This report presents a summary of the raw data grouped according to major themes. The full list of responses is contained in the appendices in Part B of the report.

Tree Summit Consultation Summary Part B: Appendices

- Appendix 1-4, lists of all responses to each question. Where there are multiple responses that are the same in the appendices, this shows that there were multiple comments or ideas by participants that were the same. All efforts were made to enter the comments and suggestions by participants on the butcher's paper verbatim. There were a number of responses that were illegible or very hard to read, and these have been interpreted by the scribe as best possible.

- Where responses were captured on butcher's paper as well as being texted, the texted responses have not been included in the analysis as in the majority of cases this would have been double counting. The texted responses are included as separate tables in the appendices (Appendix 5-8).

- Some residents were unable to attend the summits and emailed their suggestions and ideas instead. These have been listed in Appendix 9, with personal details removed to protect privacy.

- Appendix 10 lists all of the specific issues that came up during the summits and were captured on the Parking Lot sheets located on each table.

Table 1 Emerging Themes

Theme	Description
Tree Protection	Methods to protect trees from damage by vandalism and wildlife, saving existing trees
Tree Planting and Selection	Species selection, planting techniques, style of planting, habitat value, ecosystem approach
Tree Removal and Replacement	Methods for removing and replacing trees, frequency of removals, removal techniques
Tree Management Climate Change (water management)	Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD), water storage, stormwater, watering trees and parks, heat island effect, shade
Trees and Built Infrastructure	Undergrounding powerlines, specific tree related infrastructure, tree root management
Tree Asset Management	Managing and auditing the tree population, maintenance of trees and open spaces, animal management
Streetscape Upgrades	Style of planting in streets, replacement plans, neighbourhood character, ground cover planting
Community Consultation & Involvement	Frequency and type of community consultation, situations where consultation is appropriate
Community Gardens	Amount and quality of existing community gardens, growing need for garden space
Nature Strips	Regulation of planting, vegetable patches in streets, consistent streetscapes
Greening Open Spaces	Increasing the amount and quality of existing green space, alternative greening techniques

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Tree Responses Summarised

In Section 3, a summary of all of the information collected at the summits is provided and presented grouped into the themes that emerged during analysis. Examples of typical responses are also given in this section.

How were those responses selected?

Examples of responses were selected based on the frequency of occurance and if the response was thought to be representative or 'typical' of answers being given for a particular activity.

How can I review all responses?

A full list of all the collated results is available in the document titled Tree Summit 2009 Consultation Part B: Appendices. To down load click on the link:
www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/treesummitsummary

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3 Tree Summit Responses

A summary of the information collected at the summits during each workshop session is presented in this section.

In response to feedback received at the tree summit on the 18th of November at St Kilda, minor changes were made to the agenda and to some of the questions for the tree summit held at Port Melbourne on the 25th of November to provide clarity. Changes were made in response to feedback from participants and facilitators taking part in the St Kilda summit. For example, in the voting section, the question presented at St Kilda was changed from "Would you like to see alternatives other than grass on nature strips?" to "Would you like to see vegetable patches on nature strips?" at Port Melbourne. The reason behind this change was to capture participant's feelings on a variety of surface treatments that have potential application on naturestrips not just vegetable patches.

Where changes have been made, both questions and their corresponding answers are recorded. In each case the results from the St Kilda tree summit are represented on the left of the page and those from the Port Melbourne Summit appear on the right of the page.

3.1 Introduction To the Technology

Participants were asked three questions to introduce them to the keypads for the electronic voting and texting of ideas. The questions were: Where do you live? How old are you? What is your favourite place in the City of Port Phillip?
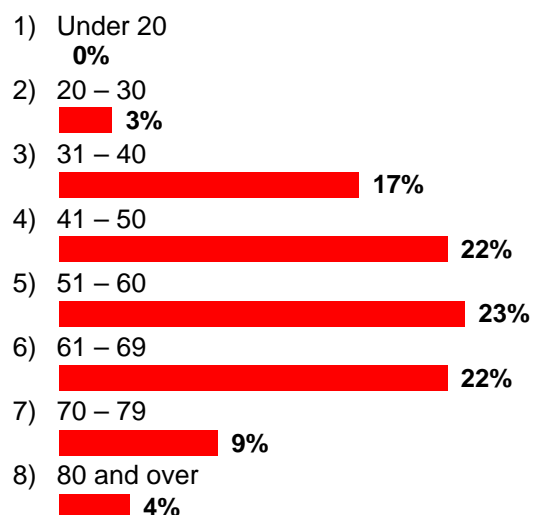
Q: Where do you live?

St Kilda

1) Albert Park / Middle Park
   9%
2) Balaclava / East St Kilda
   17%
3) Elwood
   24%
4) Port Melbourne / Garden City / Beacon Cove
   0%
5) Ripponlea
   2%
6) South Melbourne
   2%
7) St Kilda Road / Windsor
   3%
8) St Kilda / St Kilda West / St Kilda South
   34%
9) I don't live in the City of Port Phillip
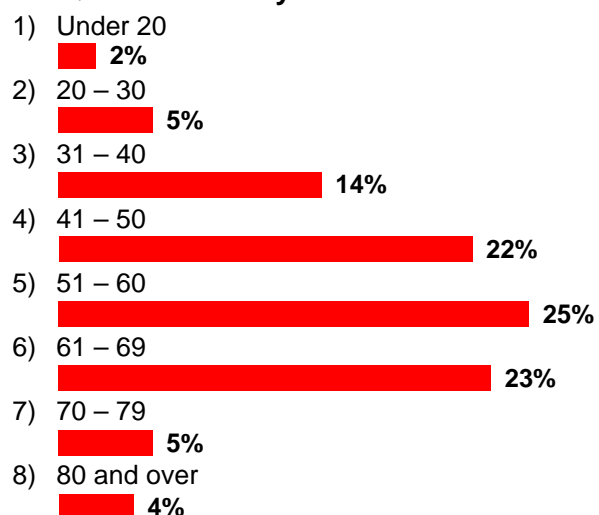   **9%**

Port Melbourne

1) Albert Park / Middle Park
   12%
2) Balaclava / East St Kilda
   1%
3) Elwood
   4%
4) Port Melbourne / Garden City / Beacon Cove
   54%
5) Ripponlea
   0%
6) South Melbourne
   11%
7) St Kilda Road / Windsor
   4%
8) St Kilda / St Kilda West / St Kilda South
   7%
9) I don't live in the City of Port Phillip
   7%

Q: How old are you?

1) Under 20	1) Under 20
2%	**0%**
2) 20 – 30	2) 20 – 30
5%	**3%**
3) 31 – 40	3) 31 – 40
14%	**17%**
4) 41 – 50	4) 41 – 50
22%	**22%**
5) 51 – 60	5) 51 – 60
25%	**23%**
6) 61 – 69	6) 61 – 69
23%	**22%**
7) 70 – 79	7) 70 – 79
5%	**9%**
8) 80 and over	8) 80 and over
4%	**4%**

Q: What is your favourite place in the City of Port Phillip?

Table 2 Favourite Place in the City of Port Phillip

Examples of Responses
Albert Park Lake
Albert Park Middle Park Station
Alma Park
Beach
Beacon Rd Park
Blessington Gardens
Botanical Gardens
Catani Gardens
Dig In
Edwards Park
Elsternwick Park
Elwood Canal
Esplanade
Foreshore
Gasworks
Jacoby Reserve
Lagoon Reserve
My street
Parks
Peanut Farm Reserve
Port Melbourne Light Rail Reserve
Sea
St Kilda Botanical Gardens

3.2 Brainstorming Ideas for Greening the City of Port Phillip

Participants were asked to "Generate lots of ideas for greening our open spaces including nature strips [that are] Big and small; Sensible and crazy and Old and new." Each table was given butcher's paper and marking pens to record the ideas that were generated. The responses summarised in this section are those that were handwritten on the butcher's paper.

There were 675 separate responses and suggestions recorded from the Brainstorming session. These comments are listed in Appendix 1. Of the total number of comments, 42 were unclear, illegible or non-tree related and are not included in the following summary.
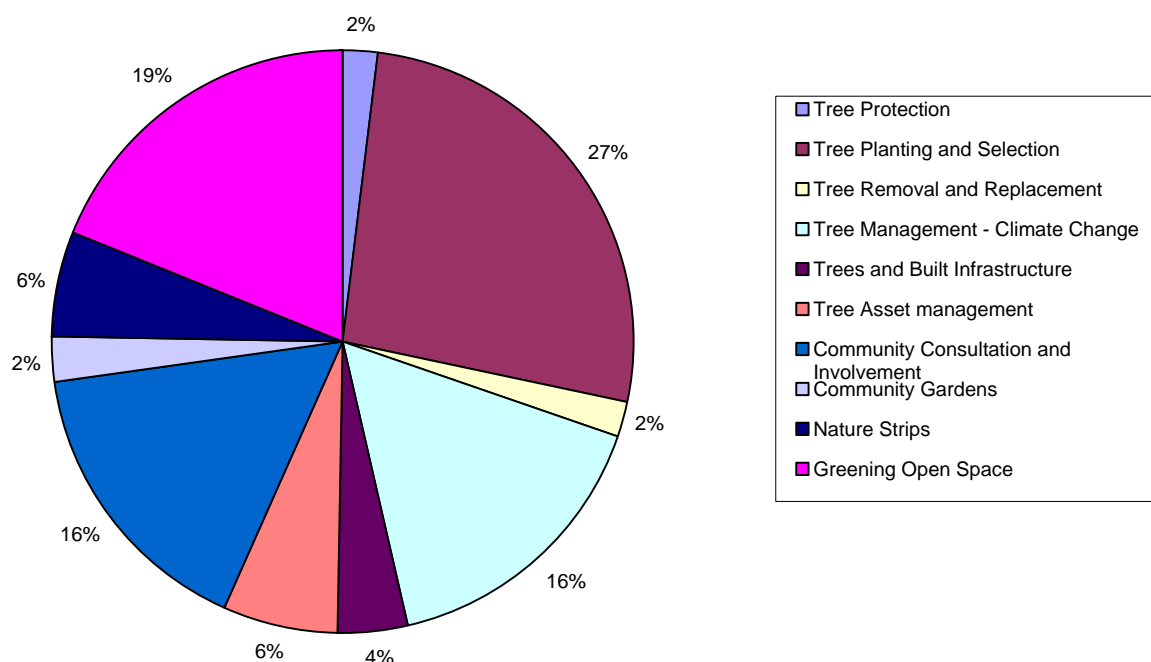

Figure 1 Brainstorming Ideas for Greening Open Spaces Grouped by Theme

3.2.1 Brainstorming: Tree Protection

Responses in this theme relate to council actions, community actions or policy developments contributing to the protection of trees in the City of Port Phillip. There were no sub-categories identified in this theme.

Table 3 Brainstorming – Tree Protection Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
	Bigger penalties for illegal tree removal
	Conserve the old trees
	Review risk management and strategy of mature trees to preserve more mature trees
	Save old trees, too many die in this area
	Tree guards to deter vandals – new tree

3.2.2 Brainstorming: Tree Planting and Selection

Responses in this theme relate to the selection of trees in streetscapes, open spaces, iconic boulevards and nature strips. Subcategories in this section include tree type/species, degree of drought tolerance, physical appearance, place of origin (native, indigenous or exotic), potential to bear fruit or other edibles, potential to provide habitat for wildlife and potential to cause damage or mess.

Table 4 Brainstorming – Tree Planting and Selection Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
Tree Planting and Selection	European society – appropriate trees – no veggie or fruit trees
	Plant a variety of trees, variety of species
	Trees with colour is important
Wildlife Habitat	Native trees are great they bring birds – give rate payer subsidy to take grey water to street tree
Damage caused by Wildlife	Trees that don't attract possums
	Eco system approach
	More Norfolk Pines please
Council Action	More big trees
	Exotic trees – perform better
	More bird loving trees

3.2.3 Brainstorming: Tree Removal and Replacement

Responses in this theme related to techniques, policies and practices for removing and replacing trees on council managed land. There were no subcategories for this theme.

Table 5 Brainstorming – Tree Removal and Replacement Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
	It shouldn't get to that stage (mature tree removal)
	Remove dead trees and don't remove live trees at the same time
	Replace large trees with mature types
	Replace poor performative trees
	Strategy to cope with existing tree avenues life span

3.2.4 Brainstorming: Tree Management Climate Change

Responses in this theme related to methods, practices and challenges that arise from the effects of climate change on the tree population. Subcategories in this theme were increasing the amount of available shade, sustainable measures for increasing the amount of available water for trees, decreasing the heat island effect and water sensitive urban design (WSUD).

Table 6 Brainstorming – Tree Management Climate Change Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
WSUD	Capture stormwater – runoff
	Stormwater harvesting
Permeable Paving	Mandate water harvesting for new buildings – domestic and commercial
	Infrastructure to assist trees
Council Action	Encourage grey water/regulate
Climate Change-Shade	Encourage shade and greenery to cool areas
	Collect more water verandas
	Wheeling device to help carry grey water
Climate Change-Water	Using waste water and grey water
	In old days gutters were loose bluestone, now it's concrete – go back to porous gutters

3.2.5 Brainstorming: Trees and Built Infrastructure

Responses in this theme related to managing the risks, challenges and benefits of trees within a built urban environment. There were no subcategories in this group.

Table 7 Brainstorming – Trees and Built Infrastructure Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
	Put powerlines underground
	Put water tanks in as fences
	Select appropriate infrastructure
	Under ground water storage under roads and open spaces
	Vandal proofing trees

3.2.6 Brainstorming: Tree Asset Management

Responses in this theme related to mitigating tree damage caused by wildlife, managing trees as council assets, pruning and tree maintenance.

Table 8 Brainstorming – Tree Asset Management Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
Damage- Wildlife	Better maintenance of ailing trees
	Can not walk under trees due to branches
Tree Asset Management	Contractors should follow through and council should be more responsive
	Control tree hacking by city power
	Divert foot traffic away from roots
	Encourage birds not to poo on trees via the use of wires
	Leaves in gutter
	More maintenance – more often than five years
	Protection of trees from wildlife – possums and bats

3.2.7 Brainstorming: Community Consultation and Involvement

Responses in this theme related to council's consultation practices with members of the community and ways that the community can become involved with trees in the municipality.

Table 9 Brainstorming – Community Consultation and Involvement Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
Council Action	Adopt a tree
	Better education if public is involved
Adopt-a-Tree	Community input is really important – if they choose the trees they will have ownership
Community Action	Community planting days
	Council should educate community about roof top gardens
Community Consultation	Create own 'paradise'
	Encourage residents to clean streets where they live and be responsible
	Encourage residents to water trees
	Fruit exchange
	Get a 'green badge' – get a % rate reduction
	Neighbourhood tree watcher and nature strip co-ordinator
	Street consensus before trees planted

3.2.8 Brainstorming: Community Gardens

Responses in this theme related to establishing, managing and regulating community gardens and orchards. There were no subcategories in this theme.

Table 10 Brainstorming – Community Gardens Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
	Community compost heaps
	Community gardens
	Community gardens, streets pulling together, producing and swapping
	Orchards – community gardens – along roads
	Shared communal garden – depends on where they are - not on nature strip

3.2.9 Brainstorming: Nature Strips

Responses in this theme related to planting, managing, watering and regulating nature strips. A Naturestrip Policy that specifically addresses these issues will be available for community review in 2010.

Table 11 Brainstorming – Nature Strips Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
Alternative Treatment	Creative ways of placing garbage bins somewhere else other than nature strip
	Encourage people to do their OWN thing with nature strips in front of their house
Nature Sstrip regulation	Grow edible plants in nature strips. Get community groups to look after them
Increase Nature Strip	More food producing plants in public spaces
	More nature strips
	Plant vegetables on nature strip for community
Nature Strip Veggie Patch	Regulate nature strips
	Re-instate missing nature strips

3.2.10 Brainstorming: Greening Open Spaces

Responses in this theme related to increasing the overall amount of greenery in the municipality and alternative planting treatments.

Table 12 Brainstorming – Greening Open Spaces Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
Greening Open Spaces	All new developments to be set back for tree/lawn space
	Balcony gardens
	Creepers on buildings reduces graffiti
Council Action	Green roof – need more information to residents
	Increase the budget
	Ivy in cages – fast growing – drought tolerant – flowers
	Mandatory for developers to install vertical gardens
	More native grasses
	Nurture wild spaces
	Roof gardens in industrial buildings
	Turn asphalt into nature strips
	Vertical gardens – cooling properties – choosing suitable plants – water capture – must be able to catch significant water

3.3 Community Parameters: Council Must and Must Nots

Participants were asked to workshop on their tables the key things that they think council must and must not do in relation to the management of trees and nature strips in the City of Port Phillip.

There were 349 separate comments and suggestions recorded from the Council Must/Must Not session. These responses are listed in Appendix 2. Of these comments, a total of 61 were unclear, illegible or non-tree related and are not included in following summary.
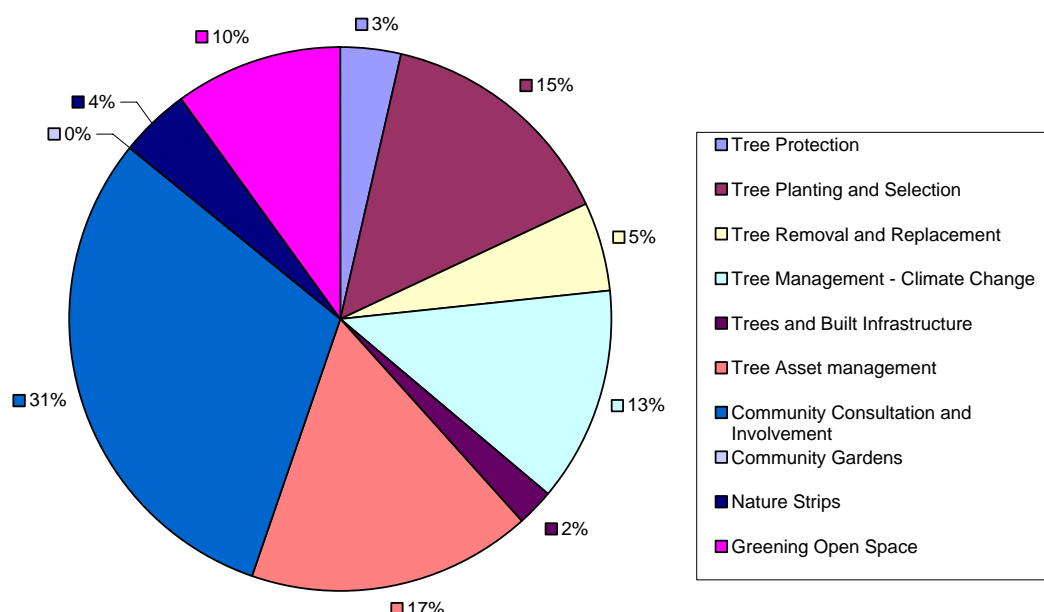
Figure 2 Council Must and Must Not Responses Grouped by Theme

3.3.1 Council Must/Must Not: Tree Protection

Responses in this theme relate to council actions, community actions or policy developments contributing to the protection of trees in the City of Port Phillip. There were no sub-categories identified in this theme.

Table 13 Council Must/Must Not: Tree Protection Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
	MUST act to protect historic trees
	MUST have harsh penalties for tree vandalism
	MUST prioritise significant individual trees i.e. fig tree in Fitzroy St
	MUST NOT let trees die
	MUST NOT let mature trees die from lack of water

3.3.2 Council Must/Must Not: Tree Planting and Selection

Responses in this theme relate to the selection of trees in streetscapes, open spaces, iconic boulevards and nature strips. Subcategories in this theme include tree type/species, degree of drought tolerance, physical appearance, place of origin (native, indigenous or exotic), potential to bear fruit or other edibles, potential to provide habitat for wildlife and potential to cause damage or mess.

Table 14 Council Must/Must Not: Tree Planting and Selection Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
Tree Planting and Selection	MUST have more staff who are experienced and committed to the job
	MUST plant big trees on main roads
	MUST plant correct and specific trees
Wildlife Habitat	MUST NOT limit tree pallet
	MUST NOT plant plane trees
Council Action	MUST NOT waste management on inappropriate types of trees

3.3.3 Council Must/Must Not: Tree Removal and Replacement

Responses in this theme related to techniques, policies and practices for removing and replacing trees on council managed land. There were no subcategories for this theme.

Table 15 Council Must/Must Not: Tree Removal and Replacement Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
	MUST consider doing tree replacement when road closed anyway (e.g. festivals)
	MUST replace dead or sick trees
	MUST replace trees that have been removed
	MUST NOT chop down all trees
	MUST NOT remove trees due to leaf dropping

3.3.4 Council Must/Must Not: Tree Management Climate Change

Responses in this theme related to methods, practices and challenges that arise from the effects of climate change on the tree population. Subcategories in this theme were increasing the amount of available shade, sustainable measures for increasing the amount of available water for trees, decreasing the heat island effect and water sensitive urban design (WSUD).

Table 16 Council Must/Must Not: Tree Management Climate Change Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
Climate Change-Shade	MUST commit to reduction in water usage
	MUST encourage energy efficiency – shade Vs air con
	MUST encourage residents to have more water storage – incentives
Climate Change-Water	MUST give away trees
	MUST have long term views of tree strategy including effects of climate change
WSUD Permeable Paving	MUST restrict the use of ground water in drought times
	MUST water regularly and mulch
Council Action	MUST NOT use granitic gravel anymore – instead use porous paving around tree plots

3.3.5 Council Must/Must Not: Trees and Built Infrastructure

Responses in this theme related to managing the risks, challenges and benefits of trees within a built urban environment.

Table 17 Council Must/Must Not: Trees and Built Infrastructure Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
Tree Root Management	MUST put tree root barriers in when planting
	MUST acknowledge where tree root barriers are not working
	MUST maintain footpaths e.g. Tree roots
Trees and Built Infrastructure	MUST put proper guards for new planting
	MUST put wires underground

3.3.6 Council Must/Must Not: Tree Asset Management

Responses in this theme related to mitigating tree damage caused by wildlife, managing trees as council assets, pruning and tree maintenance.

Table 18 Council Must/Must Not: Tree Asset Management Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
	MUST have more annual maintenance
	MUST maintain trees
	MUST prune Plane Trees
	MUST stop using pesticides of any sort
	MUST water significant trees this summer
	MUST NOT abandon trees once planted
	MUST NOT prune trees at night
	MUST NOT remove trees because of leaves being dropped
	MUST NOT remove trees without due cause

3.3.7 Council Must/Must Not: Community Consultation and Involvement

Responses in this theme related to council's consultation practices with members of the community and ways that the community can become involved with trees in the municipality.

Table 19 Council Must/Must Not: Community Consultation and Involvement Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
Council Action	MUST adopt a tree – guidelines for tree planting – designer with expertise
Adopt-a-Tree	MUST email to distribute info. Regularly
	MUST harness community and resident's enthusiasm
Community Action	MUST keep people informed
	MUST notify residents
Community Consultation	MUST publish results of public surveys
	MUST source and utilise community knowledge of trees (history)
	MUST NOT expect too much from residents
	MUST NOT forget everyone in the street
	MUST NOT ignore residents with problems such as tree roots
	MUST NOT ignore these suggestions
	MUST NOT remove without consultation

3.3.8 Council Must/Must Not: Community Gardens

There were no responses in this theme.

3.3.9 Council Must/Must Not: Nature Strips

Responses in this theme related to planting, managing, watering and regulating nature strips. A Nature Strip Policy that specifically addresses these issues will be available for community review in 2010.

Table 20 Council Must/Must Not: Nature Strips Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
Increase Nature Strip	MUST ensure residents water and mow their nature strips
	MUST control street front plantings
	MUST have some guidelines – nature strips
Nature Strip Regulation	MUST define what nature strips are for..
	MUST NOT remove resident plantings or swings on nature strip unless hazardous
Productive Vegetation	MUST NOT over regulate, allow individuality
	MUST NOT let individuals plant whatever – some sensitivity to streetscapes

3.3.10   Council Must/Must Not: Greening Open Space

Responses in this theme related to increasing the overall amount of greenery in the municipality and alternative planting treatments.

Table 21 Council Must/Must Not: Greening Open Spaces Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
Greening Open Spaces	MUST increase green open space
	MUST encourage linkages with school garden programs
	MUST focus on ways 'to do it' rather than 'why we can't'
	MUST have green audits for balcony gardens
	MUST have new development to have adequate green space
	MUST make sure new developments have certain amount of garden space
	MUST NOT concrete the lot
	MUST NOT lose sight of greening as priority
	MUST NOT sacrifice open space for development

3.4 Renovating the Way We Manage Our Open Spaces

Participants were asked to brainstorm on their tables what they like about how council currently manages the open spaces that council are responsible for, what they don't like (to be chucked), what they would like to have changed and what they would like to see council doing that is new.

There were 529 separate comments and suggestions recorded for the Keep, Chuck, Change, Add session. These responses are listed in Appendix 3. Of these responses, a total of 86 were unclear, illegible or non-tree related and were omitted from the following summary.
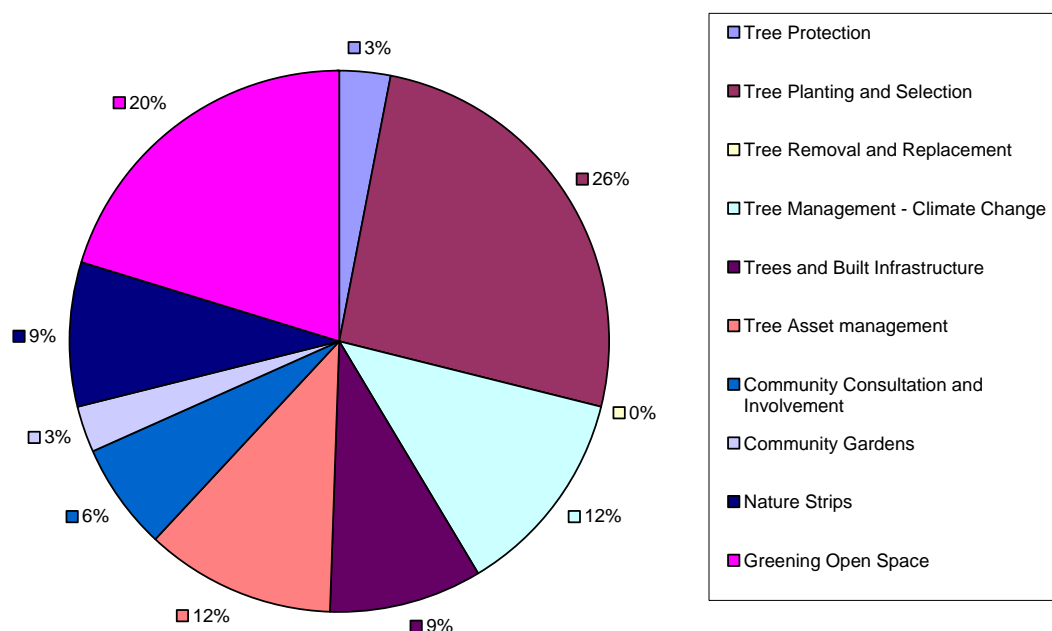
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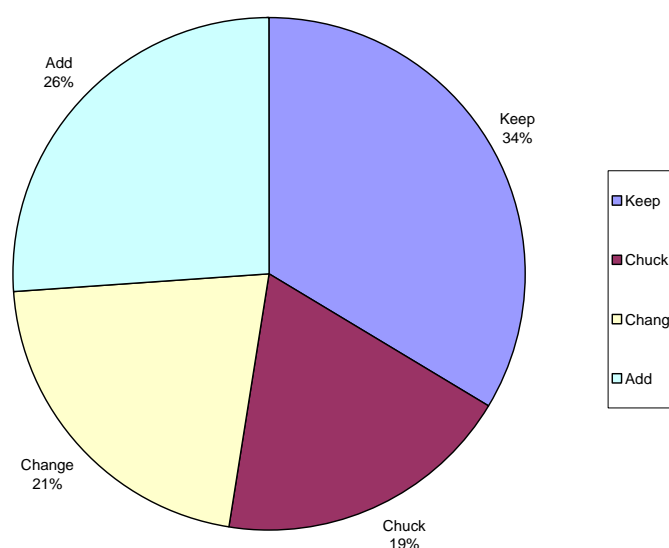
Figure 4 Percentage of Responses in the Keep, Chuck, Change, Add Categories

3.4.1 Renovation: Keep

Responses in this theme related to activities, methods, objects and policies participants felt council should keep.
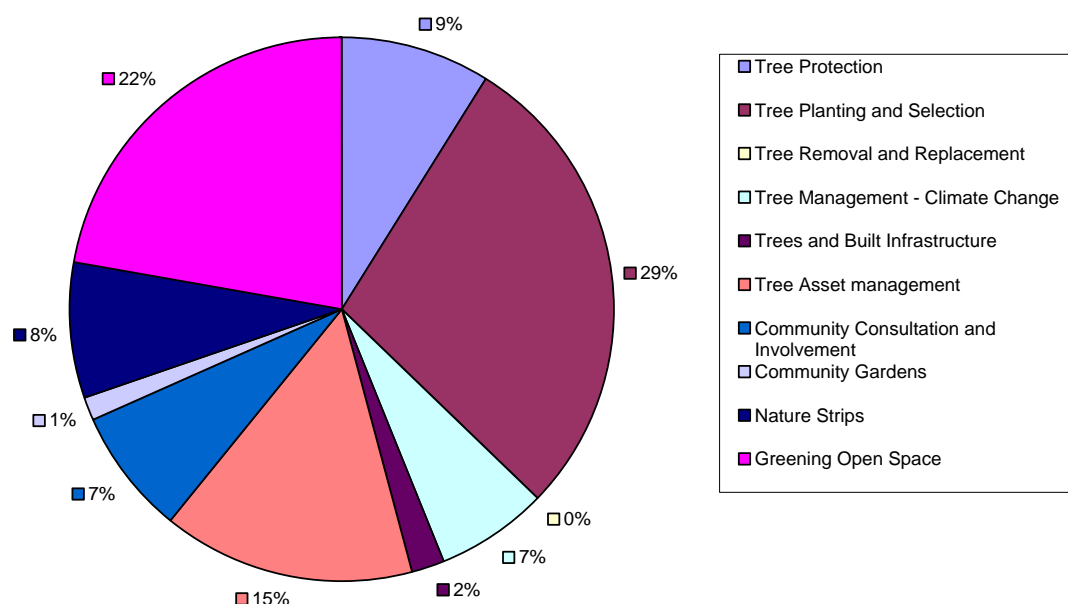
Figure 5 Keep Responses Grouped by Theme

Table 22 Keep, Chuck, Change, Add – Keep Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
Climate Change- Water & Shade	KEEP - don't reduce – open space
	KEEP a diverse, interesting, unruly look
	KEEP all existing trees
Community Consultation & Involvement	KEEP car park spaces
	KEEP community 'friends' groups
	KEEP community gardens
Community Gardens	KEEP community in touch
	KEEP extending foreshore nature strips with WSUD
Greening Open Space	KEEP grass on foreshore
	KEEP my views
Trees & Built Infrastructure	KEEP nature strips (size, don't accommodate for cars)
	KEEP notification of removal on site
Nature Strip Regulation	KEEP nurturing the heritage trees
	KEEP olive trees (no other fruit trees)
Productive Vegetation	KEEP Palm Trees but not everywhere
	KEEP planting of Plane Trees
Tree Asset Management	KEEP pruning
	KEEP shade trees
Tree Planting & Selection	KEEP St. Kilda Rd Elm Tress and Plane Trees
	KEEP urban forests
WSUD	KEEP watering native trees
	KEEP wildlife corridors
Wildlife Habitat	

3.4.2 Renovation: Chuck

Responses in this theme related to activities, methods, objects and policies participants felt council should get rid of.
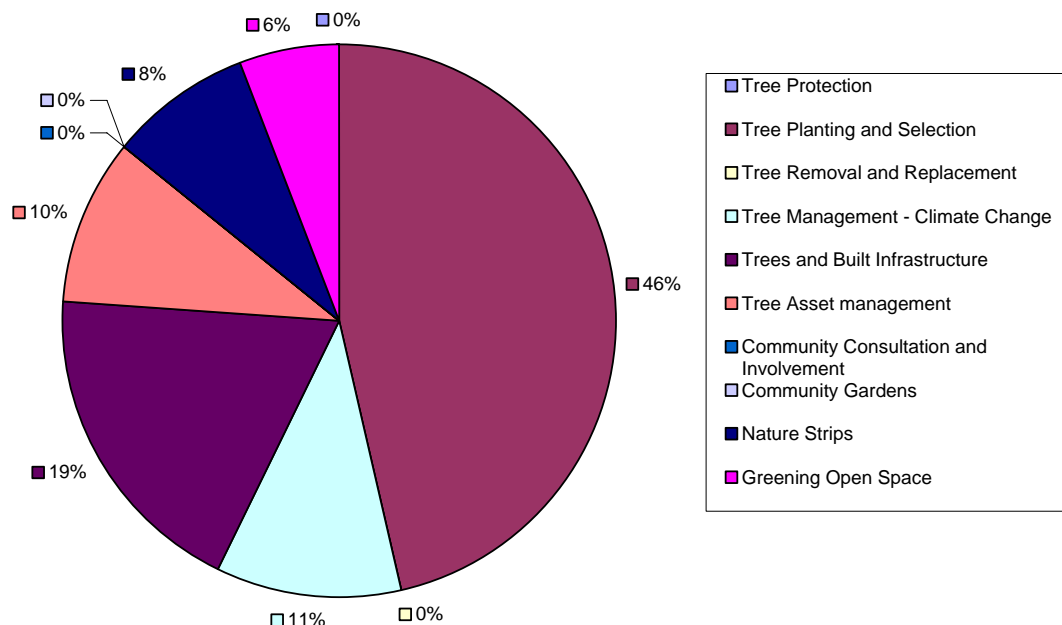
Figure 6 Keep, Chuck, Change, Add - Chuck Responses Grouped by Theme

Table 23 Keep, Chuck, Change, Add – Chuck Typical Responses

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
Climate Change- Shade	CHUCK Agapanthus
	CHUCK artificial grass in nature strips
Damage- Wildlife	CHUCK cactuses in public spaces (spiky ones)
	CHUCK cars
Climate Change- Water	CHUCK concrete gutters
	CHUCK endless re-landscaping
Greening Open Space	CHUCK Gumtrees
	CHUCK Indian Myna Birds
Trees & Built Infrastructure	CHUCK Lagunaria Tees
	CHUCK loss of open spaces
Nature Strip Regulation	CHUCK mulch (can't sit under tree)
	CHUCK natives that have died at Gasworks
Permeable Paving	CHUCK overhead power lines
	CHUCK Plane trees
Tree Planting & Selection	CHUCK possum barricades
	CHUCK reliance on bore water
Tree Removal & Replacement	CHUCK removing tall trees
	CHUCK restrictive vegetations
	CHUCK tar footpaths
Wildlife Habitat	CHUCK troublesome trees

3.4.3 Renovation: Change

Responses in this theme related to activities, methods, objects and policies participants felt council should change.
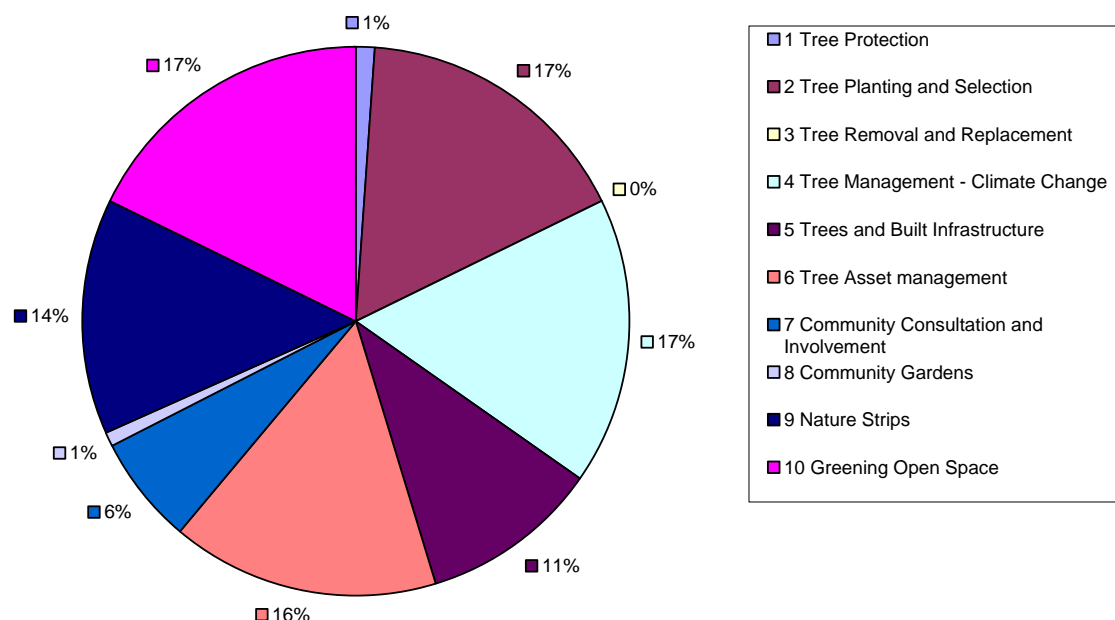
Figure 7 Keep, Chuck, Change, Add – Change Responses Grouped by Theme

Table 24 Keep, Chuck, Change, Add – Change Typical Comments

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
Alternative Treatment	CHANGE – adapt to low rain fall
	CHANGE – annual nature strip maintenance
Climate Change- Shade & Water	CHANGE – attitudes
	CHANGE – ban leaf blowers
	CHANGE – capture storm water
Community Consultation & Involvement	CHANGE – encourage 'green' walls in new developments
	CHANGE – enforce local littering laws re: glass, dog poo – use local law officers
Damage- Wildlife	CHANGE – more indigenous planting in Port Melbourne and West St. Kilda
Greening Open Spaces	CHANGE – more information to residents on what grows well
	CHANGE – more trees in car parks
Trees & Built Infrastructure	CHANGE – to more porous paving
	CHANGE – turn areas into forests (dry/rain)
Nature Strip Regulation	CHANGE – waste water system
	CHANGE – water tank policy
Permeable Paving	CHANGE better response to calls for waste collection
	CHANGE lawn to creepers to keep green/ groundcovers suitable to sand
Tree Asset Management	CHANGE maintenance
Tree Planting & Selection WSUD	CHANGE the way that council deals with tree vandals e.g.: name and shame
	CHANGE to environmental toilets in public spaces

3.4.4 Renovation: Add

Responses in this theme related to activities, methods, objects and policies participants felt council should add or increase.
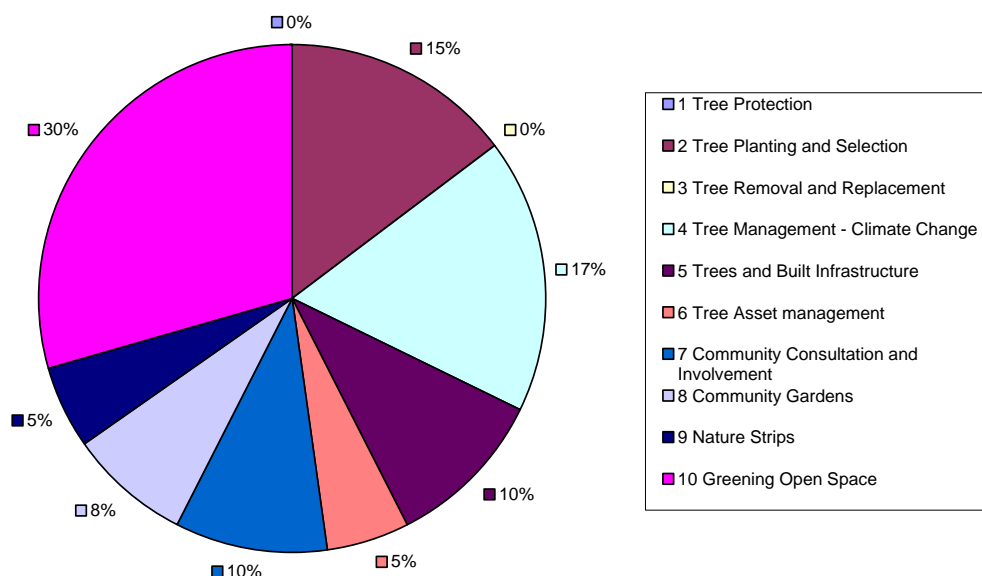
Figure 8 Keep, Chuck, Change, Add – Add Responses Grouped by Theme

Table 25 Keep, Chuck, Change, Add – Add Typical Comments

Sub themes	Typical Responses (in alphabetical order)
Alternative Treatments	ADD a focus on local native plants
Council Action	ADD community compost bins on every corner with multiple purposes
	ADD community gardens and Adventure Playgrounds
Climate Change- Shade & Water	ADD community vegetable gardens
	ADD courage in vision
	ADD flat dwellers balcony garden education program
Community Consultation	ADD food trees on nature strips – olive/nuts
	ADD green rooftops
Community Gardens	ADD greening Port Phillip levies
	ADD hanging gardens
Greening Open Space	ADD more trees/more shade trees
	ADD porous surfaces
Trees & Built Infrastructure	ADD possum boxes in street trees
	ADD regulation on sustainability
Productive Vegetation	ADD roof gardens
	ADD shade for park paths and buds stops
Tree Asset Management	ADD uniformity
	ADD use of grey water
Tree Planting & Selection	ADD variety of green
	ADD vertical gardens
WSUD	ADD water harvesting in nature strips e.g. Pipe, bio retention basins, WSUD

3.5 Prioritising Future Efforts

Participants were asked to rank three scenarios in order of priority as the preferred emphasis for spending on trees in the future. The three scenarios were based on different ways of spending $100,000.

This activity was designed to explore the different costs involved and the numbers of trees that could be planted, using different ways of planting and managing trees. Please note that this activity was only done at the tree summit held at St Kilda and thus there is only one set of results.

1. Option One = 200 trees planted and watered to establish for two years

2. Option Two = 60 - 80 trees planted and watered mainly from storm water run off (ongoing)

3. Option Three = water 85 existing mature trees to reduce drought stress for one year

Participants were asked to discuss the scenarios as a group and to rank individual priorities using the electronic voting keypad.

Results of the electronic ranking of priorities:

1. 200 trees planted and watered to establish for two years (mix of drinking and recycled water)

   80w

2. 60 - 80 trees planted and watered mainly from storm water run off (ongoing)

   183w

3. Water 85 existing mature trees with drinking water to reduce drought stress for one year

   119w

Note: the scores are weighted – represented by the w next to the score.

Figure 9 Results of the electronic ranking of priorities for future spending

3.6 Guiding Decision Making

Participants were asked to vote individually using the electronic key pads for each of the statements in this section. Based on feedback received at the first tree summit, the statements were changed to questions for the second tree summit, and the options changed to yes, no, unsure.
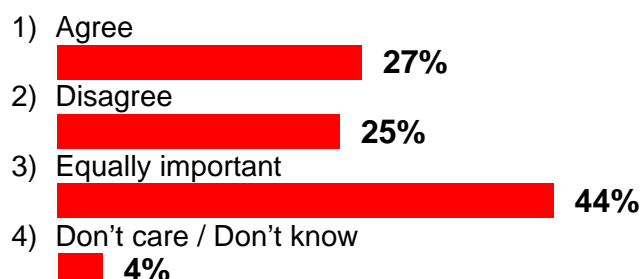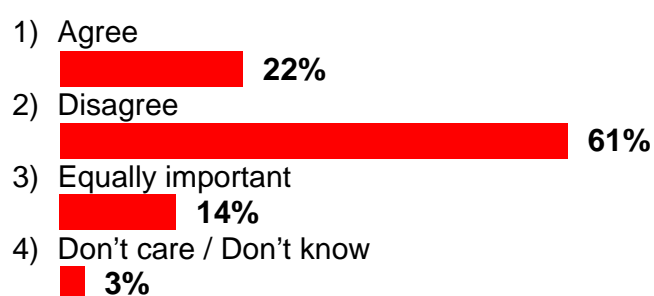
St Kilda

"Shade is more important than the mess caused by trees"

1) Agree **84%**
2) Disagree **5%**
3) Equally important **11%**
4) Don't care / Don't know **0%**

"Views from private homes are more important than trees"

1) Agree **2%**
2) Disagree **80%**
3) Equally important **17%**
4) Don't care / Don't know **1%**
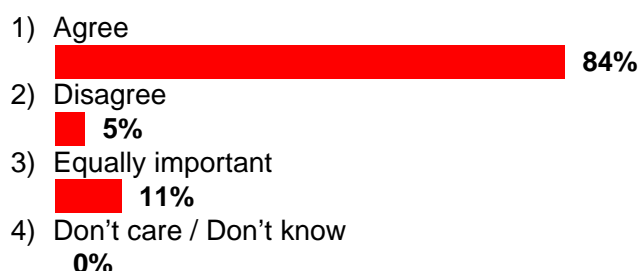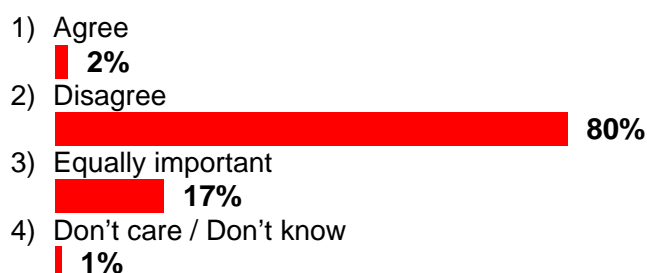
"Big beautiful trees should be removed if causing extensive damage to assets"

1) Agree **22%**
2) Disagree **61%**
3) Equally important **14%**
4) Don't care / Don't know **3%**

1) Agree **27%**
2) Disagree **25%**
3) Equally important **44%**
4) Don't care / Don't know **4%**

Port Melbourne

Do you think shade is more important than the mess caused by trees?

1) Yes **80%**
2) No **10%**
3) Unsure **10%**

Do you think views from private homes are more important than planting new trees?

1) Yes **16%**
2) No **76%**
3) Unsure **8%**
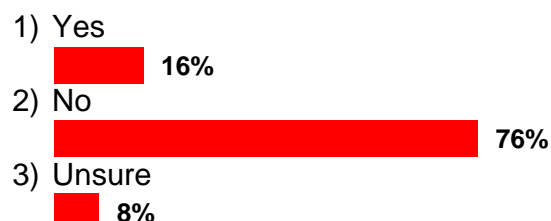
Do you think mature trees should be removed if causing extensive damage to assets?

1) Yes **22%**
2) No **49%**
3) Unsure **29%**
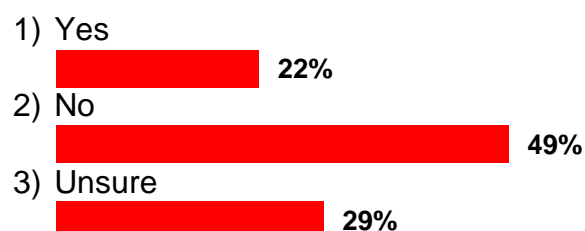
Is keeping nature strips consistent more important than people being allowed to do their own thing?

1) Yes **26%**
2) No **65%**
3) Unsure **9%**
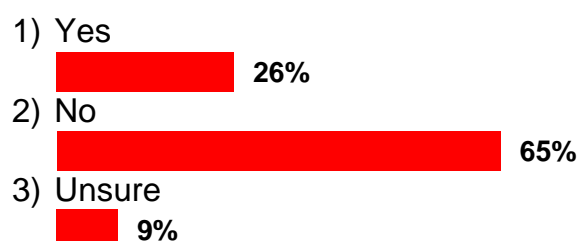
St Kilda

"Having public fruit trees is more important than the amount of water used"

1) Agree
17%
2) Disagree
56%
3) Equally important
21%
4) Don't care / Don't know
6%
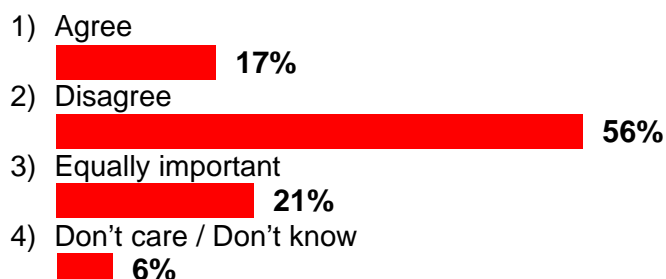
"Shade is more important than habitat for wildlife"

1) Agree
20%
2) Disagree
28%
3) Equally important
48%
4) Don't care / Don't know
4%
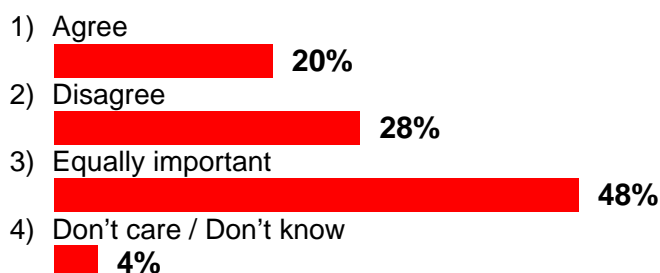
"Being able to grow vegetables close to home is more important than (*neat) nature strips"

1) Agree
42%
2) Disagree
35%
3) Equally important
18%
4) Don't care / Don't know
5%
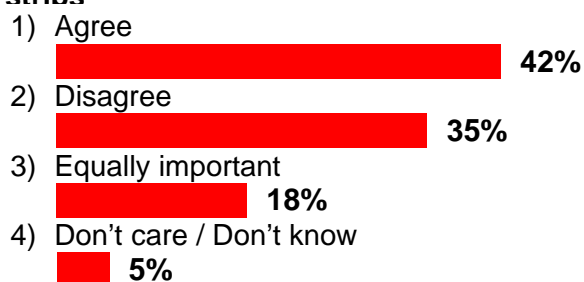
Port Melbourne

Do you think having fruit trees in public spaces is important given that most require a lot of water?

1) Yes
24%
2) No
58%
3) Unsure
18%
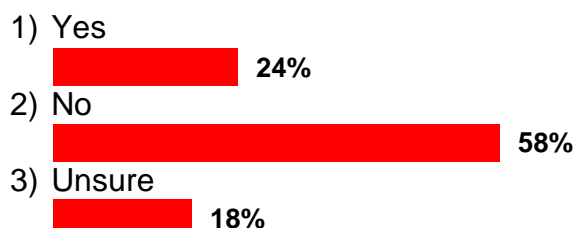
Should council protect trees from significant damage by wildlife?

1) Yes
63%
2) No
21%
3) Unsure
16%

Would you like to see alternatives other than grass on nature strips?

1) Yes
26%
2) No
65%
3) Unsure
9%
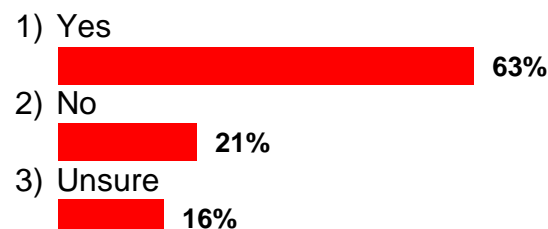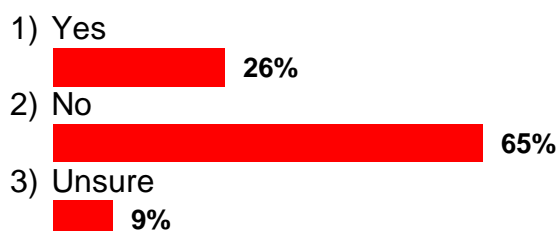
Note: the word neat was left out by mistake out of the question on the night, potentially changing the nature of the question.

Figure 10 Guiding Decision Making: Electronic Voting Results

3.7 What Role Can the Community Play?

Participants were asked to brainstorm on their tables what role the community could play in maintaining our trees and nature strips. A sample of the suggestions for community action is listed here. A full list appears in Appendix 4.

**Table 26 Community Action Suggestions – Sample of Responses**

Community Action Suggestions
Add more green onto private roofs
Appreciate street as public open space
Beautify homes and lanes with climbers and greenery
Don't vandalise public open spaces
Encourage educational programs in schools to foster a love of local environment
Enjoy other people's gardens - leave them a note telling them you appreciate their work
Get council arborist out and about talking to the community
Inform neighbours and support for grey water use
Plant your nature strip
Participate in street cleaning and working bees on streets
Promote the conservation in the community about the value, the diversity, the amenity of tree plantings in the community
Start a tool/mower share in your street
Take responsibility for area outside house/apartment
Use household compost on trees and gardens
Water tanks in median strips
Reward people for their hard work - kind words, conversation or small home grown gift
Write letters to politicians and council asking for a greener city

3.8 What Do You Think?

Participants were asked to individually vote using the electronic key pads for each of the questions in this section. Based on feedback received at the first tree summit, the wording of some of the questions was changed.
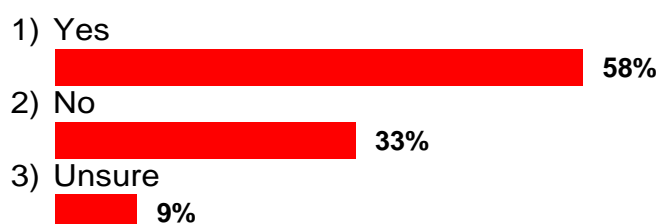
St Kilda

Port Melbourne

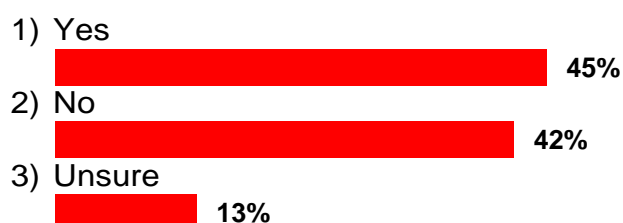**Should council plant only native trees throughout the city?**

1) Yes
20%
2) No
76%
3) Unsure
4%

Should council plant only native trees?

1) Yes
23%
2) No
75%
3) Unsure
2%
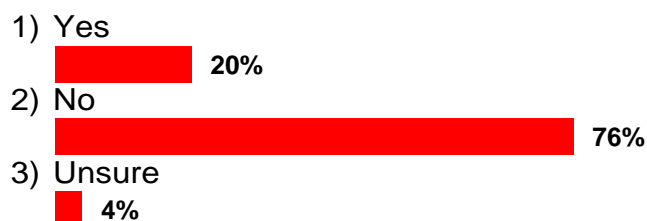
Would you like to see things like green roofs, living verandas and vertical gardens in the area?

1) Yes
90%
2) No
5%
3) Unsure
5%

Would you like to see green options like green roofs and vertical gardens in the area?

1) Yes
90%
2) No
5%
3) Unsure
5%

Do you want council to regulate what can be done by individuals to nature strips?

1) Yes
58%
2) No
33%
3) Unsure
9%

1) Yes
46%
2) No
48%
3) Unsure
6%

Would you be prepared to pay higher rates to further green our open spaces?

1) Yes
45%
2) No
42%
3) Unsure
13%

1) Yes
51%
2) No
35%
3) Unsure
14%
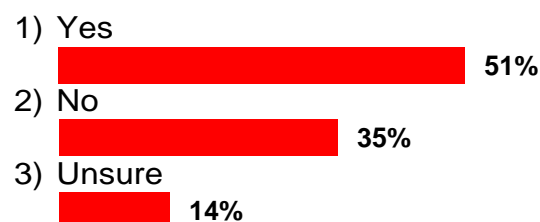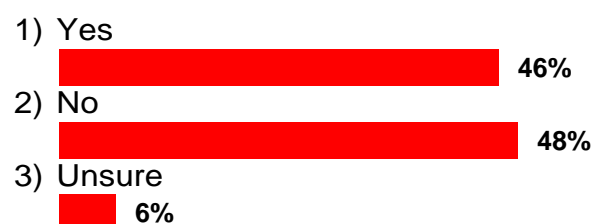
St Kilda

Port Melbourne

Do you support council investing in capturing rainwater to water trees and parks?

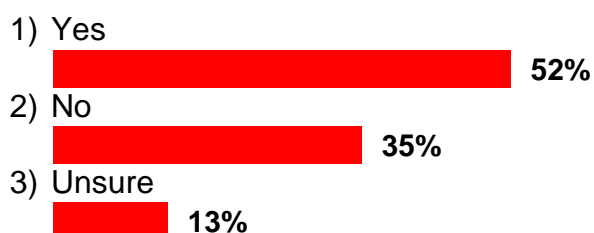**Should council invest in capturing rainwater to water trees and parks?**

St Kilda:
1) Yes — **95%**
2) No — **5%**
3) Unsure — **0%**

Port Melbourne:
1) Yes — **91%**
2) No — **8%**
3) Unsure — **1%**

Would you like to see more shared communal vegetable/fruit gardens?

St Kilda:
1) Yes — **90%**
2) No — **6%**
3) Unsure — **4%**

Port Melbourne:
1) Yes — **81%**
2) No — **13%**
3) Unsure — **6%**
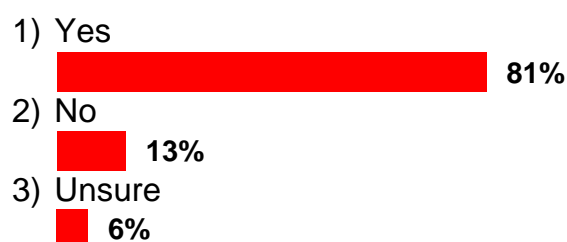
Are you prepared to water the trees and nature strips in front of your home?

St Kilda:
1) Yes — **87%**
2) No — **9%**
3) Unsure — **4%**

Port Melbourne:
1) Yes — **91%**
2) No — **6%**
3) Unsure — **3%**

Would you like to see vegetable patches on nature strips?

Would you like to see alternatives other than grass on nature strips?

St Kilda:
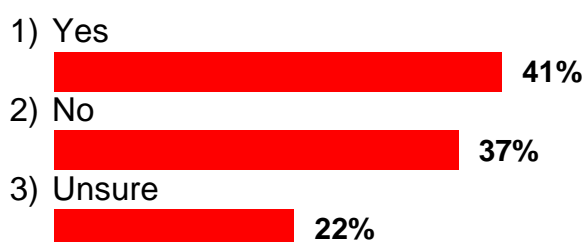1) Yes — **52%**
2) No — **35%**
3) Unsure — **13%**

Port Melbourne:
1) Yes — **74%**
2) No — **18%**
3) Unsure — **8%**
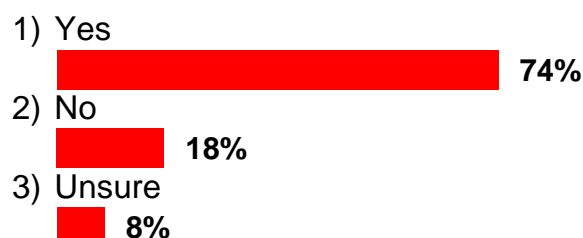
St Kilda

Port Melbourne

Should shade be a priority for tree selection?

1) Yes
61%
2) No
27%
3) Unsure
12%

1) Yes
45%
2) No
38%
3) Unsure
17%
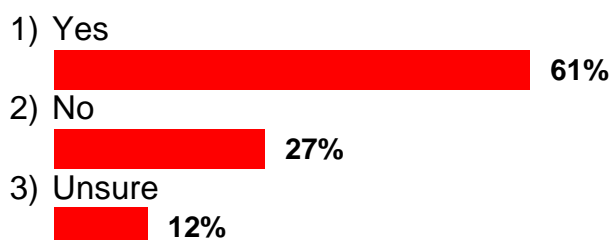
In narrow streets would you be willing to give up a few parking spaces to plant trees?

Where parking is limited, would you be willing to give up a few parking spaces to plant trees?

1) Yes
70%
2) No
22%
3) Unsure
8%

1) Yes
65%
2) No
27%
3) Unsure
8%
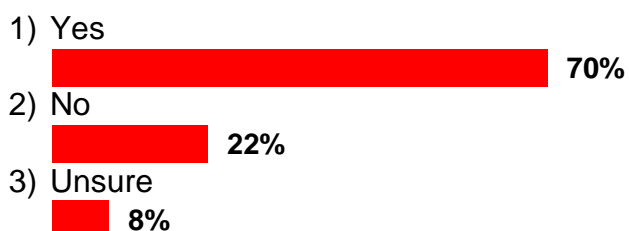
Should council replace trees that have died before planting in streets with no trees?

1) Yes
41%
2) No
37%
3) Unsure
22%

1) Yes
27%
2) No
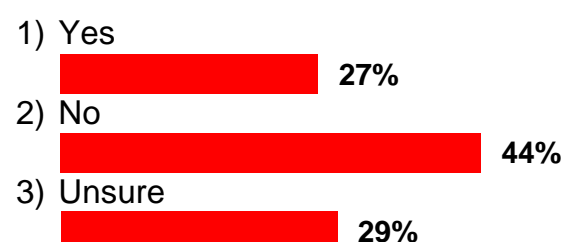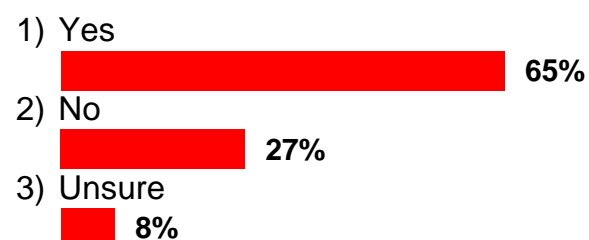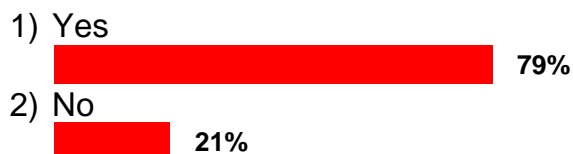**44%**
3) Unsure
29%

Figure 11 What Do You Think: Electronic Voting Results

3.9 Evaluation

Participants were asked to vote on whether they learnt anything new, did they change their mind about anything and to rate their level of satisfaction with the consultation.

St Kilda   Port Melbourne

Did you learn anything new?

1) Yes — 79%
2) No — 21%

1) Yes — 59%
2) No — 41%

Figure 12 Did You Learn Anything: Electronic Voting Results

Did you change your mind about anything?

1) Yes — 35%
2) No — 65%
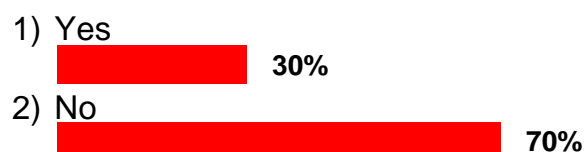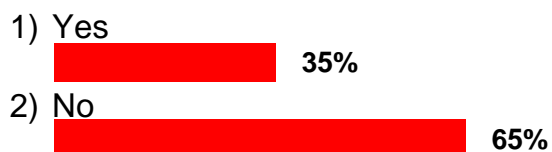
1) Yes — 30%
2) No — 70%

Figure 13 Did You Change Your Mind About Anything: Electronic Voting Results

Rate your level of satisfaction with tonight's consultation process. (1=Very Low, 5=Very High)

(Average = 3.6)

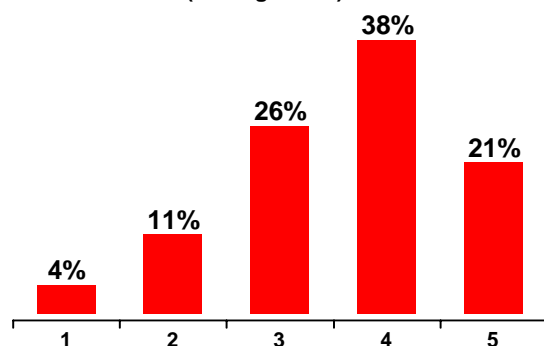| 1	2	3	4	5
4%	11%	26%	38%	21%

Figure 14 Rate Your Level of Satisfaction Tonight's Consultation Process: Electronic Voting Results

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