

# Shaping Greater Dromana Consultation

## Dromana Arthurs Seat Escarpment Management Plan – Summary

### Consultation

- Community consultation was undertaken between 20 May and 21 June 2024 and comprised:
- Consultation page inclusive of online survey.
- Hard copy surveys available at municipal offices.
- Social media feeds and digital promotion (Instagram, Facebook and Linked In).
- Media releases and promotion in the Mornington Peninsula Shire News.
- Posters.
- Email to key stakeholders.
- Two pop-up sessions at Dromana Market and Dromana IGA.



**Have your say:**  
Draft Shaping Greater Dromana Plan

**The draft Plan presents a vision for the Greater Dromana area that we are excited to share and discuss with you.**

The draft Plan provides a strategic framework for the Greater Dromana area and explains how various Council led plans, projects and initiatives contribute to shaping the area's future.

We also want to know how you currently use the Dromana escarpment area, Hillview Reserve and Pat's Paddock and how you would like to see these areas used into the future.

**Come and chat with us**  
Community pop up information sessions

**Saturday 25 May**  
Dromana Community Market, 8am – 1pm

**Thursday 13 June**  
Dromana IGA, 1.30 – 5pm

**For more information**

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Community consultation closes **5pm, 21 June.**

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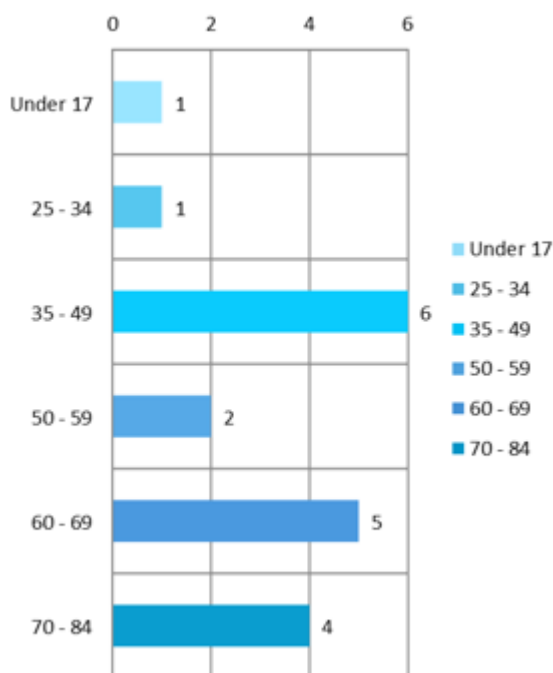
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### Overview

- This section documents the feedback received in relation to the Dromana Arthurs Seat Escarpment Management Plan in response to the **online survey**.
- Questions in the survey focused on how the community use the Dromana Escarpment area, Hillview Community Reserve and Pat's Paddock (Parkdale Estate) and how the community would like to see these areas used into the future.
- Between 20 May and 21 June 2024 there were 588 visits to the to the Shape page and 285 document downloads.
- In total, 19 surveys were completed by 18 contributors (1 individual completed the survey twice).
- The survey was completed by 10 males (53%), 8 females (42%) and 1 response did not identify gender (5%).
- The age of those that completed the survey are detailed in then graph below.



### Question 1: Are you part of, or know a community-led project in Greater Dromana?

- Of the 19 surveys completed, 7 responses (37%) indicated that they were part of or knew a community-led project in greater Dromana, 9 responses (47%) indicated that they were not part of and did not know a community led project in greater Dromana and 3 responses (16%) did not answer the question.

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- Of the 7 responses that indicated that they were a part of or knew a community-led project in greater Dromana, the following community led projects were identified (noting that individuals could identify more than 1 community led project):
  - Red Hill Riders Mountain Bike Club (2).
  - Dromana Association (3).
  - Dromana Community Garden (1).
  - Dromana Community Facilities Project (1).
  - Mornington Peninsula Theatre Company (1).

### **Question 2: What benefits do you believe this reserve/paddock could bring to the community?**

The text below represents the feedback received with respect to this question:

- Second football oval/reserve. More basketball facilities at the Secondary College.
- Employment. Returning land to indigenous flora and fauna. Offsetting carbon. Youth engagement. Exercise. A facility that is capable of holding international cycling events. Increased tourist dollars spent on the Peninsula. A place for mountain bike club members to meet, store equipment for trail maintenance, host events.
- More tourism creating and continuing economic growth to the area.
- The community is growing. This asset should be for recreation purposes with plenty of replacement vegetation.
- This seems to me like a carrot. Of course, everyone would like some nice community space here- be it recreational, community gardens, forest or whatever. The stick, though, comes later, when everyone is convinced, this is all great, then we get surveillance, less parking, and more restrictions.
- Easily accessible recreational area for local families to walk to. Strategic tree plantings to encourage native birds and animals.
- A theatre space would benefit the community greatly by providing a venue for quality theatre provided by Mornington Peninsula Theatre Company Inc. We have already built a considerable name for ourselves in our short history, and we have proven that this is exactly the type of facility that Dromana needs. Building a shed to house us could incorporate a theatre performance space as well as storage/office facilities for us. I see this as similar in size to the Dromana Men's Shed. Additionally, with the potential of an outdoor auditorium for summer productions, we can envision a vibrant and dynamic theatre experience for our community. This would enhance the amenity of the area enormously and provide a facility for the patronage of the local area, which we know is crying out for just such a facility.
- Green space.
- OXYGEN. Reductions in carbon emissions. Let nature be nature - we don't always have to use every little bit of the planet just because we can. Especially considering

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the nature reserve across the road on the corner is about to turn into hundreds of new dwellings.

- Keen to understand why (what intentions) did the Council seek and received the management rights for this parcel of land that was gifted as part of the greater parcel of land (163ha) of the Parkdale Estate owned by the Ross Trust (Hillview Quarries)? After 40 years and no action plan for community benefit, the opportunities are immense, need to be integrated, carefully planned over a 10-15-20 year -plan with multiple uses.
- It could bring an area for family's and a place to hang out.
- Keep it green!
- An advanced playground/exercise facility and a carbon forest.
- Mixed use parkland and recreation zone. No built development.
- As per Dromana Association submission.

### **Question 3: What activities/facilities would you like to see at this reserve/paddock?**

The text below represents the feedback received with respect to this question:

- Second football oval/reserve.
- Cycling events. Running. Walking. Training facility to race at international level. Community Carbon Forest. Club rooms built by the community with local materials where possible. Car parking. Solar infrastructure. World class MTB Trails. World Class Pump Track. EV charging.
- I think there could be some opportunities to subdivide and sell off some of the reserve. Money from the sale of this land could support the Dromana community. The difficulty with this area is that it is not easily accessible to locals without a car as there is limited public transport to this area. Would be good to see a community, maybe a garden that the community could enjoy, and some additional car parking as this is a very busy area with tourists wanting to ride their bikes. Maybe a kid friendly bike track in this area would be nice - given so many people like to ride their bikes through the surrounding bushland.
- Mountain bike tracks, plenty of more trees in the area around the tracks.
- Whatever the bulk of the people who know what is going on, want. Hillview Reserve already boasts a playground plan. Let's see it happen.
- Circuit walking track with access from footpath near the shops. It is currently unclear if we are welcome to walk on the bike tracks, so a dedicated walking circuit would be excellent for families to walk on. If the track could be wide enough for young children to ride bikes, who are not up to mountain bike riding yet. Please keep any proposed off-lead dogs away from circuit walking track (i.e. don't replicate Hastings foreshore which is over run by dogs to the detriment of other users). My vision is to walk from home, grab a coffee at the strip shops, go for a proper walk with the kids each weekend. Have a play at the new playground on the way back. Dirt-jump track or skate park, including for children. Scooter-permitted pump track.
- Please can we discuss this further?

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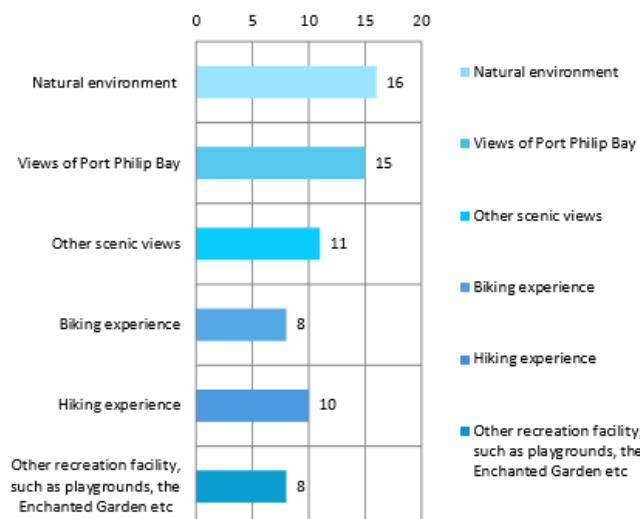


- I would like to see a lush forest, with gumtrees preferred by koalas. Across the world, in Australia and locally we lose too much forest every day. How wonderful would it be if the Shire did the opposite thing - added forest. What I like about this idea is that it isn't blocking anyone's view either so there is lower risk of illegal vegetation removal. Dogs can stay at Hillview in leash free area, no need to enter Pat's Paddock.
- See the Dromana Associations plans and seek feedback, collaborate with the other significant landowners on both sides of these parcels of land - The Ross Trust (Hillview Quarries).
- I would like to see bike jumps bike skills park and a playground.
- Nothing - bikes are already scourging Eatons Cutting and Hillview Reserve.
- I have seen the plans from the Dromana Association and think these will fit the community's needs.
- Parkland, walking tracks, recreation, bikes, environmental regeneration, Childrens park, BBQ's.
- As per Dromana Association submission

### Question 4: What attracts you to visit the Arthurs Seat Escarpment?

The survey identified 6 attractions and respondents were asked to select all that apply. The results are detailed below.

- Natural Environment = 16
- Views of Port Phillip Bay = 15
- Other scenic views = 11
- Hiking experience = 10
- Biking experience = 8
- Other recreation facility, such as playgrounds, the Enchanted Garden etc. = 8



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### **Question 5: What attracts you to visit the Arthurs Seat Escarpment (Other)?**

Respondents were asked to specify other attractions. No feedback was received in response to this question.

### **Question 6: What benefits do you believe this escarpment brings to the community?**

The text below represents the feedback received with respect to this question:

- It's a beautiful place to live and experience recreation/exercise at the same time. Mental health benefits of exercise and environment.
- Local and visitors enjoy the area.
- We need to keep as much of our native forests as possible while planting more indigenous plants. We need to preserve manage and not destroy assets we have in this Shire as there are very few native forests left.
- Nature brings vast benefits to people - psychologically, spiritually, physically, sometimes socially. Fresher air, space, beauty, exercise.
- Purposeful activities in the natural environment. Dedicated and well-maintained walking/riding tracks.
- Green space which can't be touched.
- Connection with nature and wildlife. Fresh air. Activities that are not screen-based.
- A taste of the native environment.
- Very little at the moment, disjointed, no plans, individual groups barking for their own cause, no common strategic plans or government (state/local) to seek greater outcomes for this escarpment. I have been trying for the last 6-7 years with various stakeholders with no success.
- It gives people a place to ride and a place to see nature.
- A huge tourist attraction.
- This is another icon to the area - "where the mountain meets the sea". We need to protect the environment and ecology but still develop the area as to the community needs.
- Invaluable nature zone and mixed-use recreation.
- As per Dromana Association submission.

### **Question 7: What activities/facilities would you like to see at this escarpment?**

The text below represents the feedback received with respect to this question:

- More Mountain Bike Trails. More weeding and planting of indigenous flora.
- More hiking tracks. More camping areas for hikers would be good - we don't provide enough options for tourists who want to visit this area.
- Mountain bike and hiking.

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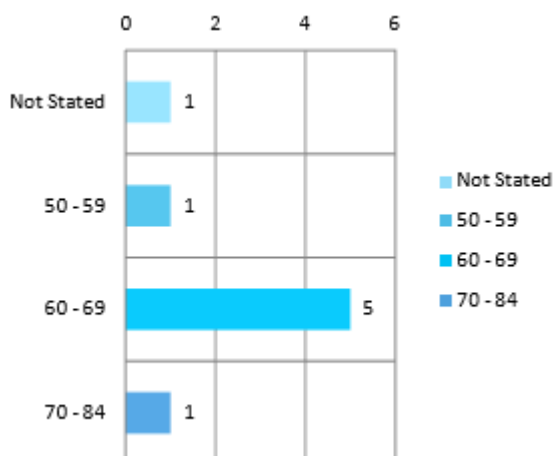
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- As we have a good amount of walking track and bicycle tracks returning as much as possible into our most valuable asset native forests. If we keep pouring concrete in every available space life for our children and children's children will be greatly impeded.
- None apart from what is already there. Is that not green wedge? Just paths.
- Clear signage and available advice on where to walk - as opposed to where the bike riders go. Hillview Reserve should have signage and webpage information on how to use walking tracks to stay out of bike riders' way.
- Just weed maintenance.
- No new development, only more trees.
- See the Dromana Associations plans/opportunities.
- A playground at the eagle.
- Nothing - if it ain't broke don't fix it.
- Picnics, bike riding, bush walking, facilities for tourists.
- As per Dromana Association submission.

### Overview

- This section documents the feedback received in relation to the Dromana Arthurs Seat Escarpment Management Plan in response to the **hardcopy survey**.
- Between 20 May and 21 June 2024, hard copy surveys were available at municipal offices and at the two pop-ups (Dromana Market and Dromana IGA).
- In total, 8 surveys were completed/part completed by 10 contributors (2 surveys were completed by a couple).
- The survey was completed by 1 male (12.5%), 3 females (37.5%), 2 couples (25%) and 2 responses did not identify gender (25%).
- The age of those that completed the survey are detailed in then graph below.



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### Question 1: Are you part of, or know a community-led project in Greater Dromana?

- Of the 8 surveys completed, 2 responses (25%) indicated that they were part of or knew a community-led project in greater Dromana, and 6 responses (75%) did not answer the question.
- Of the 2 responses that indicated that they were a part of or knew a community-led project in greater Dromana, the following community led projects were identified (noting that individuals could identify more than 1 community led project):
  - Community House (1)
  - Visitor Centre (1)
  - Op Shops (1)
  - Shaw McKeown Reserve (1)
  - Latrobe Reserve (1)
  - McCrae Foreshore (1)

### Question 2: What benefits do you believe this reserve/paddock could bring to the community?

The text below represents the feedback received with respect to this question:

- Leave it as it is – recreational facility for community.
- Leave it as open space for Pat's Paddock.
- Bushland on paddock. Bikes interrupt walking experience. More off-street biking.
- Open space. Support wildlife. Dog walking.
- Separation between walkers, BMX, dog walker. Separate tracks for safety.

### Question 3: What activities/facilities would you like to see at this reserve/paddock?

The text below represents the feedback received with respect to this question:

- Leave as is.
- Plant it out. Re-wild it.
- Skateboard-park for youth activities.
- Parking space for all.
- Open Space. Trees planted to support kangaroos. Low key.
- BMX facility in Pat's Paddock. Community garden. Dromana community market. Local area. Promotion for local wineries.
- Parking at Pat's Paddock due to the BMX riders that all park near the shops (near the track across the road from the shops).

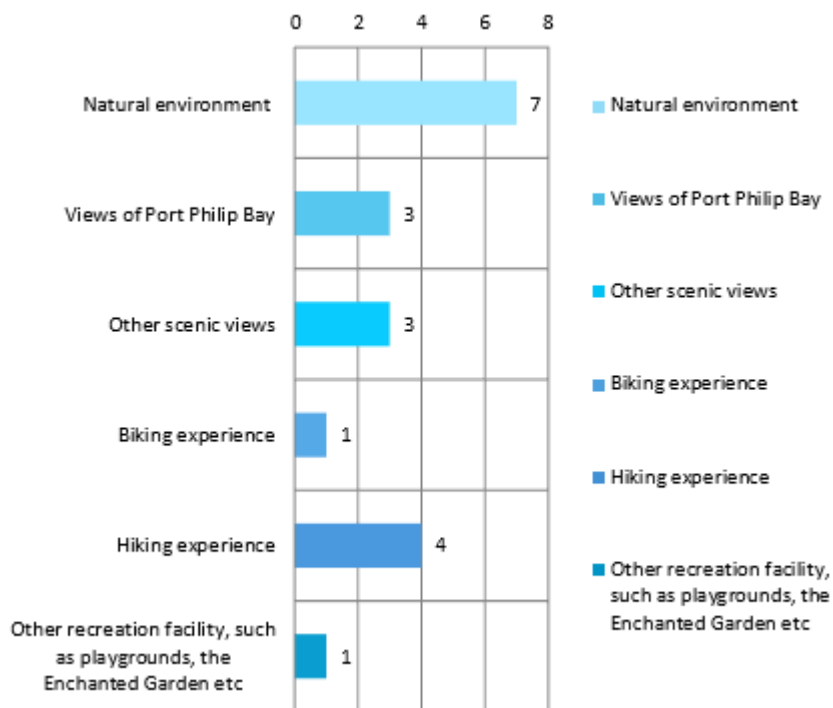
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### Question 4: What attracts you to visit the Arthurs Seat Escarpment?

The survey identified 6 attractions and respondents were asked to select all that apply. The results are detailed below.

- Natural Environment = 7
- Views of Port Phillip Bay = 3
- Other scenic views = 3
- Hiking experience = 4
- Biking experience = 1
- Other recreation facility, such as playgrounds, the Enchanted Garden etc. = 1



### Question 5: What attracts you to visit the Arthurs Seat Escarpment (Other)?

Respondents were asked to specify other attractions. The feedback received is detailed below:

- Don't spoil with more buildings. Peaceful semi-rural lifestyle.

### Question 6: What benefits do you believe this escarpment brings to the community?

The text below represents the feedback received with respect to this question:

- Green spaces, recreation and peaceful surrounds.

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- Natural bushy environment.
- Natural bushland, biodiversity and climate.
- Bringing not only the beach residents/tourists but also attracting people to the green open spaces.
- More opportunities for space. Keep it open. Keep it local space free and non-suburbia.

### **Question 7: What activities/facilities would you like to see at this escarpment?**

The text below represents the feedback received with respect to this question:

- None.
- Please, no more bike trails.
- A staircase for people to climb Arthurs Seat under the Eagle.
- Make sure there is a dog park in Pat's Paddock/Hillview Reserve.
- Mountain trail biking. Walking tracks.

### **Written Submissions**

- Four written submissions were received.
- Redacted submissions are provided as attachments to this report (submission 006, 014, 025 and 031).