

# *New Barbecue and Shelter - Lewis Yarluperka O'Brien Reserve*

## *Community Engagement Outcomes Report*

June 2025

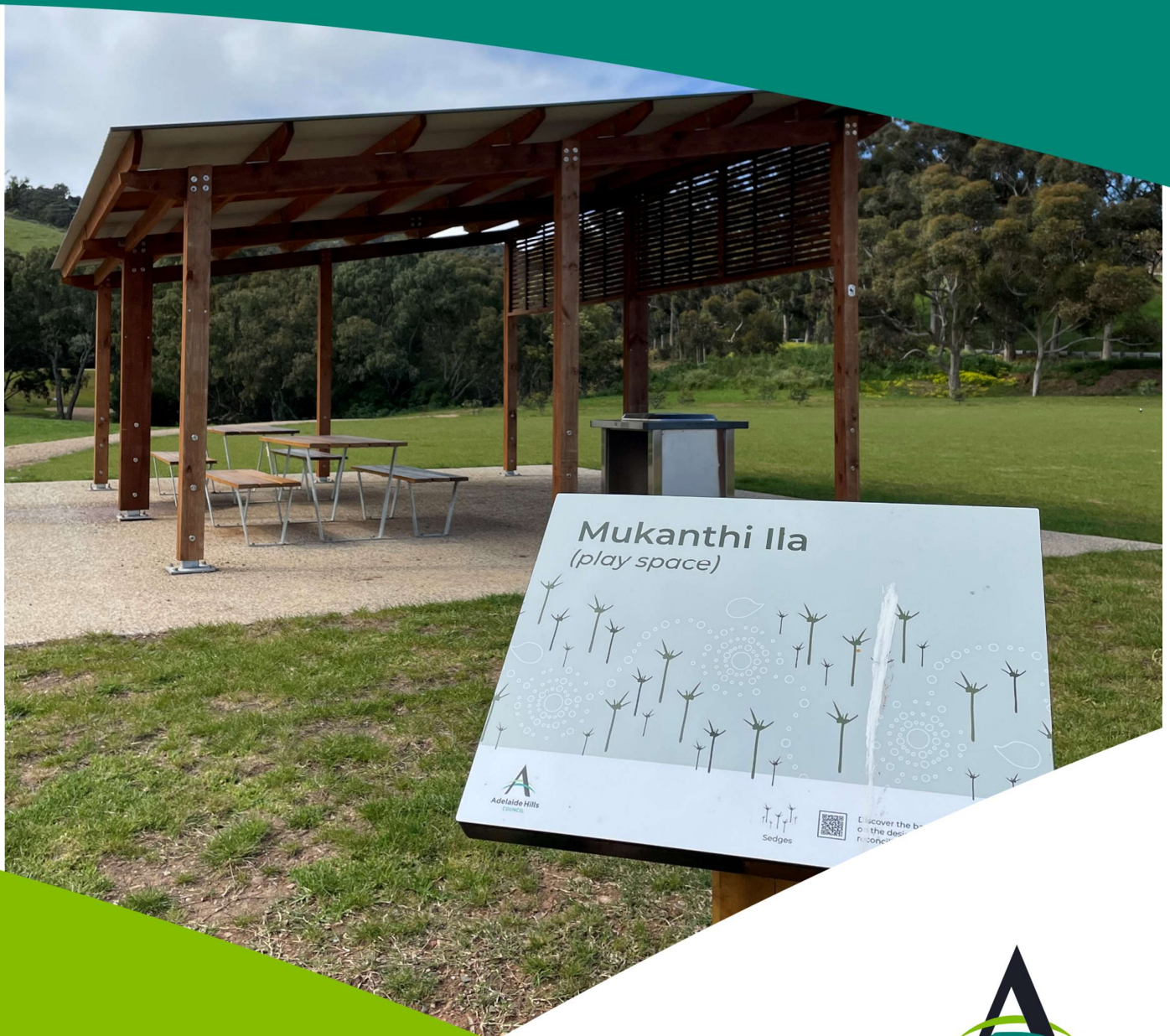


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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This report presents feedback received during engagement with residents of Woodforde between 11 March and 18 April 2025 regarding the location for a proposed new barbecue and shelter at Lewis Yarluperka O'Brien Reserve in Hamilton Hill Estate.

This report will be made available to those who participated in the consultation on Council's Engagement Platform.

The consultation comprised an opportunity for the local residents to provide feedback via an online feedback form on Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub. A copy of information provided on Council's Engagement Platform, letter to residents and feedback form is available in Appendix A.

There was a total of 87 Participants providing feedback on potential locations for the new barbecue and shelter at the reserve. All responses were received via the online feedback form. Additional emails were received relating to the engagement, however all email respondents also completed the online survey.

All online feedback responses are provided in Appendix B.

Advertisements, email blasts, promotional newsletters and social media posts and feedback, are provided in Appendix C.

## 2 SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

### 2.1 BACKGROUND

The purpose of the engagement was to determine the preferred location for a new barbecue and shelter within Lewis Yarluperka O'Brien Reserve. The existing barbecue and shelter are located at the highest point within the reserve which creates difficulties for staff with maintaining the facilities and does not allow for a public bin at this site. This section of the reserve is only accessible via stairs and/or a steep incline, which means it is not accessible by all members of the community. The current location of the shelter and barbecue was chosen by the estate developer, KITE Development.

The engagement process provided information regarding two possible locations for a new barbecue and shelter selected by staff based on community accessibility of the site, appropriate site topography and access to services (power). Respondents had the opportunity to select their preferred location for the barbecue and shelter or to state that they preferred the amenities were not reinstated.

Staff had originally planned to install the new amenities at Site A, however following an initial letter sent to residents on the 11 March 2025 indicating these upcoming works, residents provided feedback that they would like to be involved in selecting a location and/or determining the desire for a barbecue at the reserve.

Feedback received will assist council staff to make an informed decision on next steps for the relocation of the existing barbecue and positioning of a new shelter within the reserve.

### 2.2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Consultation was undertaken with the Community over 39 days from Wednesday 11 March to 18 April 2025.

### 2.3 ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

The Council's engagement approach aimed to provide information and seek community feedback regarding local residents' preference for the location / inclusion of a new barbecue and shelter at Lewis Yarluperka O'Brien Reserve. Questions were asked to determine the preferred location / need for inclusion of a barbecue facility, along with any additional

feedback or comments that residents would like to share. Feedback could be provided via an online feedback form or via email.

A feedback form was developed and provided online. It contained 5 questions, including both closed and open style questions. Questions were designed to seek basic location and contact details of Participants, determine the community's preference option for a barbecue and shelter and provide the opportunity to share any feedback or concerns regarding the proposal.

The engagement was targeted at residents living in close proximity to Lewis Yarluperka O'Brien Reserve with letters sent to properties within Hamilton Hill Estate and surrounding areas of Woodforde. The engagement was promoted on Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub via the Rostrevor, Woodforde and Hamilton Hill Hub page.

A copy of information provided, and the feedback form is included in Appendix A.

## **2.4 DISTRIBUTION AND PROMOTION**

The opportunity to provide feedback was promoted through the following channels:

- Letter delivered to residents residing within Hamilton Hill on 11 March 2025 (553)
- Social media post on 19 March 2025 (1 x Facebook Post)
- 4 x Corflute signs onsite positioned at various points in Hamilton Hill Estate

All email blasts, advertisements and posts are provided in full in Appendix C.

## **3 PARTICIPANTS**

This section provides details about participation during the engagement period and also demographic information about Respondents who completed a feedback form.

### 3.1 PARTICIPATION RATE

The following table displays the level of engaged participation.

*Table 2 Level of Participation*

| Activity                                | Number Participating                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Online submissions                      | 87 (one duplicate response removed)                                          |
| Written response –email, letter         | 8 emails from 5 community members (all 5 had also completed a feedback form) |
| <b>TOTAL CONSULTATION PARTICIPATION</b> | <b>87 individual participants</b>                                            |

### 3.2 PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS

#### Survey Respondents Suburb

Respondents were asked if they could provide the suburb/township in which they resided.

This was an optional question with 67 responses.

Of the respondents that provided a suburb, 95.5% (64) resided in Woodforde or specifically selected Hamilton Hill. Remaining respondents resided in Magill (2) and Rostrevor (1), with 20 participants not providing a suburb.

*Table 3 Survey Suburbs*

| Suburb / Township         | No. of Participants | Percent of Participants |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Woodforde / Hamilton Hill | 64                  | 73.8%                   |
| Magill                    | 2                   | 2.2%                    |
| Rostrevor                 | 1                   | 1.1%                    |
| Not answered              | 20                  | 22.7%                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>87</b>           | <b>99.8%</b>            |

## 4 ONLINE FEEDBACK

88 online responses were received as part of this consultation. One person completed the feedback form twice and requested that we retain their latest response. Analysis of questions from the online feedback forms are provided below.

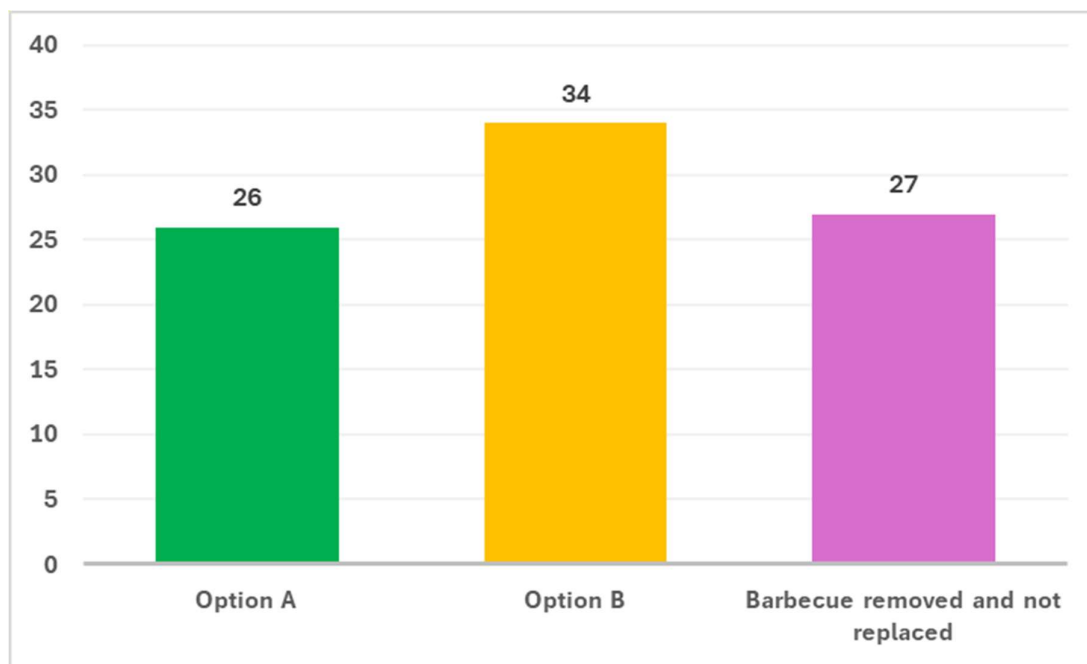
#### 4.1 SUPPORT LEVELS FOR NEW BARBECUE AND SHELTER LOCATIONS

Respondents were asked to select their preferred option for a new barbecue and shelter location from three possible options:

- Option A (near Lewis Walk)
- Option B (near amphitheatre)
- Remove the existing barbecue and do not replace it

This was a mandatory question with 87 responses. As presented below 39% (n=34) of Respondents selected Option B (amphitheatre), 31% (n=27) said that they wanted the existing barbecue to not be replaced and 30% (n=26) preferred Option A (near Lewis Walk).

*Chart 1 Respondents preferred location /retention of new barbecue and shelter*



#### 4.2 RESPONDENTS FEEDBACK AND COMMENTS

Respondents were asked to provide further comments and or feedback about the project. 61 Respondents provided feedback and comments related to the project and/or reserve. The Tables below are broken by community preferences, themes and number of respondents.

Presented in Table 4 is the feedback and comments relating to location Option A (near Lewis Walk). Table 5 represents feedback and comments relating to location Option B (near

Amphitheatre). Table 6 represents feedback and comments relating to not supporting the relocation of a barbecue at the reserve. Table 7 represents feedback and comments received not aligned to a specific preference.

*Table 4 Feedback and comments related to location Option A*

| Comments in support of Option A | No. of Respondents |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Most accessible site            | 4                  |
| More natural shade              | 3                  |
| More central location           | 2                  |
| More parking options            | 1                  |
| Comments against Option A       |                    |
| Too close to residents          | 7                  |

*Table 5 Feedback and comments related to location Option B*

| Comments in support of Option B                     | No. of Respondents |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Location will have less impact on residents         | 7                  |
| Existing seating / amphitheatre as seating          | 4                  |
| Comments against Option B                           |                    |
| Could amplify noise of people using space           | 3                  |
| Would obscure amphitheatre                          | 2                  |
| Too secluded / could encourage antisocial behaviour | 1                  |

*Table 6 Feedback and comments not in support of a barbecue*

| Comments received regarding not replacing barbecue         | No. of Respondents |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Nuisance concerns – noise / rubbish / antisocial behaviour | 15                 |
| Barbecues are messy / not cleaned / attract vermin         | 13                 |
| Effects on peaceful bushland space                         | 10                 |
| Barbecue could be fire hazard                              | 10                 |

*Table 7 Feedback and comments not aligned to a specific preference*

| Comments received across all preferences                                                                       | No. of Respondents |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Requests / suggestions for playground at reserve                                                               | 10                 |
| Keep existing barbecue as well as new barbecue                                                                 | 6                  |
| Concern about increase on carparking demand                                                                    | 6                  |
| Add reserve lighting                                                                                           | 3                  |
| Need for bin/s                                                                                                 | 3                  |
| Access to running water                                                                                        | 2                  |
| Improve irrigation around reserve                                                                              | 2                  |
| Requests for recreation infrastructure e.g. basketball / tennis court, jogging track, community shed, dog park | 4 (1 of each)      |
| Don't support playground at reserve                                                                            | 2                  |

All comments are provided verbatim in Appendix B.

## 5 EMAIL AND WRITTEN FEEDBACK

There were eight emails received from five community members during the engagement period relating to the location of a new barbecue and shelter. Of the five unique respondents all five had also completed the online feedback form.

Feedback received and issues raised via emails included:

- Email 1, 2 and 3: Received from one community member with all three emails featuring similar information but addressed to different council staff and Elected Members. The emails were not in support of a new barbecue and shelter at Lewis Yarulperka O'Brien Reserve and requested further consultation with local residents regarding the proposed works and potential effects.
- Email 4 and 5: Received from one community member and addressed concerns about the proposed location of a new barbecue and shelter (Option A) due to the proximity to residents and effects on the peaceful setting. The resident requested further consultation with local residents prior to works proceeding.
- Email 6: Community member requesting a small playground instead of a new barbecue facility.
- Email 7: Correspondents from a member of a residents association providing a shared response to feedback received from a community member directly to the residents association.
- Email 8: Community member who had submitted two feedback forms requesting that we take their latest submission.

Due to the personal nature / content featured within the emails, they have not been included.

## 6 CONCLUSION

A total of 87 people participated in the consultation to determine the preferred location / need for retention of a barbecue facility and new shelter within Lewis Yarluperka O'Brien Reserve. Participation was through online feedback forms and email submissions.

95.5% of participants who provided a suburb, lived in Woodforde or specifically Hamilton Hill Estate and this would be the group most directly impacted by the proposal.

While Option B did receive the highest number of preference selections (39% / 34 selections), the engagement results overall show that there is no clear preference from local residents as to a future location and/or retention of a barbecue at Lewis Yarluperka O'Brien Reserve.

Due to the engagement results being inconclusive, the decision has been made to retain the existing barbecue in its current location and not install an additional barbecue at this time. The mixed results and written feedback provided by residents, including requests for further consultation, highlights to us that further discussions should be had with the local community prior to any future infrastructure proposals at this reserve.

Feedback received from residents has identified some immediate actions that can be undertaken by council staff to address simple concerns regarding reserve irrigation, outdoor fitness equipment and investigation into reserve lighting. We are currently organising for the installation of rubber softfall underneath outdoor fitness elements and additional mulching works which will occur before the 30 June 2025.

## APPENDIX A – INFORMATION PROVIDED AND FEEDBACK FORM

### EHQ Platform - Rostrevor, Woodforde and Hamilton Hill Hub

#### New Barbecue and Shelter Consultation

Council would like your feedback on the location of a new barbecue and shelter to be installed in the Lewis Yarluperka O'Brien Reserve.

Please review Option A and Option B on the map below, and let us know your preference or share your comments.

- **Consultation Closes:** 5pm, Friday 18 April 2025
- **Works Date:** May – June 2025
- **Details:**
  - A new larger barbecue and public shelter will be installed to enhance community use of the reserve.
  - The existing barbecue (on the upper eastern side of the reserve) will be removed and replaced with an electrical power outlet.
  - The existing shelter will remain.



#### FAQs

- ? What are the plans for mulching the garden beds?
- ? What about council's ongoing responsibility-will mulching be on a rolling schedule?
- ? Can council provide a storage shed that the community can access?
- ? What about reserve lighting?
- ? What about road line marking outside of the Hamilton Hill development?
- ? What about road line marking within Hamilton Hill development?
- ? What is council's role with Parking compliance?
- ? What is happening with the barbeque and shelter?
- ? Can I have a say in where the new barbeque is proposed?
- ? What is council's role with noise/nuisance/litter complaints?
- ? What is council doing about verge maintenance?

## Online Feedback Form

### 1. Preference \*

☐ Option A

☐ Option B

☐ Remove the existing barbecue and do not replace it

Reference the locations on the map

### 2. Provide any comments (optional)

### 3. First and last name (optional)

Maximum 255 characters

0/255

### 4. Email address (optional)

### 5. Which suburb do you reside in? (optional)

Maximum 255 characters

0/255

Submit

Letter to Hamilton Hill Estate residents - 11 March 2025



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11 March 2025

**NOTIFICATION OF UPCOMING WORKS - HAMILTON HILL ESTATE**

Dear Resident,

Please be advised that Adelaide Hills Council and contractors working on behalf of Council will be delivering various work multiple upcoming works over the next couple of months throughout the Hamilton Hill estate.

Please take note of the dates and parking restrictions that will be in place during these works.

**Works:** Organic mulching of reserve garden beds. Due to the volume of mulch required, application of the mulch will be pumped into reserve area's utilising large spray hoses.

**Date of works:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Location:** Mulch will be applied to the highlighted sections on the map below



**Vehicle restrictions:** Due to the size of the truck required to deliver the much to site, additional space is required through the adjoining road network to access the reserves.

'No parking' vehicle controls will be installed within the following highlighted roadways as indicated below. These vehicle controls are essential to enable the works to be completed. Please ensure that you obey the no parking signage as per the map & dates listed below:



Parking restrictions will be implemented between 7am – 4pm in the following locations and dates:

MacIntosh Crescent – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Grant Street/Buchanan Drive – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Lewis Walk – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Macintyre Brae - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**What the works mean for you:** Residents of properties in the affected area will still be able to access their properties but are advised that delays may occur. To avoid disruption, we ask for impacted residents within the affected area to review the location of the worksite and select the appropriate street access point.

**Works:** New BBQ and shelter installation and connection of tree up lights throughout the lower reserve.

**Date of works:** April – June 2025

**Location:** New BBQ and shelter installation marked blue and location of power box to be within red/white checkered area as per the map below.



**Vehicle restrictions:** There may be some minor parking restrictions required at Lewis Walk and MacIntosh Crescent whilst works are undertaken. Please ensure that access to the maintenance gate off Lewis Walk is kept clear at all times.

**What the works mean for you:** A new larger sized BBQ and public shelter will be installed to provide residents with increased opportunities to congregate and utilise the reserve areas. Please note, the current BBQ (situated to the upper eastern side of the reserve area) will be removed and replace with an electrical power outlet point. The existing shelter will be retained. Contractors working on behalf of Council are in the process of connecting various existing tree spotlights located underneath certain feature trees. Activation of this infrastructure will assist with lighting throughout the reserve space.

**Works:** Footpath maintenance works

**Date of works:** April – June 2025

**Location:** Paths throughout the reserve area, as per map below:



**Vehicle restrictions:** There may be some minor parking restrictions required at Lewis Walk and Macintosh Crescent whilst works are undertaken. Please ensure that access to the maintenance gate off Lewis Walk is kept clear at all times.



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#### Verge Maintenance - Community Consultation

A verge (or nature strip) is the area between the property boundary and the kerb (or edge of the roadway) and includes the footpath.

Verge maintenance is considered a joint responsibility between Council and residents. Council undertakes an annual verge maintenance program to provide for road safety and fire mitigation requirements, however Council is unable to maintain all road verges in the district. In urban areas of our district, property owners often maintain the verge in front of their property to achieve their desired level of appearance.

The developer and Council did maintain verges whilst the development was being completed. Many of these garden beds now require renewal or significant modifications to ensure they can be maintained in a sustainable manner. To ensure the verge standards within the Hamilton Hill area align with the level of service throughout the remainder of our Council district, we would like to offer residents the following options:

- (a) The property owner/resident elects to maintain the verge area. Please fill out the required S221 application form below and email to [mail@ahc.sa.gov.au](mailto:mail@ahc.sa.gov.au) <https://www.ahc.sa.gov.au/assets/downloads/development/application-forms/Authorisation-to-Alter-a-Public-Road-Application-Form-2024.pdf> or;
- (b) Council will maintain the verge. The verge will then be topped up with mulch or replaced with compacted rubble. Irrigation and declining landscape plants may be removed, or;
- (c) Convert the verge area adjacent to your property to parallel vehicle parking. In some situations, this would require modifications to the kerbing and sealing with asphalt.

Please note in all options above, the verge area's will be considered non-irrigated spaces and irrigation will be decommissioned. We ask residents or property owners to please advise Council of your preference by emailing [mail@ahc.sa.gov.au](mailto:mail@ahc.sa.gov.au) by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

If Council does not receive a response, we will assume that you will not be maintaining your verge, and it will be added to the list for option B.

For further information regarding the responsibilities of verge maintenance within the Adelaide Hills Council region, please see the information is located on Council's website:  
<https://www.ahc.sa.gov.au/environment/roadside-vegetation>

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Should you require any special assistance during the works, please call contact Council on 08 8408 0400.

Updates about the works will be made available via our Community Engagement Hub Webpage [engage.ahc.sa.gov.au](https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,

Open Space Department  
Adelaide Hills Council

## APPENDIX B – ONLINE SURVEY FORM VERBATIM COMMENTS

### Q2. Provide any comments (optional) – comments from respondents that preferred Option A

There is also a 3rd option, and that is to the north east of option A - near the art installation. The land is open and flat.

Location A has more natural shade and is more accessible.

Location B in the amphitheatre has the potential to echo and amplify the noise of people using the BBQ area.

Keep the existing BBQ as it does get utilised and add another at section A.

A playground could be put up near the existing BBQ as its utilised by younger families and the BBQ area in section A would be perfect for the elderly or disabled to use?

Can we please ensure this is designed in an aesthetically pleasing way, in addition to provision of running water and power.

More shade, easier access

Current site is too isolated and hard to reach and people who use it leave it dirty. Also requires a bin and running water.

The area where option B is proposed has been constructed as an amphitheatre and seated place of reflection which would be obscured by a BBQ area. Parking and access to option A is more accessible.

Would be nice for the BBQ to be central to the development, so everyone can have easy access and enjoyment.

The existing bbq should also be retained. Two BBQs for 1000 people doesn't seem excessive. The existing one is likely to see more use once the town houses near there are finished.

Ultimately would like to see a basketball/tennis court put on the upper reserve. With lots of families with young children in Hamilton hill, I think this would be extremely beneficial for the area. Something like Penfold Park with courts and a nature playground/obstacle course would be so beneficial to the area.

This is a central spot for Hamilton hill, it has tree shade and tree logs for sitting. If it is here or option B it would need to be on a concrete platform like the one at the top oval for aesthetic and fire safety needs. A bin should be included to prevent littering and option B is closer to the road east waste travel to collect bins including the close by doggy bin. There is a grassed verge section opposite option A that has more open space if considered also. The tree at option B (fairy tree) has a bees nest that would require addressing. Option B to secluded for monitoring and passive surveillance .

A priority also for the bbq allocation should be some children's play equipment to encourage family use

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Just have Adelaide Hills Council make sure the lawn pop up sprinkler (timer) don't come up when people are having picnics on section "A" NEW BBQ AREA !<br/>I live opposite that lawn area &amp; they come up @ 5pm / people were sitting on lawn!</p> <p>&amp; CAN WE PLEASE HAVE THE PARK / FORRST LIGHTS COME ON @ NIGHT FOR SECURITY REASONS !</p> |
| <p>As long as there are enough public bins which are emptied frequently and the BBQs are cleaned and maintained on a weekly/regular basis.<br/>Will there be any regulations on time of use and noise so residents are not impacted?</p>                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Along with barbecue a small playground for kids will be nice as their is no where kids can play near the estate.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Q2. Provide any comments (optional) – comments from respondents that preferred Option B

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Neither spot is perfect: but down by the creek, in between A and B would be perfect: the land is flat and open, would move a little further from homes and Apartments but still be accessible by wheels (prams, wheelchairs, etc) and is then walking distance to B for seating</p>         |
| <p>I think site A would suit a playground, site B the amphitheatre could double as seating for the BBQ</p>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Given there have been two fires in this park, both deliberate, having the BBQ in an area that is already designed for public gathering (ie the amphitheatre) makes sense. This area is also concreted and further away from houses should there be an accident with the BBQ.</p>            |
| <p>Option B looks ideal if the space is regularly cleaned/ maintained.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>As a resident of Kelso apartments I agree with a BBQ in the lower section of the park but not immediately next to residents. Option B seems it would have less impact on others.</p>                                                                                                        |
| <p>I would like to keep the existing BBQ as well along with the new installation at location B.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Please consider to have a children playground near barbecue area. How will the existing barbecue be going after removal? Will you consider to relocate and use the existing barbecue? What will the existing rain shelter be used for? Will you consider to provide sitting area there?</p> |
| <p>B is more private and has higher amenity for bbq area. A is right outside an apartment building.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Option B adds further shade options to the area near the amphitheatre, which is currently quite open. Also adds more entertainment options which will hopefully mean the space is used more. It is also further away from homes, so any noise complaints may be mitigated against.</p>      |

- \* Away from residences - intrusion of privacy and will create a lot of noise for residents.
- \* The flat area at the rear provides good space for community involvement with some seating near the BBQ as people would walk in. It has space for other additions at a later date. eg play ground
- \* Keep the front of the reserve as a quiet space for peoples enjoyment eg sitting, reading, walking
- \* Lighting in the quiet space would enhance and provide security around the near residences.

further away from the developments is better - to consider the residents

- 1 The Kelso Apartments have a very rare setting - being in a semi-bushland environment where people walk through, exercise or sit and occasionally glance at the Apartments.
- 2 The front of the Reserve should be kept as peaceful, semi-bushland
- 3 Activities which generate noise, eg, a BBQ, are better placed towards the back of the Reserve away from residences. There is also space for other later additions, eg, a playground at the back of the Reserve.
- 4 With Option B, there is also seating nearby.
- 5 If Option A proceeds it will be very close to the Kelso Apartments and:
  - \* this tranquility will be lost due to noise, potentially for extended periods particularly at weekends and public holidays
  - \* there will be a major loss of privacy as people will gather and look straight into apartment windows, patios and balconies. (It is not permissible to install window treatments different from what is there currently.)
- 6 In making a decision, it should be remembered that each apartment is a household, particularly as Australia is moving towards housing more of its population in apartments.
- 7 The intense darkness of the Reserve at night is of concern, particularly given that intruders have recently burgled the premises. Some lighting would assist relieve these concerns. However, I understand that upward lighting (as mentioned in the letter dated 7 March 2025) is very harmful to wildlife.
- 8 If it is decided that Option B will have a significantly adverse effect on residences also, then no barbeque should be installed.

Option B to keep the privacy in the apartments

Option A is too close to Kelso apartments

Option A is not preferred It is right outside an apartment building that my parents live in, as well as a number of other older people. The noise would disturb them and other residents who like the area for its peace and tranquility as other noisy events that go beyond daylight hours occur in this area that have been disruptive. It would encourage antisocial behaviour - the apartment block was recently broken into by thieves looking to steal a motorbike and other possessions from peoples carpark storage. They got into the carpark by entering it from that side of the reserve over the carport roof and jumped down.

I visit and stay with my family at the Kelso Apartments, and I really enjoy the quiet tranquility, as it's not often such well appointed residences will have such a lovely outlook onto bushland. If any additional amenities were to be built so close to the apartments it would result a lack of privacy and a lot of noise.

This site is far away from the homes so that noise will not be an issue. The area is easy enough to get to from all areas.

Can we please have some sprinklers in front of the new homes being built on Highlands court. Across from where the current BBQ is. I have contacted council twice who have said they will not do it due to them not installing the original irrigation in the area. The developer has put grass down there that now is completely dead due to having no sprinklers there. Does not make sense.

You're welcome to install a new one if needed, but why remove the existing barbecue? The future residents who will be using it are still waiting for their homes to be handed over. What purpose will the new electric points serve in the meantime?

Instead of removing what's already there, consider enhancing the upper reserve to make it more vibrant—similar to how reserves in Burnside and Campbelltown councils have been developed. Adding more features rather than taking things away would better serve the community.

Prioritizing the lower-side residents just because the homes near the upper reserve on Forsyth Close are still under construction doesn't seem fair or beneficial for the broader community.

RE: Proposed Public Shelter and BBQ Installation Near Our Residence

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed installation of a public shelter and BBQ area near our recently purchased apartment.

One of the key reasons we chose this property was its peaceful outlook over a private green space filled with mature native trees and wildlife. Introducing a public BBQ and shelter in this location would significantly compromise the tranquility, natural beauty, and privacy that made the area so appealing to us.

Although we have not yet moved in, we made this investment with the intention of enjoying the peaceful, nature-filled setting. The proposed development raises several serious concerns:

1. Noise Pollution and Loss of Privacy

BBQ areas often draw large groups, leading to elevated noise levels from social gatherings, music, and lingering visitors. For residents living nearby, this would create a constant disruption and diminish the peace and privacy we were seeking in purchasing this property.

2. Smoke, Fire Risk, and Litter

Given our hot and dry climate, introducing open-flame BBQs increases the risk of fire, especially if ash disposal is not strictly managed. Smoke from BBQs may also travel into nearby apartments, impacting air quality. Public BBQs often result in litter, leftover food, and improperly discarded waste, which can attract rats and other pests. Hot ashes are also a fire hazard if not correctly disposed of.

3. Disturbance to Native Wildlife

The area is home to native birds and animals that depend on a quiet, undisturbed environment. Increased human traffic, noise, smoke, and rubbish will disturb these species and may force them out of their natural habitat.

4. Safety, Loitering, and Anti-Social Behaviour

Public shelters can become gathering points not just during the day but also at night, encouraging loitering, alcohol consumption, and noise disturbances. Who will be responsible for monitoring the area and managing after-hours activity?

5. Loss of Natural Character and Amenity

The proposed shelter and BBQ structure would alter the visual appeal of the area, replacing natural beauty with built infrastructure. It would degrade the scenic value and tranquility that currently make this location so special for nearby residents.

While public facilities are important, this specific location is entirely unsuitable for such development. The environmental, safety, and lifestyle impacts for residents and wildlife far outweigh the benefits. I strongly urge the council to reconsider this proposal and explore more appropriate sites that are not adjacent to residential properties or sensitive natural areas.

Thank you for considering this feedback.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Hi there,

I'm writing to raise some concerns about the planned BBQ and shelter near the apartment my wife and I recently bought. We haven't moved in yet, but one of the big reasons we chose the place was because of the peaceful, natural outlook. It's quiet, full of trees and wildlife, and has a really calm feel to it.

Putting in a BBQ and shelter right there would change that completely. It'll bring more noise, smoke, rubbish, and people hanging around—especially on weekends or at night. That's not what we signed up for when we bought in.

There's also the risk of fire, especially in summer. Ashes, heat, and rubbish near dry trees isn't a great mix. And let's be honest—public BBQs often attract pests like rats, and people don't always clean up after themselves.

We're also worried about privacy. Having groups of people right outside the windows will change the whole vibe, not to mention the noise levels.

All in all, we just don't think it's the right spot for something like this. The area should stay natural and quiet, for the sake of the residents and the wildlife.

Thanks for considering our views.

Why is the existing BBQ being removed? There are hundreds of new residents about to move in who will be living adjacent the existing BBQ and who will get significant use out of it at its current location, which is more suited to a group BBQ, being adjacent an oval.

I have recently moved into the area and have seen people using the BBQ area regularly.

Location B seems more appropriate as it is in its own area, away from walking traffic. Also it's further away from homes ensuring privacy to local residents.

## Q2. Provide any comments (optional) – comments from respondents that selected "Remove existing barbecue and do not replace"

Seems that any option put to the residents will face opposition. Better to use the funds for a Community Garden/equipment shed and playground

People leave them in a mess and rubbish

They are never cleaned. People leave a huge mess

No thank you. I've been to too many parks with my family where people leave BBQs in such a mess with food on them so the next person cannot use them or they have to clean it themselves. Location B would be an amplifier for noise for everyone in the area too at the bottom of the stairs. This would possibly be a great source of loud noise, complaints and conflict when people get excited over beers and wine at a BBQ and disrupt everyone living near the garden amphitheatre. If it is replaced at all, A would be best as it's not a geographical location that will amplify sound and, has tree cover too.

Nowhere at all, or only A if it's an absolute must have. The noise amplification at the bottom of the tiered stairs will be noise pollution to those who live near it. Option B is asking for complaints from residents around it.

I don't think the proposed options are desirable. Perhaps alternate solutions could be investigated. I'd be happy to have no BBQ, but some kids play equipment and shade/shelter, or working irrigation for healthier flora and fauna around the estate.

I believe that there is no real appropriate site to house a bbq & shelter at the lower levels and agree with other resident concerns that it may attract noisy 'partying' into the night by groups. Noise of a playground is also a concern at this new site. The grass space at the top of the stairs is much better for a playground, and leave the shelter with seating for the parents. Why is electricity needed? People will plug in music, charge phones, etc. and who pays for the electricity use? There have already been 2 fires lit up there so creating space that attracts undesirables needs to be considered. There has also been a break-in from thieves accessing from the park, so we don't want to provide them with somewhere to hang out!

Create a jogging track around the grass, install exercise equipment up there (and relocate from lower level). Install a sand pit for kids. The lower level was advertised by Kite developers as a natural vegetation bush/tree filled park, housing birds and koalas, this is what many have expected it to be.

I've seen many use the park for walking, and dog walking and exercise so money is better spent on more lush native scrub planting and ground cover (rather than masses of dry boring unattractive bark chips), and creation of walking trails and exit/access points. I believe the council needs to honour the concept that the Kelso residents were sold of a quiet, natural bushland setting in the hills, not put in the type of infrastructure that I'd expect of Campbelltown Council.

Noise and rubbish too close to residents. Council would need to clean it constantly so it doesn't attract vermin

I dont think we want to attract people to the area 'after dark'

An electric plug allows people to plug in their own lighting and music - perfect haven for Saturday night yobbos! No thank you.

Why not fence off some of the top level grassed area for a dog park? but also supply doggie poo bags and a bin.

Put the playground at the top?

Surely a BBQ anywhere in this area is a massive FIRE HAZARD - hello, we are in a high FIRE ZONE in Woodforde!

AHC claims to have the hills environment focus as distinct from other councils, then more native trees and less features that attract noise please!

If the barbecue areas are not maintained by the council regularly, it will just attract vermin and be a source of infection. From previous experience in the area, it is evident that residents are not interested in cleaning up after themselves and cannot be held responsible. Also, it is hard to monitor who is using the barbecues and prevent vandalism

I don't think either of these locations will work. I am an owner/resident of Kelso unit block and will not be happy with this being directly behind my unit. I expect it will become a nuisance area and end up with litter etc. and I don't like the idea of visibility into the block. Not sure if you're aware - but the area proposed A is also SUPER windy most of the year. The whole Hamilton Hill area has been designed very poorly.

Why do you need to remove the existing bbq?

Or is this because you have realised an electrical outlet is a fire hazard (I am an electrician), as well as a bbq is also a fire hazard. And why are there the only 2 options for the bbq area? How is access any better for these new locations? As the nearest parking to either of the provided options is Buchanan drive (as the OFF STREET parking on Lewis walk is on private Kelso property and NOT available to the general public!).

And what's with the new mulch covering over and killing-off the healthy existing plants? They have been treated as if they were not there and it now looks bare - leaving ground cover as it was before was a much better (cheaper and nicer aesthetic) than now.

The AHC mulch workers working on Saturday 29th March, outside of the notice-period, blew mulch dust all over my car (parked in Lewis Walk that is Kelso property), and dust was in the air that landed up on my fourth floor apartment balcony, coating all flat surfaces, getting into my air conditioning unit.

If we wanted the plants covered and killed and wanted to attract noisy general public we would vote for Campbelltown Council boundary realignment - we were under the impression that AHC was all for retaining the natural environment- but apparently not.

I have changed my view of AHC and their priorities in Hamilton Hill due to these current proposals - and where is the notice to Hamilton Hill residents that these plans are being considered and there was a feedback consultation happening?!

Not happy Jan!

Hamilton Hill already suffers serious issues with lack of car parking, pedestrian safety, noise nuisance and security issues. It cannot become a destination for visitors to hold BBQ events or outdoor gatherings or these issues will be made worse. No playground should be installed in Hamilton Hill for the same reasons. Thank you for consulting us.

Hamilton Hill currently struggles with car parking, reflected noise (due to dense building and undulating terrain) and more recently security and fire safety. I feel these issues will be amplified if a space is created that will encourage gatherings of visitors ... more cars, possible loud music, bored teenagers.

Many residents already have their own bbqs and utilise the green spaces and it works well. Please consider the relative peace and harmony that many residents cherish (which is why we bought here) and not encourage potential issues.

There are already a number of locations close by that offer those facilities and can carry traffic and are not right outside bedroom windows.

I have also sent AHC two emails more fully listing my strong objections and reasoning.

Thank you for your consideration.

Hamilton Hill already has significant concerns with lack of car parking, pedestrian safety, noise nuisance and security issues. It cannot become a destination for visitors to hold BBQ events or outdoor gatherings or these issues will be made worse. No playground should be installed in Hamilton Hill for the same reasons. It will also impact on the residents' privacy and people looking into the apartments.

BBQs are often left in a mess and attract rodents. Please remove it!

Public Barbeques generate a lot of rubbish which is left behind a lot of the time to blow around into gardens or overfill the public bins. People never clean up after themselves and leave public Barbeques filthy. Id rather it was removed and just replaced with seating and/or tables

We don't need noise and more litter being discarded in the gully

Health and safety concerns.

While electric BBQs are convenient and clean, their reliance on electricity and potential for high temperatures can be risky in public spaces, especially around children or in areas prone to bushfires.

Cost:

Public BBQ facilities may be free to use, but the cost of replacing electric BBQs and providing electricity can be significant.

Littering can contribute to environmental problems, such as attracting pests and impacting wildlife.

Bacterial Growth: Leftover food particles can attract bacteria, which can pose health risks if not cleaned properly. This can lead to food borne illnesses.

Open Space Department: AHC

Dear Staff,

The Kelso Apartments, Car-Park, was recently broken into and Residential Safety is of upmost concern to me. A new Barbecue and Shelter could be a magnet for anti-social behaviour, at night times, and therefore I wish to keep the area, safe, from increased human traffic flow...

- The potential for public noise could increase...
- There will be a major loss, of privacy, for Residents whose units face the Lewis O'Brian Reserve.
- I, personally, prefer to live in a quite zone, with peace and tranquillity...
- I'd like to continue, enjoying the Reserve, just as it is! No changes need to be made...
- This new "Barbecue and Shelter Plan", could morph into a Security Risk...

I hope my feedback will help in your decision making!

Kindest Regards,

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Address]

No toilets for gatherings & possible unruly behaviour.

Too close to residents homes.

Could encourage further breakins

In my opinion building a larger barbecue and public shelter at either of the suggested sites A or B will have a negative impact on a number of levels:

Degrading the current peaceful lifestyle of residents, particularly causing intrusion into the privacy of those residents with windows/balconies facing the bbq area.

Negative impact on native flora and fauna in the parklands.

The impact from smoke and associated smells from cooking.

People not cleaning the bbq and leaving food scraps and general rubbish - as well as creating costs for cleaning, is also conducive to attracting rats and other vermin.

No control over how many people may congregate at any one time - or for how long - or how early or late this could be - with the possibility of general noise pollution plus music playing at unacceptable levels.

What is the level of risk with people cooking adjacent to trees, bushes and high-density housing on a fire-ban day?

Extra parking requirements will exacerbate the current resident/visitor issues - the parking adjacent to option A is strictly Kelso residents only and parking on Buchanan Drive is already at a premium.

There are no public toilet facilities in the area - and building toilets would also create problems eg the issues of management/cleaning/policing of public toilets which of course comes at a cost.

The possibility of people using the shelter for loitering and alcohol consumption during the night.

The safety factor for residents eg a few weeks ago a small group of people accessed the Kelso locked carpark via the roof adjacent to option A and while no residents were - fortunately - in the carpark at the time, there was the theft of a bike. The possibility of people being attracted to the shelter at night for this kind of reason is naturally unsettling for residents.

With all the above - and most likely other - negative outcomes it is highly likely that the Council/Police could expect there will be ongoing complaints from residents who are impacted by noise etc.

With excellent community facilities which are much more suited to public gatherings eg Kensington Gardens Reserve not far away, I vote that the peaceful and natural community environment we enjoy in Hamilton Hill - and why we moved here in the first place - is not compromised in this way. I really enjoy living here and hope that all can continue as it is now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Definitely no to the barbecue in Location A. Too close to the apartments, There will be No privacy, especially for people with balconies. Excessive noise day and night. Parking a nightmare. No toilet facilities. The area may be trashed. Drinking and noise will definitely be an issue.

## APPENDIX C - ADVERTISEMENTS, E-BLASTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

AHC Facebook post – 19 March 2025

**Adelaide Hills Council**  
March 19 · 🌐

A series of works will soon take place in the Hamilton Hill Estate, Woodforde, starting Monday 24th of March. 🚧 Residents are encouraged to check out the planned improvements. 👉  
<https://ow.ly/nzRe50VhSAb>

We're also seeking community input on verge maintenance in the area. Have your say and help shape the future of your neighborhood via the link 👉 <https://ow.ly/nzRe50VhSAb>



# Upcoming Works

## Hamilton Hill Estate WOODFORDE



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opportunities for the Hamilton Hill area?**

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Hamilton Hill Hub on the Adelaide Hills  
Engagement Hub to stay up to date with the  
latest information and opportunities for  
your community.

More information is available  
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online at [engage.ahc.sa.gov.au](https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au)  
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