# Pender’s Park Engagement Results – YourSay page

Throughout July and August the Pender’s Park PCG asked for your feedback on the vision and key design principles we developed for the park.

**Summary of key results**

Here is a summary of the key results:

* 200 community members attended the drop-in event (approx).
* 99 online survey participants.
* 372 bits of feedback received at community event. 149 online comments.
* Over 70% of feedback strongly agreed with the Vision (17% agreed).
* Over 80% of feedback rated five out of the six key design principles as ‘Very important’ or ‘Important’.
* The ‘Distinctive Identity’ principle had mixed results - 13% rating it ‘Not at all important’/’Less important’. Despite this, 66% rated it ‘Important’ or ‘Very important’.
* 65% of online participants live in Thornbury, 24% in Preston.

People said of the event

“Today’s response and attendance is a strong indication of how loved Pender's is seen. Its communal friendliness and connection with young and old is the answer and value.”

**How we collected your feedback**

* Community drop-in event – 21 July.
* Online survey on the YourSay Darebin site.
* Targeted emails and conversations with key stakeholders.

**What we are doing**

We have reviewed the feedback and are using it to inform the following next steps:

* Targeted engagement with Aboriginal advisory groups.
* Investigating conducting a heritage study of Pender’s Park.
* Holding a community safety audit with local community members and school children.
* Developing a brief for the detailed design of the play space.

**Common concerns**

A common concern in the feedback was about how we will manage the connection between dogs, children, picnickers and other users of the park. Some community members would like to see the play space fenced, equally, some would rather there be a fenced dog exercise area, whilst others want to ensure the park remains as open as possible.

It’s important to add that the majority of people agree they want the park to remain universally welcome to all dogs and people.

We would like to confirm the following to help alleviate some of these concerns:

* The park will remain off-leash except for within 10 metres of the play space (as it is currently).
* To comply with the requirements of an all abilities play space, fencing or partial closure is required.
* Natural barriers such as hedges (or another type of planting or design feature) will be considered as an alternative to traditional fencing.
* Community members (including targeted engagement with young people) will be consulted with on the detailed design of the play space.

If you have any questions or concerns about the development of the Master Plan please get in touch by emailing
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