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AVON RIVERFRONT - SHIRE OF YORK REVISED CONCEPT PLAN

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WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS:

- OFFICERS TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF A PUMP TRACK WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO PARK.
- ALL TRAILS LEAD TO THE PARK.
- PRIORITY - DRAINAGE & REVEGETATION ON EAST SIDE RIVER BANK.
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Avon Park - Submissions					
From	Date	Item	+	-	Comments
Veteran Car Club	9/06/2017	Sound Shell		✓	Members raised concerns about sound shell being built over the sewage mount.
		Lowe St		✓	Traffic would be directed up Avon Tce if Lowe St was closed. Trucks, cars with trailers going to the tip would have to go through center of town - not good for the town nor a tourist attraction.
		RV Bitumen Roadway		✓	Removal of this area is not good as this roadway gets used for numerous events. Suggest that rather than a central area dividing the park into two halves, the bitumen area where the RV's park could be used for event stalls & the gazebo could be left where it is.
		Table Tennis		✓	Members don't believe that table tennis would be used very often.
		River Banks & Native Species	✓		Welcome the planting of native species to the river bank & an upgrade to the river banks.
		Pedestrian Jetty	✓		Welcome the re-build.
		Skate Park	✓		Keep kids better entertained but suggest a better location (at the other end where the sound shell is located on plan).
		Ablution Block	✓		Surely needed.
		Sound Shell	✓		Needs to be a permanent structure which has wings attached to it so that it can be used to perform plays, where the actors need change rooms off stage. The wings can be platforms which can have temporary gazebos on them during performances. If so, tie down points for the gazebos will need to be available.
		Deck Seating	✓		Deck seating near the sound stage must not obstruct vision of the stage by people who are seated on the grass. If there are tables & seats, they need to be elsewhere.
The York Society	31/05/2017	Kiosk	✓		There needs to be a small kiosk near the centre of the park.
		Removable Bollards	✓		Suggest lift up bollards & need to be some at the corner of Lowe St & Glebe St.
		Shelters	✓		The shelters on the boardwalk need to be open on their sides so as to not obstruct views of the river by people who are seated on the nearby grass.
		Skate Park		✓	Must not be built in this park. Unfortunately skate boarding is very noisy. If other facilities in the park are good for skateboarding then the skateboarders would be all over the place & the park would become an unpleasantly noisy & potentially dangerous place to be. If a skateboard park is placed on the edge or in a far corner it will attract all sorts of misbehaviour. York needs a better skateboard park, but not there.
		Lowe St			Lowe St appears to have been narrowed. It needs to be as wide as it is now so that parking can occur all along both sides of it's entire length.

The York Society (Chris Winton)	Fencing			Sometimes it is necessary to fence off the park for an event. Permanent fences would not be appropriate. Maybe suitable fence posts & gates could be installed which can then be in-filled between as needed. It can be done.
	Gazebo			What will happen to the existing band stand and tables & seats? Why remove them or where they forgotten?
	Lowe St			There are very few places in WA where angle parking is used & in discussing this aspect with several people there has been safety reservations expressed regarding loading shopping into vehicle boots with cars driving past the rear of parked vehicles. There are some properties which currently need vehicular access to Lowe St north of Macartney St & there is still undeveloped land in this section which should not be denied vehicle access if developed in the future. It would be preferred if Lowe St remain two-way & only Macartney St from Lowe St to Avon Tce be one way.
	RV's			The relocation of the RV parking area seems sensible provided the RV waste disposal / dump point is also relocated to this area.
	Gazebo			There appears to be no provision to maintain the gazebo in the centre of the park. This structure, although not approaching heritage age, none-the-less still has an historic value in its use & utility. This structure should be retained.
	Youth Facilities			The redevelopment would provide several focal points for young singles to congregate. At the moment there are very few concealing structures in the park. Because of the inclusion of so many features / shelters, it would be necessary to provide floodlighting of facilities to discourage anti-social behaviour, including patrols by Shire Rangers &/or Police.
	Visitor's Centre			Why not build a pavillion in the park incorporating the Visitor's Centre.
	Lowe St			Blocking off Lowe St would cause unnecessary congestion on Avon Tce, by taking away the diversionary route which eases that burden. Would prevent the owner, employees & delivery trucks from entering the property of Mrs. Garroun's Gallery whose frontage is on Avon Tce, but backs on to Lowe St. The same would apply to the block of land immediately to the south of the gallery, if the back block were to be developed. If the plan for 1 way up Macartney St is not put in place there is certainly no need for there to be 1 way on Lowe St
The York Society (Liz Christmas)				

Angle Parking		Regarding angle-parking, there are 2 possible ways it could be done: a) with the slots angled so that the fronts of the cars are up-slope; b) with the slots angled so that the fronts of the cars are down-slope. If a), then the only safe way to enter a space is front-in; If b), then the not-quite-so-safe way to enter a space is driving up past the space concerned, then backing in. In terms of exiting the spaces: If a), then there is the difficulty that visibility is restricted, especially in our smaller cars like mine (and probably any that are not 4-wheel-drives), in that one has to look through the cars lower on the slope to see if it is safe to exit. This blocks visibility. If a), then neck-straining is involved in trying to see; we cannot all do that easily or painlessly. If a), then our rear-vision mirrors only come into play when a car is travelling up the road level with us AND our side-mirrors are useless, whereas if parking is not angled but straight as currently, then our side-mirrors serve us perfectly. If a), then we have to pack our purchases into the boots of our cars while standing out in the road and so blocking traffic which is driving up the hill. If b), then we can see and be seen clearly by the cars driving up the road; If b), then there could be a certain amount of neck-straining, but not as much as with a). If b), then we can pack our boots with our purchases while standing on or next to the footpath, and so be out of the way of the traffic. If b), then it is harder to park in, but easier to exit. Twice already in my time in York (18.5 years), the first time when Gavan Troy was Commissioner, and a second time later (possibly during the time of the more recent Commissioner) we were canvassed about the one-way traffic plus angle-parking issue (though that also included Avon Terrace). I had the same objections as above, though here I have described the pros and cons of 'direction of angle' — both for angled facing uphill as a) and for angled facing downhill as b). Of course, angle backing uphill is not possible and angle-parking front-wise downhill is not possible in such restricted spaces. So I remain concerned about the dangers of angle-parking, particularly on an upward-facing slope. Angle-parking on the flat is still problematic on the issue of inability to see through other cars to know what is coming. It is even more problematic when up a slope and there are one or more cars waiting to drive up the slope.
Park Design		The design is cluttered. That could lead to making it too easy for undesirable behaviours to be concealed by contrast to in an open space in which such things are less likely to happen - or if they do, then they are more likely to be noticed & prevented or reported to police & so be deterred.

RV's				On the map it looks as though this would be in or around an area of the Yorky's side of Glebe / South St where there is a water treatment plant or whatever it is, & not having much space. If it were nearer the river on the flat of the Yorky's side it would be liable to flooding, or even unusable when there is rain & the ground gets muddy. If the RV parking were taken away or made less amenable than it is, it would in fact discourage users from staying & spending the money they do in York. They do a lot of shopping for supplies here. Apparently there has been less vandalism of the children's play area & shelter since the RV parking has been at Avon Park.
Sound Shell				How can a music sound shell & stage be built on top of the mound at the corner & not be far too high for the audience & the sound not carry over their heads instead of to them?
Fixed Deck Seating				What is the point of fixed deck seating there? It would only get dusty & dirty & need cleaning regularly - particularly if not under cover. Do you really mean only 2 rows as depicted?
Skate Park				The skate park would be better at the CRC or at Candice Bateman Park. I am told young people & families often congregate at the latter. The CRC & sportsgrounds have plenty of space. It is being wasted half the time - more than half the time - & a kiosk there could also provide snacks for the youth. A skate park provided in the riverfront draft development plan would create noise & worry to the residents of the little house on the north side of Christie St nearest to the suspension bridge in particular, if not also bother the residents of the other house on that side of the street.
Ablution Block				What does need doing is upgrading the toilet block. I went in there the other day & it was dirty & the doors & around the locks looked old & worn, & there are no hooks to hang one's bag on inside the door to it is kept off the potentially dirty floor. In eg the women's section there is also no Disabled toilet, unless the signage to a separate Disabled toilet is unmistakably obvious. There needs to be rails on both sides of any Disabled toilet, to be of assistance to anyone using it.
Gazebo				I believe this was a significant gift to York of historical value and removing this functional construction is wasting money and disrespectful to the donors.
Ian Phillips	31/05/2017			

The York Society (Duncan Steed)	30/05/2017	Boardwalk	Boardwalks can be built along most river banks in WA and altering the historical banks and removing the remains of the swimming baths just removes more history from York. One of York's greatest attractions is its fabulous unique history and making alterations to make it look like every other modern designer park in WA would not be an attractive reason for those visiting York for it's historical value. I have for many years run private events in York and I always get enthusiastic responses from the activities that have involved discovering the history of York. (Apart from it also being a beautiful place!)
		Sound Shell	The idea of orchestral shell is OK but on the plan it involves removing a very large historical old tree to be replaced with some modern looking vegetation again gives it a bland look. I wonder if increased use of the rotunda would be better.
		Fitness Equipment	This would just make it look like a facility of any new park in WA.
		Interprative Signage	Increased historical signs. Good idea. What has been done in Avon Terrace is great. Should be lots more.
		RV's	Personally I would eliminate this facility and make them use the caravan park. At least move them away from this park as proposed would be better than where it is now. I never liked seeing washing being hung out in York's premier park. Nor do I like seeing tents camping (unsupervised) in the park.
		Ablution Block	Sounds like a much needed improvement.
		Lowe St	Doesn't really make sense to me. One way streets are more conducive to crowded cities. I question the value in removing a historical street.
		Skate Park	If there must be one put it next to the RV's. I wonder what is the rationale behind this.
		Playground	Current ones appear adequate. I think it would be wasting money to build new one.
		Gazebo	The Cowan Family Rotunda should be retained and not moved or destroyed.
		Pedestrian Jetty	The diving platform remnants, shore retaining wall & 'cot' should be cared for.
		Heritage Trees	Should be conserved.
		Lowe St	Traffic flow should remain as it is.

Lorraine & Jim Gargett	31/05/2017	General Feedback	We believe that funding would be better directed to developing the reserve between the South Street and Balladong Street bridges. We understand that the RV 24 hour stops are to be relocated to this area and it would be beneficial to have the grounds upgraded and beautified. There is a picturesque view down river in this area which should be developed. Other towns such as Northam, Toodyay and Gingin have done an excellent job in improving the land along their waterways and we should be doing likewise by improving this area as well as the eastern bank of the river between the Croquet Club and the suspension bridge.
Leo Pendergrast	31/05/2017	General Feedback	Overall the concept looks attractive and will enhance the look and amenities of the town. The plans for the plantings, paths, boardwalks, shelters, seating etc look particularly good.
		Lowe St	As a resident of the eastern side of town, I and other residents use Lowe Street to bypass the CBD section of Avon Terrace, to access Avon Tce at the intersection of it and Christie Retreat. It is a safe turning point into Avon Tce, having good sight lines to see approaching vehicles. The intersection of South St/Glebe St and Avon Tce is quite dangerous when navigating it from both the east and the west due to the poor sight lines. The intersection of Avon Tce and Macartney St can also be a bit daunting and to funnel more traffic through it is asking for trouble. Northam Road, Lincoln Street, Newcastle St, Suburban Road & Glebe Street are major entry routes into the CBD and any alteration to the traffic flow needs careful planning.
		Reduction of Space for Events	I am one of the organisers of the annual York Motor Show, held in early July. The concept removes much of the display area for the vehicles. The 'parking pods' near the toilet block and the swing bridge disappear as does the bitumen strip along the front of the park. The present arrangement of displaying about 60 vehicles in Avon Tce and about 200 vehicles in the Avon Park area would not be possible if the concept goes ahead in its present form. Perhaps a solution would be to use some of the overflow parking area proposed in the concept plan (on the east bank of the river) for the display of vehicles. This would at least provide a flow through effect for the event (CBD – Avon Park – East Bank) but it would spread the display out quite a lot.

RV's				The proposed RV area near Coffee Carriage is a flood prone area. Why not move the RVs to the east bank area instead? It is still close to the CBD with access over the Glebe St/South St bridge and the swing bridge. It is not flood prone. The present arrangement has some advantages. The presence of the RV people at night provides a feeling of safety, gives the area some 'life' and perhaps helps to reduce vandalism. However, judging by the number of RVs parked there recently, the space may soon be inadequate.
Sound Shell				The location of the sound shell and stage over the sewage mound seems to be a strange decision.
Lowe St				As a resident on the eastern side of the river, I am concerned about cutting off Lowe Street access to the North of Town. Should this occur traffic will be directed up to Avon Terrace? Trucks, Cars with trailers going to the tip or travelling to the north end of town, will have to go through the center of town. Not Good. Although I agree with McCartney Street being one way, you show it one way in the wrong direction. The majority of drivers come down McCartney Street from Avon Terrace.
Sound Shell				The Sound Shell built over the Sewage mound on the southern end of the development is not a good position for that. It could be turned at 90 degrees and placed closer to the river.
RV Bitumen Roadway				Removal of the bitumen roadway where the RV's currently park is not good as this roadway gets used for numerous events. Rather than a central area dividing the park into two halves, the current bitumen area where the RV's park could be used for the nodes for event stalls. Dividing the park in two tends to take away the current flow. The current gazebo could then be left insitu. In the long term I would like to see the Flying Fifty returned to York. This proposal does not lend itself to leaving the original track open to this event.
Art Sculptures				Public sculptures are a definite No for me as everybody has different tastes and you will not get a consensus on that one.
Table Tennis				Table tennis???
River Banks & Native Species				I would welcome the planting of native species to the river banks and an upgrade to the river banks to tidy them up not only the banks of the park shown but also between Baladong Road and almost to Mile Pool would be good to see.
Pedestrian Jetty				The rebuilding of a pedestrian jetty is definitely positive.

Gary Byfield 31/05/2017

Jeni McColl	29/05/2017	Skate Park			The skate park is a good idea as the kids in this town are poorly catered for at present. The location of the skate park however, needs to go at the other end where the sound shell is located on your plan. There are only a small number of residences in that location and the users would be seen much more readily than down at the other end.
		RV's			Moving the RV's to the other side of Glebe Street is a positive as this area could be developed into a park atmosphere under the existing trees. Coin operated BBQ's could be introduced to this area as well.
		Ablution Block			Upgrading of the Ablutions is also a positive as there are no other public toilets in the main street other than down at the Town Hall.
		RV's			The RV dump & caravan visitors are very important visitors who bring in much needed income to our town. Word gets around very quickly as to whether the town, parking & facilities are up to standard. It looks like the visitors have been overlooked & shunted "over the hill", to an area which is unaccessible & has no facilities. The entrance & exit are far too steep & narrow to accommodate the larger type of caravans etc. A lot of these RV visitors & caravanners are day trippers, on their way through our town to travel further into the wheatbelt. They need to pull in, park for a few hours, use the facilities, do their shopping (spend money) & drive straight out. Your plan does not include any of this. What happens when a large vehicle, towing a small 4 wheel drive vehicle pulls in to where? And how do they get out again? Does not encourage RV visitors, whether overnight visitors or day trippers.
		Lowe St			Do not close the other end of Lowe St. Where does the traffic go? Up to Avon Tce & Macartney St, gridlock at the best of times. Keep the traffic flow moving along. If Lowe St is blocked up, there is nowhere for the buses & caravanners to turn around. This will cause confusion & people will avoid York as it is "too hard". There has been no inclusion regards the commercial business entries, loading & unloading areas, access for big semi trucks. There has been no thought for these trucks which are so important to York.

Parking			The parking is wrong. People do not want to run across the roads to go to the toilets or to carry all their eskies across the road to use the bbq's. The parking areas surrounding the park are full to capacity, especially on the weekends, when visitors love to come to York. There is already a tarmac area for parking in front of the park. Fill this area in, make the parking tarmac on Lowe St, where the strip of lawn is, utilise the lovely trees, make it angle parking, one way in & one way out. There will be children & older people, visitors & residents, using the facility. If the parking road is one way, exit facing the toilet, it is a safety aspect & you can see the pedestrian. Utilise this part of Lowe St for bus & caravan & small truck parking, where they can pull in & drive out, up Lowe St, to continue up through Christie St. There isn't any parking or facilities for the disabled, or for the parents with pushers & prams. There needs to be accessible & easy parking near the toilets, easy access for the elderly, children, & disabled. The York locals & visitors need to park, use the facilities, & get going, & should not have to park & walk a long way just for a quick visit.
Footpaths / Walkways			There are none to the toilets. The tarmac area surrounding the toilets, large walkway down to the river & around the play area will get hot & unusable in summer. Dogs & kids will burn their feet if they try to walk on it when the weather is hot. It will increase the overall temperature of this area. The lawn is doing nicely & is a softer idea for some of this area. The footpaths should continue through to the swinging bridge & join up with the second footpath, making the area a flowing circular walk. The footpath can then continue onto the river walk, past the entrance to the swinging bridge, encouraging visitors to take a lovely stroll along the rougher parts of the river bank, which lead to other side streets. There is no access via a footpath to the steps to walk onto the Glebe St bridge, this makes a lovely walk & view over the river & should be included in the plans.
Swing Bridge / Parking			Do not put parking in front of our Swing Bridge. A parking tarmac area will increase temperature of this area & not be inviting for visitors. There will be enough parking on the top side of the park. The way the proposed plan is set out it is separating the areas, not including the swinging bridge making it as nothing more than an unimportant walkway. We want to make our swinging bridge an important visitor experience.
Skate Park			A skate park in this area is not required. Not enough room, too much noise. This is a small park, nice peaceful & quiet. Put the skate park where the kids congregate, that is the sports area, the recreation centre oval complex. This is not fremantle.

Fitness Equipment				There is no need for 2 fitness areas. One is ample.
Table Tennis				Move the table tennis area over to the play, shaded area. Also who will monitor this game & look after the equipment? If it is all together it will encourage all age groups to participate.
General Feedback				This area, now no skate park & no parking area, put it into plants & more trees, include lots of native hard wearing floral plants, maybe make a feature of an indigenous eating garden. This should be a quiet wandering area, keep the park flowing, great for kids to run through, entice visitors to wander over the bridge & look at our lovely plants & have a lovely view of the Avon River.
River Banks & Native Species				Native plants & trees bring in lots of native birds, making it a lovely place to visit & wander through. This area could be a feature, unique to York. This should not be a noisy, hectic & hurried space. Plant more trees, as York gets mighty hot & dry in summer. Everyone loves a shady tree to sit under & park our cars under.
Shelters & Tables				What is the idea of these "seating walls" & the "custom design shelter"? It may conjure up places for someone to hide behind, etc. There should be lots of shaded areas & lots of table & benches to sit on, which is lacking in this plan. Tables & benches may not look "trendy" but are essential. A seating wall stuck out in the open will get too hot in summer & not very inviting. Little "huts" built everywhere may look good on paper, but are they really necessary? This is a park!
Lighting				Lighting is important. York has some lovely evenings. The park can be enjoyed even more if there is adequate lighting near the seating & bbq areas. Sufficient lighting is lacking at the moment, & it does not feel safe when night falls.
BBQ's				The bbq nearest the toilets is too close to the toilets - not healthy, not comfortable for families as everyone walks past to access the toilets. Move it further along & have about 4 or 5 stretched out in a row, not just 3 together, to go with the extra tables & benches.
Rubbish Bins				Where are the rubbish bins?
RV's				The outstanding feature which opens up the possibilities displayed in the plan is the removal of the RV parking location from the site. This has been a sad blot on the park landscape and should never have been allowed in the first place. Thus I would submit that even if the Concept does not come to fruition the re-location of this facility should be afforded top priority.
Bill Roy	29/05/2017			

Playground			Relocating the children's playground and creating an all ages playground in the centre of the site makes a great deal of sense as it also allows the development of the northern end of the park as a Skate Park area. This brings this latter facility into a central location in town and is to be commended.
Sound Shell			The provision of a semi-permanent sound shell would at long last bring a much needed facility into the Park.
General Feedback			From an overall perspective the concept opens up a significant area for 'park' purposes as it removes a great deal of bitumen from the area. It will mean that local and weekenders who make use of the BBQ and general park facilities will have a short walk from one of the two parking areas. This, however, should be seen as a plus as that is what going to a park is all about. The inclusion of the pathways will enable disabled people to get to within easy distance of any part of the park.
Gazebo			I find it disappointing that there does not appear to be any provision in the plan for the retention of the current central focus - the Rotunda. This was erected in 1984 to commemorate the services of members of the Cowan family who played a significant part in the early days of the York community from 1848 to 1919.
Art Sculptures			It is clear from the concept plan that the central area in which the Rotunda is now located is proposed as a tree lined walkway with "Public Art Sculpture to reflect York Heritage". This should be of wide appeal to locals and visitors alike. I welcome this inclusion in the concept but strongly suggest that the Rotunda with its significant recording of history should be retained in the Park area. It may well be retained and incorporated in the Central area. Failing that I would suggest there are two areas to which the Rotunda could be re-located, both within the proposed turf area. 1. Bottom left corner - the south east area of the Park or, 2. Bottom right - the east side towards the northern end.
York Volunteer Workers	26/05/2017	River Banks & Native Species	What about putting some sort of water feature pump in the River next to the park as a feature for tourists & locals alike to enjoy similar to what is in the Northam area. We have had discussions with previous York Shire Councillors over the years about assisting with such a project & had good feedback. Our club is prepared to assist with a small donation of funds if required & also in kind we have over 30 members all willing to help in some way if possible.

Peter Olsson	24/05/2017	Electric BBQ's	I have grave concerns about the electric BBQ's idea particularly in regards to the Avon flooding and the damage this would cause to the electrical systems involved with electric BBQ's. The increased risk of electric shock or electrification should rodents or termites chew through the insulation or inundation by water of the electrical supply / contacts. It also takes an electric BBQ longer to heat up resulting in higher electricity usage unless this is going to be mitigated by the installation of solar photovoltaic panels in the park area. I can see the benefits of electricity supply but I do not think that it is a suitable location / environment therefore it is not a suitable option for the following reasons: By having coin operated BBQ's you will increase the risk of theft. Coin operated BBQ's are not reliable. The coin slot usually gets damaged or blocked or it will not accept the coins being fed into it or the BBQ does not work or does not run long enough to cook the food. As we are moving into a cashless society less and less people carry notes and coins with them. The impost of this will be passed onto the local business who will need to supply coins so that the BBQ's can be used.
		RV's	As for moving the caravans off their current location I would call on the Shire to review the rates of vandalism that occurred to the infrastructure prior to the area being patronised by the caravans being accommodated in their current position. As this gives them access to ablutions, water, BBQ facilities and play ground access to their children, easy access to the town centre which in turn provides additional income to our local businesses. Having the caravanners at this location deters would be vandals from damaging the facilities in the area.
		Removable Bollards	I can not see any benefit to placing removable bollards at the intersection of Lowe St, Christie St and Macartney St. I do not agree with this idea as it places more traffic congestion on Avon Terrace. The recent introduction of 2 hour parking limit on Avon Terrace will become a significant issue should the proposed changes occur on Lowe, Macartney and Christie Streets. Please remember that York is a country town which is one of our biggest assets. Please do not turn it into a city park.
		Lowe St	I certainly do not agree with making Lowe St and Macartney St one way as this severely hampers anyone trying to pick up a bulk load from the hardware not to mention agrees off Avon Terrace.

Simon Palmer	22/05/2017	RV's			Firstly I will say it looks great and I am pleased to see this area being utilised. Living right next to the park, I, better than most, see the park being used every day by families and more recently RV travellers, who I must say bring life and revenue to town whilst at the same time eliminating anti social youth behaviour at the site.
		Skate Park			I must however question the plan to include a skate park. I lived here when there was a half pipe used for a skate park on the other side of the river it was a magnet for vandals, uncontrolled youth and undesirables. Fast forward to the skate park up near the REC centre which is vandalized and littered with smashed bottles. Why would you want to bring that sort of behaviour into the heart of town? There can be little value economically at attracting skaters to town and from a youth recreation perspective I'm sure the 6 children I see in town with skateboards are happy enough with the skate park as is. If from your research there are more that would use the skate park then an appropriate youth focussed location would be a better option.
		General Feedback			Although in principal I agree with the redevelopment I ask you to reconsider the inclusion of a skate park – this area should be for families and community events not set up to become some potential youth hangout unsupervised area which history shows will be used for unruly youth to hang out at all hours of the night, disturbing nearby residents and RV travellers as well as reintroducing vandalism to Shire facilities in this area.
Sandra Paskett	22/05/2017	River Banks & Native Species			The river water quality and flow – if strategies could be built into the process to ensure these are maintained at the highest possible level that would be wonderful. Perhaps building up the banks would also be an option.

Skate Park				The relocation of the skate park to Avon Park is of significant concern to me. Unlike some larger city parks where skate parks are located within those precincts, our park is small by comparison and the primary objective of the river location in my view is passive family/nature/tourism recreation, not high impact youth recreation. The two don't mix in <i>such a small space</i>, and, unlike some of the larger city precincts where there are plenty of on duty police and other people to provide oversight at all hours, it is not so here – here it has been the Shire's previous experience that the youth using the facilities in that area are more likely to be unsupervised and to create significant damage through vandalism (as was the case prior to the location of the RV's in that area). The park is also located close to some residences - the skate park noise will likely violate the noise regs for those residents and the Shire may thus have invested a lot of money only to have to close it down because of noise violations. A better option would be to develop a youth precinct, not put the competing interests of tourists, residents, eco visitors, play park mothers with kids and RV overnighers all in too small a space with unsupervised teenagers. Perhaps such a precinct could be part of the overall planning update, perhaps with a small network of bicycle (or skate!) paths to the precinct.
Michael Kilvington Guy	22/05/2017	Skate Park		We have studied the PLANS available for the public & comment as follows:- The group is to be congratulated for their initiative to develop the concept proposal. However the inclusion of a skateboard & table tennis facility is not compatible with the concept of the rest of the PARK as a broad general public facility skateboarding in particular requires a specially organised & supervised facility which caters for young learners & serious competitors which is far more suited to the recreation centre where it can be established as dedicated area. A search of the internet for WA indicates the extent of the sport & facilities offered by local authorities. We live at 156 Avon Terrace which backs on to Lowe Street & have a keen interest to ensure the proposal is a success for the long term.
Glenys Krieg	15/05/2017	RV's		The caravans in their present position are surely saving the Shire in vandalism costs & the owners of the caravans bring business to the town. Maybe when the Shire is more financial an alternative site could be looked at.
		Skate Park		The skate park could be located either at the YRCC or at the park on the corner of Cowan & Newcastle St as this park is constantly used by young people.
		Sound Shell		The proposed shell is next to a busy street & the location is very limited for the number of people who would use it at events in the town.

York & Districts Co-Operative Ltd	15/05/2017	Macartney St			Could be utilised as a mall leading into the riverfront development.
Kevin Trent	13/05/2017	BBQ's			Do not use coin operated bbq's, they are prone to damage by persons wishing to damage the mechanism to steal the money used to operate the bbq's. Push button electric bbqs are a better proposition, the person cooking their meal only has to press the button to obtain sufficient heat to cook their meal.
		Events			As Australia day activities are held in the park will the new park have facilities and the space for future events? Will flag poles be provided for Australian, State and Aboriginal flags to be flown? Is the park going to provide space for other community events? Is it intended that other organisations can use the park for other events i.e. trade displays etc.
		Traffic			Has an analysis been carried out to assess the viability of one way traffic flow in Macartney St and Avon Tce?
		Gazebo			Will the existing rotunda be retained?
		Skate Park			Is it appropriate to place a skate park in an area where the public are to be encouraged to go to enjoy the peace and quiet of the park alongside the river. Skate board would be better placed in the area of the Recreation Centre.
		Interpretive Signage			I agree with placing interpretive signs and historic features in the park.
		RV's			I agree with moving the caravans to an alternative site, allowing them to park in Lowe St tends to create the impression that the park is for their benefit.
Richard Bliss	10/05/2017	RV's			I believe the cost of vandalism around the existing playground, prior to RV parking, ran into the thousands of dollars annually. The physical presence of caravans & mature adults in & during the evening brought the vandalism to an abrupt halt. Vandalism is an unfortunate fact of life & moving the RV parking may re-open the door. It is a matter of regret that up-graded facilities may encourage such mindless behaviour. It may well be a smaller RV parking area in its present location as well as elsewhere might be beneficial.
Darlene Barratt	10/05/2017	Art Sculptures			My Daughter Elisha Kasteel would like to be included in submissions for Sculpture pieces in the new park precinct when submissions are being called for. Elisha has commendation from HRH Prince Charles and lady Camilla, Premier and Cabinet Department, Hon Mia Davies for her statue of a life size Anzac Soldier made from material and wire and recycled materials, which won the Young Achievers Award, Viewers Choice York Art and Crafts Awards 2015 at the age of 17. Elisha would be honoured to submit plans for an art piece to be considered for the Park precinct.

PW Kitchin	4/05/2017	River Banks & Native Species	As the park looks directly across to the other bank I would hope the plans include a cleanup (dead trees, logs etc) & replanting of natural vegetation to make it visibly appealing.
Vicki Bertrand	26/04/2017	General Feedback	I say no no no !!! to our beautiful Avon Park being changed at all. The Avon Park is great as it is!!! We walk in the park a lot and love the river - lawns - gum trees just so so tranquil
		Playground	The Playground is just fine as is (we see lots of children playing on it) why oh why do the Council want the change!!!
		Shelters & Tables	Shelters and tables are full with picnickers most weekends, barbeques are kept so clean by the Council.
		Walk Trails	Walk ways all around the Avon River would be a wonderful idea, we walk along there past the swing bridge to Water St (But it sure needs a lot of tidying up) and it could be a fabulous walk way.
		River Banks & Native Species	Dead branches near the river need removing. A water fountain to aerate the water would be good
Roma Paton	24/04/2017	RV's	Happy you are finally going to move the Caravans and I hope with no free power (why should the rate payers foot the power bill) We do have a Caravan Park in York....
		BBQ's	One suggestion regarding the BBQ's - During the last flood, the BBQ's in Avon Park were inundated. Could I suggest public safety/risk and flood mitigation be re-visited prior to the final decision being made to install electric BBQ's in Avon Park. From memory, the risk of inundation was the reason they were installed as gas powered. They can still be coin operated.
		Walk Trails	The walk trails are in a horrific state, this is a high priority especially in light of recent flooding which has perpetuated existing problems. There are several signs along the walk trail indicating that the work was done by Green Corps in 2002. I would surmise this is the last time any work was done on the walk trail & the flooding is not to blame for its current state.
Tanya Richardson	18/05/2017	River Banks & Native Species	I have vast experience as an event organiser in private business & also as a volunteer manager & volunteer task force project manager. I have offered previously & am now offering again to facilitate on a volunteer basis a "cleanup" of the river (water & debris) & the walk trail.