



## ***MSYRG BULLETIN***

### ***POP UP PARK (PUP) SURVEY RESULTS***

**MSYRG** recently conducted a survey of members via an email Bulletin regarding the Pop Up Park (PUP) in Domain Road.

**We** had a strong response, from a mix of regular PUP users, some who visit the PUP infrequently and just under 1/3 of the respondents who had never used the PUP. Our survey canvassed views on three main topics. Firstly the general aesthetics and fit within the area; the impact on the local shopping centre and in particular parking; and, member views on the future of the PUP.

**Overwhelmingly** the majority of members who participated in the survey felt the PUP added to the park-like environment of the Domain Road precinct. Most also felt that the PUP meets the needs of local residents while supporting local business. Although some members reported that the PUP makes parking more difficult, the majority did not feel this was a significant issue.

In terms of the future of the PUP, some members would like to see the PUP removed permanently, and for some only installed during the summer months. However, the large number of respondents would prefer the PUP be a permanent part of the Domain shopping precinct.

**There** are two issues from the survey that we will be taking up with the City of Melbourne and MetroRail. The first relates to the current Covid19 environment. The majority agreed that the crowds made it difficult to maintain adequate social distancing. MSYRG has already made representations to the City of Melbourne in relation to this in recent weeks, and will continue to monitor the situation and make further representations when appropriate.

**Another** aspect of the survey related to the MetroRail authority community consultation in March about the Pop Up Park. Almost 2/3 of the respondents were not aware of the recent consultation conducted by MetroRail. This is something we feel is important to bring to the attention of MetroRail as residents are unable to provide their view if they are not aware of consultation processes. We will be engaging with MetroRail and encouraging their co-operation in better engagement with the community during future consultations.

**We** are grateful to all those members that participated in the survey. Many also took the time to provide valuable comments. While not all residents' perspectives will be the same, it is useful for us to understand the full range of member views. The survey also provides some hard data that will be useful during representations with the City of Melbourne and MetroRail. Rest assured that during discussions with both authorities, we will be relying on the full range of responses, not just the majority view.

**In** summary as a result of the survey MSYRG plans to continue to be involved in discussions with the CoM and Metrorail pointing out that Metrorail's original consultation with only 80 respondents should not be the basis for a decision. Social distancing and street hygiene in this area needs to be enforced by authorities and not left to our local businesses to manage.

**Domain** Road car parking within the 30 minute parking zone between Park Street and Millswyn Street is being closely monitored by CoM parking inspectors as a result of some residents concerns about availability of short stay parking in the shopping area. Additionally, MSYRG is of the opinion that it will always promote the option of a return of the #8 Tram along its original route of Park Street and Domain Road – and that the PUP should not be a inhibiting factor for that to occur.

**Thank-you** again for participating. For those who took part in the survey your time and input is greatly appreciated

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