



Consultation Feedback Report

Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks in Alexandrina

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1.0 Background

The idea of creating Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks within Alexandrina Council has been raised several times over the past 20 years.

- In 2008, Council resolved to install dump points at its Caravan Parks in Milang, Strathalbyn, Port Elliot and Clayton Bay. Whilst these dump points provide a service for users of the Caravan Parks there is still a portion of RV users that are reluctant to use these sites and have requested free dump points.
- In 2015, Council resolved to undertake a staged approach to becoming a more RV friendly Council. The first stage involved the installation of two (2) free dump points in Langhorne Creek and Goolwa.
- In 2016, Council investigated the establishment of a formal RV Park in DeCastro Square, Goolwa. However, following community engagement with the local community including nearby residents to the reserve, this proposal was subsequently removed.

Council considered a scoping study report at its [19 August 2024 General Council Meeting](#). This study looked at all the main towns in the district to assess their suitability for RV Parking facilities and the potential for 'RV Friendly Town' accreditation.

Council Members resolved at this meeting to proceed to community consultation on three proposed locations:

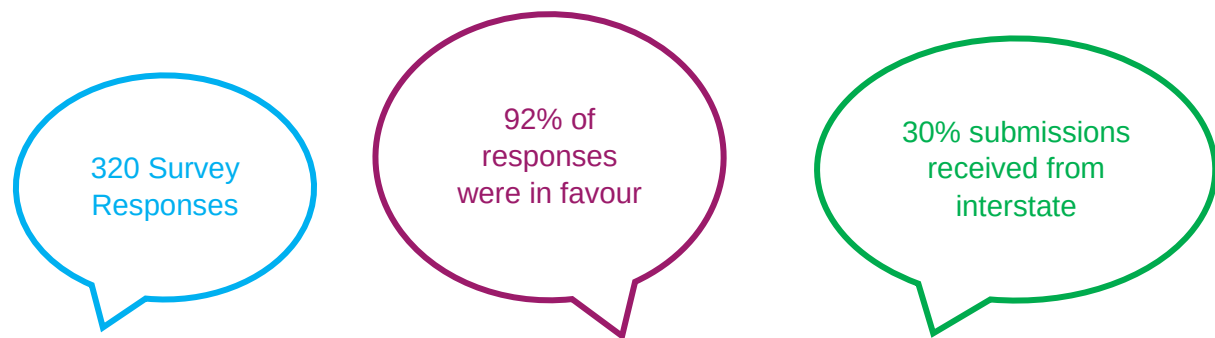
- Strathalbyn – The area adjacent to Parker Avenue and behind the Visitor Information Centre
- Mount Compass - Sam Court Reserve (behind the IGA)
- Goolwa - Barrage Road Reserve (adjacent PS Federal).

Council welcomed community feedback on the three proposed locations in Strathalbyn, Mount Compass and Goolwa and asked whether the community believes there are other sites that have the potential to be converted to a short-stay RV Park.

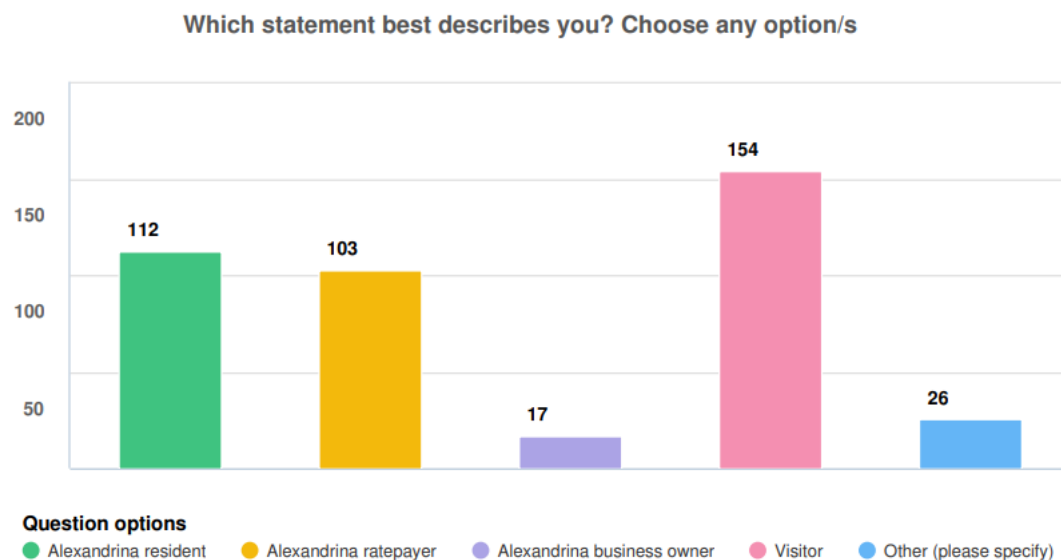
2.0 Engagement Snapshot

During the consultation period from 7 November to 29 November 2024, **a total of 320 responses** were received across both the My Say platform and via email/hard copy.

Email and hard copy surveys were consolidated into the My Say platform to streamline data and keep it in one central location



Who we heard from:



2.1 Engagement Snapshot Methods and Outcomes

Activity/ Method	Date	External stakeholder	Outcome/ Result
My Say project page	7 November 2024	Public	877 total page visits 320 submissions via the online survey 32 document downloads
Direct email	7 November 2024	Those that registered for email updates via My Say	Email sent to 1,346 subscribers
Local Displays – Council Office, library, community noticeboards	7-29 November 2024	Notice to be placed on Council display boards including promotion of ways to get involved.	24 October 2024 

3.0 Consultation Response Overview

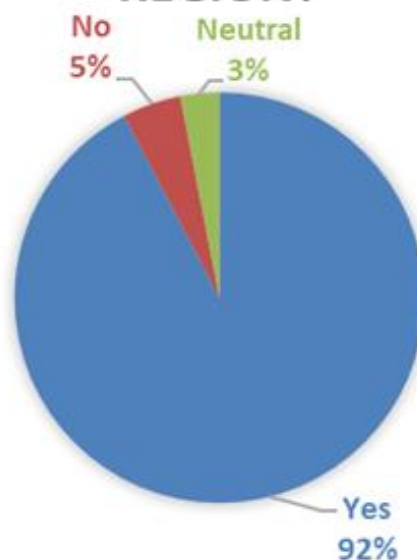
3.1 Evaluation

Consultation sought support or otherwise, to whether the community would like to see RV Parks constructed within the Alexandrina Region, as well as feedback on the proposed location of the 3 RV Parks.

Council received a very good response rate to the public consultation with 320 respondents from all over the Country, including 174 respondents from outside the Council district, 97 of which were from interstate.

Overall, the community were very supportive of Council establishing RV Parks within the region with 92% of respondents in favour.

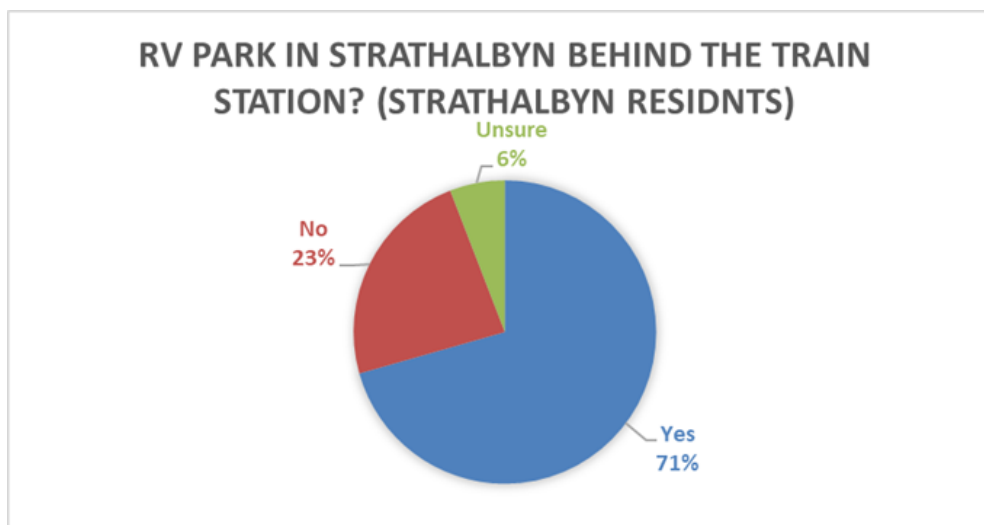
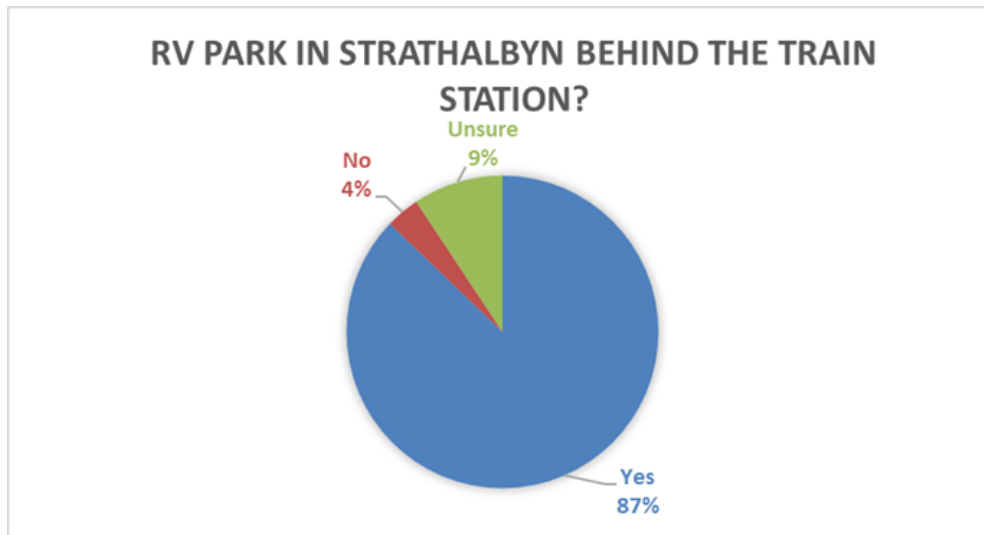
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ONE OR MORE RV PARKS CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE ALEXANDRINA REGION?



Strathalbyn RV Park

The consultation results for a whether the community would you like for Council to further investigate a potential RV Park in Strathalbyn behind the Railway Station received 87% support.

When the data is broken down to the 16 local Strathalbyn Residents that responded, the RV Park location received 71% support.



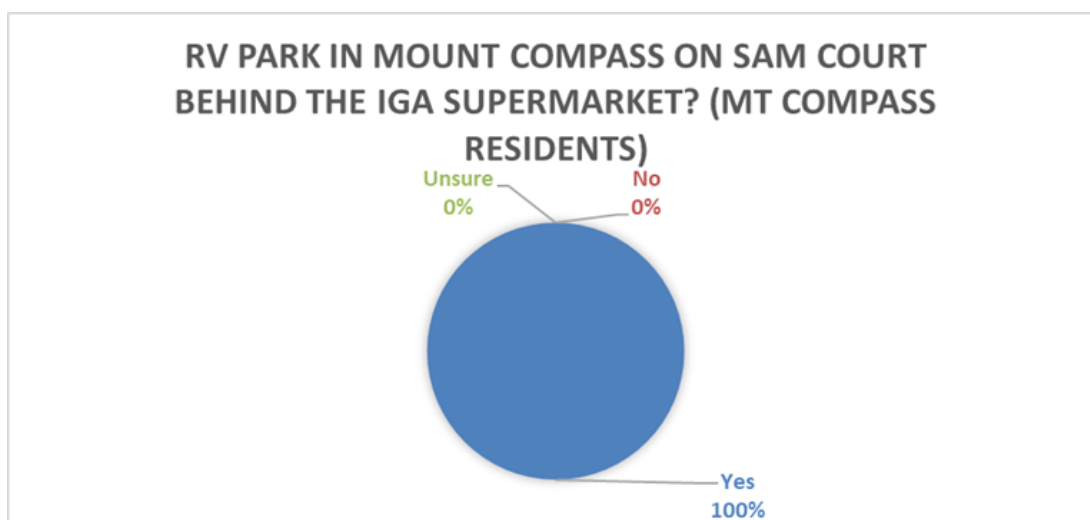
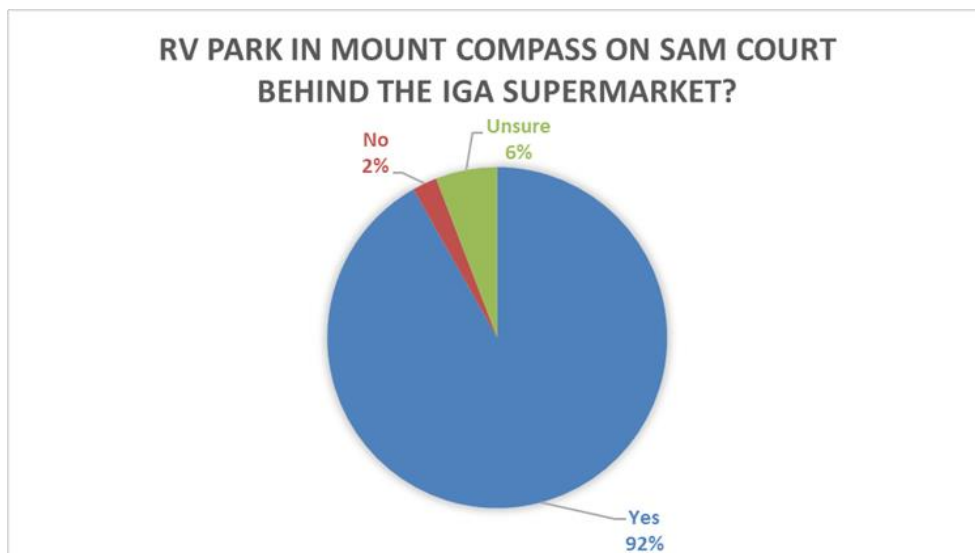
Some of the main concerns raised by the local community were:

- Impacts on the nearby residential area.
- Distance to the toilets and visitor's centre.
- Concern on who is managing the site and the potential for it to become an eyesore if not properly maintained.
- The impact on the local Caravan Park.

Mount Compass RV Park

The consultation results for a whether the community would you like for Council to further investigate a potential RV Park in Mount Compass behind the IGA on Sam Court received 92% support.

When the data is broken down to just Mount Compass Residents the RV park location received 100% support, however it must be noted that there were only two (2) respondents from the town.



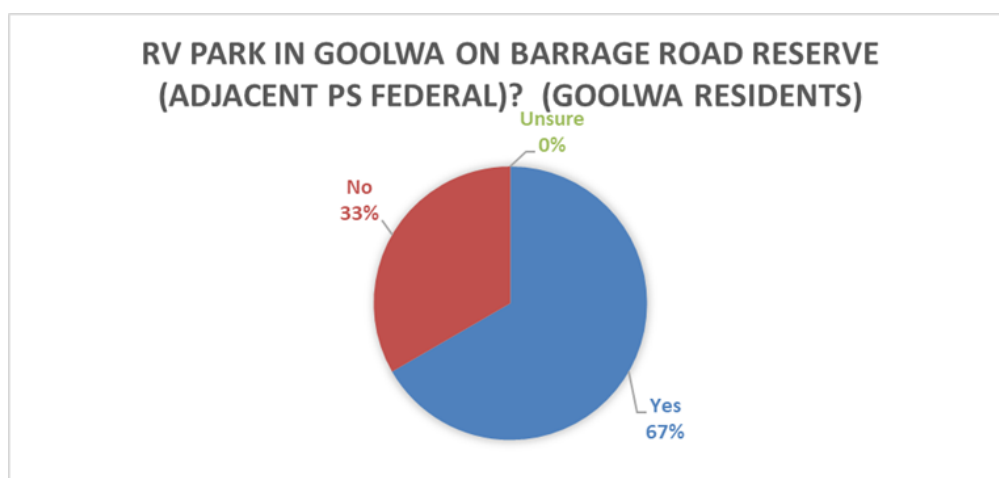
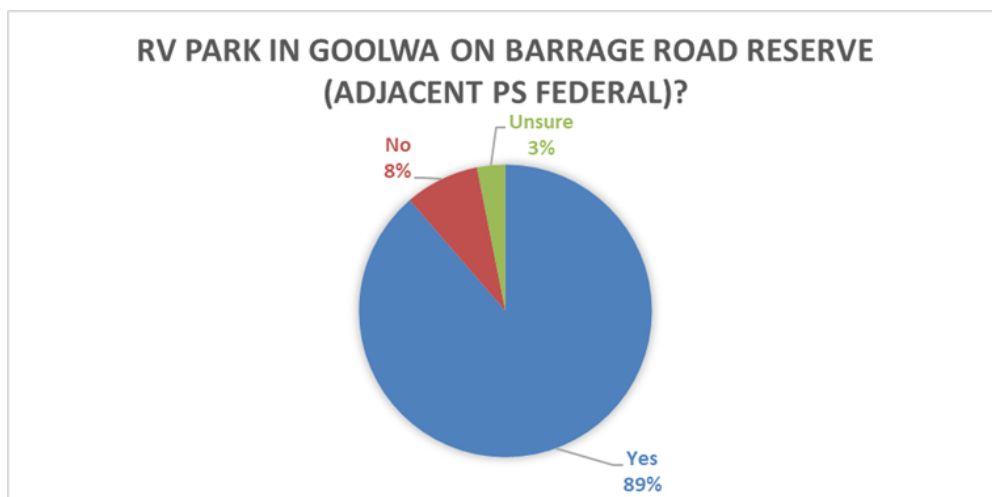
Some of the main concerns raised by the local community were:

- The area could be used as an expanded shopping area or additional shops.
- Potential impact on the local Caravan Park.

Goolwa RV Park

The consultation results for a whether the community would you like for Council to further investigate a potential RV Park in Goolwa on Barrage Road Reserve (adjacent PS Federal) received 89% support.

When the data is broken down to the 78 local Goolwa Residents that responded, the RV Park location received 67% support.



Some of the main concerns raised by the local community were:

- The site being too close to the Bird Hide and having RV vehicles at this location may interfere with the ecology of the area and bird nesting.
- Not wanting the waterfront to look like a caravan park.
- The impact it will have on views across the river for nearby residents.
- Too far from public toilets.
- A long walking distance to town centre.

4.0 Self-nomination to participate

It is important to acknowledge that involvement in the public consultation process is voluntary, with participants self-nominating to contribute. As a result, the feedback gathered should not be regarded as statistically representative of all perspectives.

5.0 Consultation images

N/A

6.0 Communication channels and media reach

Website	Date	Results
Instagram post	7 and 25 Nov 2024	Over 900 views and 800 accounts reached
Facebook post	7 and 25 Nov 2024	Approximately 15,000 reached and over 2,000 engaged
Public Notice Fleurieu Sun and Southern Argus	7 Nov 2024	 
Article – The Courier	6 Nov 2024	RV park consultation begins The Alexandrina Council will seek feedback on its proposal to establish short-stay recreational vehicle (RV) parks at Strathalbyn. The consultation comes following an investigation earlier this year, which identified sites suitable for obtaining 'RV Friendly Town' accreditation in the district. Three potential locations were identified, including an area adjacent Parker Avenue at Strathalbyn. Feedback can be submitted from 9am tomorrow, November 7, until November 29, at mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au.