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The City of Kalamunda undertook community consultation to understand the level of interest in the specific topic of Funerals in Public Places.

Consultation ran from 26 January to 10 March 2020 and was supported by an integrated marketing campaign; published on the City's online engagement platform, and website and promoted via the City's social media channels, with advertisements in the local newspaper. It received particular attention on social media channels with heightened engagement on each post across both Facebook and Instagram. The survey received 117 responses, demonstrating that funerals in public places is a topic of interest in the community.

Community Survey Results

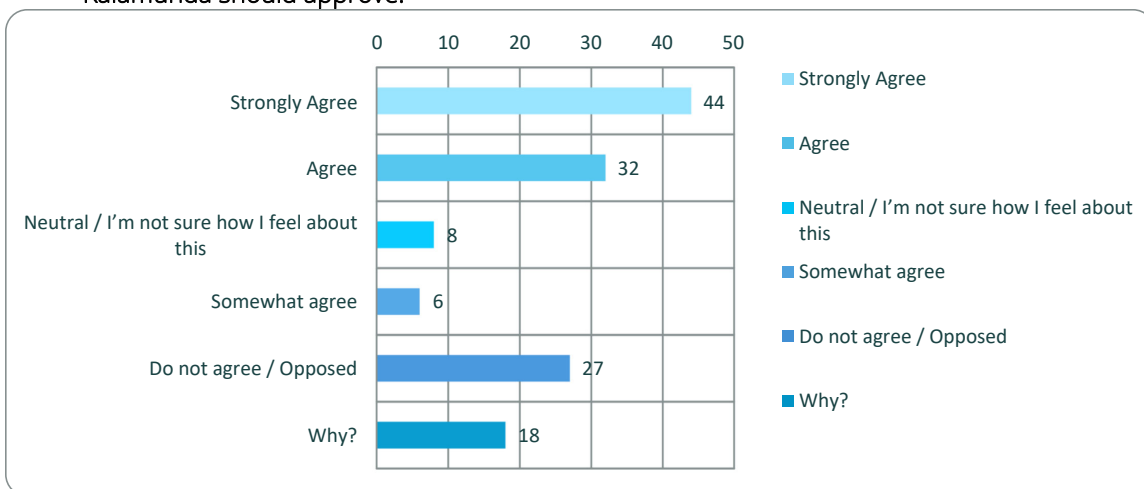
Out of the 117 responses, 17% were male, 82% female, and 1% undisclosed. 26% were between the ages of 36-45, followed closely by 25% in the 56-65 age bracket, and 22% in the 46-55 bracket. and 59% were residents. The top four responses came from the suburbs of Kalmaunda, Lesmurdie, High Wycombe, and Forrestfield & Gooseberry Hill tied.

Key Findings

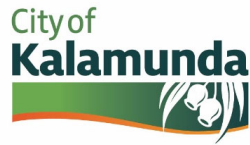
- 38% strongly agree that holding funerals in public places is something the City should approve
- 41% feel funerals should be able to take place in public places on any day of the week
- 57% do not think it is necessary to deliver an Event Notification Letter for surrounding residents
- 57% agree that any funeral in a public place needs to be carefully located away from main thoroughfares and areas of higher public use
- 64% feel there should be a 12-month trial period
- The majority feel that the following are 'very important'; parking for attendees, hearse parking and access, limitations on event size, assurances that no alcohol will be consumed on site, shared use of disabled access pathways, shelters & lavatories, and noise restrictions. Whilst the majority feel that restrictions on the visibility of the funeral gathering and proceedings is 'not important'
- The top five public places identified are, in order of support, Stirk Park (Kalamunda), Jorgensen Park (Kalamunda), Hartfield Park (Forrestfield), Whistlepipe Gully (Kalamunda), and equally Lesmurdie Brook (Lesmurdie) & Ray Owen Reserve (Lesmurdie)



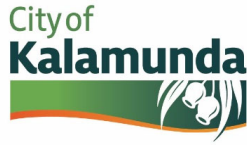
1. Holding funerals with a casket or coffin in public places such as parks, reserves and other public open spaces such as clubs and sporting facilities: this is something the City of Kalamunda should approve:



Respondent	Comment
1	Do not agree / Opposed
2	Strongly Agree
3	Agree
4	Do not agree / Opposed
5	Agree
6	Agree
7	Do not agree / Opposed
8	Strongly Agree
9	Agree
10	Do not agree / Opposed



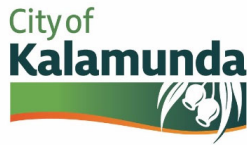
11	Strongly Agree
12	Strongly Agree
13	Agree
14	Strongly Agree, Agree
15	Strongly Agree
16	Do not agree / Opposed
17	Agree
18	Agree
19	Agree
20	Do not agree / Opposed
21	Why?, Somewhat agree, I don't believe open caskets/coffins should be allowed in spaces open to the public. No problem if it's within a building but not where passerby's may see.
22	Do not agree / Opposed, Why?, No casket, they belong in funeral parlours or churches. Parks are for recreational use.
23	Strongly Agree
24	Strongly Agree
25	Strongly Agree
26	Strongly Agree
27	Strongly Agree
28	Neutral / I'm not sure how I feel about this
29	Agree
30	Agree
31	Do not agree / Opposed
32	Agree
33	Agree
34	Somewhat agree
35	Strongly Agree
36	Agree
37	Do not agree / Opposed



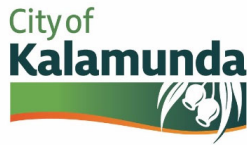
38	Strongly Agree
39	Strongly Agree
40	Strongly Agree
41	Strongly Agree, Why?, Many Kalamunda residents have a strong sense of connection with the area - I know lots of people who have either lived here much of their lives or grew up here and now have moved back. This connection and community is an important part of life and of celebrating lives.
42	Agree
43	Neutral / I'm not sure how I feel about this
44	Strongly Agree
45	Do not agree / Opposed
46	Do not agree / Opposed, Why?, Funerals are an emotional time of grieving and celebration. Those present at a funeral are paying their respects - that should be done in the confines of a chapel, church or cemetery . There are ample places where a funeral can be conducted and the public should not have to be subjected to such. I am in favour of having it at clubs and sporting facilities that are closed to only funeral attendees, but not in parks . I would challenge the shire as to why this is necessary to have this in a public location ? What is the driving reason ?
47	Strongly Agree
48	Strongly Agree
49	Agree
50	Agree
51	Neutral / I'm not sure how I feel about this
52	Do not agree / Opposed, Why?, I don't think open public spaces are for Funerals, there are plenty of Funeral Houses in and around Kalamunda
53	Strongly Agree
54	Do not agree / Opposed
55	Agree
56	Do not agree / Opposed



57	Strongly Agree
58	Somewhat agree
59	Do not agree / Opposed
60	Strongly Agree
61	Strongly Agree
62	Neutral / I'm not sure how I feel about this
63	Do not agree / Opposed
64	Agree
65	Agree
66	Strongly Agree
67	Strongly Agree
68	Neutral / I'm not sure how I feel about this
69	Strongly Agree
70	Agree
71	Agree
72	Strongly Agree
73	Agree
74	Do not agree / Opposed, Why?,Funerals are usually associated with mourning, grief and forms of sadness. Some are emotionally charged events, sometimes family members even fight at funerals. As a member of the public I would feel uncomfortable and disappointed to go one of our local parks and then find that a funeral is organised. I don't have a problem with having a wake in our public parks, but a funeral especially with an open casket/coffin, people crying or traumatised could be upsetting to children, or to anyone who is struggling emotionally. If this is approved I would like to be assured that there are designated areas for funerals, well out of the eyes of the general public.
75	Strongly Agree
76	Strongly Agree
77	Strongly Agree
78	Strongly Agree



79	Strongly Agree
80	Do not agree / Opposed
81	Strongly Agree
82	Do not agree / Opposed, Why?,The public display of caskets etc should be restricted to "behind closed doors" in a building. Whether that be a funeral parlour, private property, clubroom or whatever but not in an open public place
83	Agree
84	Do not agree / Opposed, Why?,Do not think it's a good idea for Kids to be exposed to this. Kids will be left distraught from just playing at the park
85	Do not agree / Opposed
86	Strongly Agree
87	Strongly Agree
88	Agree
89	Strongly Agree
90	Somewhat agree
91	Agree
92	Do not agree / Opposed
93	Strongly Agree
94	Strongly Agree
95	Agree
96	Do not agree / Opposed, Why?,This is not necessary. Funerals should not be held in parks. Memorial services only. Policy may clash with religious beliefs and you will still end up with moral dilemmas. Survey questions point people in the direction that this is going to be allowed.
97	Agree
98	Somewhat agree
99	Agree

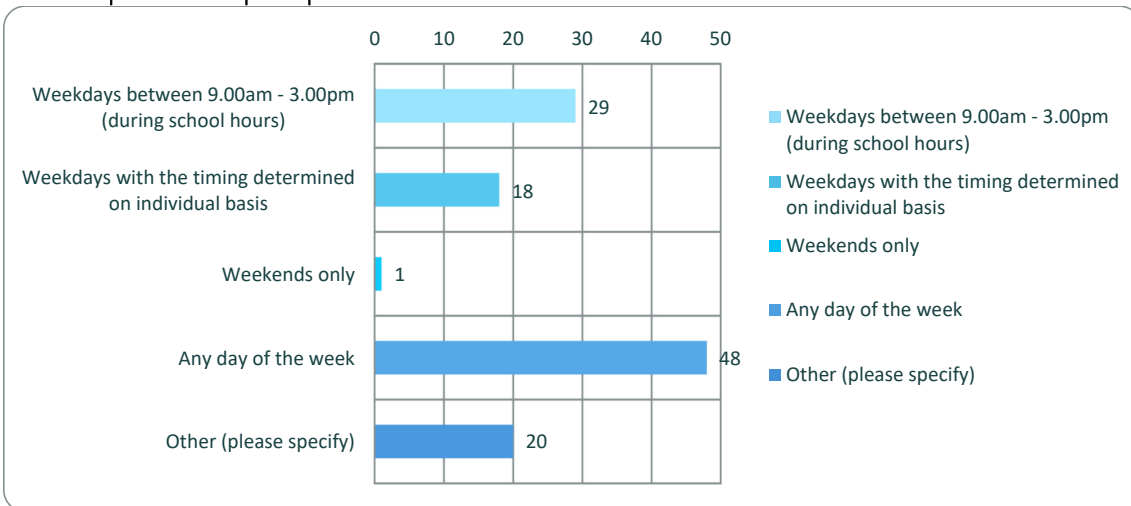


100	Do not agree / Opposed, Why?,Funerals are not for public spaces. i dont want to be going about my daily business with my young children and have to see a coffin.....its selfish and presumptuous that the family would have no regard for members ofg thr public that could be walking bhy....and what happens when i refuse to turn down my radio or decide to have my picnic with fun and laughter in the same area...i cant believe the City is even contemplating allowing this to happen... weak and too scared to offend people??.....whats next allowing sex in public places....grow some gonads and make the right decision....you wont because you are too scared to offend...oh and im probably an evil person because i don't think it is appropriate to have coffins scattered across our parks!
101	Agree
102	Strongly Agree, Why?,Offers locals a choice
103	Neutral / I'm not sure how I feel about this, Why?,I'd need more information about logistics but - ALL costs need to be borne by the family of the deceased.
104	Agree
105	Strongly Agree, Why?,Usually the place is of great significance to the family and a fitting venue for a memorial to take place.
106	Why?, Do not agree / Opposed,Totally opposed. I don;t believe it's appropriate and it would be very confronting (and distressing) to have a coffin parked in a public place whilst you are trying to enjoy the ambience of Stirk Park or siilar.
107	Agree, Why?,Because it would be much nicer, and cheaper, than holding a funeral at a cemetery or a church.
108	Strongly Agree
109	Do not agree / Opposed
110	Neutral / I'm not sure how I feel about this
111	Somewhat agree
112	Strongly Agree
113	Do not agree / Opposed
114	Strongly Agree
115	Strongly Agree, Why?,People who have a strong sense of community love being able to be at a place that means something to the deceased



116	Neutral / I'm not sure how I feel about this, Why?,Although "people" are not exposed to funerals as they were in the past and perhaps should be this may be in "in your face" situation.
117	Why?,Confronting to other people, if I go for a walk O do not want to be confronted

2. Which of the following are appropriate to consider as time slots for funerals to be conducted in parks and open space:



Respondent	Comment
1	Other (please specify),None
2	Any day of the week
3	Any day of the week



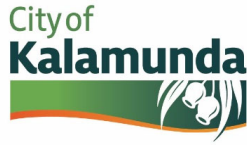
4	Other (please specify),Never	
5	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	
6	Any day of the week	
7	Other (please specify),N/A	
8	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	
9	Any day of the week	
10	Other (please specify),Do not agree with the idea.	
11	Any day of the week	
12	Any day of the week	
13	Any day of the week	
14	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours), Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis, Any day of the week	
15	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
16	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
17	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
18	Any day of the week	
19	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
20	Other (please specify),Never	
21	Any day of the week	
22		0
23	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
24	Any day of the week	
25	Any day of the week	
26	Any day of the week	
27	Any day of the week	
28	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	
29	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	
30	Any day of the week	
31	Other (please specify),Late afternoon when family have gone home .. how do you explain to a 5 year old what is going on ?!!!!	



32	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
33	Any day of the week	
34	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	
35	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	
36	Any day of the week	
37	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
38	Any day of the week	
39	Any day of the week	
40	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	
41	Any day of the week, Other (please specify),I don't understand that consideration given to school hours as many of our public spaces are used by families with younger children or by home schooling families regularly? Funerals in my experience are either quiet and unobtrusive, or are celebrations and so could not cause offence to any one I know.	
42	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
43	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	
44	Any day of the week	
45		0
46	Other (please specify),Never	
47	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	
48	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
49	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
50	Any day of the week	
51	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
52	Other (please specify),Should not be in public spaces	
53	Any day of the week	
54	Other (please specify),Don't think it is appropriate.	
55	Any day of the week	
56		0
57	Any day of the week	



58	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
59	Other (please specify),Same reason as given on question 5	
60	Any day of the week	
61	Any day of the week	
62	Any day of the week	
63	Other (please specify),None at all	
64	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
65	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
66	Any day of the week	
67	Any day of the week	
68	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
69	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
70	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
71	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	
72	Any day of the week	
73	Any day of the week	
74		0
75	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
76	Any day of the week	
77	Any day of the week	
78	Any day of the week	
79	Any day of the week	
80	Other (please specify),Never	
81	Any day of the week	
82	Other (please specify),NONE as don't agree that funerals should be conducted in parks and open spaces.	
83	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	
84	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
85	Other (please specify),Never	

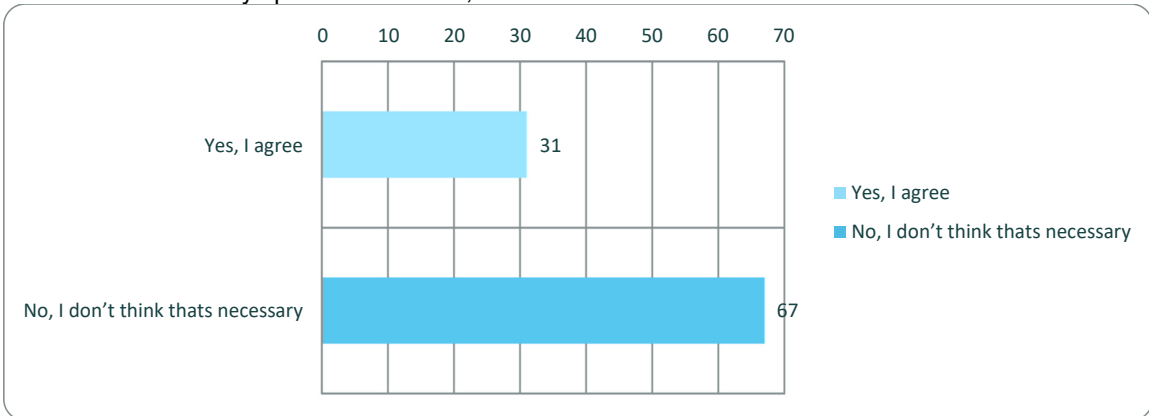


86	Any day of the week	
87	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
88	Any day of the week	
89	Any day of the week	
90	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
91	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
92		0
93	Any day of the week	
94	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis, Any day of the week	
95	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	
96	Other (please specify),Funerals should not be conducted in parks	
97	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
98	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
99	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
100	Other (please specify),Never	
101	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	
102	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	
103	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
104	Weekends only	
105	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours), Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	
106	Other (please specify),None.	
107	Other (please specify),Times when nothing else is scheduled for the area.	
108	Any day of the week	
109		0
110	Any day of the week	
111	Any day of the week	
112	Any day of the week	
113	Weekdays with the timing determined on individual basis	



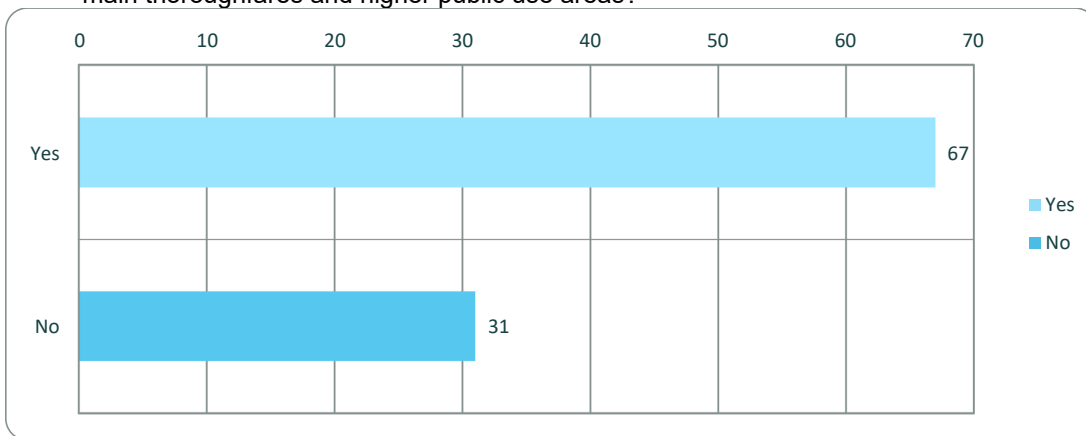
114	Any day of the week, Other (please specify),Need to consider all pros and cons of timing. Weekends might be more appropriate for attending families. 9am to 3pm any day perhaps best guide/restriction.	
115	Any day of the week	
116	Weekdays between 9.00am - 3.00pm (during school hours)	
117		0

3. If you agree, do you think an Event Notification Letter for surrounding residents should be delivered 7 days prior to the event, and include the nature and times of the event?





4. If you agree, do you feel a funeral in a public place needs to be carefully located away from main thoroughfares and higher public use areas?

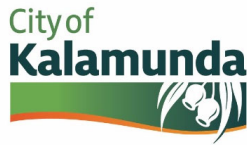


5. What other considerations do you think need to be taken into account when designing a policy for funerals in public places?

Respondent	Comment
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2	It probably needs to be away from children's play areas if possible. More because I think some adults would get upset- not because I think it would particularly bother the children. Adequate Parking. Cultural considerations- I don't know how our indigenous community/the Noongar people would feel about this. But if they did not support it then I would change my views in respect of their cultural beliefs.
3	I don't think funeral services should be held near playgrounds
4	Should not be done.



5	Keep it away from children's play areas, cornered off area. Ensure there are no other conflicts with groups. Ensure sufficient parking and easy access for coffin and guests.	
6	Notification on your Facebook page would be appreciated. It's not only residents in the immediate vicinity that will be affected.	
7		
8		0
9	No open caskets,	
10		0
11	Parking	
12		0
13		0
14	Sensitivity is paramount with issues such as this, and though I understand why a public funeral may not be agreed with by some members of our city, I believe it is entirely up to the family of those concerned. Many of the residents in the city are elderly and have been here for a significant period of time. What better way to celebrate our community than to host a celebration of someones life, in a place that means so much to us all.	
15	Parking loud music	
16	Suitability of location in proximity to areas frequented by young families. This could impact on a little person in quite a detrimental way (in a similar way witnessing a car accident or fire as a young child can create anxiety that lasts years) and could be quite distressing. Also, would grieving people want to be in close proximity to a play area, such as in Stirk Park. Memorials, where there is no casket, seem much more appropriate for public spaces.	
17		0
18		
19	If in a park or other open space an area should be cordoned off to ensure privacy and respect	



20	This is wrong! It's a public park for kids and families we don't need to have funerals there... this is not correct for young kids to witness	
21	I attended a memorial service at Stirk Park in 2019 and it was a beautiful sendoff and didn't impact the public at all because it was just a memorial. I don't believe it's appropriate to have a formal funeral with a coffin/casket within a public family environment. Within an enclosed venue is fine where it's not open to the public and not impacting on the activities of those around.	
22	Residents living near parks.	
23	Away from children's playgrounds	
24		0
25		0
26	provides an alternative more affordable option to grieving families. it should be held away from main areas though so as not attract attention and the option of privacy fencing should be afforded family the ability to grieve without spectators - but not mandatory.	
27	The noise factor	
28		0
29		
30	Perhaps a sign up in the park a few days before	
31	No open coffin .. You should only have wakes or celebrations and not allow coffins to be brought to the park .. I think it's a health hazard and issue do to sand and the grass could make it bumpy and than the coffin falls over .. than bam body out and everybody around is freaked out	
32	Closed casket only "Funeral in progress - please be respectful" warning signs located around area	
33		0
34	Is it possible to design a park near Guildford cemetery on Kalamunda road, It can be a peaceful setting, with a lake and seating, this way it's away from the road, and can be used by the public anytime as well as a beautiful location for a funeral....	



35		0
36		0
37	No loud music or like some religions do "call for prayer" which would be disturbing.	
38		0
39		0
40		0
41	There should probably be appropriate and suitable signage at such events. I suspect that most people would not want their event to be on main thoroughfares so that there is less disruption - perhaps any forms or documentation that needs to be lodged should include a recognition that it is a public space and so there are likely to be other users of the facilities nearby (in the case of parks), so peace / quiet can not be guaranteed.	
42	Make sure there is enough parking in designated areas and the surrounding area is speed limited like during other events. Also "event in progress" signs in place on road verges to warn public.	
43		0
44		0
45		0
46		0



47	<p>Death is inevitable for all Funerals or memorials are changing As a Celebrant people are wanting less formal and less expensive funerals/memorials It is to your advantage as a shire you offer this to the public The area they choose to have the funeral/memorial will become sacred to the family and they will revisit the area on anniversaries of the death or just to think about the deceased You are creating life long connections for people to your parks and gardens Be the first council to make these changes Forge ahead there is a movement of people ready and waiting to perform services in nature and not in some stuffy building Obviously there would have to be policy and procedures in place if there are caskets A memorial service would not include caskets you could start there? Then move to funerals?</p>	
48	I think it's important to give families CHOICE - providing the opportunity to hold a celebration of life / funeral in a beautiful park, or other location is a great option and much more open, friendly and welcoming than a chapel or church or more traditional venue.	
49	The amount of people attending the funeral	
50		0
51	Closed casket or coffin	
52		0
53	Open casket should be further away from the central public.	
54	An be frightening for children. Also a trigger for adults. There are funeral homes for this or a hall could be hired. People shouldn't have to feel like they can't relax or let their kids play in park as there are funerals going on.	
55		0
56		0
57	You might require coffin or casket may not be open and you might require music to be not loud	



58	Definitely during school hours, not in school holidays. I have to explain enough to my 6yr old twins without adding death as a conversation.	
59	I don't think funerals should be held in public places. I feel that the wider community does not want to be confronted with death and grieving in their everyday life. Funerals are and should be a private matter for the relatives and friends of the deceased person. Dignity is another important matter. I feel it can not be maintained with bystanders and nosy people infiltrating a private affair.	
60		0
61	Anything you would routinely consider for a wedding.	
62	Personally I think it should be ashes and memorials rather than coffins. But I think if a person has a particular connection to a public place then that is more appropriate to remember them there than some funeral home or cremation chapel. We took my husband's ashes to the top of the Zigzag in 2005 and bused people in from Stirk Park. It was the most fitting send off he could have had.	
63	Why do u want to do this. Its absurd! There are places such as cemeteries, temples and other places for it.	
64	Surrounding events, weddings,etc	
65		
66	Perhaps assistance might be required to allow griever's peace and space from other space users such as parties.	
67	Just consideration to all parties	
68		0
69	Music volume and put up a notice in the location beforehand so people can avoid the area if they don't like it	
70		0
71		0
72		0



73	Policy review every 5 years.	
74	Fees to be paid Sound systems St John's Ambulance in Attendance Crowd Control Designated areas for funerals Privacy for funeral attendees (possible attention from uninvited people including trouble makers) Police in attendance Entertainment standards Consumption of food and drinks at the funeral site Public access to parks and rec areas Open Casket/Coffin	
75		0
76	The family planning the funeral will be going through a challenging time, the shire of Kalamunda needs to make the process simple and the family should not have to deal with further trauma due to politics within the shire of Kalamunda.	
77	Compassion on behalf of the council. Serious consideration of why the request was made for that space. Particular preference given to funerals that celebrate the life of a community member who worked, lived or contributed to that area.	
78	Access, provision of equipment (gazebo, etc), supply of food/drink (separate approval). Same process should apply as per any other event	
79	If the person who's funeral it is has a close connection with the local community. Number of people they are expecting. I did go the the funeral of Albert Hazebrooke in stirk park is was a very fitting place to have his funeral, he spent a lot of time volunteering and giving of his time to the Kalamunda community. The marquee worked well, and wasn't in anybody else's way. Parking at the Bowles club was fine.	
80	Respect for residents that could be triggered by funerals in public places	



- 81 Make it a requirement for funeral company to have a rubbish charge that is passed on to the family/account of the deceased so that a shire bin can be provided for any refuse disposal

Perhaps consider building a pavilion that can obviously be used for other events but would provide shade or protection from inclement weather

Picnic tables (permanent or otherwise) nearby could be used for a "wake" service or coffee van/truck. These tables would also be used on days when not used for funeral services.

Consider a public toilet block for areas that already do not have them

Charge the funeral company a fee that would (eventually) offset City of Kalamunda costs for any structures or services mentioned above ^

Promote the use of this service in a tasteful way which would encourage City of Kalamunda residents to be open to using this local/environmental/home in the trees alternative to having to make the journey all the way out to Karrakatte/Fremantle/Pinnaroo cremation chapels or to the various cemeteries for a burial service.

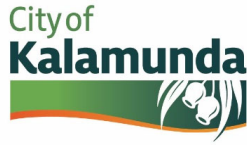
Memorial benches in our local parks would be a touching tribute to grieving families. Offer the families the choice of providing one thereby the City of Kalamunda could also offset the cost of infrastructure.

Memorial trees could also be used in this manner too. Memorial tree plantings either single planting or as a grove are not only a touching and meaningful tribute to families but would be good way to sell the idea too as well as an environmental offset.

Involve Trillion Trees in this idea ^ they are wonderful.



	Educate the naysayers. The only thing more certain than death is the amount of negative naysayers you will have with this subject. Also don't bend to the pressure of the naysayers. This is a fabulous idea for the City of Kalamunda. You can make this work.
82	There should not be any policy required as they should not be allowed
83	The deceased needs to be a local resident. The place where the funeral is to be held needs to hold significance for the deceased. In the case of the funeral held in Stirk Park last year, the deceased had been a tireless volunteer and given countless hours of time and expertise over more than 30 years for the betterment of the Kalamunda community. It was fitting that he was honoured in a place where so much of his volunteer time had been given.
84	Not near playgrounds!
85	The fact that there are VERY FEW decent play facilities for our young children as it is and now you want to have funerals in these area. It is absolutely ridiculous that the city would even be considering this. There is a time and place for funerals and it is NOT in public areas around kalamunda! Why not worry about finally upgrading the stirk park playground or put in some other things for the children in the area. Or provide better facilities for the local school children and let funerals be in funeral homes and cemetery's etc. we are not asking for our children to play in the cemetery so please don't put funerals in our kids areas!!!!
86	Traffic (if it's going to be well attended)
87	I feel that it's a nice place to have a funeral, it's better to be in a park where there's nature around
88	People are so sensitive and demanding these days! Perhaps signage like - Funeral in Progress. Please be Respectful- should be placed on thoroughfares and/or entrances to the Parks or places at least 30 mins prior to Service. Or an advice of similar type in the hours proceeding.
89	That there be sufficient parking, no litter, noise, that any regular event is not disturbed, time limit, access to toilets.
90	A designated area in the park rather than just wherever. Area would be nice if it has some trees and allows for different faiths. Funerals should be low impact not



	requiring over the top requirements of a Funeral Parlour so more simple and earth based/ low impact.	
91	Keeping in mind the varying sensitivities about death, perhaps there could be three or four set places that could be used for an outdoor funeral that aren't too much in the face of the general public. That are quiet and discreet. Not unlike the way a few places are available for weddings but not every and any place. My personal opinion is that like weddings, death is a part of the circle of life and it wouldn't worry me at all if there was a funeral in a public place. i know many others wouldn't share that opinion. Also, consideration about available facilities and accessibility for everyone regardless of age or physical capability. needs pondering	
92		0
93		
94	I think neighbours should be made aware if there is to be music played at the funeral or a microphone / amplified sound, but this goes for all events held. A notification would also be useful for neighbours to be aware that there is a funeral taking place and to not make excessive noise of their own. We recently held our wedding at Falls Farm and neighbours were playing a sporting event very loudly and screaming during our quiet ceremony, which was very disappointing.	
95	Accessibility / ease of access Parking Notice given to public Time length of event	
96	What happens if the religious beliefs are open casket or wailing? You are making a policy based on 1 request that had other circumstances involved. Policy should be memorial service only. No coffins	
97		0
98	Be as professional, responsible and sensitive to both funeral party and public Strict guidelines	



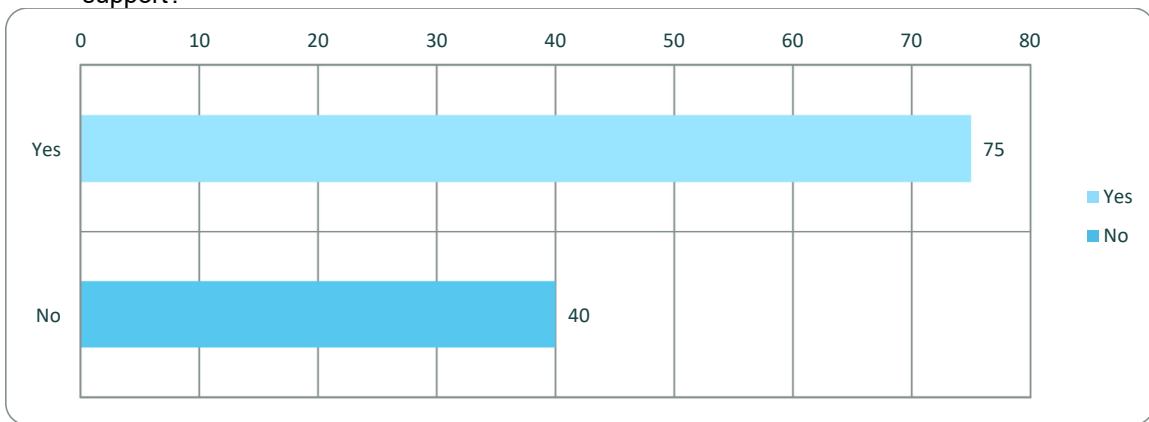
99	A funeral should not shut down or block access for other users, so the size would need to be controlled. I'd suggest limiting to weekdays during business hours. An email to notify people would be fine. Letters are old school and a waste of money. I don't think signage is appropriate. If it is going to cost the council anything I stronglyboppose. The user needs to pay.
100	Security so the protesters don't upset the family
101	'Relevant' costings to families. To ensure area is clean, clear and not in use by any other persons, groups, etc.
102	controlled - respectful to surrounding residents and businesses
103	Dead person is not to be a victim of suicide or murder. This tragedy should never be commented on in public.
104	short and sweet and discrete too.
105	safety of attendees. Parking availability
106	0
107	Facilities for funeral attendees (i.e. food, drinks, toilets, etc). Ensure time of funeral doesn't clash with another activity planned for the area.
108	The purpose of a funeral is to celebrate the life and achievements of the deceased and to provide a ceremony that helps loved ones to deal with their grief. If the place that was meaningful or treasured by the deceased is a public place, the deceased family should be able to hold a funeral there - so long as its safe for participants. Even more so it if was a wish of the deceased. Other local governments (Cockburn) allow for short notice bookings of public places & facilities that are more responsive that the standard 7 day booking limit. These are brief but important rituals for the community. Let's show some compassion here.
109	Funerals are private and should be kept that way. A bigger issue for Kalamunda is the lack of a cemetery for people who want to be buried here. We need to help alleviate the burden on the city cemeteries.



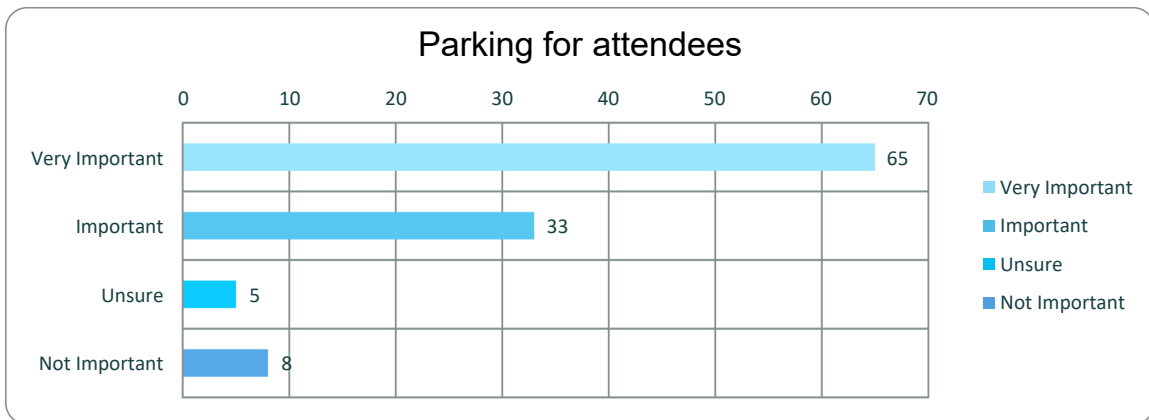
110	I am unsure if the shire would require payment for the park to be used for funerals. One thing I did see at the Busselton Jetty was people had (presumably with payment) plaques along the jetty in remembrance of a loved one. I thought that was a lovely idea. I am not sure if it could be done or an area in Kalamunda it could be effective. I'm thinking that celebration of life maybe better than a full funeral service with coffin.	
111		0
112	Funerals are a celebration of a person's life. In many cases, the deceased has had an association with the area and wants their service to be held there. We do not need to be too politically correct or apprehensive of allowing school-age children to witness a funeral as it is a part of life - we are all going to die someday and prior to that we will experience the death of a loved one.	
113	Traffic. The kind of service. I think memorial services would be nice, but not sure one needs to see caskets and coffins in parks and rec centres.	
114	Availability of Parking. Availability of Safe traffic flow around any street parking. Access to toilet amenities. Safety and road safety for pedestrians attending. Consideration of PA volume to local residents living nearby. Funeral directors and shire would need to assess if traffic management would be required at the time.	
115	Access for hearse/family, shelter, parking, bathroom facilities.	
116		0
117	Maybe, what I think is that ashes could be scattered in certain locations.	

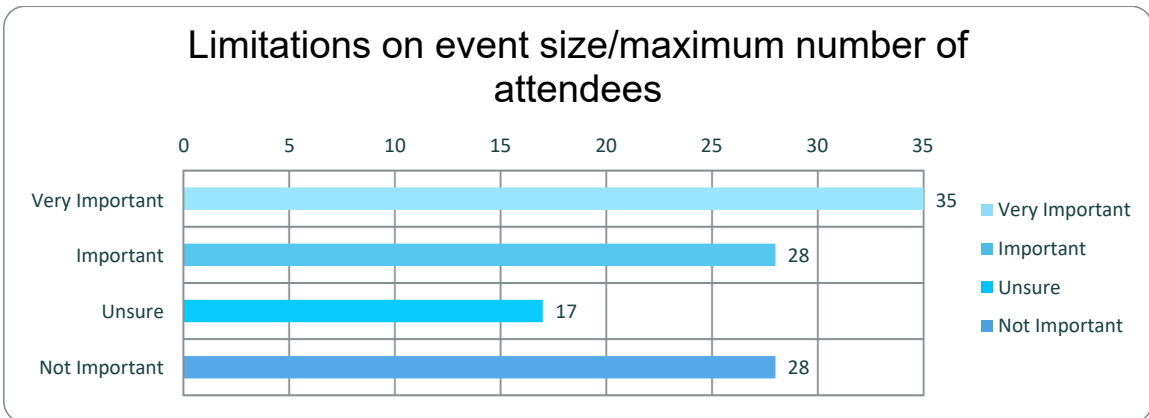
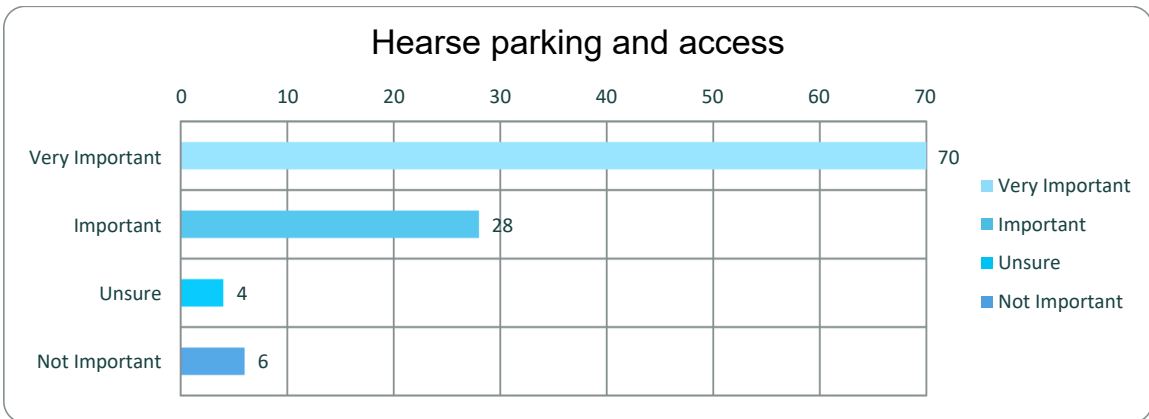


6. Do you think there should be a 12-month trial period followed by a review of the public's support?



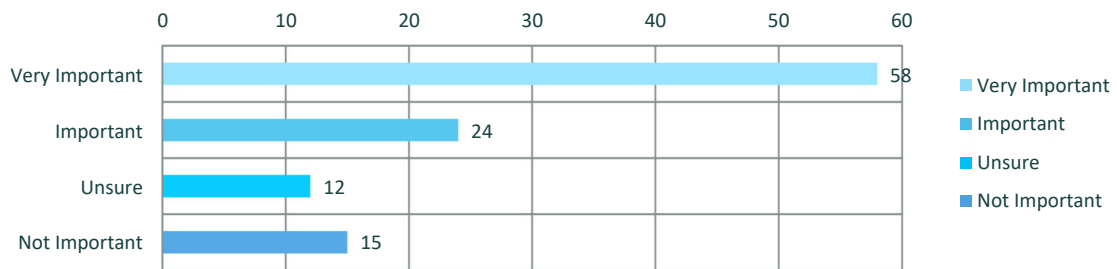
7. How important do you think the following considerations are in designing a policy for funerals in public places?



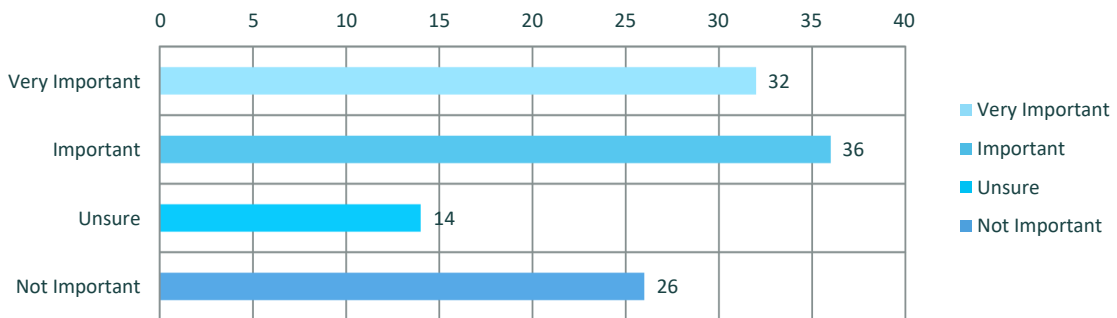


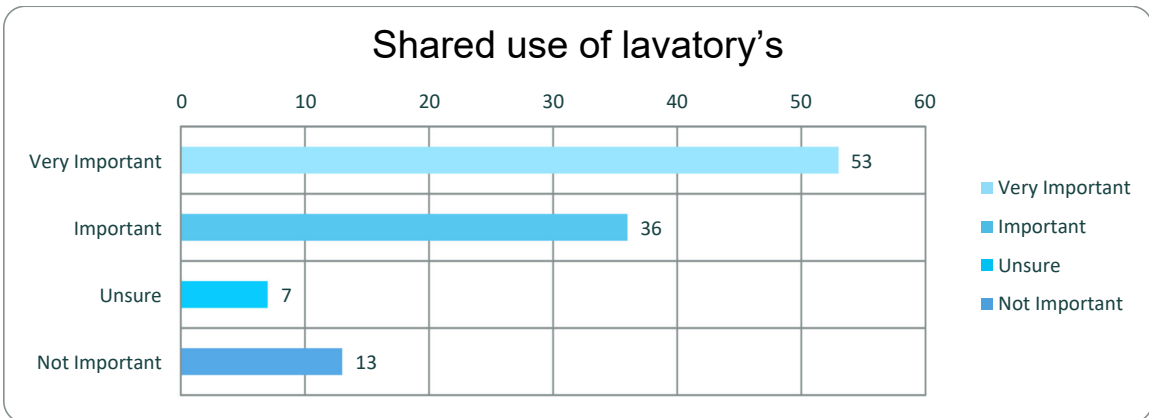
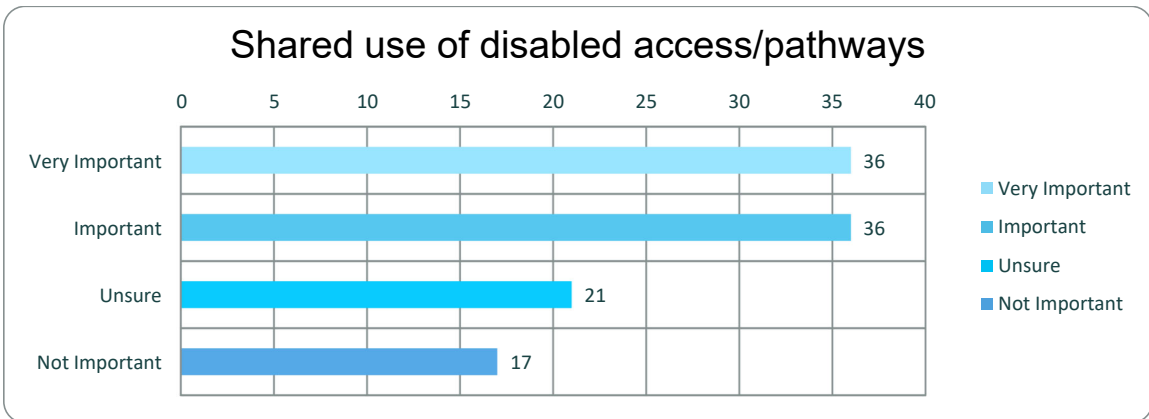


Assurances that no alcohol will be consumed in the park during or after the service



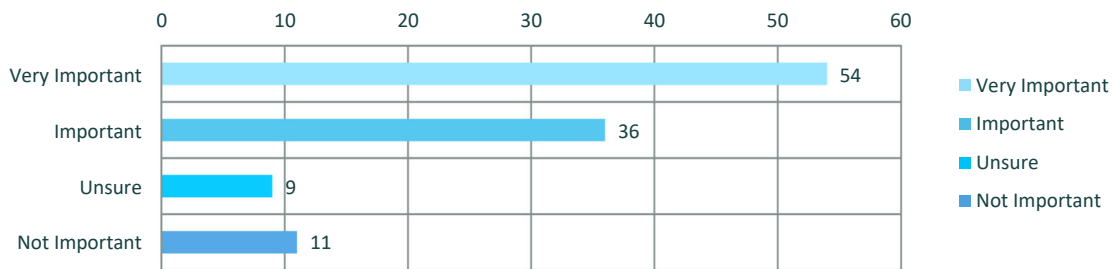
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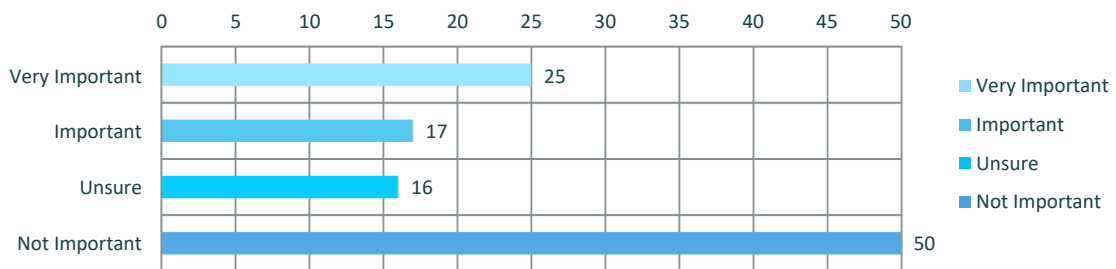


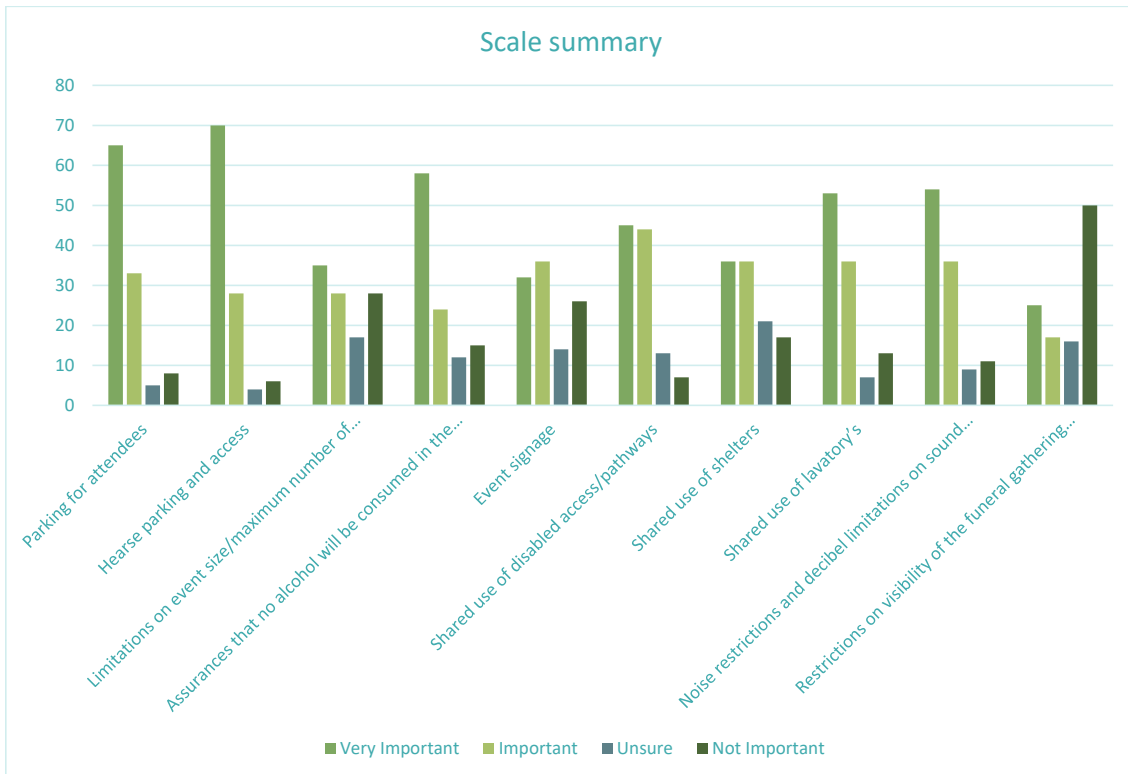


Noise restrictions and decibel limitations on sound broadcasting equipment



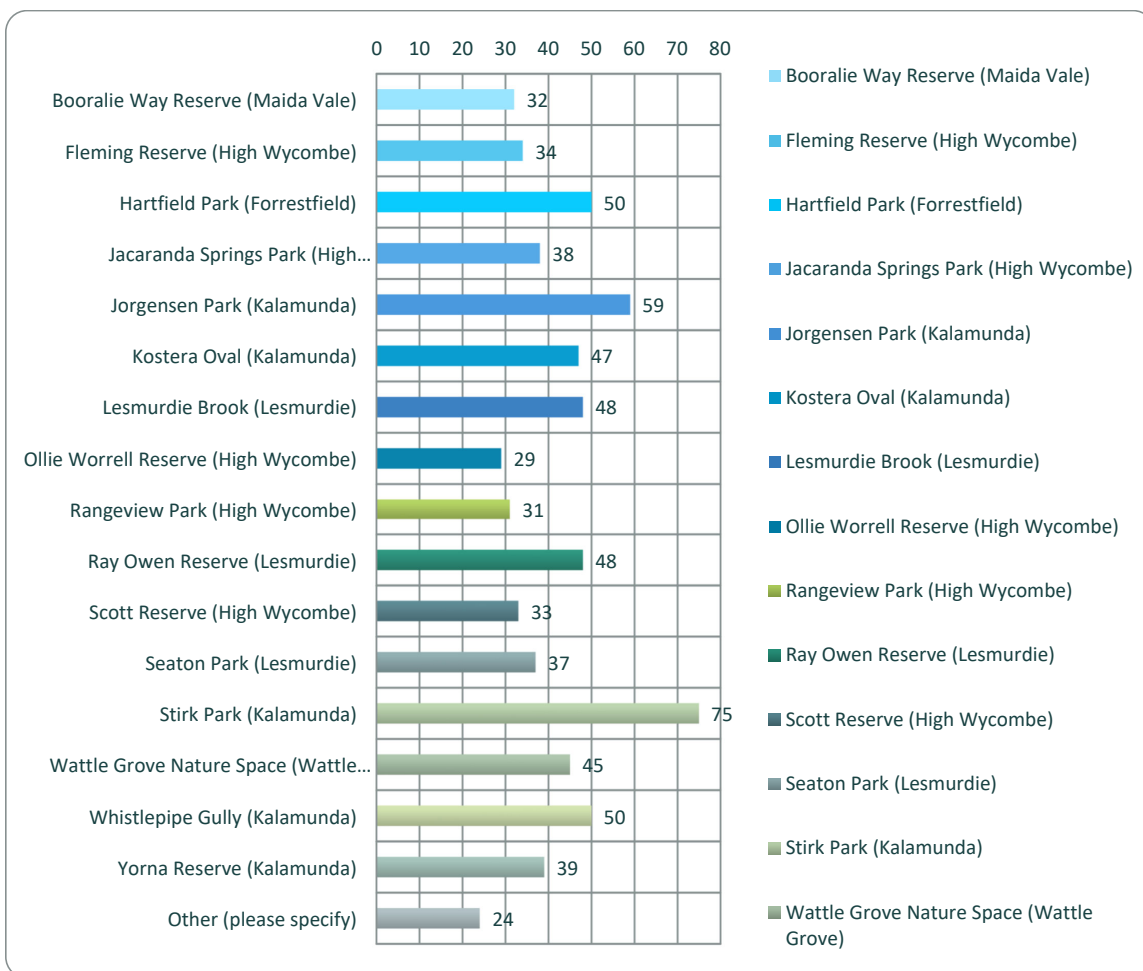
Restrictions on visibility of the funeral gathering and proceedings

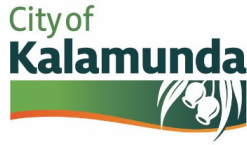






8. We've identified the following parks, reserves and open spaces within the City of Kalamunda. Select which locations you feel would be suitable for funerals:



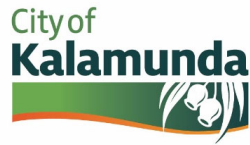


9. Which should be excluded for funeral services? Why?

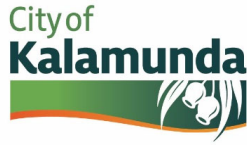
Respondent	Comment	
1	All. Funerals should not be held in outdoor public park and spaces which are for the broader community.	
2	I don't believe any should be excluded but only ticked the ones above that I have visited.	
3	Small parks like Ollie Warrell or Jacaranda because of park size, lack of parking and toilets	
4		0
5	Unable to comment on High Wycombe parks. I don't think any sports parks are appropriate unless the deceased was heavily involved in the clubs. Wattle Grove Nature Scape is too residential. Whistlepipe Gully highly impractical no parking on the best of days and unsuitable terrain. Seaton is also very residential. Dogs would need to be contained at Jorgensen.	
6	Any that don't have the facilities required ie. toilets, parking, disabled facilities.	
7	Parks and public places.	
8		0
9		0
10	City parks are not the correct place for them. That is what Cemeteries and Funeral Parlours are for. And knowing the City there will be a charge for it somewhere.	
11		0
12	Venues that don't have facility's such as club houses or halls should not be included so that all the funeral is inside	



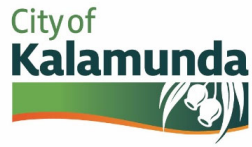
13	Not familiar with all the parks listed so don't feel I can comment properly on this.	
14	Jorgensen is a dog friendly park wherein members of the community walk their dogs off leash and is possibly not the best suited for an event such as a funeral	
15		0
16	Anywhere with dedicated children's play spaces, in close proximity to the site located for the funeral.	
17		0
18		0
19	Areas where sports are played	
20	All, parks are for families and kids not funerals.... our young kids do not need to see funerals this is completely wrong	
21		0
22	Jorgensen - dogs barking, mountain bikers. They create noise and there would be requests to keep the noise down. Stirk Park - always have families there, I'm worried about young children seeing crying, black clothing.	
23		0
24		0
25		0
26	open casket - passers by (especially children could be affected).	



27		0
28	None	
29		0
30	Don't know the ones I haven't ticked	
31		0
32	As long as the funeral doesn't cause disruption to normal activities, I have no objection to it being held anywhere as long as they are limited in numbers (ie. no funerals over 100 people). Funerals should also be time limited to no more than 2 hours.	
33		0
34	No comment	
35		0
36		0
37	Stirk Park should be excluded, it has a playground and is in the centre of kalamunda, it should be somewhere not so residential	
38	Areas considered not suitable would be those with insufficient parking in residential areas and particularly those that are not safe underfoot , eg uneven surfaces, gum nuts, gravel etc.	
39		0
40		0



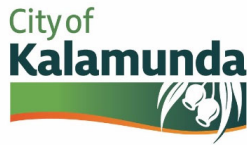
41	I'm not familiar with all of the public spaces listed. Perhaps those (like Kostera Oval) that are adjacent to schools should not be considered during or immediately before or after school, nor on weekends during sports seasons. Similarly Ray Owen is used for sporting fixtures for quite a bit of the year.	
42		0
43		0
44		0
45		0
46		0
47	They are quiet and sombre events You won't need to police people too much Definitely should be explicit NON alcohol event They can go out after and have a drink drinking during a funeral/memorial can high ten people's emotions and some people get too emotional so it would be to your advantage to promote a nonalcohol event	
48		0
49	Ones that go longer than 3 hours	
50	not aware of any	
51	Places like Scott Reserve and Ollie Worrell as there ovals are used by schools	
52	All, no funerals in open public spaces.	



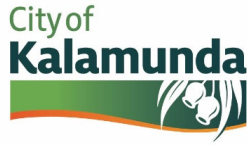
53	I think any would be fine.	
54	All as I do not support this. These are public spaces not private event spaces.	
55		0
56		0
57		0
58	Away from children dedicated areas regardless of time and day.	
59	All, for reasons given above	
60		0
61		0
62	None providing it is respectful and does not take over the whole park and exclude others. Death is part of life.	
63	No funeral should be public	
64	Nor just didn't know the others	
65		0
66		0
67		0



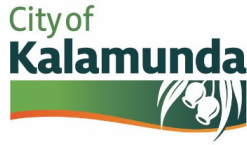
68	Anywhere with a kids playground	
69	Open caskets	
70		0
71		0
72		0
73	I don't know all of the reserves listed but do know some are ovals and sporting facilities...not really appropriate. Also if it is an off leash area for dogs, the facility should be excluded.	
74	Casket/Coffin.	
75	Reserves or parks that are side by side to schools during school hours as this could be distracting for classes/teachers and students.	
76	Open casket	
77	None	
78	Any locations deemed unsuitable for any event should not be used for funerals. All locations suitable for other events should be suitable.	
79	None should be excluded, should be looked at on an individual basis.	
80	There shouldn't be public funeral services out of respect for community members who could be triggered by grief from past trauma	
81	The release of balloons because of the obvious environmental risks	



82	All as I do not generally support the notion that public places are appropriate for a funeral service	
83	Alcohol - not appropriate in a public place Open coffin - not appropriate in a public place Non-resident - not appropriate in City of Kalamunda parks, reserves and open spaces	
84	Any that have playgrounds etc	
85	All! The city of kalamunda is a joke when it comes to facilities for our kids and now you want to put funerals in them. I am totally against this as is every parent I have mentioned it to! Look at mundaring with Sculpture park and all the others it has! You are asking for the pathetic playgrounds you have to be used for funerals what a joke!	
86		0
87		0
88	Those with close residences, unless each and every residence is canvassed each and every time the need arises.	
89	Whistlepipe Gully as the terrain is not suitable, no Parking, no toilets.	
90	Smaller parks frequented by everyday users are not suitable. Larger parks with zones are better as they allow for diversity of uses. Thus a designated area for use of funerals will accommodate easier and better without dominating the use by other patrons.	
91	Anywhere that people tramping all over the place is going to affect the environment, for example, if Whistlepipe Gully were included, I would hope a maximum number of guests were stipulated because of size, types of tracks etc. Where would the ceremony be and where would people stand? Toilets? There needs to be careful selection whereby small funerals may be held in smaller, more sensitive locations, and I feel ones could be best served with a marquee or some such thing in a quiet part of a reserve.	
92	Totally inappropriate to have a funeral in Stirk Park. There's a play area. R & R here. Just no!	



93	If we allow people to celebrate the good times, ie weddings, birthday parties and don't require permits and restrictions then why can't we allow families times to celebrate the life of a loved one.	
94	Any site that is too close to neighbours, that would affect their enjoyment of their own houses (ie. events with amplified sound) on a regular basis. Smaller sites possibly need to be only during school hours (or otherwise held irregularly) due to surrounding houses.	
95	Jacaranda Springs and Rangeview Park as neither of these parks have access to lavatories. Also, both parks have very limited parking. Also I believe Fleming Reserve should be excluded as it is positioned near a child's playground and a skatepark. There isn't a lot of shade and room.	
96	All. Not necessary to have a funeral in a park	
97		0
98		
99	Jorgensen park because people walk dogs etc.	
100	All of them because its not appropriate	
101	Any area that is in 'direct view' or could cause unrest to the public should be denied as an area.	
102		0
103		0
104	Small ones excluded	
105		0



106	All of them. There are ample places in cemeteries for people to gather. Or funeral homes. Or churches. Clubs/sporting facilities away from public view would be, perhaps acceptable.	
107		0
108	Narrow road verges - safety issue. Timing for busy traffic periods may be a consideration.	
109		0
110		0
111	None	
112	none	
113	I am not in favour of funerals being outdoors.	
114	<p>Have not researched suitability of any particular Parks listed and not familiar with suitability of most. Willing to advise further on a park/venue suitability if required.</p> <p>Residents living near parks where a funeral can be approved to occur need to be aware that funerals can be held in these parks at any time, and that notification letters will not be a normal forthcoming process.</p> <p>I did attend the funeral held in Stirk Park last year and at the time thought that location was befitting and appropriate for that particular occasion, being held for a longtime community-minded local personality. I have only lived in the shire for ten years and attending that day at that location enhanced my feelings of being a 'local' living in a considerate community. Also that occasion enhanced my pride in being a part of a township having appropriate sensitivity to its citizens. I have no attachment to any church but live in a Hills town because it provides a feeling of attachment to the bush.</p> <p>Now thinking about it, a funeral service for myself in a local park in my shire/locality would be a nice preference and funeral events should be more obvious and a more normal observation that occurs within a healthy community.</p>	



115		0
116	As I am not familiar with the rest I cannot comment correctly.	
117	Ahhhh, as I have stated - A public place is not the right place for a funeral.	