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Executive Summary

Metropolitan Melbourne is currently under a declared State of Disaster due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The State Government recently issued a 'roadmap for reopening' containing provision for outdoor dining subject to case number thresholds.

The Premier announced the *Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package* which will provide \$87.5 million to councils and businesses to make widespread outdoor dining safe, practical and a reality this summer.

There are 578 currently registered food businesses in Moreland which employ more than 3,300 people, contributing approximately \$378 million to the local economy

In addressing the challenge of providing additional outdoor dining opportunities, this report discusses six options available to Moreland food businesses. The options include:

- Expanded outdoor footpath trading to adjoining property;
- Expanded access to and take up of Moreland's Parklet program;
- Conversion of sections of on-street carparking for outdoor dining opportunities;
- Closure of side streets off main streets, or laneways for outdoor dining purposes;
- Dining spaces in private carparks or adjoining property areas; and
- Set up of mobile food premises in large carparks or adjacent to public parks.

It is anticipated that the cost of facilitating this important initiative will exceed \$500,000. Consequently, Council will be seeking an equivalent amount from the State Government to support the delivery of the above options.

More than 2,000 responses have been received from the community in relation to the proposal to create further outdoor dining opportunities. Overwhelmingly, 94% of respondents support the expansion of temporary outdoor dining to help local businesses emerge from the pandemic lockdown.

COVID-19 has also impacted large scale events including the Sydney Road Street Party which was scheduled for March 2021. Due to bans on mass gatherings it is proposed that smaller 'pop-up' events replace the event, therefore allowing food businesses an opportunity to continue to participate in a COVID safe way.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the continuing challenges for businesses across Moreland with regards to reopening and recovering from the impacts of COVID-19 restrictions;
2. Notes the recent announcement of the Victorian Premier calling for councils and State Government departments to urgently facilitate outdoor eating and entertainment opportunities.
3. Endorses the following temporary outdoor dining permit options for eligible local businesses:
 - a) Expanded outdoor footpath trading to adjoining property;

- b) Expanded access to and take up of Moreland's Parklet program;
 - c) Conversion of sections of on-street carparking for outdoor dining opportunities;
 - d) Closure of side streets off main streets, or laneways for outdoor dining purposes;
 - e) Dining spaces in private carparks or adjoining property areas;
 - f) Set up of mobile food premises in large carparks or adjacent to public parks.
4. Seeks up to \$500,000 funding under the State Government Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Fund to support the temporary outdoor dining options.
 5. Waives fees for businesses for planning permit and other application fee costs for additional outdoor dining or trading that are lodged for approval with Council prior to 25 October 2020, to be funded through the State Government Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Fund Grant.
 6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to implement the Outdoor Eating and Entertainment options.
 7. Determines that further decision making to implement the endorsed approach to the outdoor dining and entertainment program, and other service changes required, for COVID-19 pandemic recovery cannot be reasonably deferred until after the local government election period which commences at 12 noon and concludes at 6 pm on 24 October 2020.
 8. Notes that the 2021 Sydney Road Street Party will be delivered under a new model, subject to the requirements of the State Government Road Map to Recovery, to include expanded outdoor dining opportunities.
 9. Receives a report evaluating the effectiveness of the Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Program in Moreland in June 2021.

1. Policy Context

This item relates to the Council Action Plan 20/21 (CAP), under Progressive City, specifically: 3. Support the local economy and trading environments to enhance economic activity and 7. Invest in the revitalisation of shopping and trading precincts and promote local jobs.

One of the focus areas of the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 is Healthy Communities, articulating Council's commitment to Moreland residents being part of a safe and resilient community.

2. Background

Metropolitan Melbourne is currently under a declared State of Disaster due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The State Government issued a 'roadmap for reopening' which contains provision for outdoor dining from 'step 3' (26 October, subject to case number thresholds) consisting of '*predominantly outdoor seated service, group limit of 10 and density limits*'.

On the 14 September 2020, the Premier announced the State Government's *Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package* which will provide \$87.5 million to councils and businesses to make widespread outdoor dining safe, practical and a reality this summer.

It is understood that \$58 million will go towards grants of up to \$5,000 to help hospitality businesses pay for the practical things that will make this plan work including umbrellas, outdoor furniture, screens and other equipment.

Metropolitan councils will be eligible for up to \$500,000 in assistance. This money can also be passed on to businesses in the form of reducing or waiving permit fees or invested in infrastructure such as streetscaping and lighting.

There has been significant media and public interest over the last week, and there have been multiple enquires from Moreland hospitality businesses seeking clarity.

In addition, there are current bans on mass gatherings due to COVID-19 which may severely impact on Council's ability to deliver a safe Sydney Road Street Party in March 2021. Through research and discussion with peak bodies and peers, it is unlikely that gatherings of approximately 40,000-50,000 people will be permitted by March 2021. To avoid negatively impacting key stakeholders and traders along Sydney Road Brunswick, alternative plans must be considered.

3. Issues

Hospitality Businesses in Moreland

Restaurants, cafes and bars are an integral part of City of Moreland. In many cases our hospitality businesses are a signature aspect in the identity of our city. There are 578 currently registered food businesses in Moreland.

The Accommodation and Food Services sector in Moreland employs more than 3,300 jobs which equates to more than 2300 equivalent full-time positions. In the 2018/19 financial year, this industry sector contributed approximately \$378 million in economic output.

Preliminary Options Analysis

Following release of the Victorian Government 'Roadmap for Recovery', Council officers convened an internal 'Outdoor Dining Taskforce' to determine the most effective ways of expanding opportunities for outdoor dining for existing Moreland hospitality businesses. This group consisted of staff from across multiple service areas.

This group has developed and undertaken preliminary feasibility analysis on six potential options to increase opportunities for outdoor dining for hospitality businesses in Moreland. The group has also engaged with other local government areas to evaluate options being considered elsewhere.

Recommended Options

Following an assessment, Council officers have established that there are six options available for Council to pursue. However, it must be noted that further due diligence is necessary to confirm the suitability of the options, including engagement with relevant hospitality business owners, state government agencies and the broader community.

The options explored and recommended include:

1 Expand outdoor footpath trading to the footpath areas directly in front of adjoining properties

Where existing hospitality businesses have a footway trading permit for the front of their business (on Council's footpath), an opportunity can be provided to amend the existing permit to extend the outdoor trading area to adjoining properties. This would require written consent from the tenant or operator of the neighbouring property, as well as adherence to existing footway trading guidelines.

This option is considered a relatively quick win and it is an opportunity which could apply to many businesses across the municipality. Issues with this option are:

- There may not be room to expand to adjacent properties – if for example, properties on both sides have their own outdoor trading set up, or if there is significant existing infrastructure, for example, a bus stop, telephone box, or other urban infrastructure. It is recommended that 1.5 metre clearance is a minimum but only for short distance as it creates a pinch point;
- Potential for crowding on busy footpaths – in dense areas, the existing guidelines for 1.5 metre distance between outdoor dining furniture and the property boundary may be insufficient to maintain appropriate social distancing;
- On 25 March 2020 Council resolved to 'refund all fees paid in advance for services that can no longer take place, including street trader permits'. For the 2020/21 financial year Council has budgeted a revenue of \$176,690. This is made up of fees for mobile food vans and footway trading permits (the majority of which are for hospitality businesses).

Council can apply to State Government to recoup lost revenue from permits. It is recommended that, should Council be successful in obtaining a State Government grant, fees for both footway trading permits and mobile food vans, with business addresses registered in Moreland, are waived for the remainder of the 2020/21 financial year.

2 Expand access to and take up of Moreland's Parklet program

Moreland has an existing and successful parklet program. A parklet is when a carparking space in front of a business is converted to an outdoor dining space. Individual businesses are responsible for hosting each parklet, this means taking responsibility for cleaning and maintenance. The parklet program at Moreland has been established for a number of years, the processes and safety requirements for the program have been tried and tested. There has been good take up of parklets to date, with the Grandview Hotel, Pearson Street, Brunswick West having a great example. However, for some businesses, the parklet opportunity has been cost-prohibitive.

With funding support from the State Government, there is an opportunity to scale the Parklet program, making it cheaper to access for hospitality businesses across Moreland and fast-tracking assessment and approvals.

Should State Government funding be available to scale the parklet program, this option is considered worth pursuing and it is an opportunity which could apply to many businesses across the municipality. Issues with this option are:

- Each parklet is designed individually, then assessed for compliance against our Parklet Guidelines. Notwithstanding our parklet guidelines, there can be relatively long lead in times with individual parklet approvals and installations, as it is usually a unique proposition both for the business, designer and fabricator of each parklet.
- Additional Council staff resources are required to promote and facilitate scaling of the parklet opportunity across the municipality.
- Currently Council officers assess the safety of each parklet proposal. However, with the expected scale of uptake, and the need to seriously consider safety impacts, it is recommended to undertake independent Road Safety Audits on each occasion and consider temporary reductions to speed limits.
- The opportunity is not available on arterial or main roads.

3 Convert sections of on-street carparking for outdoor dining opportunities

In this option, Council would take the lead and provide appropriate infrastructure to allow expansion of outdoor dining for a cluster of hospitality businesses. This would include developing a platform to ensure flat *Disability Discrimination Act* compliance, access and appropriate barriers to manage road safety risk. Individual hospitality business could then apply to use this additional space, and they would be responsible for fit out, including tables, chairs, umbrellas etc.

Should State Government funding be obtained, this option is considered worth pursuing and it is an opportunity which could provide a 'destination' outdoor dining. The southern end of Lygon Street, East Brunswick is a prime candidate for this type of intervention. This could also apply on a smaller scale for example on Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy or West Street, Hadfield (noting this is an arterial road owned and managed by DOT). **Attachment 1** shows an artist impression of what this may look like on the example streets of Lygon Street and Sydney Road.

Issues with this option are:

- Choosing the most appropriate locations with clusters of interested existing businesses. Noting that this would only be feasible in 2 to 3 locations, due to cost and resource implications;
- Loss of carparking may be an issue in busy activity centres, although this must be balanced against the urgent need to bring people and foot traffic back to our activity centres;
- Designing and building the temporary platform with appropriate road safety infrastructure to mitigate car damage risk. This would include measures such as car stops and reducing speed limits, as appropriate. It is recommended to undertake independent Road Safety Audits on each occasion and consider temporary reductions to speed limits in these stretches;
- Maintenance, cleaning and compliance checking on these areas will require dedicated resources to maintain drainage flow and amenity.

4 Temporary closure of side streets off main streets, or laneways

In this option, appropriate side streets off main streets, could be closed temporarily and set up for outdoor dining for a collection of adjoining businesses. A 24/7 side street closure is not recommended as this would trigger permit requirements for both road closures, with permit timeframes stretching beyond the summer of 2020/21. As such, this option is likely to respond to weekend trade only. In respect to the need for town planning approvals traders can take the benefit of the following exemptions, as no planning permit is required for:

- i. The use of land in a road if the use is associated with the use of adjoining land and is authorized by the Council under a local law.*
- ii. The use of land in a road to trade from a stall, stand, motor vehicle, trailer, barrow or other similar device.*

A road includes a laneway.

Should State funding be obtained and clear financial and operational commitment from 'host businesses' this option is considered worth exploring further and it is an opportunity which could provide 'destination' quality outdoor dining. In particular laneways and streets without significant access and amenity issues could be a very good experience for hospitality business and patrons.

Issues with this option are:

- Temporary closure of road and dining set up for every weekend for the summer months is an expensive exercise, needing road closure permits and set up and significant staffing each week. Even having success with the State Government grant, this opportunity may fall outside the priority budget envelope.
- This will give rise to amenity and access issues for adjoining neighbours, with potential impacts from noise and limitations to access. Engagement within the immediate area prior to supporting any of these interventions is recommended.

5 Response to business who want to set up temporary dining opportunities in their private land, private car parks or adjoining private property areas

There will be instances where existing hospitality businesses have access to outdoor areas not previously used for dining. This may be carparking areas, courtyards, or even adjoining properties who consent to this use.

It is recommended to address queries on this on a case-by-case basis, in an effort to facilitate opportunities.

Issues with this option are:

- In certain instances, this could trigger a planning permit and public notice requirements to surrounding properties. Should the nature of these applications receive objections, the timeframes for a Council or VCAT which decision could, the timeframes for which would extend into the summer of 2020/21, making it unviable for many businesses.

6 Facilitate temporary set up of mobile food premises in large carparks or adjacent to public parks

There are many Moreland made food truck businesses (registered businesses with a Moreland business address. These businesses are part of our community and have suffered greatly from the extended lockdown in metropolitan Melbourne. There is an opportunity to facilitate set up of a temporary food truck area in larger carparks in Moreland or adjacent to public parks.

In respect to town planning requirements, a planning permit is not required for approvals:

‘An event on public land; or temporary buildings or works required for the event; where that event has been authorised by the public land manager or by the council under a local law. An event includes land used to provide temporary cultural or community activities and entertainment such as a concert, festival or exhibition.’

It is recommended to further examine setting up a transparent and equitable program to facilitate these opportunities.

Issues with this option are:

- Many food trucks do not necessarily come from Moreland and some restaurants and cafés have complained in the past that they get less business due to food trucks. This is another reason to support local businesses;
- This would require a host to manage the operations of a ‘food truck park’;
- Set up costs for Council are minimal and may include forgone fees, road closure infrastructure (for carparks) and basic infrastructure such as bins, benches and lighting.

The internal Task Force also explored one option which is not recommended; to set up significant dining areas within public parks.

In the summer of 2020/21, it is expected that public use of our parks will grow significantly, as people will be encouraged to socialise outdoors. As such, the value of Council’s parks becomes greatly elevated. Privatising parts of Council’s parks for outdoor dining during the summer will benefit only a very small number of local businesses and dis-benefit general park users, as such this is not recommended.

Sydney Road Street Party 2021

The Sydney Road Street Party has been the opening event of the Brunswick Music Festival for over 20 years and is attended by 40,000-50,000 people each year. There are current bans on mass gatherings due to COVID-19 and through research and discussion with peak bodies and peers, it is unlikely that gatherings of this size will be permitted by March 2021.

Many major music events are not proceeding including St Kilda Festival (Port Phillip City Council), Port Fairy Folk Festival and Meredith Music Festival. Major sporting events that attract similar size audiences to the Sydney Road Street Party, such as the Australian Open and Boxing Day Test, are currently under review.

A suite of smaller alternative events that are likely to be able to go ahead in some form despite restrictions will be the best way to mitigate the risks of last minute cancellation or COVID outbreak at a major event, while also serving the needs of key stakeholders. Sydney Road Street Party will be redesigned as a series of free events that will provide benefits to the six key stakeholders of the event:

- Commercial food and other stallholders that attend from both inside and outside the municipality;
- Sydney Road traders;
- Sydney Road traders that are music venues;
- local community groups – through programming and stalls;
- the attendees of the event; and
- musicians.

These events will form part of the Brunswick Music Festival to capitalise on the reputation of that event as a high-calibre, diverse festival that attracts a large audience and is rooted in the heart of Brunswick. This will also allow for cross promotion and marketing. To provide activity in the Sydney Road precinct and support local traders, up to three small music events would be held along the street during the Brunswick Music Festival, engaging the adjacent traders and attracting audiences to the area. Possible locations include Sparta Place, Brunswick Mechanics' Institute forecourt, 260 Sydney Road and Wilson Avenue. This proposal is supported by the Sydney Road Business Association. In addition, it is proposed that key music venues along Sydney Road in Brunswick will be targeted to be part of the Brunswick Music Festival and look to hold two larger scale outdoor, free events in Brunswick parks. Key risks have been considered and addressed in the development of this alternative program, which will be revised as COVID restrictions change.

Principles of Approach

Guidelines from the State Government are not yet available and there is uncertainty on funding and permitting timelines. As such, it is recommended that Council adopts a set of principles to allow a strategically principled but tactically flexible approach to guide how we implement these changes, these are as follows:

Partnerships

With each of the recommended options, a partnership approach with local hospitality business and relevant stakeholders is recommended. None of these interventions should be pursued if Council is acting alone.

Further Engagement

Each specific place intervention requires engagement with local residents and other relevant stakeholders.

Equity

There is a need to promote equity in interventions, ensuring a fair opportunity for as many businesses as possible. This includes ensuring a good geographic spread of interventions, acknowledging clustering of hospitality business in certain locations.

Community impact

These interventions have the potential to have positive impact on our community, saving local businesses and providing our community with social opportunities in public spaces.

Economic sustainability implications

Moreland's hospitality sector has been heavily impacted by COVID-19 shutdowns. The intervention recommended in this report have the potential to save jobs, businesses and livelihoods. Furthermore, the measure recommended in this report are entirely consistent with the Victorian Government's business relief effort.

Legal and risk considerations

There are a number of risks in pursuing the approaches described in this report in order to enable the expansion of outdoor dining:

- Liability – most of the options require Council to take on greater public liability responsibilities, in particular where road space is being converted to public / dining space;
- Permits – a range of interventions may require Council and State authority permits, some of which have long lead and assessment times. Council awaits State Government guidance on facilitating parking lane road closures on arterials, for example;

- Amenity – more outdoor dining has the potential to provide noise nuisance to adjoining neighbours and this will need to be managed appropriately.

Human Rights Consideration

The implications of this report have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

Key sections in the Charter that are relevant to this report are recognition and equality before the law (section 8), freedom of movement (section 12) and taking part in public life (section 18).

The majority of the actions proposed in this report contribute positively to freedom of movement by making walking and cycling safer and more attractive as modes of transport.

Some actions, which require removal of car parking may impact on freedom of movement for car users. Speed limit reductions may accompany the need to make streets safer and represent a very minor impact as they do not prevent any person from using a car and do not significantly increase travel times. No car spaces providing for disability parking will be removed. It is considered that the impact of the removal of parking is significantly outweighed by the benefits to safety and helping to restore the economy while improving walking and cycling as transport options.

This report also proposes Council delivers projects, including those resulting in a reduction in parking spaces, without the usual consultation process for such projects, which may limit the right to take part in public life. There is a need to quickly deliver outdoor dining activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and this work is complimentary to Council's transport response. As such, the impact to the right to take part in public life is considered to be outweighed by the positive impacts to reigniting the economy in this unprecedented time.

4. Community consultation and engagement

Officers initiated an online survey to gauge the community's support for expanded outdoor dining opportunities.

The survey was posted on Council's community engagement platform 'Conversations Moreland' and on Council's Instagram account. The survey was published on Tuesday, 15 September 2020 and remains open until Sunday 20 September 2020.

At the time of writing this report, more than 2,600 survey responses have been received. **Attachment 2** to this report includes a summary of responses as at 17 September 2020. An updated summary will be tabled under separate cover on Monday 21 September 2020.

The summary of current responses received to date highlight the following:

- To the question '*do you support us expanding outdoor dining by creating more spaces for restaurants, cafes and bars?*' 97 per cent of respondents (2,570 people) answered 'yes'.
- 85 per cent of respondents live in Moreland and 10 per cent own a local business.

It will be necessary to engage with hospitality businesses to determine implementation of options during election caretaker period, if this does not occur, it will not be possible to roll out expanded outdoor dining options in a timely manner.

5. Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

6. Financial and Resources Implications

Council has already responded to the pandemic by providing more than \$1.7 million in relief measures for local business. This includes:

- A comprehensive business grants program;
- A 6 month waiver on health permit registration fees;
- The waiving up to 6 month's rent for businesses leasing Council owned properties;
- A 'Love Moreland – Buy Local' campaign and interactive online portal to showcase local business;
- Rolled out a food business adaptation support program;
- Offered a free digital business mentoring;
- Started a vacant shopfront revitalisation program;
- The establishment of an e-marketplace initiative;
- Commencement of a shopfront improvement program;
- Offered interest free (financial hardship) rates deferral;
- Established a dedicated Business Hotline;
- Switched all training programs to online delivery;
- Enhanced communications to promote Government updates and support services;
- Delivered regular online wellbeing programs for business owners;
- Continued with an online Women in Business network; and
- Offered free concierge services to help businesses navigate planning applications.

External funding

It is expected that the State Government's Outdoor Eating and Entertainment grants package will be released the week beginning 21 September 2020. Council officers will seek \$500,000 under this package to help fund implementation of the six options as described in the body of this report.

Should Council be successful in securing a State Government grant, it is recommended that:

For outdoor dining businesses:

- Council renew existing permits and issue an extension until 30 June 2021 at no fee.
- Issue a permit for eligible new applications valid from date of approval until 30 June 2021 at no fee.
- Facilitate extension of existing permits to include trading outside a neighbour's property, in accordance with existing guidelines. This means that where assessed and approved there will be no fee to place additional items out on footpath until 30 June 2021 at no fee.
- Parklet program or extending outdoor dining onto road/parking bays - issue new permit valid until 30 June 2021 at no fee.

For mobile food vans:

- In the case of businesses registered to a Moreland address as of August 2020, issue a permit extension until 30 June 2021 at no fee.

The grant package could assist businesses in covering the planning permit and other application fees costs (including the associated public notification costs) for additional outdoor seating areas lodged for approval prior to 25 October 2020. Planning application fees are set by the State Government and can only be waived when the tests set by State regulations are met. The planning permit fees alone for 50 premises seeking additional outdoor dining across Moreland would equate to \$65,905 which excludes public notice costs, and any other Council permit fees.

Public liability

Council will be required to take on greater public liability responsibilities where road space is being converted to public / dining space. The premium costs associated with this requirement were not available at the time of preparing this report.

7. Implementation

Subject to Council's decision, the following steps will occur:

- Further due diligence and actioning of outdoor dining options, as provided;
- Preparation of a grant application for \$500,000 under Victorian Government's *Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Grants* package;
- Writing to eligible businesses and inviting them to evaluate their options and submit preferences to Council;
- Issuing permits to eligible businesses in the most time efficient way;
- Implementation updates to be reported via briefing to Council following the election period.

Attachment/s

1 ↓	Lygon Street and Sydney Road - Artists Impression of Outdoor Dining	D20/392651
2 ↓	Outdoor Dining in Moreland - Survey Results Summary as of 17 September 2020	D20/393000



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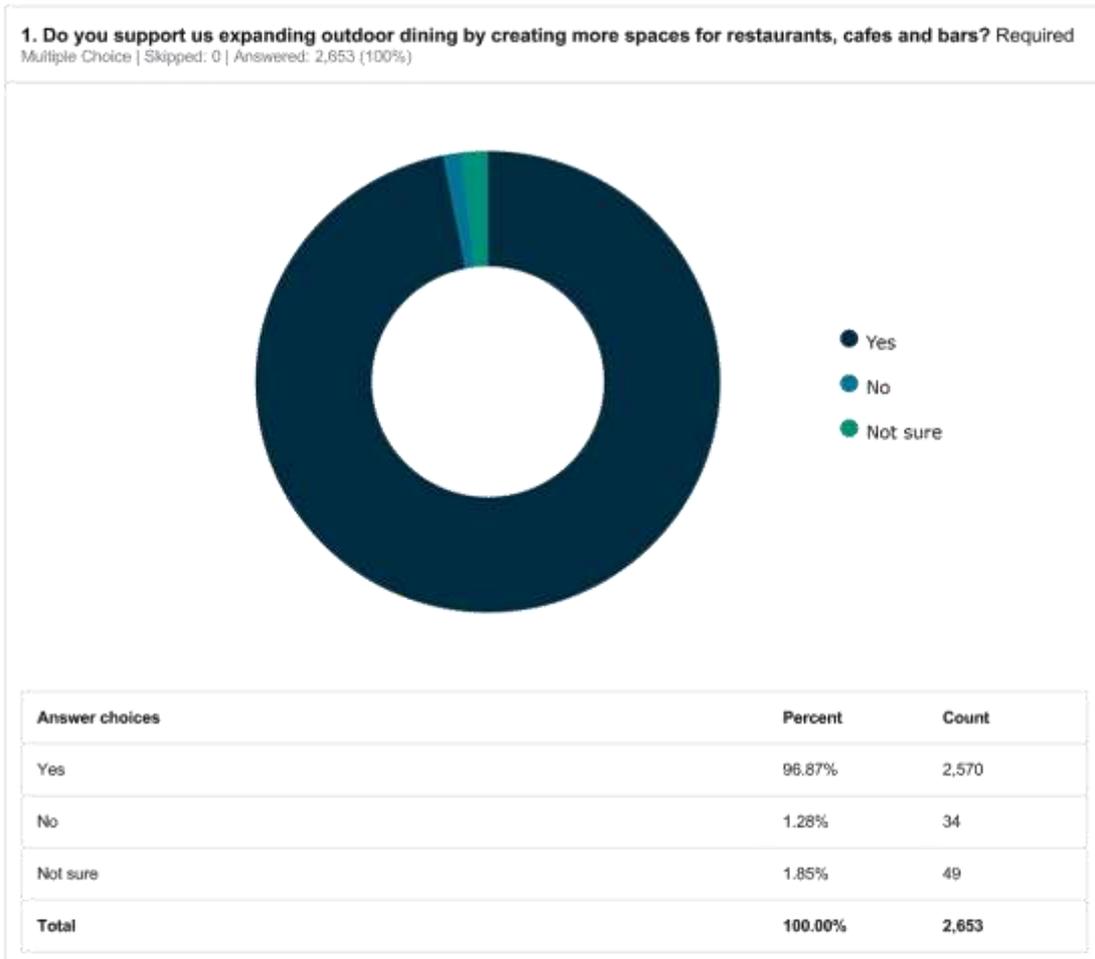
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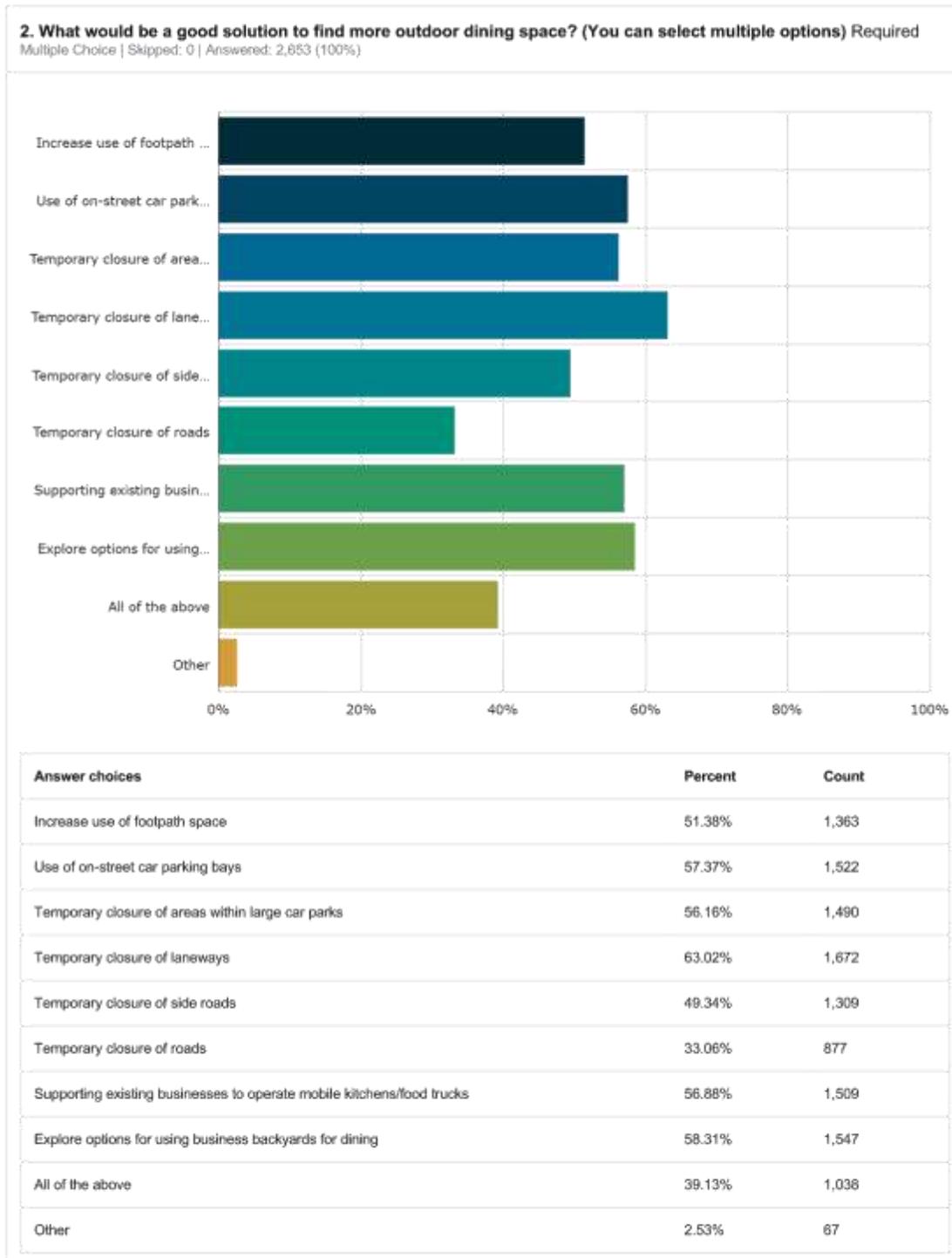
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 Outdoor dining in Moreland

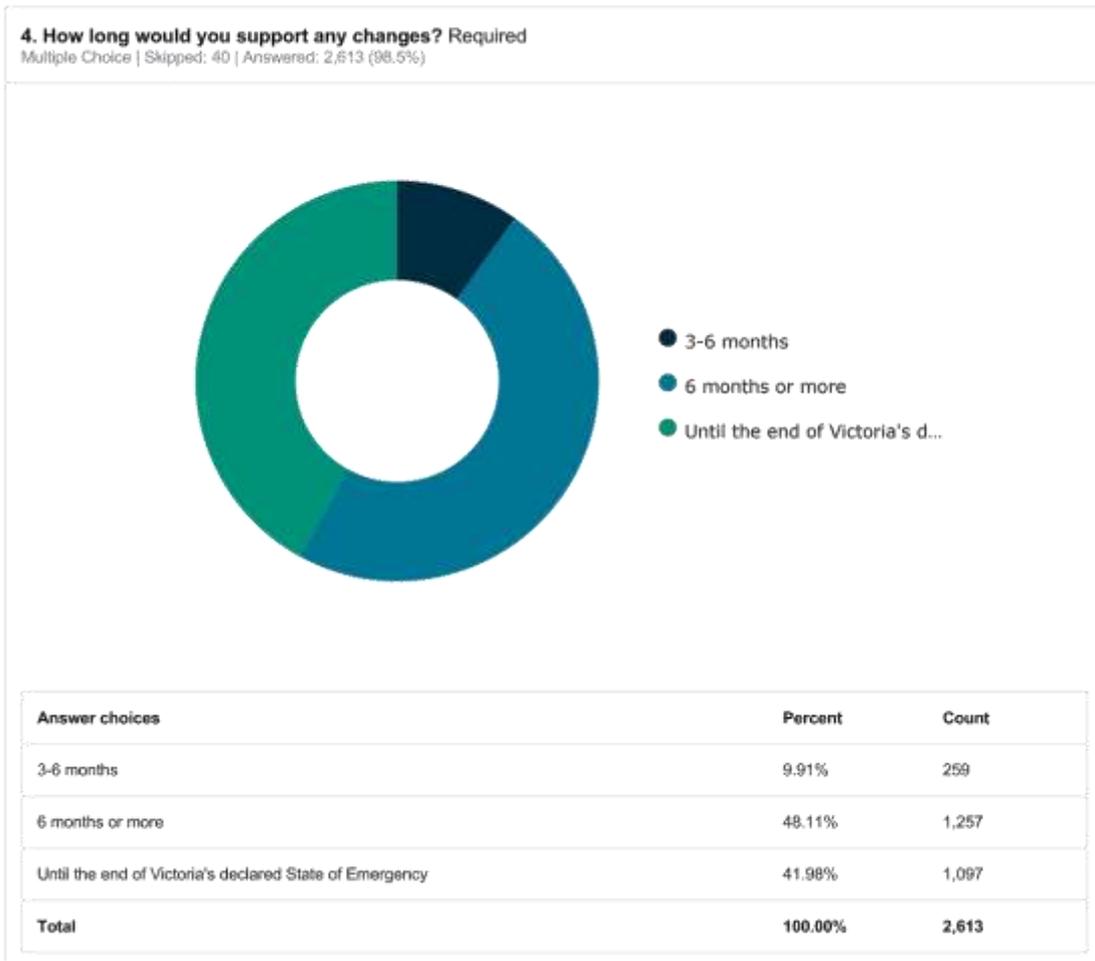
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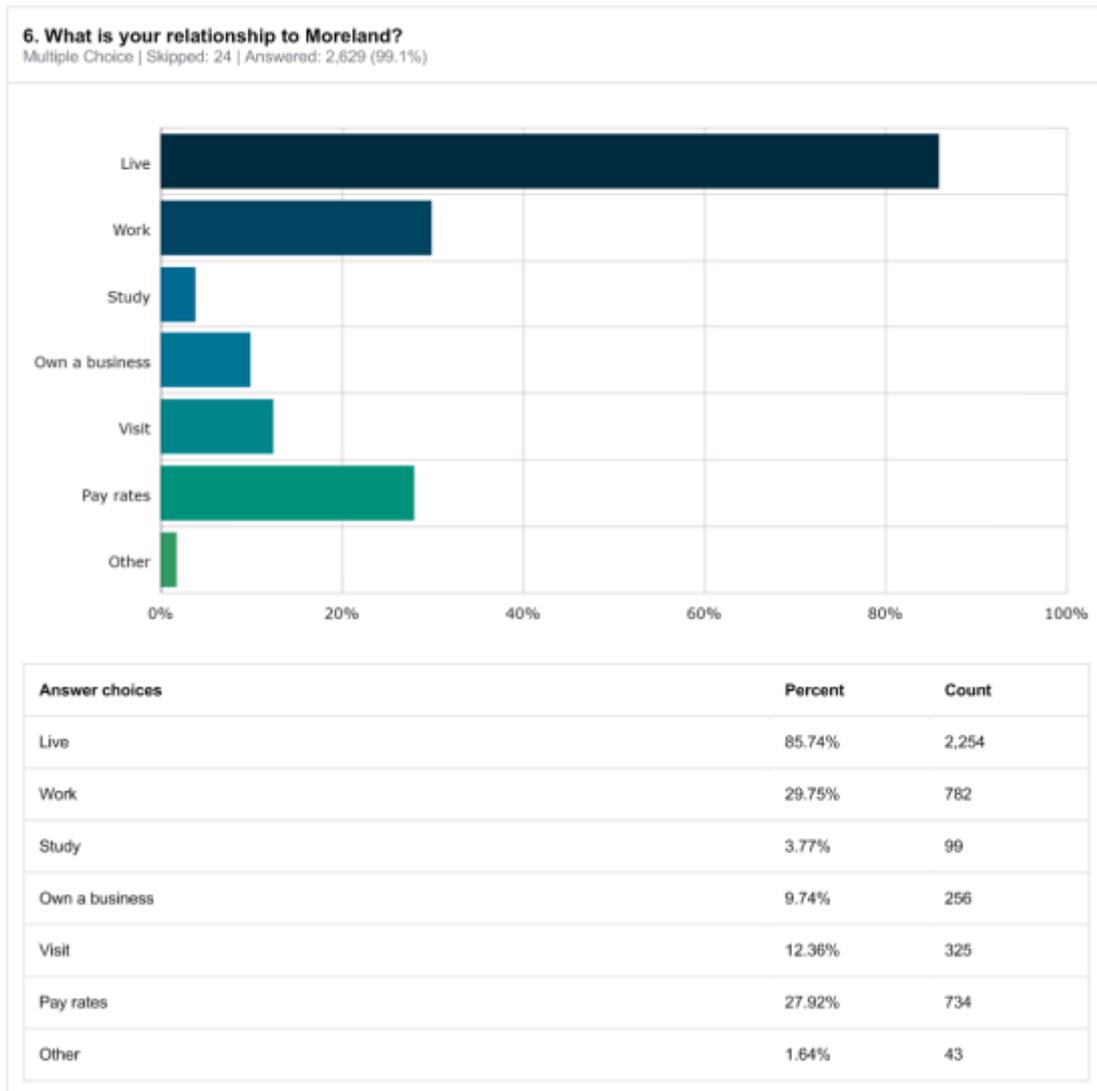


<p>3. If you selected 'other', please tell us your idea! Required Long Text Skipped: 2,542 Answered: 11 (0.4%)</p>
<p>All of the above except if closing roads interferes with public transport. Parking bays a particularly good idea. Contribution 11 of 11 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>Places with outdoor dining "out the back" or with a beer gardens, should be allowed to let customers in a back entrance or staff/delivery entry to access the already set up dining spaces Contribution 10 of 11 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>This is a waste of tax payers money yet again! Many restaurants will not be able to operate outdoors. Let the god damn hospitality industry operate productively in the environment that each one has created for itself. Contribution 9 of 11 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>Don't expect any thing to be attractive from above Contribution 8 of 11 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>I don't support this outside dining. Contribution 7 of 11 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>Just open the indoor dining Contribution 6 of 11 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>I don't support any change unless the accessibility issues outlined below are given a priority Contribution 5 of 11 15 September, 2020</p>
<p>How about Moreland being recognised as a food hub with a vibrant nightlife and not a dirty unsafe location full of floundering business and bizarre initiatives wasting ratepayers money. Sydney road is an absolute disgrace. 3mins from Meib Uni / 8km from ... Contribution 4 of 11 15 September, 2020</p>
<p>No smoking Contribution 3 of 11 15 September, 2020</p>
<p>- Contribution 2 of 11 15 September, 2020</p>
<p>I don't like any of these ideas. Certainly not increasing use of footpath space for dining. Some footpaths are already narrow (eg Sydney Rd, Coburg end) and increasing the space taken by dining would force pedestrians to walk among parked cars on the road... Contribution 1 of 11 15 September, 2020</p>



<p>5. Do you have any further feedback for us? Long Text Skipped: 1,769 Answered: 884 (33.3%)</p>
<p>Closed street frontages would be ideal so as to avoid having diners ingesting traffic pollution, and allowing pedestrian access. Some smaller precincts may struggle with this, however flexible use of parking space, or even parkland nearby could be of use...</p> <p>Contribution 884 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>Before I would consider eating in outdoor spaces Moreland Council need to clean up all of your streets and laneways. Currently they wouldn't pass any health & safety requirements for outdoor dining and in fact could be responsible for spreading disease.</p> <p>Contribution 883 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>The only thing I am concerned about is the non-renewable powered outdoor heaters that might get used</p> <p>Contribution 882 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>Maybe use of vacant commercial property's as space could be encouraged and supported too</p> <p>Contribution 881 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>Have courage! Don't let a small group of people convince you that car parking should take precedence over the public realm!</p> <p>Contribution 880 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>Short term solutions are welcome and responses that lead to long term outcomes would be even more beneficial. Examples of successful permanent community/ outdoor areas include Victoria St Coburg and Wilson St Brunswick.</p> <p>Contribution 879 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>I wish Coburg Lake had cafe/coffee shop/ meals etc. It is such a beautiful environment and for the life of me just don't understand why we haven't something lovely there. also greater use of the Olympic pool area -- another beautiful setting yet so limit...</p> <p>Contribution 878 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>Please open Coburg Olympic Swimming pool asap for lap swimming, as the indoor aquatic centre will not be available for a long time.</p> <p>Contribution 877 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>With a dog and now a baby, we really enjoy outdoor seating places, however they are really limited in the north of Moreland (fawkner, glenroy). We generally travel (prior to covid) to other municipalities for brunch, etc. We would support on going outdoor...</p> <p>Contribution 876 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>make sure you keep consulting as whilst agreement may be gained to proposals in principal if the closure of lanes/ roads & taking of parking is too disruptive o community in which dining exapnsion i s proposed- you'll have unihappy residents who will not ...</p> <p>Contribution 875 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>Every single business to be provided with outdoor heaters as mandatory - this is going to go on beyond summer i fear</p> <p>Contribution 874 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>

<p>ROOFTOPS ARE ALSO AN OPTION FOR SITE OF OUTDOOR DINING. OPENING UP OF SHOP FRONTS TO ALLOW SMOOTHER FLOW OF SERVICE Contribution 873 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>Great initiative. Def need to streamline permits, too. Contribution 872 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>Only positives will come from this let's make it happen Contribution 871 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>Sydney road should be closed off to cars. Period! It will mean that more foot traffic will be good for local business owners. It's a traffic nightmare getting up and down that street anyway. Contribution 870 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>Would support these changes permanently! Contribution 869 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>Keep the use of footpaths ongoing Contribution 868 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>This should be a longterm thing. There needs to be a reallocation of space from private vehicles (roads and parking) to public space (parks, dining, pop up venues). We should be focusing on 'activating spaces' rather than somewhere someone can park a 2 ... Contribution 867 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>I think it would be great to see some of these changes become permanent to better open up public space. Contribution 866 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
<p>I think it's a wonderful idea, traveling overseas to Mexico and many parts of europe it was one of the best parts of eating and experiencing their lifestyle. Obviously the summer months will be most popular but why not have the option all year round Contribution 865 of 884 18 September, 2020</p>
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