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OVERVIEW OF SURVEY RESULTS

DEMOGRAPHICS

- **Age Range:** Respondents largely fall into the 45–64 and 65+ categories.
- **Residency:** Mix of **holiday visitors** and **frequent residents**; relatively fewer permanent residents.

OVERVIEW THANKS AND APPRECIATION

- **22 positive comments** acknowledging the committee's hard work and dedication.
- Common sentiments: “Keep up the good work,” “We’re lucky to have the MBRA team,” “Thank you for all you do.”

Reflection on Thanks and Appreciation

There’s strong goodwill and gratitude toward MBRA leadership — this is valuable capital to build on for future initiatives and consultations.

TOP COMMENTS

Theme	Number of Comments
Basketball proposal	45
General thanks & appreciation	22
Roads and traffic management	14
Survey process feedback	9
Dust suppression concerns	6
Others (battery, water, pine trees, etc.)	Remaining

COMMUNITY VALUES

What do Residents most value about Merricks. These include (inn order):

Community Aspect	Average Score
Tranquility, relaxation, peace and quiet	4.71
Village environment (dirt roads, treescapes, kid safety, etc.)	4.49
Unique environment (flora and fauna)	4.43
Water activities (beach, sailing, surfing, fishing)	4.31
Family history and preservation of 'the magic of Merricks'	3.93
Bush activities (walking, bird watching)	3.89
People and sense of community (social groups, activities)	3.88

OVERVIEW BASKETBALL RING PROPOSAL

- This was the most discussed topic by far, with 45 comments.
- Feedback was polarized — many supported the idea as a valuable recreation space for children and teenagers, while others raised concerns about:
 - Noise
 - Potential misuse or vandalism
 - Aesthetic impact on the reserve
 - Desire for clear usage guidelines

Reflection on Basketball Ring Proposal:

Community is highly engaged on this issue. Any next step should involve open consultation, site trials, or alternative proposals to address concerns.

OVERVIEW ROADS AND TRAFFIC PROPOSAL

- **14 comments**, mostly about:
- Supporting double lines at the Frankston-Flinders & Merricks Beach Road intersection for safety
- Calls for **clearer information about the proposal**
- Concerns about increased traffic and speed limits

Reflection on Roads and Traffic:

Safety is a shared concern, but more detailed communication is needed before residents feel confident supporting traffic changes.

OVERVIEW DUST SUPPRESSION PROPOSAL

- **6 comments** supporting seasonal dust suppression measures.
- Concerns about:
 - Health impacts of dust in summer
 - Environmental friendliness of dust control methods

Reflection on Dust Suppression:

There's moderate but genuine interest — MBRA could consider investigating and presenting dust suppression options ahead of next summer.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY THEMES

- **Battery installation proposal:** Modest support but with requests for more information on location, operation, and benefit.
- **Survey feedback:** Several suggestions to improve question clarity, reduce length, and increase outreach for more diverse responses.
- **General concerns:**
 - Dogs off-leash
 - Rubbish management

- Pine tree maintenance
- Preservation of bush walking tracks

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS ON FEEDBACK REFLECTIONS BY THEME

1. **Host a dedicated info session or community forum on the basketball proposal** — to air concerns and collaboratively explore options.
2. **Provide detailed updates on the road safety and double lines proposal.**
3. **Investigate seasonal dust suppression options** and communicate findings.
4. **Thank the community publicly** for their support and positive feedback.
5. **Refine future surveys** — clearer, shorter, with thematic grouping and a comments box on each issue.

DETAILS OF SUPPORT FOR 4 KEY ISSUES

Four key proposals drew most attention:

- Basketball Ring at MBRA Recreation Reserve
- Community Battery Installation
- Double Lines at Frankston-Flinders & Merricks Beach Rd Intersection
- Dust Suppression for Summer Season

CHART OF SUPPORT FOR 4 KEY ISSUES

Proposal	Yes (%)	No (%)	Undecided / More Info (%)	Prefer Not to Say (%)
Basketball Ring at Rec Reserve	25.6	67.0	4.9	2.5
Community Battery Installation	25.9	39.5	34.3	0.3
Double Lines at Key Intersection	88.9	1.5	9.6	—
Dust Suppression (Summer)	54.6	10.5	34.3	0.6

ISSUE 1 - BASKETBALL RING

- Majority opposed (67%)
- Only 25.6% in favour
- **lacks youth support** and is actually better supported by middle-aged to older residents
- Unexpected trend: Youth (Under 25, 25-34) overwhelmingly opposed (94–81% No)
- Most support among middle-aged groups (45-54: 31.5%, 55-64: 33.3%)
- **faces significant opposition (67%)**, with a small quarter in favor.

BASKETBALL RING SUPPORT BY AGE GROUP (%)

Age Group	Yes	No	Undecided	Prefer Not to Answer
Under 25	5.6	94.4	0.0	0.0
25-34	14.3	81.0	4.8	0.0
35-44	10.5	89.5	0.0	0.0
45-54	31.5	66.7	1.9	0.0
55-64	33.3	58.7	5.3	2.7
65-74	25.0	68.1	4.2	2.8

75-84	29.5	59.1	6.8	4.5
85+	23.5	41.2	23.5	11.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0

KEY PATTERNS OF BASKETBALL RING SUPPORT:

- Higher support among middle-age groups (45-54, 55-64, 75-84) — with around 30–33% saying yes.
- Younger age groups (Under 25, 25-34, 35-44) show low support for the basketball ring, counter to what might be expected.
- Notable undecided rates in the 85+ group (23.5%), suggesting openness or need for more information.
- Consistent majority 'No' across all groups, especially strong in Under 25, 25-34, and 35-44.

ISSUE 2 COMMUNITY BATTERY

Community Battery Installation support:

- **Divided opinion:** 25.9% Yes, 39.5% No, and 34.3% undecided
- is the most divisive, with higher uncertainty and more polarised views
- **has mixed feelings**, with only 25.9% in favour and over a third requesting more information.
- **Highest support:**
 - 45-54 yo (42.6%)
 - 75-84 yo (29.5%)
- **High undecided rates** (30–40%) in almost all age groups, reflecting need for more community education.

PROPOSAL SUPPORT BY AGE FOR COMMUNITY BATTERY — KEY PATTERNS

- Most supportive: 45-54 (42.6%), followed by 75-84 (29.5%) and 55-64 (26.7%).
- High uncertainty across all groups, with 30–40% undecided in nearly every bracket.
- Under 25 and 25-34 groups show low support (5–6%) and high 'No' rates (67% and 57%).
- Notable: 85+ group split fairly evenly between No (41.2%), Yes (17.6%), and undecided (41.2%).

ISSUE 3 DUST SUPPRESSION

- **Dust suppression** draws broad but cautious support, especially with older residents

- **is moderately supported (54.6%)**, though a large portion (34.3%) seeks more information.
- **Highest support: 75-84 yo (75%) and 65-74 yo (55.6%).**
- **Younger age groups (Under 25, 25-34)** lean toward undecided (55–52%).
- 35-64 age range generally **supports at 48–63%.**
- Very low opposition across the board (mostly under 14%).

ISSUE 4 DUST SUPPRESSION FOR SUMMER

- **Moderate to strong support (54.6%)**
- **Higher backing among older residents:**
 - 75-84 (75%)
 - 65-74 (55.6%)
- **Younger residents more cautious/undecided:**
 - Under 25: 55.6% undecided
 - 25-34: 52.4% undecided
- Suggests scope for further community info.

ISSUE 4 DOUBLE LINES AT INTERSECTION

- Massively supported across all ages:
 - 65-74, 75-84, and 85+ all at or above 94% Yes
 - Even 35-64 groups mostly 83–95% Yes
 - Under 25 support: 77.8% Yes
- Very few undecided (except slight rises in Under 25 and 45-64 brackets)
- **Near-total consensus proposal**
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- **Massive support (88.9%)**
- **Near-unanimous approval across all ages**
- **Particularly strong among 35+ age groups (94%+)**
- Very few undecided or opposed — clear community mandate.
- **Double lines** are universally backed
- **Strong support for double lines (88.9%)** — clear community priority.

SUMMARY OF 4 MAJOR ISSUES

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Prioritise double lines project
- Defer basketball ring proposal pending further community review

- Prepare an info sheet/community briefing for dust suppression options
- Run targeted education workshops or materials on community battery benefits

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

✓ **Double lines proposal enjoys overwhelming support** — community wants this action prioritised.

✗ **Basketball ring proposal is clearly unpopular** — especially with younger and middle-aged residents, contrary to expectations.

● **Dust suppression generally welcomed** but warrants additional info-sharing, especially for younger households.

🗳️ **Community battery concept has potential**, but with a significant undecided audience — education and engagement needed before progressing.