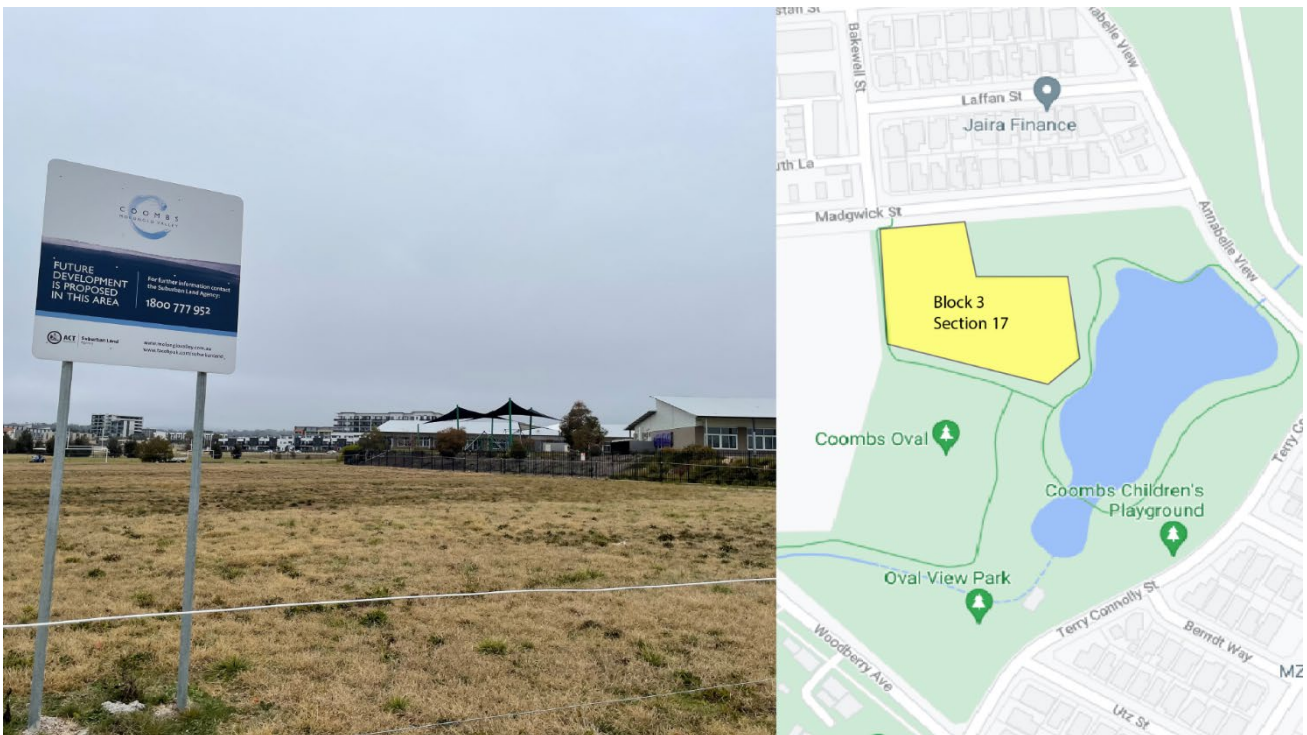


# **SURVEY REPORT**

## **Last Community Zoned Land Coombs**

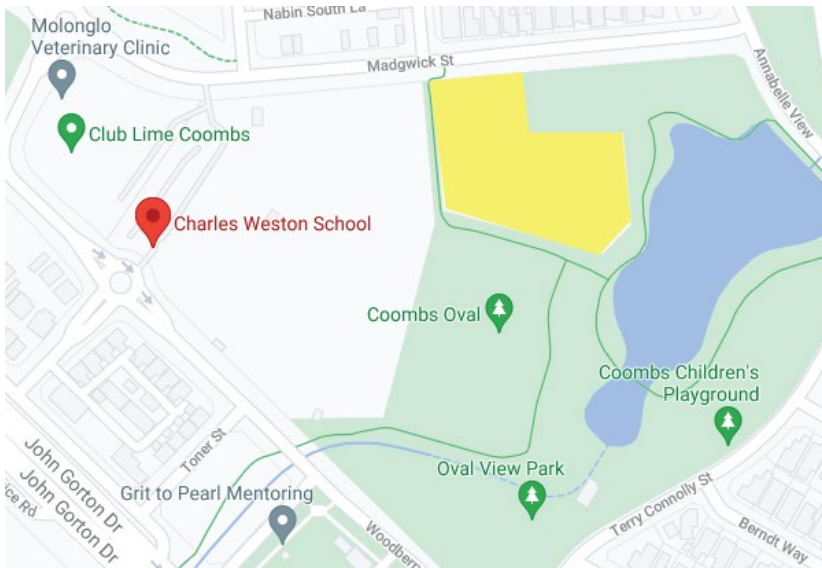
# Block 3 Section 17 Coombs



The Suburban Land Agency has announced a Community Centre to be built in Coombs on the vacant block on Beecroft Street - opposite Coombs Park and the empty shops. The ACT Government has also acquired a five-year lease for the Community Activity Space at 110 Woodberry Ave Coombs.

Considering this news, the Molonglo Valley Community Forum (MVCF) conducted an online survey to obtain an indication from community members on what should be developed on the last community-zoned land in Coombs, Block 3 Section 17.

# Location



Block 3 Section 17 Coombs is located on Madgwick Street.

This land is next to the Coombs Oval (school oval), which will not be affected by the development of the community site.

The site is adjacent to Charles Weston School Coombs. It is also close to the childcare centre on Woodberry Avenue.

The closest retail or shop is 800 metres away - a small Indian grocer.

# Survey

A survey was conducted online to understand what community members would like to see developed on the land. As the last community zoned land in Coombs, it is imperative that the community be engaged in the discussion regarding the development.

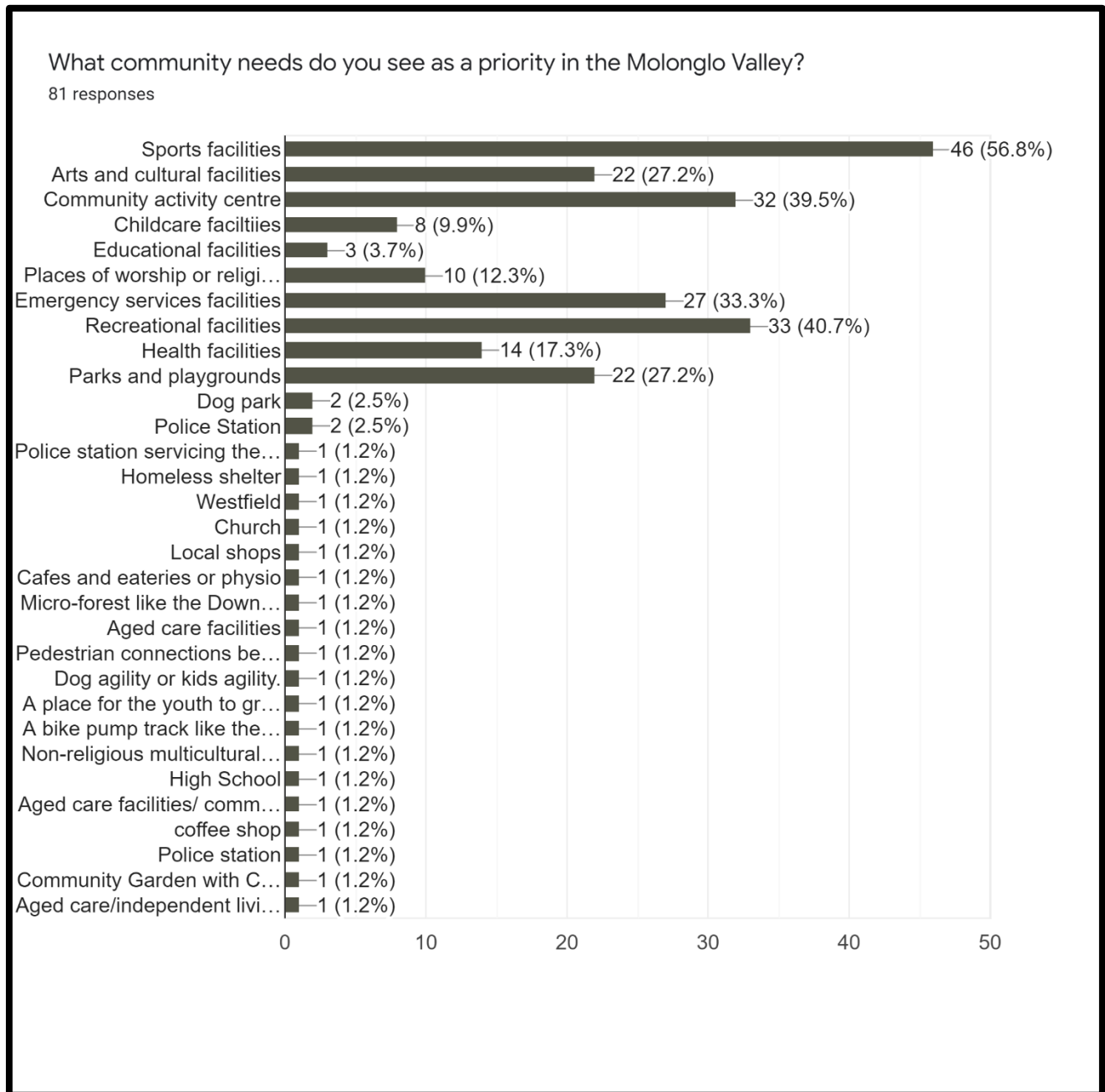
The survey was communicated and promoted to members and residents via the MVCF mailing list, at MVCF meetings and on Facebook. The survey was available online from 7 July to 27 July, and received 81 responses.

# Respondents

The survey specifically asked for people's addresses and their relationship to the Molonglo Valley to inform the MVCF's understanding of the responses. Four respondents identified as living on Madgwick Street, where the block is located.

The response options were shuffled for each respondent to ensure the integrity of the responses.

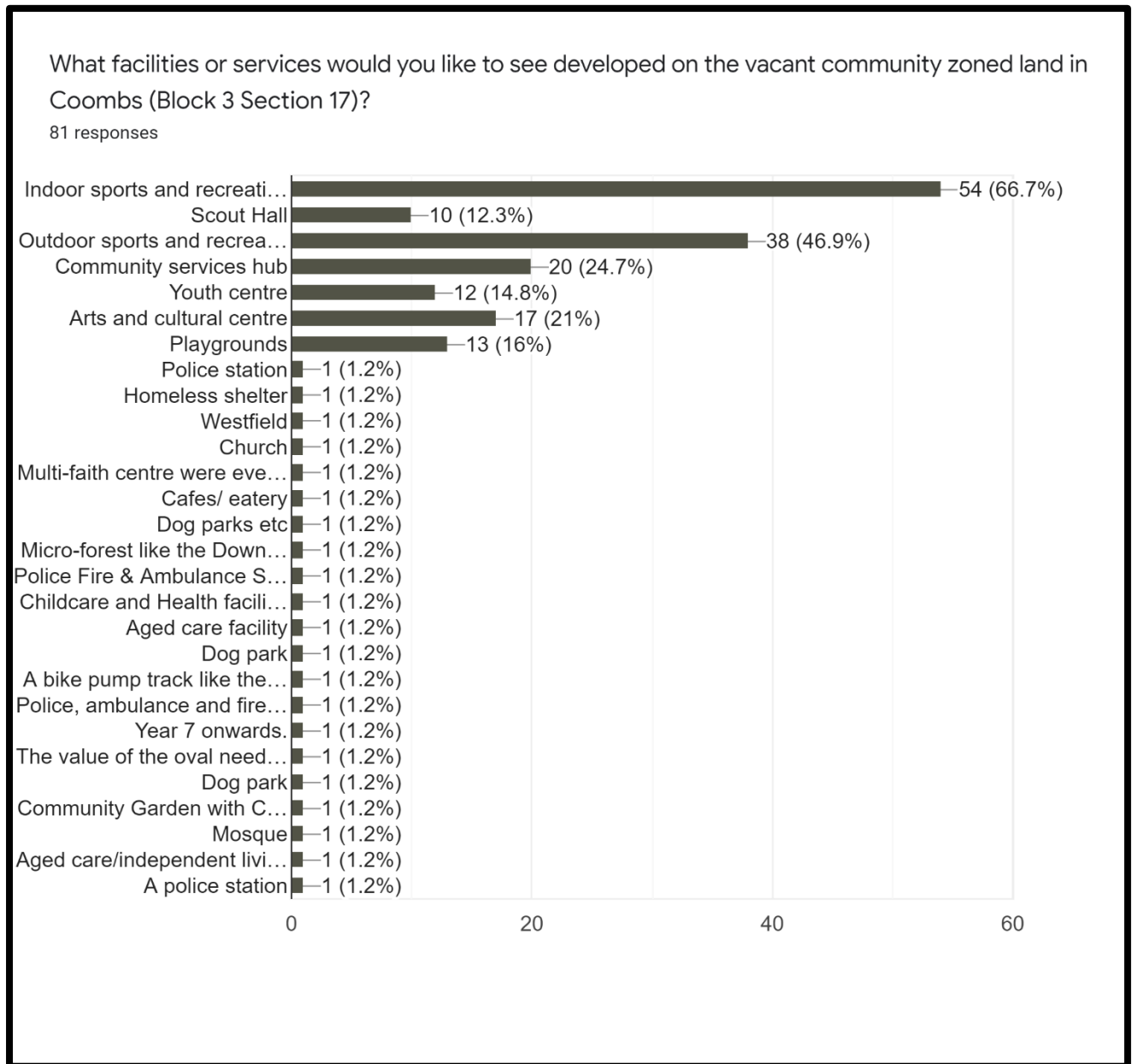
# What are the community needs?



This survey question was asked to assist the MVCF in understanding what residents and community members perceived as the gaps in community needs within the Molonglo Valley.

The respondents could choose multiple responses, and the response options were shuffled. The top response was Sports facilities (46), followed by Recreational Facilities (33). Of the responses, 57% of people indicated that they wanted to see more Sports facilities. Recreational facilities were deemed as needed by 41% of respondents. A community activity centre was considered as required by 32 respondents, and emergency services facilities were identified as a gap by 27 respondents.

# What should be developed on B3, S17?



This survey question was asked to understand what community members and residents wanted to see developed on the site.

An Indoor sports and recreation centre was the most popular response with 54 respondents selecting this option. The second most popular option was Outdoor sports and recreation facilities with 38 responses.

Other popular responses included a Community services hub (20) and Arts and cultural centre (17).

## Other ideas

Respondents could provide other ideas in a free response question regarding developments on Block 3, Section 17 – Coombs. Ideas such as basketball courts, cricket nets, community gardens, dog parks, mixed-faith facilities were listed. Several respondents identified the incorporation of a café or restaurant in a facility as a desirable outcome.

## Next Steps

The findings of the survey will be presented at the next MVCF Public Meeting on 19 August. This report will also be provided to the Suburban Land Agency (SLA) and the Members for Murrumbidgee.

The survey provides just some insight into what the community and residents think needs to be developed.

Further community engagement and discussions need to occur, particularly with residents who live on Madgwick Street and surrounding streets, the Charles Weston School community, and the SLA.

The MVCF will continue to collaborate and discuss the development of this block with the community, the ACT Government and interested community groups.

The MVCF will be monitoring the ACT Government's Indicative Land Release Program, which will be released with the Budget later this year.