

Community Consultation Summary

Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) – Commercial Leases

Overview

Community consultation was undertaken between 24 November and 15 December 2025 on the draft Key Lease Terms for two existing commercial premises:

- The Bookmakers La Dolce Vita Event Management & Catering Pty Ltd
- The Victoria Park Kiosk Lola Café Bar Pty Ltd

A total of 94 submissions were received during the consultation period.

Quantitative Results

Support for Proposed Lease – The Bookmakers

- 90.11% supported Council progressing with a lease not exceeding 10 years
- 6.59% did not support the proposal
- 3.30% were unsure

Support for Proposed Lease – The Victoria Park Kiosk

- 89.13% supported Council progressing with a lease not exceeding 10 years
- 3.26% did not support the proposal
- 7.61% were unsure

Qualitative Feedback – Key Themes

Key Themes of Support

- Strong support for the continued activation of Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi through hospitality uses.
- Recognition of the value of existing commercial buildings in supporting recreation and social connection.
- Support for retaining and improving existing structures rather than new development.
- Desire for stability and certainty for current operators.
- Positive feedback on service quality, events, and community functions.

Key Themes of Concern

- Concerns about over-commercialization of the Park Lands.
- Requests to avoid increases in building footprint, height, or car parking impacts.
- Noise and late-night event management concerns.
- Occasionally reduced public access during private functions.
- Limited concern regarding any gambling-related associations.