

Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve Master Plan

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The Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve Master Plan project is near completion with a Draft Master Plan Concept now available for public exhibition and comment.

Why a Master Plan for Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve?

Through the development of an updated Master Plan, Council is aiming to identify Reserve development and improvement opportunities that respond to future community and sporting club needs, as well as improving access and increasing activation of Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve.

The Final Master Plan will provide a clear vision for the Reserve and will be used as a key planning and implementation document for both government and community stakeholders.

What consultation activities have been used to inform the Draft Master Plan Concept?

The following consultation activities have been conducted by the Project Team and have assisted to inform the development of the Draft Master Plan Concept for the Reserve:

- Project inception meeting with Council.
- Melton City Council key staff workshop.
- Presentation to the Leisure Advisory Committee.
- Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve key user group workshop.
- One on one meetings with tenant sporting groups, community groups and Diggers Rest Primary School.
- Development of a Council website project page and online community survey (244 responses received).
- Correspondence with peak sporting bodies and local sporting associations.
- Correspondence regarding the project status and community survey to residents who expressed interest via the 'My City My Say' event in March 2017.
- Onsite facility condition audits.



What were the key Master Plan themes that emerged from consultation activities?

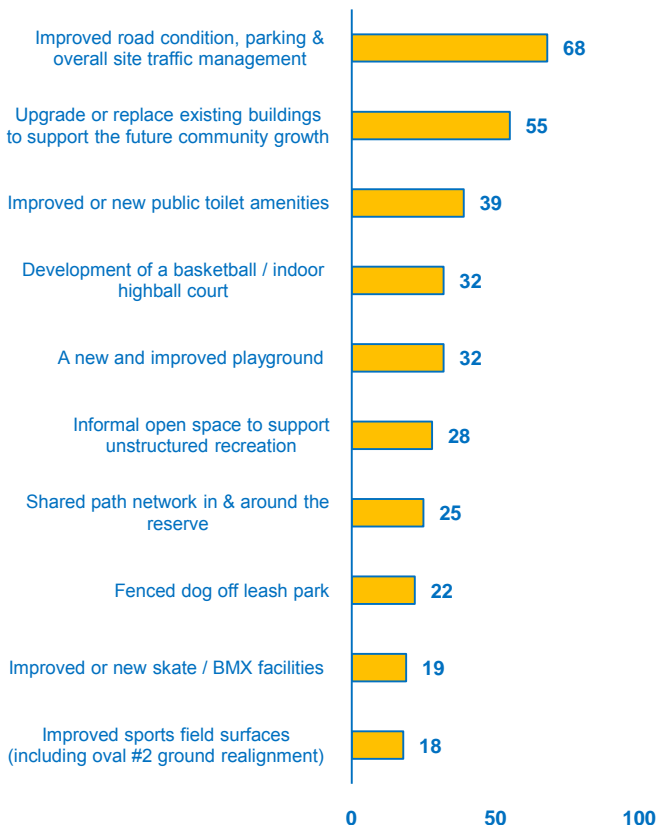
The following five themes emerged following stakeholder consultation and have guided the development of the Draft Master Plan Concept:

- 1. FACILITIES:** Ageing, non-compliant and dysfunctional buildings, amenities and supporting facilities require upgrading and modification to support Diggers Rest's growing and diverse community.
- 2. ACCESSIBILITY AND SITE CONNECTIVITY:** Poor site access and internal connectivity is limiting Reserve usage and capacity.
- 3. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIAL AMENITY:** There is currently a lack of community infrastructure and social amenity within the Reserve that supports passive and informal recreation pursuits.
- 4. SPORTS FIELD PROVISION AND SUITABILITY:** Existing sporting fields/courts and supporting facilities are not meeting the training/competition requirements for local level sport.
- 5. RESERVE AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT:** A 'shared use' approach to Reserve and facility management needs to be implemented to ensure a balance of both formal and informal site usage is achieved.

What did the Diggers Rest community say were the top 10 Reserve development priorities?

The online community survey identified the following top 10 overarching Reserve development priorities. The chart below does not include the key development priorities of the tenant user groups, however these have been incorporated within the Draft Master Plan Concept.

Top 10 Reserve Development Priorities



It should be noted that the Diggers Rest Precinct Structure Plan has provision for an additional 8 hectares of active open space (Davis Road Community Hub) that will be designed in conjunction with the local community. This site will provide opportunity to address any gaps in facilities that are unable to be accommodated at the Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve.

One item not included in the Draft Master Plan Concept that received local community interest was the development of an aquatic centre at the Reserve. Plans for future aquatic provision have been previously endorsed by Council (Aquatic Plan 2014-2034) with the recommendation of three aquatic facilities for the municipality at ultimate build out. These facilities include the existing Melton Waves site and planned developments in the Plumpton and Rockbank North Precinct Structure Plans. The Plumpton Leisure and Aquatic Centre will be located only 8km to the south of Diggers Rest.

The Draft Master Plan Concept Plan has been designed to be practical in its implementation, with key priorities and recommendations to be delivered in the next ten years. It is important to note that community demands and priorities do change over time, with suggested Reserve improvements to be used as a guide only and subject to funding availability.

How can I view the Draft Master Plan Concept and provide feedback?

Melton City Council is seeking community feedback from Monday, 21 August to Friday, 15 September 2017 on the Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve Draft Master Plan Concept.

To view the Draft Concept and to make comment, please visit the project page on Council's website - [Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve Master Plan](#).

The Draft Concept will also be on display at the Melton Civic Centre between the hours of 8.30am to 5pm from Monday to Friday until Friday, 15 September 2017.

Melton Civic Centre : 232 High Street Melton VIC, 3337

What are the next steps?

Feedback regarding the Draft Master Plan Concept will be considered during the preparation of the Final Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve Master Plan inclusive of a prioritised implementation plan, cost estimates, potential funding opportunities and stakeholder responsibilities.

It is anticipated the Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve Master Plan will be finalised in October 2017.

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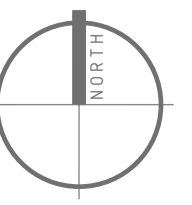
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- LEGEND**
- Existing Trees
 - Proposed Trees
 - Existing Entries Enhanced
 - Proposed Entries
 - Proposed Diggers Rest Primary School Entries
 - Proposed Temporary Dog Off Leash Area
 - Proposed Vehicle Entries
 - Proposed Ticket Booth
 - Proposed Asphalt Car Park
 - Proposed Concrete Path
 - Proposed Pedestrian Plaza
 - Proposed Synthetic Turf
 - Proposed Multiplay Court
 - Proposed Terraced Seating
 - Proposed Seating
 - Proposed Player Benches
 - Existing Fence
 - Proposed Sport Fence
 - Proposed Fence
 - Existing Sports Lighting
 - Proposed Sports Lighting
 - Existing Ball Catch Net
 - Proposed Ball Catch Net
 - Existing Buildings and Fences To be demolished



Facilities

- 1 Construction of new centralised community sporting pavilion. Pavilion to provide two large social / activity spaces that can be programmed concurrently as well as ground level public toilet facilities for Reserve users. Pavilion to also provide training and match day facilities for AFL, Netball, Cricket and Tennis user groups as well as umpire change rooms and supporting amenities.
- 2 Demolition of existing tennis club / scout hall, Burras Club and Community Hall buildings (post pavilion construction).

Sports provision and suitability

- 3 Upgrade sports field floodlighting on oval #1 in accordance with Australian Standards for AFL training activities.
- 4 Retain oval #1 and carry out surface improvement works where required.
- 5 Replacement of existing oval #1 fence in consultation with the CFA regarding vehicle access requirements.
- 6 Provision of ball protection fencing to northern end of oval #1.
- 7 Realignment of oval #2 to achieve north-south orientation. Ground dimensions to be guided by AFL and Cricket peak sporting body guidelines. Provision of player benches.
- 8 Relocate and replace synthetic centre pitch on oval #2 (post ground realignment).
- 9 Provision of sports ground fencing and ball protection fencing for oval #2 (post ground realignment).
- 10 Provision of standard scoreboard and stand to service oval #2.
- 11 Construction of a one court (multi-purpose) indoor active recreation facility (subject to funding).
- 12 Subject to future demand, land provision for one court extension to indoor active recreation facility.
- 13 Construction of two compliant multi-purpose courts with provision of ball protection fencing, shelter, seating, storage and lighting to Australian Standards (training) to replace existing netball court. Long term vision for player and umpire change room facilities and supporting amenities to be provided within the indoor active recreation facility.
- 14 Upgrade existing tennis facilities on site to achieve compliant run off and lighting requirements as per Tennis Victoria Standards.
- 15 Construction of two additional floodlit publicly accessible tennis courts (post completion of the new multi-purpose courts for provision of competition netball).
- 16 New four bay cricket training net facility (existing nets to be demolished upon conclusion of construction).

Community infrastructure and social amenity

- 17 New 'passive recreation hub' including playground (existing playground to be removed once new playground constructed), public BBQ facilities, shelter, picnic settings, informal seating, drinking fountain and new basketball half court/ multi-play court/rebound wall.
- 18 Outdoor fitness stations.
- 19 Temporary fenced dog off leash area (prior to construction of permanent site).
- 20 New permanent purpose built dog-off leash area (post ground realignment works).
- 21 New combined skate and BMX facility.
- 22 Increased spectator amenity via the provision of additional around the ground seating and shelter to both ovals.
- 23 Provision of increased security lighting throughout the Reserve (near main car parking areas).

Site connectivity and accessibility

- 24 Address existing Plumpton Road entry and traffic management issues through implementation of a traffic management plan.
- 25 Resurface and formalise Reserve car parking from Plumpton Road entrance including additional entry/exit off Houdini Drive to improve access.
- 26 Additional vehicle entry point to service new active indoor recreation facility.
- 27 Establishment of a formal shared pathway network throughout and around the perimeter of the Reserve.
- 28 Provide additional pedestrian Reserve entries to improve access. Provide signage and feature landscaping to improve Reserve identification and green vistas into the Reserve.
- 29 Reinstatement of consistent style low perimeter Reserve fencing to increase user safety and improve visual permeability.
- 30 Increase Reserve and school connectivity via inclusion of a lockable gate within fence structure to enable access to/from school grounds.
- 31 Provision of a pedestrian/spectator plaza surrounding new pavilion to improve amenity. Incorporate a vehicular exclusion barrier for safety.

Open space and environment

- 32 Maintain and enhance biodiversity along with environmental, physical and visual amenity through additional landscaping and canopy trees throughout the Reserve.
- 33 Investigate opportunities to incorporate Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) measures into any proposed car parks to treat stormwater runoff and provide passive irrigation.
- 34 Investigate and resolve drainage issues along the southern boundary interface with the school to improve access.
- 35 In line with Council's tree removal policy, removal of dense low level screen planting along boundaries and within the Reserve to improve sightlines, passive surveillance and safety.
- 36 Retain existing water tanks and include additional water harvesting into any new facilities for irrigation.
- 37 Remove existing redundant half boundary fence located between sports fields.
- 38 Remove existing fencing erected around tennis courts and replace with Council's standard black powder coat fence (low lying on sides of courts).

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Multi-purpose pavilion

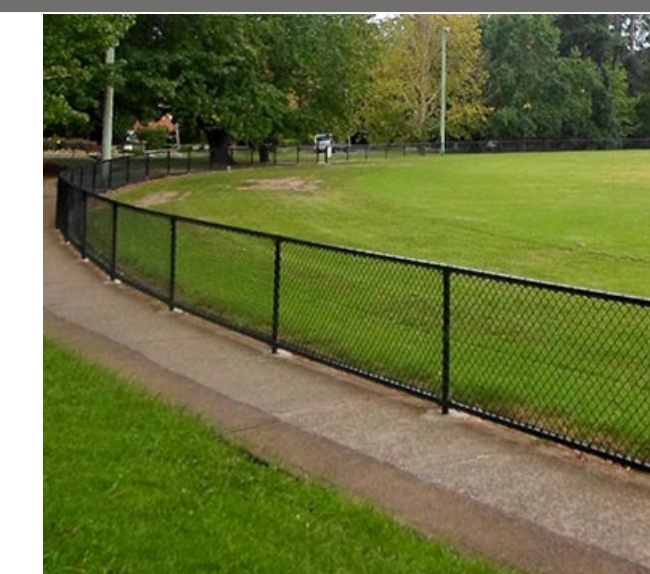


Multi-purpose pavilion

Sports provision and suitability



Sports lighting



Oval boundary fencing



Ball catch nets

Sports provision and suitability



Synthetic turf pitch



Indoor active recreation facility



Multi-purpose netball/basketball



Synthetic tennis courts



Cricket practice nets

Community infrastructure and social amenity



Playspace



Playspace



Picnic facility



Multi-play court



Exercise/ fitness stations

Community infrastructure and social amenity



Dog off leash park



Skate/BMX facility



Skate/BMX facility



Terraced seating



Spectator seating/shelter

Site connectivity and accessibility



Pathway network



Feature pedestrian entries

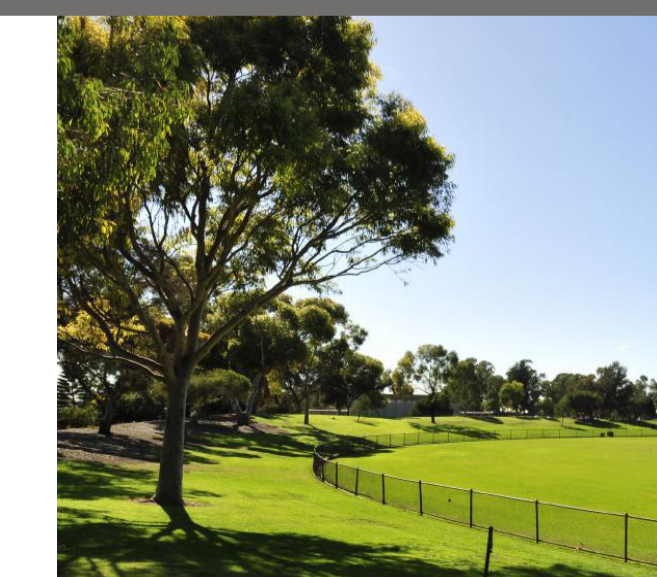


Pedestrian plaza

Open space and environment



Water Sensitive Urban Design



Tree planting