

BILL CAHILL RESERVE UPGRADE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

1. Public Consultation Summary: 24th March 2018, 11am – 12.30pm

SUBJECT	COMMENTS	No# of people in support of this comment	FOR			Melton City Council Review Response
			AGAINST	UNDER CONSIDERATION		
General	Support for the overall proposed design.	9	✓			Noted.
	Ensure regular maintenance.	1		✓		Bill Cahill currently receives maintenance visits every three weeks. The Melton City Council Operations Team will be informed as to how important maintenance is to the users of Bill Cahill Reserve.
	Support new play space for kids	1	✓			Noted.
Car park	Consider car parking spaces along the parks perimeter streets.	2		✓		Bill Cahill is categorised as a Local Reserve. Typically Local Reserves are not provided with onsite car parking spaces. Better path connections will be considered in the upgrade to negate the need to use open space for car spaces and the site will be monitored going forward.
Toilet	Consider a toilet near the BBQ table.	2		✓		Given this reserve is a local park with a small residential catchment, a toilet is considered excessive, taking a significant portion of the budget away from other areas that need upgrading. The installation of toilets are considered for larger reserves.
Security cameras	Consider installing security cameras.	2		✓		Given the budget and size of this reserve security cameras would not be appropriate.
Lighting	Consider installing lights	2			✓	We will consider this in the detailed design – phase of the project.
Pathways	Support easy access for all of the community.	1	✓			Noted.
	Consider DDA compliance for gravel paths.	1	✓			We will address this in the detailed design phase of the project.
	Consider slippery resistance for gravel paths.	1	✓			We will address this in the detailed design phase of the project.
BBQ & Picnic Facilities	Consider a BBQ under the shelter.	1			✓	Noted. We will consider this in the detailed design phase of the project.
	Support proposed shelter	6	✓			Noted.
	Consider clean BBQ table daily.	1			✓	The Melton City Council Operations Team currently have contracts in place to clean BBQs twice weekly. Community members are welcome and encouraged to report any items they believe to be an issue for Council to inspect.
	Consider a Bin close to the BBQ table.	2	✓			Noted.
	Support for proposed water fountain	2	✓			Noted.
	Existing rotunda is used frequently for picnics and should be retained as it is.	1			✓	The existing rotunda would not appropriately accommodate the proposed 2 picnic tables because of its limited size and poor condition. A new larger shelter would be more suitable.
Play space	Concern dogs & cats using sandpit as a toilet	1			✓	We find this to be a misconception with sand pits as our Parks department have not have any reports of this issue in any of our play grounds that contain sand. Update: Further design development has occurred and the sandpit has had to be removed due to budget constraints.
	Provide more shade for play equipment	1	✓			Noted.
	Ensure safety in play equipment to avoid wounds and injuries.	1		✓		All playgrounds within the municipality of Melton are audited to Australian Standards annually and after any upgrades. Community members are welcome and encouraged to report any items they believe to be an issue for Council to inspect.
Sporting elements	Consider the level of the existing ground for sport activities.	1		✓		We will consider a flat zone for kick-a-bout area. Update: Further design development has occurred and the kick-a-bout area will not be re-shaped due to budget constraints.
	Provide more shade for basketball court and kick-a-bout area.	1	✓			Additional natural shade will be provided.

	Consider fitness equipment for adults.	1	✓			We will consider this through the detailed design process.
	Consider prevention of balls travelling onto road.	1	✓			We will consider this through the detailed design process. By looking at installing buffers to catch stray balls.
	Relocate basketball court to the centre of the reserve to reduce noise from balls bouncing.	1			✓	Noted. We will review the location for basketball court.
Open space and Vegetation	Consider outdoor cinema	1		✓		The size and scale of the reserve doesn't allow for the accommodation of an outdoor cinema. Council however holds outdoor movies in the summertime. You can find out more on the Melton City Council Website.
	Encourage more community events	1			✓	The size, scale and available infrastructure at Bill Cahill Reserve doesn't lend itself to Community Events. However, if community members wish to organise an event they are welcome to contact Councils Events department to discuss.
	More trees	2	✓			More trees are proposed in the upgrade of the reserve.
	Avoid planting trees in the corner to clear up vehicle sight-lines.	1	✓			We will consider this in the detailed design phase of the project.
	No wattles as it causes allergy.	1			✓	Noted. We will consider this in the detailed design phase of the project.
	More birds attractive plants.	1	✓			We will consider this in the detailed design phase of the project.
	Support using rocks.	1	✓			Rocks have been incorporated into garden beds.
	Support more seats.	1	✓			Additional seats have been incorporated into the design proposal.
	More bins.	1			✓	According to the Landscape Guidelines, a local park is provided with two 120lt bins. We will review their location and access to improve their use.
Site Issues	Existing trees being vandalised is an issue	2			✓	We agree that this is an issue. We will explore our options to prevent vandalism.
	Motorbikes are an issue at the reserve	3			✓	We agree that motor cycles are an issue. We won't be able to completely prevent their access into the reserve because it will consequently prevent prams and wheel chairs too. With more positive use, activity and passive surveillance we hope to reduce motorcycle activity.

2. Consultation Summary

The majority of the feedback that was provided supported the proposed upgrade works. Feedback was collected via onsite community consultation and postal survey. Due to the poor weather condition on the day of the Onsite Community Consultation, all feedback was provided by adults and senior residents who:

- supported for the proposed new shelter;
- raised comments about providing more trees and shade in the reserve to extend the time they could stay outside particularly during the summer months;
- focused on easy access and connection for convenience it provided for the community;
- required to provide more park furniture like toilets, bins and seats.

Many commented upon the existing conditions of the site that there were a need for security surveillance, robust design to reduce vandalism and the need for regular maintenance.