

FRASER STREET RESERVE UPGRADE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

1. Public Consultation Summary: October – November 2014

| SUBJECT | COMMENTS | No# of people in support of this comment | FOR | AGAINST | SUGGESTIONS | MCC OFFICER COMMENTS |
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| Shade Structure | – More shade and shelter. Items such as rotundas for people to stop similar to Blamey Drive Reserve. | 22 | ✓ | | | Agree. Will be incorporated into the design. |
| BBQ | – Consider installing a BBQ | 15 | ✓ | | | Agree. If services allow a BBQ will be considered. |
| | – Would like a park shelter and BBQ to be able to have kids parties | 3 | ✓ | | | Agree. If services allow a BBQ will be considered. |
| Dog Off Leash Area | – Consideration of a dog off leash area of soft grass species. | 10 | ✓ | | | Agree. A fenced off leash area will be considered as a part of the design. |
| Pathways | – Support proposed pathways | 6 | ✓ | | | Noted. |
| | – Would like paths for bikes and scooters | 1 | ✓ | | | Noted. The widths of paths will be considered to accommodate this. |
| | – It is difficult to enter the reserve with a pram. The paths are fully supported. | 1 | ✓ | | | Noted. |
| | – Running track around the perimeter. | 1 | ✓ | | | Noted. |
| Lighting | – Solar lights along path. | 4 | | | ✓ | Noted. We will consider this in the detail design. |
| | – Lack of light in the winter months is an issue | 1 | | | ✓ | Noted. We will consider this in the detail design. |
| Toilets | – Consider installing toilets | 1 | | | ✓ | Noted |
| | – No toilets. There are concerns with them furthering anti-social behaviour. | 4 | | | ✓ | Noted |

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| Theme | – Retain natural style of reserve | 4 | ✓ | | Agree, the design of the reserve will aim to maintain the local natural character typified by Toolern Creek. |
| | – Support dry creek bed | 3 | ✓ | | Noted |
| | – Ensure playground fits in with area. | 1 | ✓ | | Agree, the design of the reserve will aim to maintain the local natural character typified by Toolern Creek. |
| | – Like the themes of Butterfly Park in Eltham | 1 | ✓ | | Agree, this park retains a lot elements that are appropriate to Fraser Street Reserve. |
| Play Equipment | – Support natural play | 4 | ✓ | | Noted |
| | – Support for basket swing | 4 | ✓ | | Noted |
| | – Support swing – consider providing two that are each orientated differently so that you can avoid direct sun in your eyes. | 1 | | ✓ | Noted, two swings will be considered depending on available space with consideration of all other play equipment. Regardless of the quantity the swings orientation to the sun will be considered in its positioning. |
| | – No plastic on chains to swing, they heat up. | 1 | ✓ | | Noted |
| | – Support for equipment with slide | 4 | ✓ | | Noted |
| | – Play area suitable for toddlers and small children | 4 | ✓ | | Agree, appropriate age equipment will be included on the play space. |
| | – Consider equipment appropriate for older children (4 years +) | 1 | ✓ | | Agree, appropriate age equipment will be included on the play space. |
| | – Consider a flying fox or concrete tube mounded at the sides. | 1 | | ✓ | Noted, depending on available space and all other park elements these elements will be considered if there is opportunity to do so. |
| | – No timber play equipment because it is targeted by arsonists. | 1 | | ✓ | Noted |
| | – Support for climbing apparatus | 1 | ✓ | | Noted |
| | – Support for wobble stick | 2 | ✓ | | Noted |
| | – Consider a telescope that works. The current telescope in the playground is limited in the directions it can move. | 1 | | ✓ | Noted |
| | – Consider a see-saw | 1 | | ✓ | Noted |
| | – Consider balance equipment in playground e.g. wobble boards | 1 | | ✓ | Noted |

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| | – Water Play | 1 | | ✓ | Water play is a high attracter to an area, where as the current road infrastructure at Fraser Street Reserve is unlikely to be able to support a potential large influx of people. |
| | – Consider a spinning apple | 1 | | ✓ | Noted |
| Exercise Equipment | – Support the exercise equipment | 3 | ✓ | | Noted |
| | – Don't support the exercise equipment | 1 | | ✓ | Noted, however we also have community support for this. The exercise equipment creates provides an additional activity for users of the shared path trail, promoting and encouraging further physical activity for park users and helping to activate the reserve. |
| Open Space and Vegetation | – Retain north-east corner as passive recreation for kick-a-bout and flying plans. | 2 | | ✓ | Noted. An area of open space will be retained to allow for the continuation of this activity. |
| | – Retain areas to fly kites | 1 | | ✓ | Noted. An area of open space will be retained to allow for the continuation of this activity. |
| | – Consider deciduous trees (that are still natives) | 1 | | ✓ | Noted. Though tree species are still to be determined, deciduous species will be considered with respect to the environmental conservation of Toolern Creek. |
| Furniture | – More bins | 6 | ✓ | | Agree. These will be included within the design. |
| | – Water fountain | 3 | ✓ | | Agree. These will be included within the design. |
| | – Water fountain + dog water bowl | 1 | ✓ | | Agree. These will be included within the design. |
| | – Dog poo dispensers | 1 | ✓ | | Agree. These will be included within the design. |
| | – Support the proposed seating | 3 | ✓ | | Noted. |
| | – More seating especially along the creek path. | 2 | ✓ | | Agree. These will be included within the design. |
| Maintenance | – Keep the grass low | 1 | | ✓ | Operational matter. Our Parks department will be informed. |
| | – Black ants are an issue on site. | 1 | | ✓ | Operational matter. Our Parks department will be informed. |
| | – Platforms flood, they require better drainage. | 1 | | ✓ | Operational matter. Our Parks department will be informed. |
| Car Parking | – Consider car parking of 8-10 spaces for mums with prams | 4 | | ✓ | Noted |
| | – Any car parking should be considerate of residents. | 2 | | ✓ | Noted |

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| | – No car parking | 1 | | ✓ | Noted |
| Site Issues | – Consider motorcycle prevention | 1 | | ✓ | |
| | – Snakes are an issue. | 1 | | ✓ | |
| Other | – Allocation of budget. Residents expressed their discontent with budget not being allocated to open space in Melton South but seeing upgrades in other areas. | 3 | | ✓ | Noted |
| | – Implementation Issues. Local residents have previously been informed that a variety of works were proposed to the reserve however no works occurred and they were not communicated with further. | 2 | | ✓ | Noted |
| | – Would like to participate in community programs for planting improvements to the reserve. | 2 | ✓ | | Agree, Council will explore opportunities to achieve this and also welcome indicatives from local community members. |
| | – We would like to be kept up to date of the status of the project. | 1 | ✓ | | Agree, we will provide regular updates on our website so that residents can be kept informed. |

2. Consultation Summary

Majority of the people that provided feedback wanted more shade to extend the time they could stay outside. Though there are significant, established trees they weren't of a variety that provided dense shade, which was often desired during the summer months.

Many people wanted barbeques installed because the closest barbeque facilities available were Hannah Watts Park in Melton which were a 10 minute drive away and a very popular location. Residents often found that they missed out on the use of the facilities there because there was such high demand from other visitors in the park.

Half of the people that provided comment wanted an off-leash area for dogs. This is something to be considered given that we know 1 in 2 people in the municipality own a dog and dogs promote exercise, reduce stress which supports with mental health and well being. It would also be worth taking a specified off-leash dog area into account as an option instead of dogs being let off the leash and allowed to roam across the entire reserve. This would encourage parents and their children to use the play spaces by feeling more comfortable while playing.

Comments received around the playground focused on options for different age groups, particularly young children, introducing risk, and natural play. They discussed other playgrounds they would journey to because of the options it provided compared to Fraser Street Reserve.

Furniture was commented on in various forms with the three main themes being more seating, access to water fountains and access to bins including dog waste bags. One resident commented that they regularly collected rubbish around the reserve and disposed of it appropriately. This demonstrates that there is a level of community pride that exists within Melton South.

There were several requests for additional car-parking. It has been observed that people park their cars at the entry to the reserve on the Toolern Creek Trail, via the private access provided for a resident east of Toolern Creek. However it is not believed to be for the purpose of visiting the reserve. The infrastructure that is installed will influence the need for parking. It may be something that is more suitable to consider later to evaluate as to whether it is necessary. At this point in time it is probably more valuable investing in the amenity of the open space rather than car parking.

Other key items that were raised included:

- There was support for the inclusion of exercise equipment and to be linked to the Toolern Creek Trail to promote further physical activity.
- There was want for the retention of open space for ball games and other activities that require open areas.
- There was support of the natural theme that linked into Toolern Creek.

Overall the community consultation resulted in community supportive of the proposed Fraser Street Upgrade works. The responses received should be considered in a final master plan.