

Community Engagement Findings Report

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Project background

Caraleena Drive Park is being developed into a local park for the community - comprising a playground, social area, path network and open space with trees and planting.

The purpose of the engagement was to:

- Seek feedback from the community about the upcoming development;
- Determine how the community would like to use the space;
- Determine the preferred playground features;
- Gain feedback on the Landscape Layout Plan to inform detailed design.

The initial round of consultation ran from Wednesday 10 June - Friday 10th July 2020.

Methodology

The below table outlines the various methods and techniques used to engage with the community.

Method / technique	Stakeholders engaged	Dates
Project page on The Loop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 101 people were informed about the project (downloaded a concept plan or used some of the consultation tools on the page) • 369 total visits were recorded. 	Wednesday 10 June - Friday 10 July 2020
Online survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 people participated in the survey and registered on the Loop website. 	Wednesday 10 June - Friday 10 July 2020
Mail out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 936 letters sent to the 400m radius catchment • An email was received in response to the mailout – on behalf of 12 nearby addresses (counted as 12 responses / requests). 	Letters sent 12 June 2020

NOTE: The total number of feedback / responses is 41, with 29 received via survey and 12 via group email.

Summary of feedback

The below table outlines the summary of feedback - including what comments / requests were received and how they have been incorporated into the project.

Please also refer to the final Landscape Concept Plan for further details.

We asked	You said	We did
<p>Question 1: How would you like to use Caraleena Drive Park? (Answers were selected from a pre-determined list)</p>	<p>Answers received in order of preference were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking / running (23 votes) • Using playground equipment (20 votes) • Relaxing (11 votes) • Informal ball games (9 votes) • Cycling (9 votes) • Socializing (7 votes) • Exploring (4 votes) 	<p>The most popular activities are walking / running and playground use. These are well represented in the proposed design - with a concrete path network / loop and a focal playground (refer to the Question 2 section for further details).</p> <p>The proposal also includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ample seating for relaxing and socialising, including a shelter with a BBQ and picnic setting. • Large open grass area for informal ball games or relaxing. • Wider concrete path for cycling connection from north to south.
<p>Question 2: What playground features would you like to see in Caraleena Drive Park? (Answers were selected from a pre-determined list)</p>	<p>Answers received in order of preference were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swings (21 votes) • Nature play (19 votes) • Climbing Nets (13 votes) • Slide (12 votes) • Tower (11 votes) • Carousel/ Spinner (4 votes) • Rockers (1 vote) 	<p>Based on these figures, 65-72% would like to see swings and / or nature play. Therefore, multiple swing opportunities and ample nature play have been included.</p> <p>37-44% have voted for climbing nets, slides and / or a tower. To address all of these, a combination unit has been proposed.</p> <p>Carousels / spinners and rockers weren't popular options and are not likely to be provided.</p>
<p>Question 3: What do you like about the Landscape Layout Plan? Please explain your answer.</p>	<p>Feedback was positive, with respondents indicating that they were excited for the works and happy with the following aspects of the proposed plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ample open space, that is well laid out and flexible - for both active and passive use. - Greenery – trees, planting and lawn. - The playground. 	<p>The Landscape Layout Plan was well received, so no major changes have been made to the general elements and arrangement.</p> <p>Responses to specific feedback / requests received for Question 3 have been combined under Question 4 below.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social area and enough seating. - Path network for walking. <p>Specific feedback / requests received for Question 3 have been combined under Question 4 below.</p>	
<p>Question 4: Any other feedback / comments about Caraleena Drive Park?</p>	<p>Additional feedback provided was generally positive.</p> <p>General tips / requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ample trees and plants - including native or indigenous species. • Playground equipment to cater for various ages and activities – with enough separation and good play surfaces. Provision of a flexible swing seat (not rigid). • Open lawn area for play. • Seating opportunities. • Concrete paths, not crushed rock. • No sand pit. <p>Specific requests: (Note: numbers in brackets indicate how many requests / mentions the item had)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbeque (20). • Basketball hoop (19). • Shade (15). • Picnic setting (2). • Drinking fountain (2). • Bin (2). • Car parking (12). • Soccer / football / rugby / cricket / tennis markings or goals (14 total). • Gym arena (12). • Exercise equipment (2). • Dog park (2). • Toilet facilities (1). • Veggie Patch (1). • Landscaping to drain reserve (1). 	<p>Much of the feedback will be incorporated in the proposed design, including all general tips / requests listed to the left.</p> <p>Please refer to the updated Landscape Concept Plan. (Note: Finer details - such as plant species, bins, signage, colours etc – have not yet been shown on the plan and will be resolved during detailed design).</p> <p>From the specific requests, the most popular items were a barbeque, basketball hoop and shade (shelter) – all of which have been incorporated.</p> <p>Picnic settings, drinking fountain and bins will also be provided.</p> <p>Some requests cannot be accommodated within this reserve (a local scale park), as they are better suited to larger parks (from district to regional level). These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific sports pitches / markings. The open grass area will cater for various informal ball games. • Exercise equipment / gym. • Car parking. • Dog park. • Toilet facilities. <p>The adjacent drain reserve is Melbourne Water land. Potential tree planting may be considered as a separate / future project - subject to Melbourne Water discussions and approvals.</p>

Next steps

The below table outlines the next steps for the project.

Next Steps	Comments
Stages of the project	<p><u>Detailed design:</u> From March 2021 . This is the delivery phase of the project where the design will be detailed and documented in readiness for construction.</p> <p><u>Construction:</u> Planning to commence around September 2021. This is the stage of the project where the proposed design is built. Access to the space will be limited during construction.</p>
How can participants stay involved/informed?	<p>Participants can stay informed with updates available on Council's Capital Works Dashboard https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/capitalworksdashboard.</p>
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