

# **FORTITUDE DRIVE RESERVE ACTIVE OPEN SPACE DRAFT MASTER PLAN**

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT**





## PROJECT BACKGROUND:

Wyndham City Council (WCC) is planning for the development, management and future use of the Fortitude Drive Active Open Space Reserve on Fortitude Drive, Truganina.

The Fortitude Drive Reserve Master Plan will guide the potential future development of the reserve. A range of open space facilities are proposed to create a space where people can engage in healthy activity and come together as a community.

The Second round of public consultation was held between 28th March – 26th April 2022.

The purpose of the engagement was to:

- Seek feedback from the community about the draft Master Plan
- Determine how the community will use the future reserve
- Determine community's interest of possible features in the reserve
- Gain feedback to inform the final concept design of the reserve


A summary of the consultation process and feedback received is provided below.

Please note: Interim name 'Fortitude Drive Reserve' is subject to formal naming process.



## METHODOLOGY:

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

Community engagement activities / tools	
Method / technique	Stakeholders engaged
Project page on The Loop	1,027 total visitors to the page 1,257 page views
Online survey	11 surveys completed
Social mapping tool	28 pins dropped on the map
Sign	<p>Site signage with a have your say QR code was installed on site</p> 
Direct contact with key stakeholders – local sporting clubs/State Sporting Associations	Stakeholders were directly offered the opportunity to provide feedback as part of the ongoing project reference group. Feedback was provided during online meetings and via email upon release of the draft Master Plan.

Communications / marketing activities	
Method / technique	Stakeholders engaged
Online promotion (Facebook, 3 posts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach: 27,688</li> <li>• Engagement: 500</li> <li>• Click through to website: 366</li> </ul>

## SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK:

The following feedback has been used to help shape the final Master Plan and will be used when proceeding to the detailed design phase of the project. The feedback is a combination of social pins and survey responses as well as feedback sent in via email.

We Asked	You Said	We did
How supportive of the long-term vision for Fortitude Drive Reserve are you? What is the reason for your response?	<p>8 responded with Very Supportive 3 responded with Supportive</p> <p>The main reason given was the support for the athletics facility and the identified need for more athletics facilities in the region that will provide more access opportunities for the community to participate.</p>	
What are your top 3 favourite things about Fortitude Drive Reserve Master Plan?	<p>9 responses listed the proposed sporting facilities</p> <p>3 responses listed the Multi-Purpose Open Green Space</p> <p>2 responses listed the parking</p> <p>Others listed the large park and play areas and trees as their favourite Master Plan components</p>	

We Asked	You Said	We did
<p>Are there any other facilities that the community should be able to access at Fortitude Drive Reserve or another nearby Active Open Space?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Velodrome</li> <li>• Zip Line i.e., Wyndham Park</li> <li>• Tennis Courts or roofed tennis courts to allow all weather play</li> <li>• An indoor or outdoor pool</li> <li>• More interactive park and play spaces for 2-14 years, e.g., water play</li> <li>• Hard court ball sports, full size basketball and netball courts.</li> <li>• Community hang out/Sheltered safe spaces for teens 15+ to interact</li> <li>• Adult exercise and activity spaces to avoid costly gym memberships</li> <li>• More bins and education about dumping rubbish</li> <li>• Indoor Sports Complex for Badminton/Squash/Racquet Ball</li> <li>• Cricket and Football Ovals</li> <li>• Public toilets</li> </ul>	<p>An indoor highball facility and swimming pool will not be included in this plan as it does not align with Council's Aquatic Strategy and Sports Strategy however locations have been identified in the Sports Strategy in Tarneit and Truganina for future indoor and aquatic facilities.</p> <p>Fortitude Drive Reserve is not a nominated site for cricket, football, and tennis however tennis courts and ovals will be included at future Active Open Space Reserves such as Truganina South East Reserve as identified in the Sports Strategy.</p> <p>Fortitude Drive Reserve Master Plan allows for multiuse open space that can be used both formally and informally by the community.</p> <p>Outdoor fitness equipment will be included in the final Master Plan as will public toilets and rubbish bins.</p> <p>Hard Courts to cater for ball sports such as Basketball and Netball have been included in the Master Plan.</p> <p>Play &amp; Family Recreation area will be subject to future planning, design, and consultation</p> <p>Generational play and participation has been at the forefront of this Master Plan to ensure that all ages can enjoy what the reserve has to offer.</p>

<p>How will you travel to the Reserve when it is developed?</p>	<p>Cycle - 5 Walk - 11 Drive – 8 Public Transport – 1</p>	<p>Bike lock up areas will be provided in the detailed design to cater for cyclists.</p> <p>Entry points to the reserve will connect with the external and internal path network for easy pedestrian access.</p> <p>A traffic study was undertaken as part of the draft Master Plan to ensure adequate parking and vehicle access and traffic flow. The Master Plan has been changed to show overflow parking opportunities.</p>
<p>What are some of the reasons why you like to use Wyndham’s parks and open space?</p>	<p>Exercise on own – 6 Getting out in Nature – 7 Exercise or play sport in a group – 8 Walk the dog – 3 Socialise with family and friends – 5 Take children to the playground – 7</p>	<p>The Long-Term Vision for this reserve will provide something for everyone.</p>
<p>Is there anything else you would like to share about the Draft Master Plan?</p>	<p>Master Plan does not address the safety or environment concerns of the community.</p> <p>The area near the creek should have enough lights to keep area safe at night.</p>	<p>Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles are used to design Active open spaces. There are four main principles of CPTED– <b>natural surveillance, access control, territorial reinforcement, and space management</b>. Incorporating these four principles of CPTED can help to create a safe and secure environment that encourages activity, vitality, and viability, enabling a greater level of security.</p>

## Is there anything else you would like to share about the Draft Master Plan?

This facility is well overdue. Greater Geelong (approx. same no of residents) has 3 good quality athletics facilities and Wyndham has one aging facility. This will present an opportunity for Wyndham to host some high-profile athletics events both Little Athletics (LAVic) and Athletics Victoria (Snrs). Not sure if on the plan but will also need provision for large secure storage sheds similar to what is currently located at Vic Uni. This is well overdue. Let's get cracking.

Covered seating at the Athletics Track not just shade sails.

There are too many skate parks in the area. Kids can use Baden Powell Reserve. Please include Water Park, Tower slides, rock climbing, flying fox with small cafe facility will be a lot better idea.

Should include an indoor and/or outdoor pool

There will be provision for secure storage on site. The Athletics reference group has helped shape the layout and key components of the athletics facility.

The athletics track will be available for athletics events, club and school activity and public use and will be activated by the Sport and Recreation Development team.

This will be determined as part of the detailed design of the Athletics facility.

Play & Family Recreation area will be subject to future planning, design, and consultation.

A swimming pool will not be included in this plan as it does not align with Council's Aquatic Strategy and Sports Strategy however a location has been identified in the Sports Strategy in Tarneit for an aquatic facility.



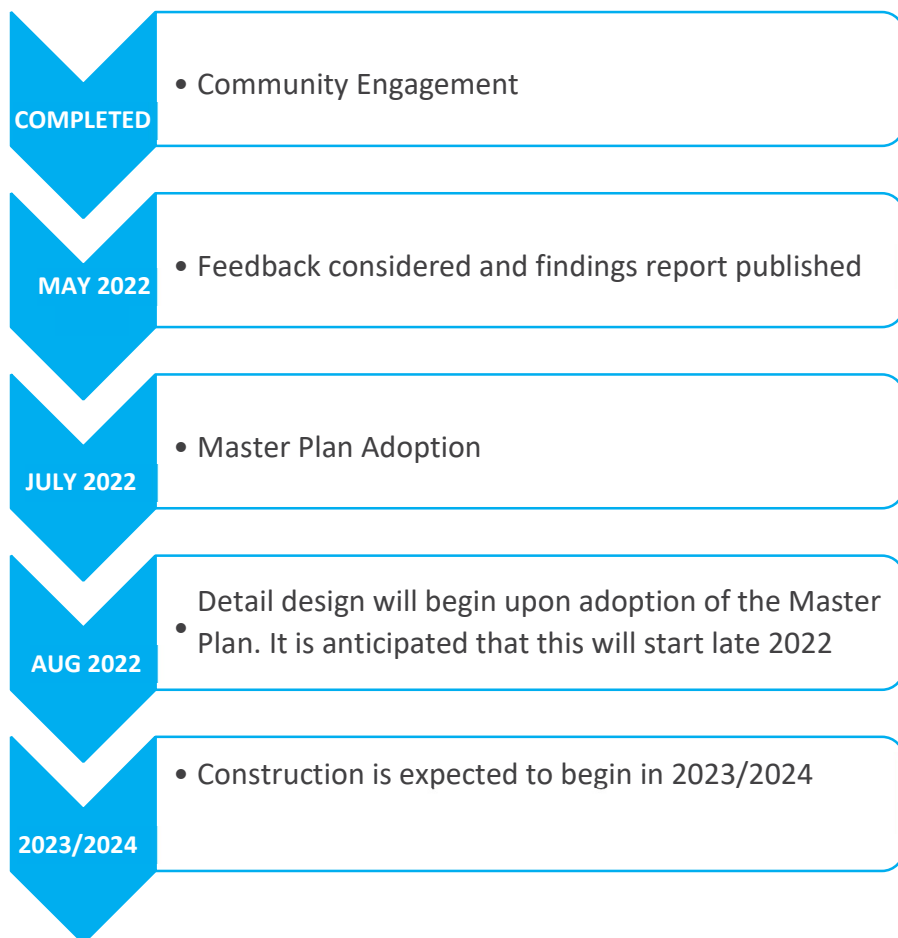




## NEXT STEPS:

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### STAGES OF THE PROJECT



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