

## APPENDIX 3 SHIRLEY STRICKLAND RESERVE SKETCH FEEDBACK

Residents, Sporting Clubs and users of the Reserve were invited to provide their feedback and comments on the SSR Sketch during the period 13 May to 12 June inclusive through the Melville Talks website and written submissions. In total, 21 written submissions were received and 117 submissions were made via Melville Talks. Key findings from the feedback are as follows:

- Of the 21 written submissions, 12 are mostly positive, 4 are mostly negative and 5 neither positive or negative.
- Of the 117 Melville Talks submissions, respondents gave a total of 687 up votes and 292 down votes in giving their support for various aspects of the sketch.
- Positive Comments
  - The most common positive comments received were for the decision to exclude the bowling greens from the sketch and retaining SSR as an open space for all users.
  - Other positive comments included support for the turf cricket wicket and second cricket oval/wicket, upgraded pavilion, playground and barbeque, verge and vegetation improvements and the inclusion of fitness equipment.
- Negative Comments
  - The most common negative comments received on the sketch was for the inclusion of the second cricket oval/wicket on the lower rugby field. Specifically, respondents do not want to lose the maritime fir tree near the existing playground that would need to be removed to make way for the cricket oval.
  - Other negative comments included opposing the removal of any existing trees, the installation of a hard pathway due to possible impacts on other users and vegetation, the creation of too much parking space, new lighting towers affecting neighbouring residents, dog walkers being adversely impacted by additional cricket users in summer, additional built features detracting from the natural amenity of the reserve.
- Other Comments
  - Other comments received include:
    - Stating a desire to keep SSR accessible and open.
    - Ensure there is space available at all times for dog walking.
    - Have any paths made from natural permeable materials like woodchips or saw dust.
    - Suggestion to move the second cricket wicket to Gairloch Oval.
    - Include a basketball ring at SSR
    - Develop a tree management plan.
    - Develop a parking and access plan.
    - Include exciting and innovative equipment in the adventure playground.
    - Consider locating the dog watering and bin facilities away from the pavilion and playground for congestion and hygiene purposes.
    - Consider developing the stormwater sump into one that does not need to be fenced.



- Some queried whether the second cricket wicket as shown with a 50m radius is large enough. Note: junior and senior cricket competition at community level can be played on a 50m radius oval as occurs at a number of other venues throughout the Perth metropolitan area.
- Some also expressed concern about the potential loss of touch fields. Note: the inclusion of a cricket oval on the sketch expands the size of the lower rugby field. Two touch fields can still be marked either side of the wicket. The wicket could be covered to enable continued use for Gaelic Football practice or other uses.

## Summary

The community feedback to the Shirley Strickland Reserve Sketch is largely positive. A diverse range of opinions were provided on specific aspects of the plan; most notably there was some support provided for the second cricket wicket as well as some opposition due to the loss of a significant tree that would be required for its development. Further support was expressed for other upgrades to the reserve such as a new playground, barbeque area, fitness facilities and the pavilion but there was also some general opposition to any facility development at all. This is to be expected for a community facility with many different users. A number of opinions were also provided as to suggested changes or inclusions that could be made to the sketch.

Overall, it appears the Shirley Strickland Reserve Sketch has been well received by the community. The feedback provided will be considered for the further development of the Concept Plan.

