

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS SHIRLEY STRICKLAND RESERVE CONCEPT SKETCH**

### **1. I noticed that bowling greens are not on the sketch. What happened with the investigations relocating the Mount Pleasant Bowling Club?**

Officers have commenced the development of a “Lawn Bowls Strategy” which will guide the direction of bowls facility provision into the future. The Strategic Report will provide the City of Melville with a position on Bowls and provide clear direction for the level of support the City will provide into the future.

The investigations confirmed that two bowling greens could fit at Shirley Strickland Reserve without encroaching on the existing active sporting fields.

However, after considering the sport of bowls in its entirety (bowls strategy report), it has been identified that the Shirley Strickland Reserve site would not be able to accommodate a bowls facility of a suitable size to aid in long term sustainability (without impacting on existing uses) and is therefore not the most appropriate option. The bowls strategy report is expected to be presented to Council in June 2016 and more information about the sport of bowls will be available at the time.

### **2. What about the unfunded improvements in the concept sketch?**

There are a number of options to obtain the necessary funding:

- Budget Submissions – as part of the City’s annual capital works program.
- Grant funds - for example funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation to install floodlights.
- City of Melville’s Land Asset Strategy – generating income for sport and recreation purposes from land assets.
- Contributions from Sporting Clubs.

### **3. Will any trees be removed?**

As the sketch includes a new 50m boundary cricket field in the North East section of the Reserve, it is estimated that one pine tree would need to be removed.

The removal of the tree would increase the active reserve space and capacity to meet demand at the same time.

To improve shading and provide an inviting place where the community can use a new fitness trail for walking, dog walking, running or bike riding, many more trees will be planted around the Reserve.

#### **4. How many verge car parking bays are being proposed?**

There are three main sections where the verge parking is planned:

- Mitchell St line marking in existing parking area: ~65 bays.
- Coogee Rd: ~80 bays.
- Sweetman St: ~50 bays.

The verge parking works are currently budgeted in the 15/16 financial year (\$400,000) and will be the first works to take place from the Concept Plan – likely to be completed during the 16/17 financial year.

#### **5. What's going to happen to the buildings?**

There are two options:

- Refurbish existing club room (pavilion); demolish and replace toilets and change rooms, which would be adjacent to the existing building.
- Remove the two buildings completely and construct a new facility.

Cost estimates will be developed and assessed based on the most value for money, taking into account life-cycle costs, maintenance, functionality, access and certain standards we are required to meet.

#### **6. Have the needs of dog walkers been considered?**

Yes, they have. In developing the sketch, consideration was given to retaining current use for dog walkers and walkers in general.

The sketch shows improvements such as:

- an extra drinking fountain for people and dogs,
- a dedicated fitness/walking trail and
- additional rest spots.



This will enhance the appeal of the Reserve as a popular location to walk/exercise dogs and participate in many forms of casual recreation.

### **7. What about a children's playground?**

The concept plan includes the potential for a new adventure/nature playground, on the slopes on the Reserve underneath the shade of existing trees.

Nature Play WA have recommended a fenced section for younger children.

A new playground would accommodate children of all ages, inspiring creativity in a safe environment.

### **8. Where to from here?**

After the comment period 12 June, the following will take place:

- Review and consideration of community comments on the concept sketch (~June/July).
- Refinement and finalisation the concept sketch (~July/August).
- Development of project cost estimates (~August).
- Finalisation of the Concept Plan with a final report by Leisure Consultant (~August).
- Presentation of final Concept Plan with a business case for Stage 1 works to Council (~September).