

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

to be held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 10 May 2022 commencing at 7:00pm.

Agenda

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Nillumbik Shire Council

**Agenda of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting to be held
Tuesday 10 May 2022 commencing at 7:00pm.**

1. Welcome by the Chair

Members of the public are advised the meeting will be livestreamed and recorded and the livestream recording will be made publicly available on YouTube and Council's website.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The Acknowledgement of Country to be read by the Chairperson

Nillumbik Shire Council respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the Country on which Nillumbik is located, and we value the significance of the Wurundjeri people's history as essential to the unique character of the shire. We pay tribute to all First Nations People living in Nillumbik, give respect to Elders past, present and future, and extend that respect to all First Nations People.

We respect the enduring strength of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and acknowledge the ongoing impacts of past trauma and injustices from European invasion, massacres and genocide committed against First Nations People. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people hold a deep and ongoing connection to this place. We value the distinctive place of our First Nations People in both Nillumbik and Australia's identity; from their cultural heritage and care of the land and waterways, to their ongoing contributions in many fields including academia, agriculture, art, economics, law, sport and politics.

3. Apologies

Recommendation

That the apologies be noted.

4. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Committee members should note that any conflicts of interest should also be disclosed immediately before the relevant item.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Summary

Confirmation of the minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12 April 2022.

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) confirms the minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12 April 2022 (**Attachment 1**).

Attachments

- ⇒1. Minutes from Meeting held 12 April 2022

6. Officers' reports

PCC.016/22 Draft Asset Plan 2022-2032

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Hjalmar Philipp, Director Operations and Infrastructure

Author: Enrique Gutierrez, Manager Assets and Capital Works

Summary

Section 92 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the LGA) specifies the requirement for councils to develop, adopt and keep in force an Asset Plan for at least the next 10 financial years. The Asset Plan provides a high level strategic and financial view of how Council intends to manage its transport, building, drainage and open space assets over such period of time.

In line with such requirements, an Asset Plan must be adopted by Council prior to 30 June 2022.

Council adopted the Draft Asset Plan 2022-2032 (**Attachment 1**) at the Planning and Consultation Committee (PCC) Meeting on 8 March 2022 for the purpose of public exhibition.

The Draft Asset Plan 2022 - 2032 was exhibited for 21 days. No submissions were received.

The purpose of this report is to provide the community with a further opportunity to make a verbal submission on the Draft Asset Plan 2022-2032 prior Council endorsing the Asset Plan at a future Council meeting.

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes any submissions received from community members who provide any feedback on the Draft Asset Plan 2022 – 2032 (**Attachment 1**).
2. Requests a further report to be presented at its June 2022 Council Meeting recommending endorsement of the final version of the Asset Plan 2022 - 2032.

Attachments

- ⇒1. Draft Asset Plan 2022-2032

Discussion

1. The *Local Government Act 2020* (section 92) requires that a Council must develop, adopt and keep in force an Asset Plan that has an outlook of at least 10 years. An Asset Plan should include information about maintenance, renewal, acquisition, expansion, upgrade and disposal and decommissioning in relation to each class of infrastructure asset under the control of the council.
2. Council has developed a Draft Asset Plan 2022 - 2032 (**Attachment 1**), which is required by the LGA to be adopted by Council before 30 June 2022.

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3. The Draft Asset Plan 2022 – 2032 has been developed through a series of workshops with internal teams across the organisation.
4. The below table shows the asset classes that are represented within the four major infrastructure asset categories recognised within the Draft Asset Plan 2022 - 2032. Note: the Plan only covers infrastructure that is under Council’s control and is recognised as an asset.

Asset Category	Asset Classes
Transport	Road and car parks
	Kerbs
	Footpaths
	Bridge and major culverts
	Bus shelters
Building	Buildings (Incl. Sheds & Shelters)
Drainage	Underground pits
	Underground pipes
	Surface drainage (i.e. wetlands, dams etc.)
Open Space	Playgrounds
	Playing surfaces (i.e. ovals, basketball courts, hockey fields etc.)
	Trails and walkways
	Footbridges

5. The following key sections are included within the Draft Asset Plan 2022 - 2032:

Section	Details
Strategic Asset Management Framework	Defines Council’s strategic approach to asset management.
Valuations	Detail the net worth of the assets.
Current State of Assets	Considers the physical condition of assets and whether that condition allows it to meet the intended service level.

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Section	Details
Levels of Service	Levels of Service are key business drivers and influence how Council manage its assets. Service standards describe the output intended to be delivered to the community, whilst delivery mode defines the strategies Council has in place to achieve these outcomes.
Legislative & Council Requirements	Describes how the Asset Plan links to key legislation and Council documents.
Future Demand	The ability to predict future demand for services enables Council to plan ahead and identify the best way of meeting that demand. This section analyses the various drivers influencing the services supported by major asset classes.
Funding Levels	Outlines the projected expenditure requirements for Council's infrastructure assets over the next ten years. It aligns with Council's Financial Plan and represents the investment that is required to maintain existing levels of service.
Risk Management	Council's Risk Management Policy sets the overall framework for addressing risk within the framework of ISO31000-2009. This section enables informed decisions to be made regarding the management of risks associated with Council's assets.
Improvement Plan	Identifies key actions to further develop Council's asset management process and practices in relation to all asset classes.

Related Council decisions

6. On 7 December 2021 Council was briefed on the requirement of the *Local Government Act 2020* for Council to have reviewed and endorsed four existing asset management plans by no later than 30 June 2022.
7. The Draft Asset Plan 2022 – 2032 was endorsed for the purposes of public consultation at the 8 March 2022 Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting for a period of 21 days (9 March – 30 March 2022).

Options

8. This purposes of this report is to acknowledge and note any submissions. No options are applicable to this report. Any submissions will be considered in the final plan that will be presented to Council.

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PCC.016/22 Draft Asset Plan 2022-2032

Council plans and policies

9. This report directly supports the achievement of the Council Plan 2021-2025 strategy:
- We seek to enhance community safety, public health, amenity and the environment through improved planning and community engagement, prioritising fair and transparent approaches to managing compliance and enforcement.

Sustainability implications

10. The Draft Asset Plan 2022 – 2032 considers the impact of climate change on assets within the Future Demand section and sustainability within the Levels of Service section.

Community engagement

11. The Draft Asset Plan 2022 - 2032 draws on existing engagements such as the Annual Community Satisfaction Survey in relation to asset maintenance importance and performance.
12. It also draws on feedback received from the community as part of previous engagements relating to 'Our People, Our Place, Our Future', 'Climate Change Action Plan' and Council's 'Road Management Plan'.
13. Financial information used in the Draft Asset Plan 2022 - 2032 is based on and connected to Council's Financial Plan 2021-2031, which completed its engagement phase in 2021.
14. In addition, the Draft Asset Plan 2022 - 2032 was the subject of a community consultation period from 9 March-30 March 2022 where community members had the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Asset Plan 2022 - 232 at:
- Participate Nillumbik Site - Draft Asset Plan 2022-2032 | Participate Nillumbik; or
 - Emailing nillumbik@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

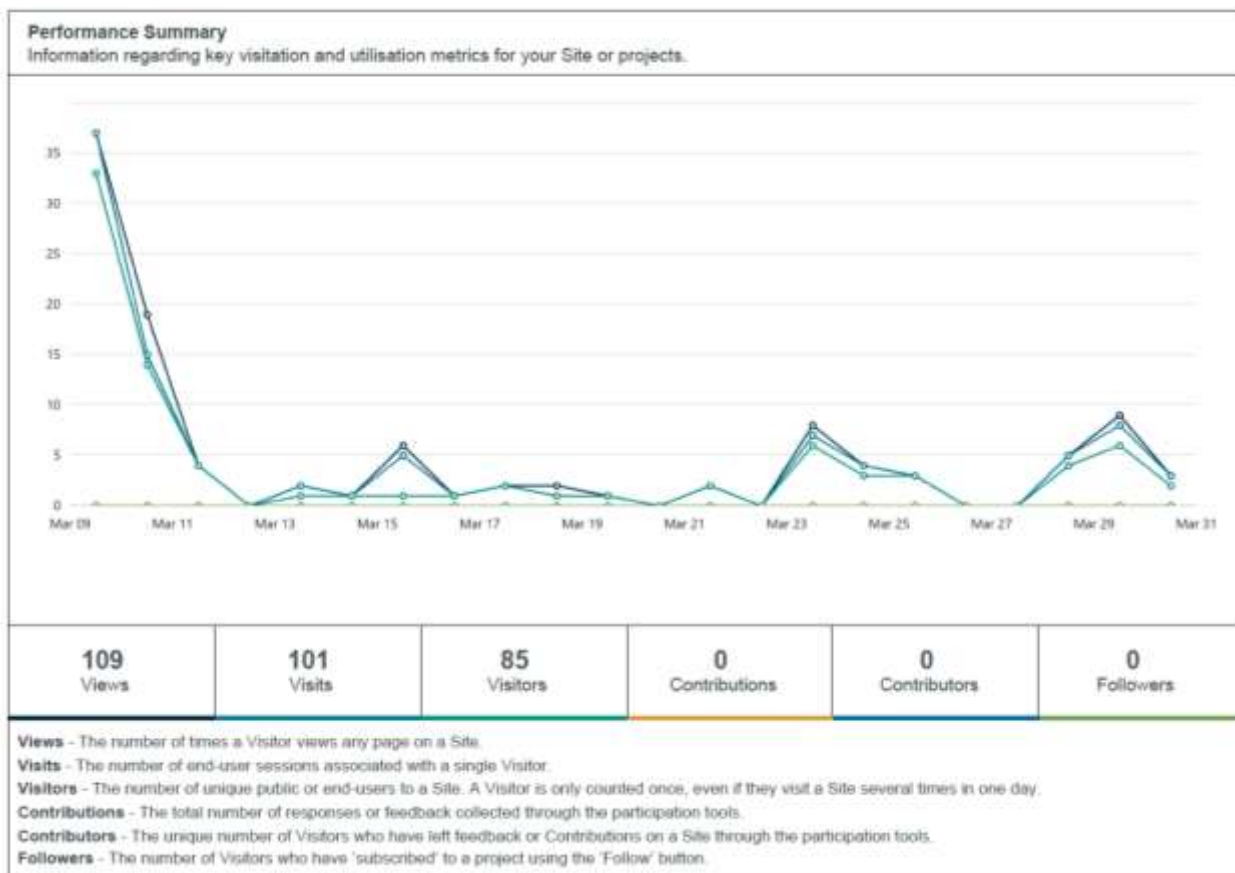
The questions asked were:

- 'Does the Draft Asset Plan 2022-2032 provide you with an overview of how assets will be managed at Nillumbik?'
 - 'Are there any other considerations to the Draft Asset Plan 2022-2032?'
15. In total, the Participate Nillumbik Site page was viewed 109 times and the Draft Asset Plan was downloaded 56 times.

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PCC.016/22 Draft Asset Plan 2022-2032

16. The figure below summarises the participation activity:



17. Zero submissions were received.

18. In accordance with the LGA the next Asset Plan reiteration (adopted by 31 October in the year following a general election) will involve deliberative consultation.

Innovation and continuous improvement

19. The Draft Asset Plan 2022 - 2032 has also been designed as a digitally interactive document, allowing exploration of the data behind the decision making processes. This innovative approach presents the information in a dynamic and user friendly manner that would be made available through Council’s website following its endorsement.

Collaboration

20. As part of the development of the Draft Asset Plan 2022 - 2032, consultation occurred across all teams within the organisation, including:

- Assets and Capital Works.
- Environment.
- Infrastructure.
- Property and Facility Maintenance.
- Recreation and Leisure.

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Budget implications

21. The Draft Asset Plan 2022 - 2032 is a high-level strategic document, with financial projections aligned with Council's Financial Plan 2021-2031.

Relevant law

22. This Draft Asset Plan 2022 - 2032 follows the requirements of section 92 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, which states Council must develop, adopt and keep in force an Asset Plan that has an outlook of at least 10 years.
23. The Asset Plan must include:
- a. Information about maintenance, renewal, acquisition, expansion, upgrade, disposal and decommissioning of each class of infrastructure under its control and outline any other resource requirements considered appropriate.
 - b. The Plan has a longer-term outlook (10+ years). It provides a view (both strategic and in financial terms) of how the Council proposes to manage the whole portfolio of assets that it owns and controls.
24. The first Asset Plan under this section must be developed and adopted in accordance with Council's community engagement policy by 30 June 2022 and has effect from 1 July 2022.
25. Thereafter, Council must adopt by 31 October in the year following a general election, and it has effect from 1 July in the year following a general election.
26. With the exception of the first Asset Plan, the community must be consulted and involved through deliberative consultation processes. This includes establishing quality, cost, and provision standards as well as engagement on policy, strategy, and major initiatives.

Regional, state and national plans and policies

27. Not Applicable.

Conflicts of interest

28. Officers who have been involved in the preparation of this report declare that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

6. Officers' reports

PCC.017/22 2022-2023 Budget Submissions

Item: Consultation Matter
Distribution: Public
Manager: Vince Lombardi, Chief Financial Officer
Author: Melika Sukunda, Finance Manager

Summary

This report considers submissions received from the public regarding the draft Budget 2022-2023 (**Attachment 1**).

Council adopted the draft Budget 2022-2023 at the Council Meeting on 22 March 2022 for the purpose of community consultation. The draft Budget was exhibited for 28 days with 9 submissions received. These submissions are attached to this report (**Attachment 1**).

It is proposed that the Committee considers the submissions on the draft Budget 2022-2023 and that the matter then be considered by Council on 24 May 2022.

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Receives and notes the submissions received in respect of the draft Budget 2022-2023, in accordance with the section 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
2. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and the Committee's report during finalisation of the 2022-2023 Budget.
3. Requests a further report to be presented at the 24 May 2022 Council Meeting recommending the adoption of the 2022-2023 Budget.
4. Acknowledges presentations to the Committee.

Attachments

- ⇒1. 2022-2023 Budget Submissions

Discussion

1. The *Local Government Act* provides that a council must:
 - Prepare a budget for each financial year – section 94(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*
 - Ensure that the budget contains financial statements, description of services and major initiatives and a statement as to how these will contribute to achieving the strategic objectives specified in the Council Plan, indicators of service performance that are required to be reported against in the performance statement and any other details required by the regulations– section 94(2).
 - Undertake public consultation in line with Council's community engagement policy.
 - Adopt the budget and submit a copy to the Minister.

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2. Council adopted the draft Budget 2022-2023 at the 22 March 2022 Council Meeting for the purpose of community consultation.

Submissions

3. In response to the public exhibition of the draft Budget 2022-2023, nine submissions were received from the community.
4. These Submissions are listed in **Attachment 1**.
5. Submitters have been invited to attend this meeting of the Planning and Consultation Committee to speak to their submissions.
6. Once the Committee has considered the submissions, the Committee must present a report to the next Council meeting. Council is required to consider the Committee's report on submissions prior to finalising the Budget.

Related Council decisions

7. Not applicable.

Options

8. Council has adopted a draft Budget for 2022-2023 and exhibited this for public consultation.
9. Following the Committee's consideration of submissions, the matter will be further considered at the 24 May 2022 Council Meeting.

Council plans and policies

10. This report directly supports the achievement of Council Plan 2021-2025 strategy:
- We continue to exercise sustainable and responsible financial management.

Sustainability implications

11. Council's financial sustainability is informed by the indicators set by the Victorian Auditor General's Office (VAGO).
12. These indicators comprise of both short term and longer term measures. The indicators are calculated and considered as part of the budget process.

Community engagement

13. The draft Budget was the subject of an extensive communication and consultation program which included statutory advertising, and an online feedback form on Council's website.

Innovation and continuous improvement

14. Continuous improvement and innovation opportunities identified have been considered as part of the budget process.

Collaboration

15. The drafting of the Budget is conducted in consultation with managers and EMT across the organisation.

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PCC.017/22 2022-2023 Budget Submissions

Budget implications

16. The costs of preparing and exhibiting the Budget, such as public notices, are funded from operating budget allocations.

Relevant law

17. *Local Government Act 1989.*
18. *Local Government Act 2020.*
19. The approach to the Budget and the composition of the financial statements are prepared reflective of the overall compliance with the Australian Accounting Standards.

Regional, state and national plans and policies

20. Not applicable.

Conflicts of interest

21. No officer involved in the preparation of this report has declared a conflict of interest.

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PCC.018/22 BMX and Offroad Biking Facility - Community Consultation report

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Hjalmar Philipp, Director Operations and Infrastructure

Author: Rebecca Burton, Acting Manager Recreation and Leisure

Summary

This reports notes the submissions received from the community regarding consultation undertaken in regards to a potential BMX and off-road biking facility, following resolution by Council on the matter in late 2021.

Community consultation was undertaken over a 9 week period from 6 December 2021 – 13 February 2022. Community members were invited to provide feedback on the proposed site location of 145 Allendale Road Diamond Creek as well as the BMX concept they would like to see developed at the site.

Public consultation occurred through the *Participate Nillumbik* website, pop-up community consultation sessions at Council's skate parks as well as an online session. 240 submissions were received via the *Participate Nillumbik* website.

In addition, a specialist BMX consultancy, The Trail Collective (TTC) conducted further community consultation. An online session was held, open to community members, which was then followed by an online survey which community members were invited to complete. 135 submissions were received through TTC 'Have your Say' platform.

This community feedback on a potential BMX and off-road biking facility will be considered as the concept planning phase progresses in 2022.

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the submissions received from community members who provided feedback on BMX and off road riding facility (**Attachment 3**).
2. Resolves that the confidential unredacted public submissions on the BMX off road riding facility (**Attachment 2**) remain confidential in accordance with section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
3. Considers the matters contained in the submissions during the concept planning, site feasibility and design process.
4. Thanks the submitters for providing Council with feedback on this important matter.

Attachments

- ⇒1. Participate Nillumbik summary report February 2022
2. Participate Nillumbik survey submissions (unredacted) February 2022 - *CONFIDENTIAL*
- ⇒3. Participate Nillumbik survey submissions (redacted) February 2022
- ⇒4. Participate Nillumbik gather submissions February 2022

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PCC.018/22 BMX and Offroad Biking Facility - Community Consultation report

⇒5. The Trail Collective Pre-Design Consultation Report April 2022

Discussion

1. Community consultation on the potential for BMX and off-road biking opportunities in the area near the Diamond Creek trail on Allendale Road has occurred.
2. External BMX track specialists, The Trail Collective, have been engaged for planning advice, feasibility study, further detailed community consultation, and a draft concept design for a new BMX park.
3. The planning, feasibility and concept development work will continue over the coming months and is anticipated to culminate in a decision by Council on the location and concept in the fourth quarter of the 2022 calendar year.
4. This paper covers the consultation that has occurred. Community engagement statistics and findings related to a potential alternate facility at the Diamond Creek linear Reserve at 145 Allendale Road is contained in **Attachments 1 to 4**. Additional pre-design consultation undertaken by The Trail Collective is contained in **Attachment 5**.

Related Council decisions

1. On 30 November 2021 Council passed the following Notice of Motion:
 - a) For officers to:
 - i. Continue to work with the land holder VicTrack and various responsible agencies such as Melbourne Water and Metro Trains to find solutions to mitigate and manage the risks on the land alongside the Hurstbridge Rail Line and Diamond Creek, near the Diamond Creek linear reserve.
 - ii. Commence consultation with the community for BMX and off-roading opportunities in the area near the Diamond Creek trail on Allendale Road.
 - iii. Commence investigation into BMX and off-road biking opportunities across the Shire and provide progress updates to Council throughout 2022.
 - b) Seeks funding from relevant state agencies and advocates to all levels of government to identify funding opportunities to develop BMX and off-road biking locations in the Shire.
2. On 14 December 2021, Council resolved to:
 - a) Requests officers to work with VicTrack, Metro Trains and Melbourne Water to mitigate the impacts and risks associated with the BMX jumps to the west of the railway line in the area of VicTrack land leased to Nillumbik Shire Council near Challenger Street Reserve, Diamond Creek. Where impacts and risks cannot be mitigated, proceed with removing the BMX jumps and rehabilitating the area.
 - b) Requests officers work with VicTrack to excise the area of VicTrack land between the railway line and Diamond Creek from the lease with Nillumbik Shire Council and Council execute a Deed of Variation of Lease to reflect the amended leased area.

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- c) Endorses the allocation of up to \$50,000 from 2021/2022 budgeted borrowings to consult and work with BMX specialist/s to develop a draft concept BMX and off ride facility at a suitable alternate location.
 - d) Requests Council officers to provide a PDF copy of the report and attachments on Council's Participate Nillumbik website.
5. On 26 April 2022, Council resolved to allocate \$650,000 from the Federal Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund toward a BMX and off-road biking facility.

Options

6. Following the committee's consideration of submissions, a briefing will be presented at Council briefing in the coming months, which will provide Council with further information on concept plans and site feasibility considerations.

Council plans and policies

7. This report directly supports the achievement of the Council Plan 2021-2025 strategy:
- We address the social, environmental and economic factors of health to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for our communities.

Sustainability implications

8. Not applicable.

Community engagement

9. Council's community consultation was open from 6 December 2021 until 13 February 2022.
10. Public consultation occurred through the Participate Nillumbik website, pop-up community consultation sessions at Council's skate parks as well as an online session. 240 submissions were received via the Participate Nillumbik website.
11. The Trail Collective hosted an online community session on 6 April and an online community survey was made available from 7 April until 18 April 2022. 135 submissions were received through TTC 'Have your Say' platform

Innovation and continuous improvement

12. Opportunities for innovation and continuous improvement will be identified through the third round of consultation. This process will be led by The Trail Collective, this will occur over a 10 week period.

Collaboration

13. Not applicable.

Budget implications

14. Cost of planning to support consultation and engaging consultants for a design and concept plan is covered in the FY 21/22 budget.

Relevant law

15. Not applicable.

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Regional, state and national plans and policies

16. Sport and Recreation Victoria – *Active Victoria Framework*
17. VicHealth – *Physical Activity Strategy 2019-2023*
18. Outer Eastern Region Mountain Bike Strategy 2020.
19. Victoria Cycle Tourism Action Plan 2011-2015.

Conflicts of interest

20. Officers who have been involved in the preparation of this report declare they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

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PCC.019/22 Concept Plan for implementation of the Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge Open Space Precinct Plan

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Hjalmar Philipp, Director Operations and Infrastructure

Author: Enrique Gutierrez, Manager Assets and Capital Works

Summary

This report presents to Council for endorsement the final concept plan for the implementation of the Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge Open Space Precinct.

A draft concept plan was developed based on the 2018 Council-endorsed Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge Open Space Precinct Plan with feedback received from the community between 13 December 2021 and 7 February 2022. Additional feedback was received from Councillors during briefings in March and April 2022. Changes to the draft to the concept plan were implemented by the design consultants, producing the final concept plan attached to this report.

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Receives and notes submissions on the draft Concept Plan for Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge Open Space Precinct.
2. Endorses the Final Concept Plan - Graysharps Road Precinct Plan (**Attachment 1**).
3. Authorises the Director Operations and Infrastructure to approve necessary minor amendments to the Concept Plan that may occur as detailed design and delivery progress as a result of site conditions, technical specifications and/or budget.
4. Requests the endorsed Final Concept Plan - Graysharps Road Precinct Plan be exhibited on Participate Nillumbik to inform the community.
5. Thanks submitters for their feedback.

Attachments

- ⇒1. Concept Plan - Graysharps Road Precinct Plan Implementation

Discussion

1. In 2018, Council endorsed the Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge Open Space Precinct Plan. That plan identifies the Precinct as a key 'connecting' area in Hurstbridge, connecting those who live west of the Diamond Creek to the town centre and train line. The Precinct will also become the 'gateway' into or out of Hurstbridge for those using the Diamond Creek Trail.

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2. The objectives of the plan were broadly to:
 - provide an improved network of pedestrian connections which are safe, pleasant and which support the future Diamond Creek Trail;
 - improve the functionality of both the East Oval and Indoor Stadium and provide safe access and appropriate facilities to support their on-going use;
 - enhance and expand the ranges of community activity around and within the Community Hub;
 - consolidate and more efficiently use car parking areas to cater for increasing demand; and
 - improve the key entries to the precinct, particularly to the north and south. To respect and protect the important natural values of the creek corridor and adjoining land.
3. In 2021 Council was successful in its Growing Suburbs Fund grant application to implement some of the elements included in the plan for the precinct. Design works for a concept plan incorporating such elements have commenced.
4. Following the community consultation from 13 December 2021 to 7 February 2022, the draft concept plan was updated with consideration of the received suggestions and changes.
5. Councillors have been presented with revised version of the concept plan at a March briefing and a further, final revision in April 2022. Amendments from the plan presented to the community include:
 - Removal of the wet play area;
 - Reconfigured shelters and shade around ovals;
 - Provision of directional signage;
 - A revamped parking lot that allows for 50 parking spaces;
 - A more organic, meandering path connecting the revamped parking lot with the amphitheatre, connecting with the proposed shelters;
 - A new tiered slope with turf facing the east oval with rock retaining walls for hard seating;
 - Artistic feature/s within the amphitheatre and/or wider precinct; and
 - Inclusion of a projector box for display of visual images.
6. Additional items and considerations not represented visually on the concept plan will be worked though as part of the detailed design including:
 - Provision of drinking fountains that have both bottle refill and dog bowl;
 - Consideration of future potential change rooms in the south eastern area adjacent to the east oval.
 - Provision of dog poo bag dispensers;

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- Provision of cultural heritage signage;
 - Configuration and operation of the horse access area;
 - Provision of horse troughs and horse yards; and
 - Provision of rubbish bins.
7. Renaming the area will be considered as a separate exercise to this capital works project.
8. The next steps are:
- Inform community of final concept plan;
 - Commence detailed design and appointment of delivery contractors; and
 - Commence early works in line with grant funding requirements in 2022.

Related Council decisions

9. Council, at its Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting of March 2021 resolved to endorse the application for funding through the Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF) for the Graysharps Road Open Space Precinct Plan Implementation, with a Council contribution of \$925,500 and a Victorian Government Contribution of \$3,150,000. (Note while the GSF grant application was successful the full funding request was not provided on the basis that one element of the submission - the roofing over the netball courts – was not covered by GSF funding. As a result, the grant amount was reduced to \$2.0 million).

Options

10. Endorse the final concept plan or make additional amendments to the concept, noting that:
- the grant funding commitment requires construction commencement by October 2022, and
 - minor amendments to the concept may occur as detailed design and delivery progress, in particular due to site conditions, technical specifications and/or budget.

Council plans and policies

11. This report directly supports the achievement of the Council Plan 2021-2025 strategies:
- We carefully protect, plan, maintain and improve open spaces, streetscapes and places to ensure that they are safe, accessible and enjoyable.

Sustainability implications

12. The concept design has been developed with environmental factors in mind, such as the usage of recycled materials in asphalted and concreted areas, natural materials like timber and grass instead of hardstand materials in the amphitheatre.

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13. The vegetation is proposed to be consistent with Council’s endorsed Tree Management Policy 2018, the environmental significance of the area and the site context. Council will plant predominantly native and indigenous species. Tree species are selected based on context with immediate surroundings, longevity in the landscape and suitability to a particular site. Preference is given to indigenous species, however if deemed not suitable then other species may be considered in appropriate locations.
14. The final schedule of species will be subject to a review by Council’s Environment and Open Space teams.

Community engagement

15. A community engagement process occurred from 13 December 2021 and closed on 7 February 2022 with the original concept plan.
16. The page was visited 778 times from 664 visitors, with 72 submissions received.
17. The majority of the submissions were supportive. Main feedback received relates to:
 - New/additional cricket nets and removal of the old ones.
 - Use of natural materials on amphitheatre.
 - Minimise man-made structures.
 - Provide shelters and seating around the ovals.
 - Remove the proposed wet play area.
18. Two submissions were received with concerns on the consistency between the original plan and the proposed scope of works/elements in the new concept plan. Individual responses were provided to these two submitters. Responses included explanations that the current plan does not replace the 2018 precinct plan and that not all the items included in the original plan can be funded at this time.
19. Given the old and derelict condition of the existing cricket nets and its location, its removal has been included in the proposed scope of works. The current area will be transformed into a new tiered slope with turf sitting facing the east oval and it will contain some hard sitting within the proposed rock retaining walls.
20. In conjunction with the clubs, the design team is investigating the new location of the cricket nets. Three locations near the existing nets of the north oval are being investigated. Once the exact location is determined, works on the new nets will be conducted towards the end of this project. These works will not be included under the scope of works of the GSF funding and would need to be budgeted for as part of the budget process of FY2023-2024.

Innovation and continuous improvement

21. The provision of multi-use spaces such as the amphitheatre and the refurbished netball courts for future potential uses such as music and theatrical events, food festivals, local markets will enhance and increase community interaction and activity in this area in Hurstbridge.

Collaboration

22. Not applicable.

6. Consultation Matters

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Budget implications

23. The total budget allocated for this project is \$2.925M, with contributions as follows:

- Growing Suburbs Fund: \$2.0 million
- Council: \$0.925 million

Relevant law

24. Not applicable.

Regional, state and national plans and policies

25. The Graysharps Open Space Precinct project is supported by the following strategies:

Internal:

- Municipal Health & Wellbeing Plan
- Recreation Trails Report
- Open Space Strategy
- Nillumbik Lifetime Play Strategy
- Nillumbik Playground and Audit Strategy
- Youth Strategy
- Gender Equity Framework
- Disability Action Plan
- Tree Management Policy 2018.

External:

- Northern Regional Trails Strategy 2016
- Eastern Regional Trails Strategy 2018
- Outer Eastern Region Mountain Bike Strategy 2020
- Victoria Cycle Tourism Action Plan 2011-2015
- Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2022-2030 (under draft)
- Active Victoria Framework 2017-2021
- VicHealth Physical Activity 2019-2023.

Conflicts of interest

26. Officers who have been involved in the preparation of this report declare that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

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7. Supplementary and urgent business

8. Confidential reports

9. Close of Meeting