



NOTICE OF MEETING

ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA & REPORTS

for the meeting

commencing at 06:00 PM on Monday, 16 October 2023

Council Chambers

To All Members of Asset Management Committee

Councillor Chidambaranathan - Presiding Member
Councillor Fardone - Deputy Presiding Member
Her Worship the Mayor, Angela Evans (ex officio)
Councillor Thomas
Councillor Turelli

Councillor Campbell
Councillor Scheffler
Councillor Agius
Councillor Ghent

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ADRIAN RALPH

GENERAL MANAGER ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Dated 11 October 2023

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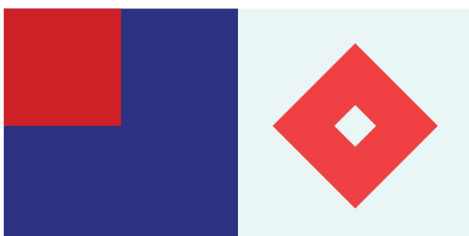


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1. COMMITTEE OPENING

1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Niina Marni is Kurna for 'Welcome'. The City of Charles Sturt acknowledges and pays respect to the traditional custodians of the land, the Kurna people of the Adelaide plains. We pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging. We respect their spiritual beliefs and connections to land which are of continuing importance to the Kurna people of today. We acknowledge the contributions and important role that Aboriginal people continue to play within our local community in Charles Sturt. We also respect the culture of Aboriginal people visiting from other areas of South Australia and Australia.

1.2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Note: The Committee does not have the power to make final decisions, it considers reports and makes recommendations (which are included as the minutes of this meeting) to full Council. The power to make the final decision rests with Council. Council may alter a recommendation made by the committee as part of this process. These minutes will be considered by the Council at its meeting on Monday, 23 October 2023.

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Brief

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, 18 September 2023.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, 18 September 2023 be taken as read and confirmed.

3. DEPUTATIONS

4. BUSINESS

4.70 PROPOSED NEW DOG PARK IN HENLEY WARD - RESULTS OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

TO: Asset Management Committee

FROM: Open Space Planner - John Wilkinson

DATE: 16 October 2023

Brief

As part of its 2023/24 budget, Council endorsed the investigation of a potential new dog park in the Henley Ward, which includes the suburbs of Henley Beach, Henley Beach South and part of Fulham Gardens and West Beach.

Following an internal review of possible sites, a section of Dean Whiteford Reserve, Henley Beach South, was selected as a possible location, subject to the results of community engagement, which was undertaken in August and September 2023.

This report presents the findings of the investigation, including the community engagement outcomes, and to seek Council's direction on the proposal.

Recommendation

- 1. That the report be received and noted.**
- 2. That the results of the community engagement relating to a proposed new dog park in Henley Ward and at Dean Whiteford Reserve in Appendix 4 be noted.**
- 3. That, based on the results of the community engagement, Council does not proceed with the proposal to establish a new dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve.**

Status

This report relates to or impacts upon the following Community Plan Objectives 2016-2027.

Our Liveability - A liveable City of great places

A well-designed urban environment that is adaptive to a diverse and growing City. City assets and infrastructure are developed and enhanced on a strategic and equitable basis in collaboration with local communities and other relevant parties, including industry and government.

Enhance the diversity of open spaces to create innovative, accessible and flexible community spaces.

Our Leadership - A leading & transformational Local Government organisation

Our values, leadership and collaborative approach are bold and courageous and enables us to deliver value for our Community and create a leading liveable City.

The management of our city is progressive, responsive and sustainable to ensure a united and unique place for future generations.

Open and accountable governance.

Relevant Council policies are:

- Asset Management Policy
- Public Consultation Policy
- Open Space Strategy 2025
- Animal Management Plan 2021 - 2025

Relevant statutory provisions are:

- Local Government Act 1999
- Dog and Cat Management Act 1995

Executive Summary

As part of its 2023/24 budget, Council endorsed the investigation of a potential new dog park in the Henley Ward, which includes the suburbs of Henley Beach, Henley Beach South and part of Fulham Gardens and West Beach. Several options were considered as potential locations for a new dog park, however a section of Dean Whiteford Reserve, Henley Beach South, was selected as the most suitable location, subject to the results of community engagement.

The purpose of this report is to present the findings of the community engagement and seek Council's direction on the proposal.

Background

All reserves within the City of Charles Sturt are off lead zones, for dogs which are under effective control, except any reserve which is declared to be an on-lead area. Areas where dogs must be on lead within the Henley Ward include Henley Square, Nancy Fischer Reserve (West Beach) and Tatura Reserve (Fulham Gardens). Effective control means a dog must be under voice control, within sight and near its owner/guardian at all times.

Beach and foreshore areas are also available for dog exercise within the Henley Ward (approximately 5km from West Beach to Grange Road). Dogs must be on lead between 10.00am and 8.00pm during daylight savings. Outside of these times, dogs may be off lead on beach and foreshore areas if they are under effective control.

Regardless of the space, dogs must be on a lead within 5 metres of any playground and must be on lead 100 metres from a sign advising of a Hooded or Red Capped Plover breeding site.

As shown in **Appendix 1**, the City of Charles Sturt currently has 8 dog parks, which is the second highest provision compared to other councils in metropolitan Adelaide. A dog park is defined as: *'A designated public area that's been set aside for dog guardians to legally exercise, play and socialise with their dogs off-leash in a secure environment. The park is fully enclosed or fenced and has amenities that make it clear that dogs are invited, not just permitted'* (Unleashed: A Guide to Successful Dog Parks, Dog and Cat Board SA, 2013).

A list of dog parks is as follows:

- Albert Greenshields, Ridleyton
- Jervois Avenue, West Hindmarsh
- Sam Johnson Reserve Puppy Park, Renown Park
- Semaphore Park Reserve, Semaphore Park
- St Clair Dog Park, St Clair
- Tedder Reserve, Flinders Park
- Woodville Oval Dog Park, Woodville
- Woodville West Reserve, Woodville West

Whilst council has a high provision of dog parks, it is recognised that there are no dog parks in the Henley Ward, with the closest dog park located at Tedder Reserve, Flinders Park, approximately 3km away (as the crow flies). The proposal is also included as specific actions in Council's Open Space Strategy 2025 and Animal Management Plan 2021 - 2025.

Whilst there are mixed views in the community regarding dog parks, they continue to be popular and well used, as is evident with the recent success of the 'Semapaw Dog Park' at Semaphore Park Reserve. The aim of this project is therefore to investigate a possible location and the community's desire for a new dog park in the Henley Ward, to inform further Council decisions.

At the time of preparing this report, a total of 2,479 dogs are registered in the Henley Ward, which is quite high when compared to other wards in the council area. Registration numbers for each suburb are provided below and it is noted that these figures include

total dog registrations in Fulham Gardens, whilst only approximately one third of this suburb is located within the Henley Ward.

- Henley Beach – 927
- Henley Beach South – 425
- West Beach – 407
- Fulham Gardens – 720

The purpose of this report is to present the findings of the investigation, including the community engagement outcomes, and to seek Council's direction on the proposal.

Report

Several reserves in the Henley Ward were considered and assessed for their suitability as a new dog park, as follows:

- Henley & Grange Memorial Oval, Henley Beach
- Menkens Reserve, Henley Beach
- John Mitchell Reserve, Henley Beach
- Sunningdale Reserve, Fulham Gardens
- Dean Whiteford Reserve, Henley Beach South

Each reserve was assessed using the following criteria:

- The reserve is a suitable size for a new dog park (approximately 3,000m² – 4,000m²), and impact on current and potential future uses.
- The reserve is currently used for dog exercise, based on staff observations and anecdotal evidence.
- The creation of a new dog park is suitable from a reserve maintenance, traffic, utilities, and tree impact perspective.
- Proximity to adjacent properties and other land uses.
- The creation of a new dog park aligns with the Community Land Management Plan (CLMP), Council strategy/policy, other uses and/or future projects.

The assessment for each site is included in **Appendix 2** and indicates that whilst there are positive and negative considerations for all sites, a section of Dean Whiteford Reserve, at the western end between Fletcher Road and Kincaid Road was selected as the possible location for a new dog park. This location was selected to streamline the consultation process and avoid confusion by undertaking community engagement on multiple options.

Dean Whiteford Reserve is a 'district' reserve, as identified within Council's Open Space Strategy, with a total area of approximately two hectares. The reserve extends from Lexington Road, along Kincaid Road, Yorktown Crescent and Fletcher Road, to the Henley South Tennis Club located on Burford Road, and includes numerous large and mature trees, as well as juvenile trees that have recently been planted as part of Council's Tree Canopy Improvement Strategy. The irrigation system was replaced in 2020 and a playground is also located at the eastern end of the reserve, which is due for renewal in approximately 5 years.

The reserve is currently used for a variety of recreation activities, including both structured play (at the playground) and unstructured play throughout the reserve, ball games, fitness, walking and dog exercise (under effective control). A future stage of the Grange Lakes Corridor Shared Use Path may traverse through or near to the reserve (still to be determined) and Council's Open Space Strategy also includes a specific action to investigate a dog park at the reserve.

The area for the proposed dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve is approximately 3,200m² and is shown in **Appendix 3**. This section of the reserve was selected based on its size, distance from utilities (such as overhead power and underground gas lines) and distance from the playground at the eastern end of the reserve.

Both Fletcher Road and Kincaid Road are local roads and a formal traffic and parking study has not been completed, as the proposal for a dog park in this location is very

preliminary, with the recent consultation was to gauge community support prior to further investigations and design. A formal traffic and parking study would be in the order of \$5,000.

Community Engagement

Community engagement was undertaken from 28 August 2023 to 25 September 2023, to capture information from the community regarding dog ownership and feedback regarding the proposal.

The community engagement process included:

- A hard copy letter and feedback form was sent to all residents and property owners within approximately 300 metres of the site.
- Staff contact details, project information and the feedback form were also placed on the Your Say Charles Sturt web page.
- SMS notification to registered dog owners within the Henley Ward.
- Signs at the proposed location.
- Engagement material (eg. posters, flyers or other) available at Henley Library/Community Centre and relevant local businesses where permitted.
- Promotion via relevant Charles Sturt Social Media Platforms including Pets of Charles Sturt Facebook page.

A total of 952 letters were sent and 305 responses were received, which is a response rate of 32%, which is a notably high response.

The engagement provided the opportunity for residents to respond to the following questions:

- a. Do you support the construction of a dog park to service the suburbs and residents in our Henley Ward area?
 - If no, please share why you feel this way.
- b. After considering all of the possible locations in the area for suitability, we have assessed Dean Whiteford Reserve in Henley Beach South (below) as the preferred location for a number of factors. If construction of a dog park is approved, do you support this location?
 - If yes, please share why you support this location?
 - If no, please share why you don't support this location.
- c. Are you currently a dog owner?
- d. Would you visit a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve, if it was approved?
- e. How would you describe the energy level of your dog?
 - High energy or hyperactive, medium energy or low energy.
- f. How does your dog behave in social situations?
- g. If you visit a dog park now, what is your favourite and why?

The detailed consultation results and staff comments are included in **Appendix 4**.

Five (5) emails were received from residents who were not in support of the proposal and Council staff also met with residents who reside in the consultation area, who were also not in support of the proposal.

A summary of the consultation results is as follows:

Overall Responses

a. Do you support the construction of a dog park to service the suburbs and residents in the Henley Ward?

- 160 supported the proposal (52% of respondents)
- 136 did not support the proposal (44% of respondents)
- 9 didn't mind (4% of respondents)

b. Do you support the construction of a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)

- 137 supported the proposal (80% of respondents)
- 20 did not support the proposal (12% of respondents)
- 14 didn't have a preference (8% of respondents)

Responses within the Consultation Area (300m of proposed location)

a. Do you support the construction of a dog park to service the suburbs and residents in the Henley Ward?

- 60 supported the proposal (35% of respondents)
- 106 did not support the proposal (62% of respondents)
- 5 didn't mind (3% of respondents)

b. Do you support the construction of a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)

- 64 supported the proposal (78% of respondents)
- 15 did not support the proposal (18% of respondents)
- 3 didn't have a preference (4% of respondents)

Overall support for a new dog park in the Henley Ward is mixed, with 52% of respondents supporting the proposal and 44% not supporting the proposal. In addition, most respondents (62%) who reside within the consultation area (300 metres) do not support the proposal and raise several concerns relating to traffic, parking, safety, noise and limiting use of the reserve.

In consideration of the findings from the community engagement process, it is recommended that Council not proceed with the creation of a new dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve.

Financial and Resource Implications

The cost of undertaking the investigation of a new dog park in Henley Ward, including the mail out, printing of signs and staff time is approximately \$2,500. Should Council endorse no further work to proceed on this project, no further expenditure is proposed, and the remaining project budget will be returned as savings.

Customer Service and Community Implications

There are no customer service or community implications.

Environmental Implications

Should Council endorse no further work to proceed on this project, there are no environmental implications.

Community Engagement/Consultation (including with community, Council members and staff)

Community engagement has been undertaken on the proposal for a new dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve, and the detailed findings are outlined in **Appendix 4**. Community engagement participants will be informed of Council's decision via email and project updates on Council's Your Say web page.

Risk Management/Legislative Implications

Activities relating to 'dog exercising' are consistent with the land management objectives outlined in the endorsed Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) for Dean Whiteford Reserve. Should Council endorse no further work to proceed on this project, there are no risk management/legislative implications.

Conclusion

Community engagement on a proposed new dog park in the Henley Ward, and more specifically at Dean Whiteford Reserve, received a high response rate (32%) and it is clear from the overall responses that there are mixed views regarding the proposal. In addition, most respondents who reside within 300 metres of the proposed location do not support the proposal and therefore, it is recommended that Council does not proceed with a new dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve at this time.

This report presents the findings of the investigation, including the community engagement outcomes, and to seek Council's direction on the proposal.

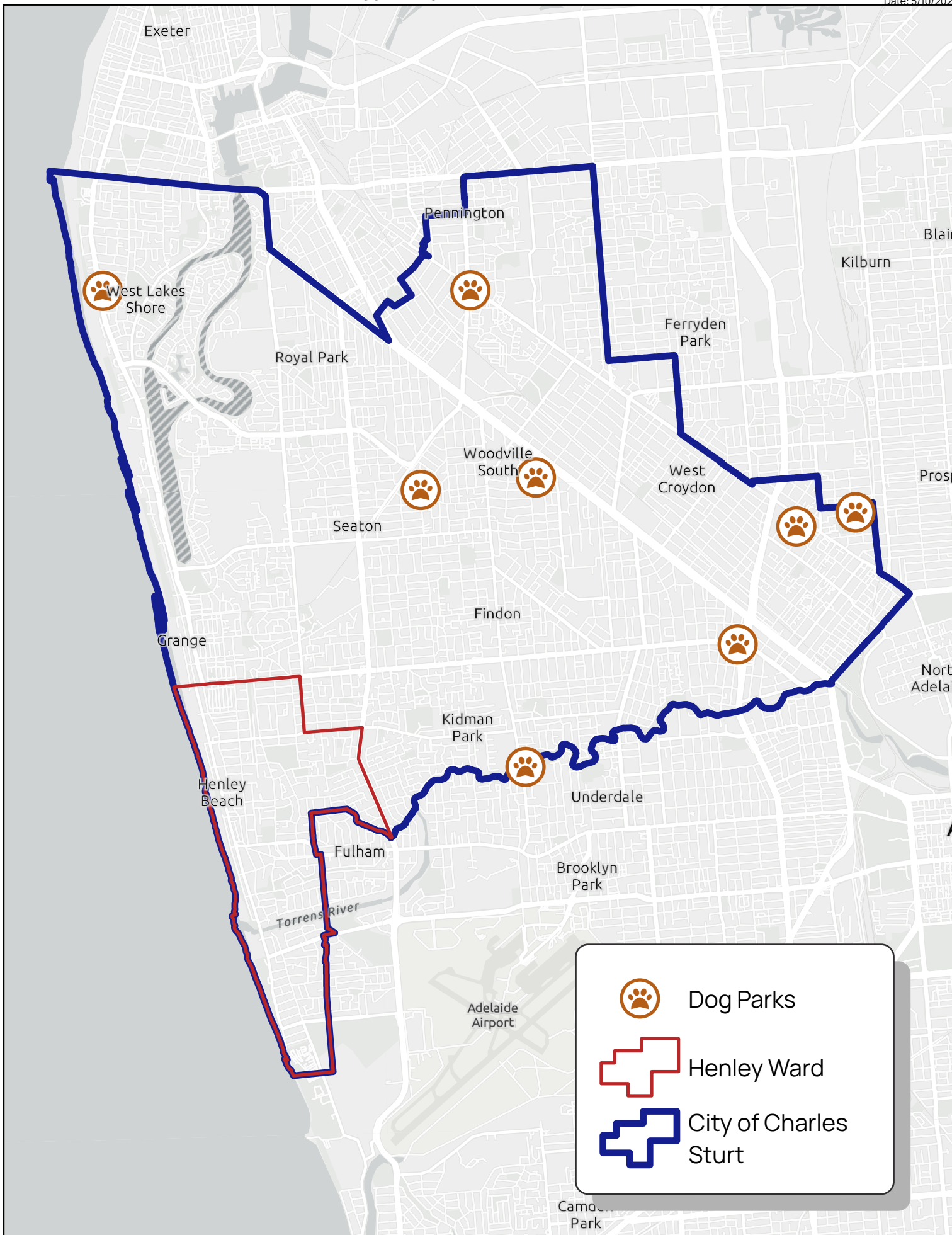
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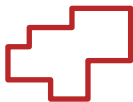

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1	Appendix 1 - CCS Dog Parks & Henley Ward boundary
2	Appendix 2 - New dog park in Henley Ward - Review of sites
3	Appendix 3 - Map of Dean Whiteford Reserve
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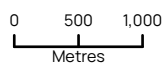
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DOG PARKS AND HENLEY WARD

Date: 5/10/2023



-  Dog Parks
-  Henley Ward
-  City of Charles Sturt



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New Dog Park in Henley Ward – Site Assessment

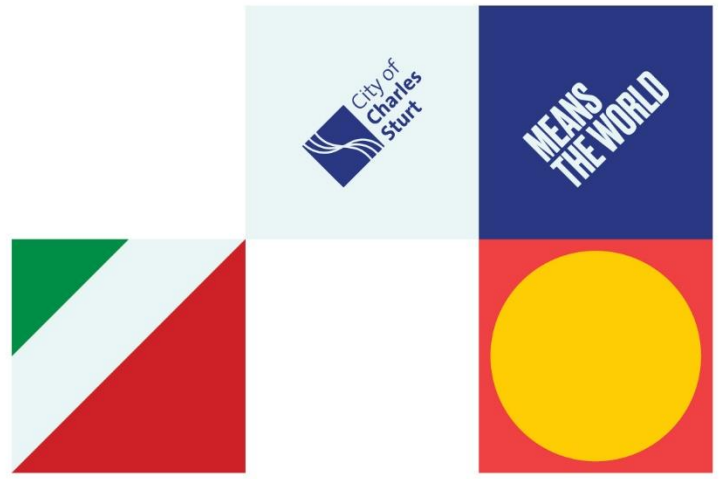
Reserve/Location	Suitable size and impact on current/future uses.	Currently used for dog exercise?	Maintenance, traffic, utilities, and tree impacts.	Proximity to adjacent properties and land uses.	Aligns with CLMP, Council strategy, other uses and/or future projects.
Henley & Grange Memorial Oval, Henley Beach	Area to the west of club rooms, approximately 3,500m ²	Dog off lead exercise permitted outside of organised sport use. Most dog exercise is on oval. Partial fencing around oval supports dog exercise.	Surrounded by local roads (White and Atkin Streets) and a Collector Road (Cudmore Tce). Off-street car park, however the oval is used extensively throughout the year. The western side of the reserve has extensive tree canopy.	Close to residential properties on White Street (30 metres). Oval is used year-round for various sport activities.	Aligns with CLMP. Close to playground and skate park. Stage 8 of the Grange Lakes Corridor shared use path will be constructed in the area to the west of the club rooms.
Menkens Reserve, Henley Beach	Area to east of reserve, approximately 5,000 m ²	Dog off lead exercise permitted at all times. Reserve is used moderately for dog exercise but is limited due to no fencing.	Surrounded by local roads with on-street car parking only. Located between Fulham North Primary School and St Michael's College. The outer areas of the reserve has an extensive tree canopy.	Close to residential properties. Located between Fulham North Primary School and St Michael's College.	Aligns with CLMP. Open Space Strategy includes a direction to increase trees at the reserve.
John Mitchell Reserve, Henley Beach	Main area (playing field) is approximately 11,500m ² Outer area along Whibley Street is approximately 7,000 m ²	Dog off lead exercise permitted outside of licenced use. Main area is fenced, and outer area has no fencing.	The main area is located close to Cudmore Tce (collector road) and has some off-street car parking, however this is extensively used by Henley High School and other licensees. The outer area is surrounded by local roads with on-street car parking only (along Whibley Street).	Close to residential properties. Adjacent to Henley High School and close to Fulham North Primary School.	Aligns with CLMP. Extensive year-round use by licensees as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gundog Club of SA - year-round, 1 night per week. • Henley High School – year-round during school hours. • Various local school events. • Grange Cricket Club – 2 days per week in summer. • West Torrens District Cricket Club – 2 days per week in summer.

			The outer areas of the reserve has an extensive tree canopy.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henley Sharks Netball Club – use the adjacent courts.
Sunningdale Reserve, Fulham Gardens	Western side of reserve is approximately 9,000 m ²	<p>Dog off lead exercise permitted outside of licenced use.</p> <p>The reserve is mostly unfenced, which limits dog exercise, however anecdotal evidence indicates it is well used for this purpose.</p>	<p>Located on local roads, with no off-street car parking.</p> <p>The outer areas of the reserve has an extensive tree canopy.</p>	<p>The size of the reserve would enable a dog park to be located further away from residential properties (approximately 50 metres, depending on the location).</p> <p>The reserve is currently used for some organised sport training. The Open Space Strategy includes a direction to support increased sports use.</p>	<p>Aligns with CLMP.</p> <p>The reserve includes a playground (to be renewed in 23/24), tennis and basketball courts.</p> <p>The Open Space Strategy includes directions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support increased sports use. • Consider public toilets at the reserve. • Increase tree planting and improved landscaping.
Dean Whiteford Reserve, Henley Beach South	<p>Total area approximately 2 hectares.</p> <p>Western end – 3,500 m²</p> <p>Eastern end – 3,000 m²</p>	<p>Dog off lead exercise permitted at all times.</p> <p>The reserve is mostly unfenced, which limits dog exercise, however anecdotal evidence indicates it is well used for this purpose.</p>	<p>Located on local roads, with no off-street car parking. Lexington Road is a local collector road.</p> <p>Located close to Henley Beach Primary School (130 metres) and Henley South Tennis Club (50 metres).</p> <p>The reserve has an extensive tree canopy.</p>	<p>Located close to residential properties (25 metres).</p> <p>The reserve is currently used for play and unstructured recreation.</p>	<p>Aligns with CLMP.</p> <p>The reserve includes a playground at the eastern end (due for renewal in 5 years). A future stage of Grange Lakes Corridor shared use path could traverse through or near the reserve.</p> <p>The Open Space Strategy includes a specific direction to investigate the possibility of a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve. Other directions include improving the play space, upgrading picnic facilities and strengthening the pathway connections.</p>

APPENDIX 3



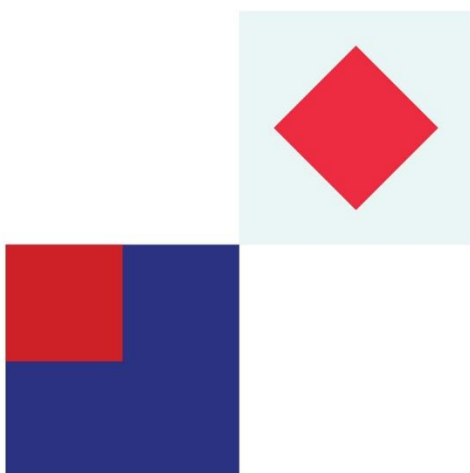
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Community Engagement Summary Report

Investigation of a new Dog Park in Henley Ward

October 2023



1. Executive Summary

Community engagement was undertaken from **28 August 2023 to 25 September 2023**, on the proposal for a new dog park in the Henley ward and a potential site at Dean Whiteford Reserve, Henley Beach South.

The objectives of the community engagement were to ensure:

- Information is provided to the Charles Sturt community regarding the proposal and why it's being considered.
- Our Charles Sturt community has easy access to the appropriate project information and equal opportunity to share their opinions on the project.
- That the process builds positive relationships between Council and the community, and positions Charles Sturt as an organisation that is providing sound management decisions.
- That information is provided to the Charles Sturt community on any decisions and the reasoning for those decisions.

Engagement was undertaken in accordance with Part 3 of Council's Public Consultation Policy and, accordingly, the public consultation steps for this project have been determined by Council on a discretionary basis. The level of engagement was '**consult**'. The engagement outcomes detailed in this report will inform the Council's decision making by highlighting the community sentiment surrounding the proposal.

An overview of the consultation is as follows:

- 952 hard copy letters and feedback forms were provided to residents and property owners within the consultation area (approximately 300 metres of the proposed location).
 - 796 to residents.
 - 156 to property owners.
- The engagement was published on Council's 'Your Say Charles Sturt' web page.
- Signs were placed at the reserve and other popular locations in the Henley Ward, including a QR code link to the Your Say Charles Sturt web page.

A summary of the feedback received is as follows:

- A total of **305 responses** were received overall (32% response rate).
- **171 responses** were received within the consultation area (300 metres from the proposed location).
- 5 email submissions were received.

Overall feedback regarding the proposal for a dog park in the Henley Ward was mixed, as follows:

- 52% in support.
- 44% not in support.
- 4% didn't mind.

Feedback from the consultation area indicated more respondents did not support the proposal for a dog park in the Henley Ward, as follows:

- 35% in support.
- 62% not in support.
- 3% didn't mind.

2. Project Background

Investigation of a new dog park in the Henley ward was initiated by an Elected Member 2023/24 budget proposal and supported by specific actions in Council's Open Space Strategy and Animal Management Plan. Whilst council has a high provision of dog parks, it is recognised that there are no dog parks in the Henley Ward, and the closest dog park is located at Tedder Reserve, approximately 3km away (as the crow flies).

The provision of dog parks in the City of Charles Sturt is guided by the following documents:

- Strategic Urban Animal Management Plan 2016 – 2020
- Open Space Strategy 2025

Whilst Council recognises that there are different views within the community regarding dog parks, dog parks in the City of Charles Sturt continue to be popular and well used, as is evident with the recent success of the 'Semapaw Dog Park' in Semaphore Park Reserve. It was therefore important as part of this engagement, to consider all views and ensure the design of the potential new dog park considers different dogs, owners, and behaviours.

Council allocated funding in its 2023/24 budget for the investigation of a new dog park, including a review of potential locations, community engagement on a possible location, and, subject to community support and Council approval, development of a concept design and costs to inform a budget bid for construction in 2024/25.

3. Community Engagement Approach

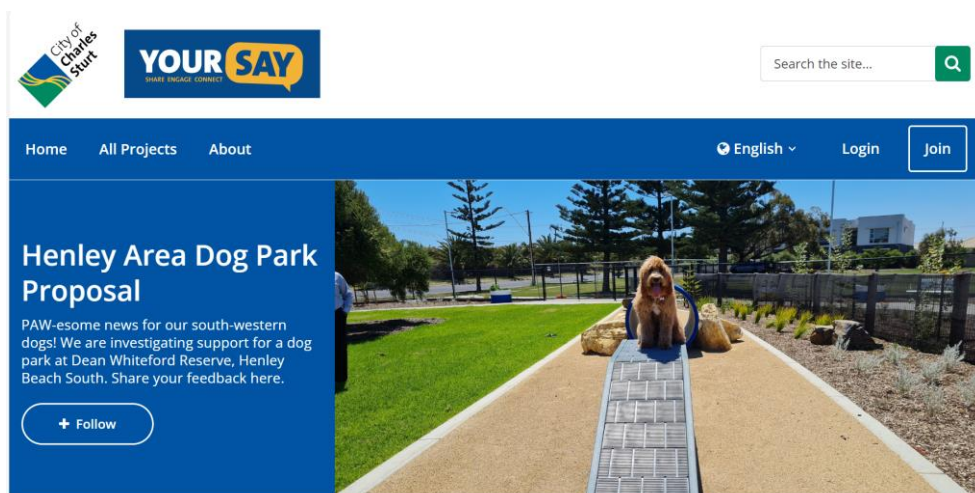
The scope of community engagement for this project is as follows:

- Review possible locations for a new dog park in the Henley Ward.
- Determine if there is community support for a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve, between Fletcher Road and Kincaid Road, Henley Beach South.
- Understand dog ownership and characteristics within the Henley Ward, that, if supported by the community, could inform the design of a new dog park.

4. Engagement Examples

- a) Your Say Charles Sturt web page:

<https://yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/henley-area-dog-park-proposal>



If you don't participate in consultation but have an interest in the outcome of this project, follow this project page to receive updates as they occur. Otherwise, you will not be notified until after a decision is made.

Dean Whiteford Reserve: Proposed, preferred location



The green outline demonstrates the boundary of Dean Whiteford Reserve. The blue rectangle demonstrates the area of the reserve being considered for the dog park. It is not representative of the size or boundary. This will be considered in the planning stage.

Document Library



Hardcopy Feedback Form PDF (1.37 MB)

If you would prefer to print a hardcopy survey form, which you can email or post to us (refer contact details at the bottom of this page), you can download this here.

Off-lead dog parks and reserves in our city:

- Albert Greenshields Dog Park, Greenshields Place, Brompton
- Jervois Street Reserve, West Hindmarsh
- Sam Johnson Reserve Puppy Park, Bollingbroke Avenue, Renown Park
- Semapaw Park, corner of Military Road and Edwin Street, Semaphore Park
- St Clair Dog Park, Torrens Road, Pennington
- St Clair Oval 3 and 4, St Clair Recreation Reserve, Woodville Road, Woodville
- Tedder Reserve Pooch Park, Findon Road, Flinders Park
- Woodville Oval Dog Club, Woodville South
- Woodville West Dog Sensory Garden, Todville Street, Woodville West.

Find out more about responsible dog management, off-lead dog areas and helpful tips on our [Dogs webpage](#).

Investigation of a dog park for the Henley Ward area

With the support of the Henley ward councillors, we are investigating the level of support for a dog park to be constructed in our preferred location at Dean Whiteford Reserve, Henley Beach South to service the suburbs of Henley Beach, Henley Beach South and parts of West Beach and Fulham Gardens. To understand what this proposal might mean for you, and your furry friend if you have one, we need to hear from you!

Consultation is open from 28 August to 25 September 2023.

About the proposal

Investigation of a dog park in the south-western area of our city is specifically mentioned as an action in our Open Space Strategy because there is no dedicated dog park provided in this section of the city.

We have identified Dean Whiteford Reserve along Fletcher, Lexington and Kincaid Roads, in Henley Beach South as the preferred and proposed site for a future dog park for this area. A number of other sites were identified but, after assessment, were considered unsuitable for reasons including not being big enough, not providing the run length required, availability of car parking, current and potential future uses of the site, limitations due to underground or aboveground services, biodiversity reasons, being unsafe etc.

How do you feel about a local dog park?

The feedback period has now closed.

If you don't like to do things online, call us and we can complete the feedback form with you over the phone or we can mail you a hardcopy feedback form and a reply-paid envelope.

Please contact us on 8408 1306.


Early engagement

This first stage of the Henley ward area dog park investigation is to understand if a dog park in the area is supported, if the proposed location is supported and, if you own a dog, a bit about your dog, its behaviour, and how you keep active together.

Next steps

The other key stages and required decisions related to the project are listed to the left in the project "Timeline". If the community is supportive of the dog park proposal and location, and subject to the decisions made following stage 1 consultation, we will consult further with you in early 2024 (stage 2) on a draft concept plan for the dog park, in the approved (preferred) location.

Example of feedback form:


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Henley Area Dog Park Proposal Feedback Form – OSR&P


The City of Charles Sturt is inviting your initial feedback on a proposed Henley Area Dog Park at our preferred location in Dean Whiteford Reserve, Henley Beach South (refer enclosed location map). Consultation commences Monday 28 August 2023 and closes at 5.00pm Monday 25 September 2023.

We would love to hear from you in one of the following ways:

- On-line via Council's website <https://www.yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/> or by scanning the QR code to the right via your smart device camera;

OR

- Complete this feedback form by using the enclosed reply-paid envelope.



Your details

Please provide your details should we need to contact you regarding your feedback*:

Name: _____
Salutation First Name Surname

Street Address: _____

Suburb: _____ **State:** _____ **P/Code:** _____

Email: _____

Phone: (Home): _____ **(Mobile):** _____

Please indicate your preferred delivery method to receive future communication about this project:

Email address as listed above Hard copy to my listed postal address

Your feedback

1. Do you support the construction of a dog park to service the suburbs and residents in our Henley Ward area?

Yes
 No
 I don't mind

2. After considering all of the possible locations in the area for suitability, we have assessed Dean Whiteford Reserve in Henley Beach South (below) as the preferred location for a number of factors. If construction of a dog park is approved, do you support this location?

Yes
 No
 I don't have a location preference

2a. If yes, please share why you support this location?

2b. If no, please share why you don't support this location?

3. Are you currently a dog owner?

Yes, I am
 Not currently, but I may be in the future
 No, I'm not

4. Would you visit a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve, if it was approved?

Yes
 No
 Unsure

5. How would you describe the energy level of your dog?

High energy or hyperactive (love to run, retrieve, herd & work)
 Medium energy (likes to play, chase, smell and explore)
 Low energy (slow & steady, gentle walks or play, easy going)

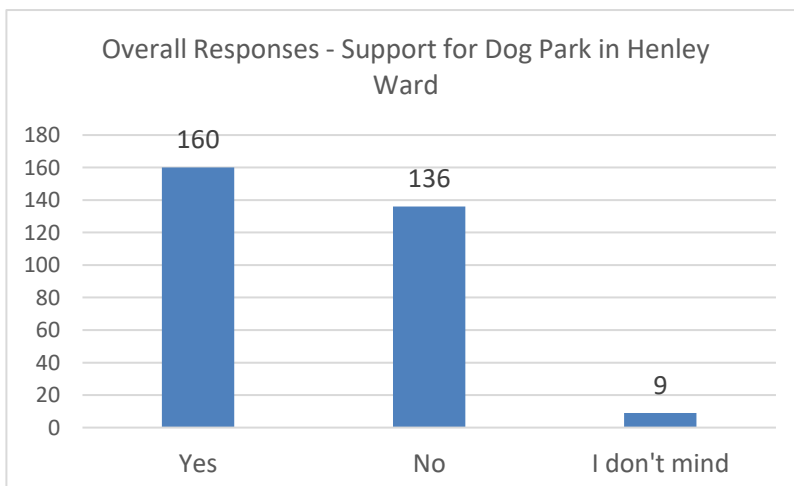
5. Engagement Findings and Key Themes

The engagement findings are separated by the location of each respondent, as it is important to acknowledge the feedback of residents and property owners residing near the proposed location at Dean Whiteford Reserve, as the impact on these properties is likely to be greater.

Overall Responses (N = 305)

a) Do you support the construction of a dog park to service the suburbs and residents in our Henley Ward area?

- 160 supported the proposal (52%)
- 136 did not support the proposal (44%)
- 9 didn't mind (4%)



b) Do you support the construction of a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)

- 137 supported the proposal (80% of respondents)
- 20 did not support the proposal (12% of respondents)
- 14 didn't have a preference (8% of respondents)

c) Do you own a dog? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)

- Yes – 223
- Not currently but might in future – 44
- No – 40

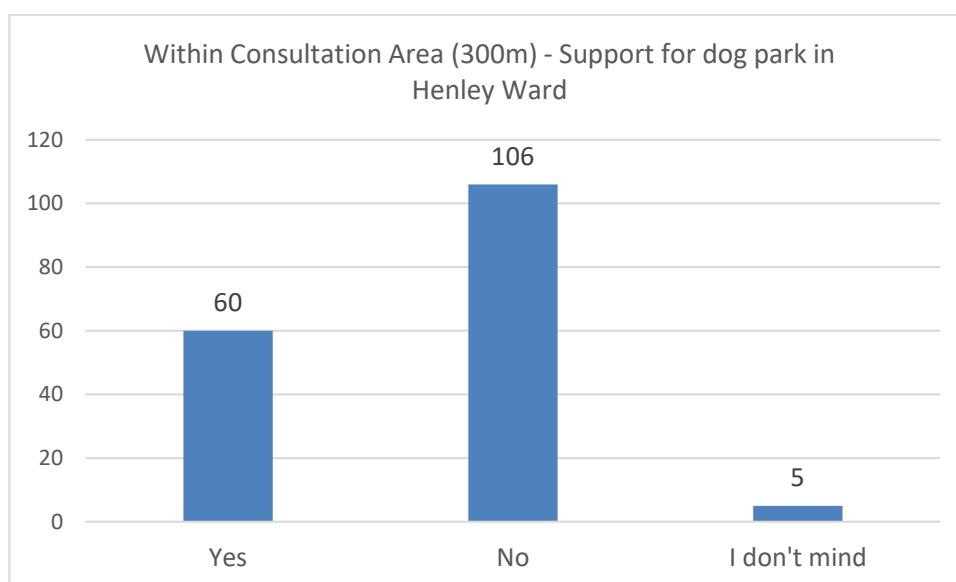
d) Would you visit a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve if one was constructed? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)

- Yes – 135
- No – 115
- Unsure - 17

Responses within Consultation Area – 300 metres of Proposed Location (N = 171)

a) Do you support the construction of a dog park to service the suburbs and residents in our Henley Ward area?

- 60 supported the proposal (35%)
- 106 did not support the proposal (62%)
- 5 didn't mind (3%)



b) Do you support the construction of a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)

- 64 supported the proposal (78% of respondents)
- 15 did not support the proposal (18% of respondents)
- 3 didn't have a preference (4% of respondents)

c) Do you own a dog? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)

- Yes – 114
- Not currently but might in future – 32
- No – 28

d) Would you visit a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve if one was constructed? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)

- Yes – 49
- No – 85
- Unsure – 12

Key Themes

Positive Sentiment

- There currently isn't a dog park in Henley Ward. The proposal will provide a new dog park that is close to home and within easy walking distance.
- The proposed location works well as a community space, by being located close to the tennis club and school.
- Located centrally in Henley Ward and away from main roads.
- The proposed location still retains adequate open space within Dean Whiteford Reserve for other activities.
- The proposed location is already used for dog exercise.

Detailed comments are provided below:

Proposal for Dog Park in Henley Ward - Feedback for Yes responses	
Response No:	Is there anything specific about why you support Dean Whiteford Reserve as the proposed location that you want to share with us?
1	Proximity to my home
2	Convenient location
3	Close to my home. Easy walking distance.
4	Convenient location for us
5	There current isn't one in walking distance from us (on Fletcher) so welcome this project.
6	This is a large park which is very popular for dogs to run around. To have a dedicated space would be perfect
7	Living on Fletcher Road and owning a dog (and knowing many of the local dogs), it'd be a fantastic additional community space - adjacent to two other great community spaces - the tennis club and school
8	Close to home
9	Central in Henley south and away from main roads
10	Addition of a smart toilet also
11	Central to the Henley South area, not a major impact to the overall reserve, given how large this reserve is
12	Close to beach, river, school, sports facilities. Will stop people from using the school oval after hours as a fenced off area.
13	Great central location
14	There is still plenty of green space for people to enjoy
15	Close to me!
16	the area doesn't have many safe off lead dog options. People currently use the nearby school grounds on weekends which is problematic for children using the playground on weekends. I'm very supportive of this proposal
17	It's away from busy roads and close to where I live
18	None nearby.
19	Convenience primarily for residents, leave sufficient park space for other uses
20	it is a large accessible space where dogs and their owners can feel safe
21	Great location near parks, school. It's an area that's currently not utilized and a great addition.

Proposal for Dog Park in Henley Ward - Feedback for Yes responses	
Response No:	Is there anything specific about why you support Dean Whiteford Reserve as the proposed location that you want to share with us?
22	Close to our house
23	Proximity to my house
24	Largely unused space, currently most used by dog owners already from my experience.
25	Live nearby and already take my dog there
26	Central location
27	Not far from our house and allows for the park to still be used for other things as it has plenty of space on that reserve
28	It's within easy walking distance from where we live.
29	I have a dog and I would use this dog park every day
30	It is close to other local community amenities in that area i.e. primary school, tennis club, playground so it makes sense that another community facility is located in the same area
31	The area appears under utilised apart from people walking their dogs. It is a good distance from the kids playground, and doesn't have a lot of traffic passing.
32	Close to home, near to tennis and school so ease if access
33	It will bring life to a great reserve. Few sections are regularly used.
34	I will be using it a lot
35	It is in a park close to me where I can walk daily and within easy access.

Negative Sentiment

- The proposed location is too close to residents and will increase noise (dogs barking, etc).
- A new dog park will create more traffic and additional car parking pressures around the area, with some respondents indicating these pressures already exist.
- The proximity of the dog park to Henley Beach Primary School and Henley South Tennis Club is also a concern regarding additional parking and traffic, particularly at school drop off and pick up times.
- Safety concerns relating to an increased number of dogs near children, due to the proximity of the proposed new dog park to the school.
- Concerns regarding poor dog behaviour within a new dog park.
- Concerns regarding disturbance to local wildlife.
- The proposed location at Dean Whiteford Reserve is currently used for a range of different activities, including community gatherings, games, play and recreation. A new dog park will limit this use to one activity.
- There are other areas in Henley Ward for dog exercise, including the beach, foreshore and off-lead reserves. Council should invest in other facilities, such as a new playground or BBQ.
- The appearance of the proposed new dog park will detract from the (additional fencing, etc).
- Concerns regarding an adverse impact on property values.

Detailed comments are provided below:

Proposal for Dog Park in Henley Ward - Feedback for No responses	
Response No:	Please share with us why you don't support a dog park within the Henley Ward, to service dogs and dog owners in this area?
1	I never take my dog to a dog park, they are havens for anti social behaviour, frequented more often than not by dog owners who haven't invested their time to train their dogs correctly or socialise them appropriately. Havens for disease if dogs unvaccinated
2	Don't want extra transport and car traffic
3	The beach is very close, undesirables at night, noise, unsightly, attract citizens from other areas, ruin a beautiful park area
4	Because I don't want 300 dogs in my area. We have a lovely community here and we use the park for parties and neighbourhood games, I don't mind there being a dog park, but not in my area.
5	Not required in this location
6	Too many cars for visitors. Too close to a school with lots of kids walking and cycling nearby
7	We live in an area that has a natural dog park, i.e the BEACH. The months allowed to walk a dog off a leash in Day Lights savings should be changed to just the months of summer... 3 months of the year and NOT 6 months
8	It's too close to the tennis courts and primary school as it is a busy area to park cars even when families are dropping and picking up children from school and people playing tennis on the weekends. Also I think it's not a good place for the local reside
9	I don't like the suggested location. There is already not enough parking with the school and tennis. I don't think it is good to have so many dogs near to so many young kids (Henley primary). A lot of the kids don't understand how to approach a dog.
10	There is no need, there is ample space for dogs to run
11	Not required
12	There is no need for a dog park. It will be an eyesore and spending ratepayers money on public infrastructure for dogs when times is absurd.
13	Residents already have many options for dog walking including beach, linear park and parks.
14	We already have enough traffic in this area with the school and the tennis courts. We don't need any more.
15	Don't support proposed placement of dog park. Should be in an area not so close to school and recreation facility used by children. Area already used by local dogs off lead and causing no problems. Would attract more traffic.
16	The proposed location is too close to the Tennis Club so will cause noise disruption and parking issues. Please see full explanation below
17	Beach is only 400 meters away from proposed site. Dogs can run freely and beach is patrolled.
18	Several reasons. Our rates are going up significantly and it is blamed on inflation etc yet your are continuing to do discretionary ie non essential projects like this that must contribute to rate rises.
19	Not necessary - Close to beach & River Walk Path. Street too narrow to handle extra traffic.
20	The location of the proposed dog park is unrealistic. Parking is already a huge problem near the school and the tennis courts. The noise of tennis's balls and dogs barking at them would be annoying. The beach is 2 minutes away. Walk the dogs there. Its
21	Council should commit spending to things that are accessible to the whole community, i.e. community centres or rubbish pick-up.
22	Too close to school and tennis courts. Lots of kids - Dogs can be unpredictable around kids and too many surrounding streets for a dog park. Beach is 3 street away to walk a dog!

Proposal for Dog Park in Henley Ward - Feedback for No responses

Response No:	Please share with us why you don't support a dog park within the Henley Ward, to service dogs and dog owners in this area?
23	Put it at Henley Memorial Oval complex where no close residents are affected.
24	This is a completely unsuitable and seemingly poorly researched location for a dog park. Proximity to adjacent houses will cause significant disruption to residents as I'll associate increase in traffic load on the adjacent roads.
25	Please refer below. We strongly OPPOSE THE PROPOSED LOCATION and this does not meet any guidelines for a dog park and presents many risk factors to the community.
26	I have problem with the location. Lots of kids playing in the area. My kids have been attacked by dogs in that area. There will be no policing of the dog park, it will be up to owners. I am really opposed to it. Non stop barking and rubbish.
27	I live opposite a lovely open space and do not want to look directly at a fenced off area, nor have extra traffic/people and parking issues. My dogs would also not respond well (barking) to having dogs constantly across the road.
28	My concern relates to increased traffic down Fletcher Rd
29	Car parked safety issue for school kids,1 year ago new irrigation in park, needs to be put on a main rd
30	1. Why spoil the beauty of this open space tree'd reserve? 2. An adverse effect on property values facing the reserve. 3. A dog park will create bigger car problems on what is already a very busy Fletcher Road with school activities.
31	A lot more traffic
32	The predicted increase in traffic on Fletcher Rd will affect the safety of the community, such as the cyclists and school children who walk or cycle to Henley Primary School daily. Dog parks are also inherently dangerous for dogs & dog owners.
33	It will increase traffic flow down Fletcher Road which has already increased significantly in recent months.
34	Increased traffic flow on Fletcher Road, already congested every day during school hours
35	There are existing extensive areas in Henley Beach South where dogs can be walked. The proposed location of the park is in a quiet area next to a primary school. This is not a safe and practical place to undertake this project.
36	Spend the DOG Money on Childrens Play Ground equipment or PICNIC shelters for BBQs
37	I feel the Henley South pocket is best kept as natural as possible. I am a dog owner and I have endless options to walk my dog within the area. I also feel the roadside parking to be inadequate during school drop off and pickup.
38	We have an abundance of beach, lawn and pathed areas dogs are able to go either on lead or off lead at set times. A specific dog park site brings added complexities and challenges for the area and its residents.
39	I don't support this project because I care about the safety of our kids going to Henley beach primary school and the tennis club. Furthermore I don't want this green space to be destroy and replaced by concrete benches and structures.
40	The area is already congested enough due to increasing subdivisions resulting in increased density. We have lovely walking tracks and the beach - that is enough.
41	More traffic in this area
42	There will be a huge increase in traffic as most people will drive to the park. The area can not sustain that much parking space for the school, tennis courts, private parking for homes and a dog park.
43	Like the park as it is - trees etc - increase in traffic

Proposal for Dog Park in Henley Ward - Feedback for No responses

Response No:	Please share with us why you don't support a dog park within the Henley Ward, to service dogs and dog owners in this area?
44	Its simply not needed and would spoil the area, lots of cars already with pick up and drop of at School and when the Tennis is on.
45	The dog and dog owners and children in this area already use this portion of land for dog walking and play. We also have beach area to walk dogs and it seems unnecessary to build a dog park. Traffic and parking is another concern.
46	We do not want a man made structure where there is a lovely natural park We do not want more traffic. We do not want misbehaving dogs in our area
47	I would choose a location on the river where homes are not affected by extra traffic barking dogs etc. I had been thinking this particular area would be great for some lower story planting to attract more birds
48	Does not add any benefit to the area. The area, including linear park trail and the beach is plenty enough for dogs and owners to walk
49	Its not needed in that area. It is far to busy with the School and the tennis courts. The local residents find it hard enough to get a park for their own or visitors cars
50	Area too small, close to school & tennis courts which already gets crowded with parents for drop off & pick up
51	I have been speaking to a vet who advises dog owners never to take their dogs to a dog park because of injuries from fights..
52	No dog park is worth ruining the beautiful quiet space you are proposing to build it on. This is too close to residents and the noise, extra traffic and parking issues this will create will badly effect the local community.
53	Because I work shift work and sleep during days when dogs will be playing and barking across from my house
54	This is a peaceful multipurpose zone. Don't want ugliness of construction, dog fights and noise early morning, increased traffic, negative impact on house prices. Potential hangout spot at night with antisocial behaviour. There are plenty of green spaces.
55	We, the undersigned residents of the residential housing on the reserve, wish to express our strong objection to the proposed construction of a dog park in the heart of our community. See further correspondence.
56	I will be writing a detailed letter & will send via email.
57	There is enough open space already for dogs to be exercised
58	Beach, Torrens River all within short walk (used by family with dogs now, why spoil it). Also small narrow streets, extra traffic, bike lane and school too close for safety concerns. Money spent on more urgent projects.
59	Noise, safety and property access issues.
60	I don't believe it is necessary - we have a wonderful space and parklands for everyone to enjoy and don't require a fenced off area designated for dogs.
61	I don't support the current proposed location due to the impact on local residents.
62	There are plenty of places within the Henley Ward for dog owners to exercise their dogs. I have never felt the need to go to a dog park and not have I ever had the conversation for the need for one to any of the community
63	We have a property on the park, directly opposite the proposed dog park area (Kincaid Road). The dog park will replace valued recreational space which can be used by kids, families, walkers etc. The space will be lost to everybody but dogs and their owner

Proposal for Dog Park in Henley Ward - Feedback for No responses

Response No:	Please share with us why you don't support a dog park within the Henley Ward, to service dogs and dog owners in this area?
64	We already have a major parking issue in the proposed location
65	No need for a dog park - we have a beach, River Torrens, plenty of ovals to take dogs.
66	Need to service the children first then worry about the dogs
67	This reserve is surrounded by housing and is one of the few open spaces where families with small kids picnic, kick a football around etc. Also the beach is 400 metres away which is perfect for dog socialisation.
68	Unnecessary use and expense, have much better, for dogs, the beach close by, and many other OPEN spaces, traffic would definitely increase and a fenced off area would degrade the aesthetics of the area, AND too close to school
69	Because we would prefer a green park as opposed to a dusty area which always happens with dog parks and to consistently having dogs barking especially where tennis balls are being hit would be very noisy. Most dog parks are not in such a residential area
70	This proposed dog park is absurd to be places in such a residential area where so many school children walk by every morning and afternoon and with junior tennis played on the courts
71	Dog fights
72	Dog parks aren't good for dogs and fights and to many cars and extra people to our area
73	I live on Lexington Rd, the park is already used by dog owners that exercise their dogs and it's a beautiful park . Lexington Rd is already a busy thoroughfare for the school and tennis club , the increase in traffic and taking of already limited parking.
74	It would ruin the green space around the area. We have enough places for dogs to run.
75	We don't need it. There are plenty off green spaces and beaches to walk dogs
76	Potential for dog attack on children due to proximity to school and tennis club. Currently no policing of dog related issues, no muzzling of large dog breeds, no enforcement and non compliance of on lead areas of beaches and green areas, increased traffic
77	It will be an eyesore and open spaces are better than fenced off areas
78	It is already used by dogs and dog owners and is successfully used by the community- we do no need extra wire fencing and tunnels for the use of dogs only. It will remove peaceful birds from the area, as well as create potential parking issues
79	The residents of Henley Beach South are close to the beach, which makes a wonderful off lead area for our dogs. Refer also my comments in the last box below, which I couldn't fit in this box.
80	The proposed area is very close to Henley Beach Primary School, there is little parking along the streets and parking is already an issue. if travelling along Burford Street is only allows for one car due to parked cars, this problem with only increase.
81	Increased traffic, litter, barking, smell etc
82	Traffic already swells during warm weather and this will increase to more traffic
83	We can exercise our dogs off leash at the nearby beach - there is no need for a new dog park
84	Traffic, Danger to children from dogs. If dog owners kept their gos on a lead there would be no need for dog parks. My grandchildren have been seriously harassed by dogs on 3 separate occasions and the dog owner say "he won't bite"Oh he's never bitt
85	The infrastructure significantly detracts from the aesthetics of the area and will cause reduction in value to housing
86	too dangerous. Too close to school where there are a lot of children and too many cars already when school drop off and pick upf

Proposal for Dog Park in Henley Ward - Feedback for No responses	
Response No:	Please share with us why you don't support a dog park within the Henley Ward, to service dogs and dog owners in this area?
87	It is too close to the school and tennis club. There is already minimal parking in the area during the week and weekends. It would create even more parking issues. Also there are many children in the area and school who may be scared of dogs
88	There aren't any areas large enough for a dog park. We have the beach at Henley.
89	The beach is a big enough space for dogs to enjoy. There is already brought traffic in Henley and insufficient parking. This is a residential suburb not a circus.
90	Dog owners should pay for their own facilities, not provided by the Council
91	Would result in increased vehicle traffic in the area and loss of park land. Perfectly suitable beach nearby that is available for dog walking and exercise.
92	I don't believe dog parks are an essential part of our Henley community. There are dog parks within a short driving distance should dog owners want to use these facilities for their dogs.
93	The prophesies site already attracts a large number of vehicles with local school and tennis club. Residents have invested a large sums of money to purchase in this sort after area not have properties devalued by destroying the park with a dog park.
94	Dog parks are not hygienic and in my experience become dust bowls. They require car parking and not aesthetically pleasing. They require upkeep where money could be spent on better initiatives in the area.
97	Vehicle and foot traffic would increase greatly. I do not believe dog park users are always the right people to encourage coming to my area.
98	Increase motorist where there is already from - Primary school and recreational facilities. Too close to residential homes. Beach is only a short distance away dog walkers can access the beach. Increased dogs where there is high traffic of children.
99	It's awfully close to the Henley Beach Primary School and there will be a lot more traffic coming and going from that area, we also have a beach right down the road that we can let dogs off the lead
100	No Parking, quiet residential area, disturb already, established wildlife and green space.
101	Proposed park is close to Tennis Club and Primary School so parking is limited. Walking with dog on reserve is preferred so do not want dog park.
102	A lot of people walk their dogs in the park now and I'm happy with that.

Email Submissions

5 email submissions were received during the consultation period, with all submissions opposing the proposal. The content of these submissions reflected the negative sentiment listed above, including:

- Increasing traffic and car parking pressures, particularly as there are more subdivisions occurring in the area.
- There are other areas nearby for dog exercise, including the beach and off-lead reserves.
- Concerns with the cost and resources that has been spent on this investigation.
- Concerns with the cost of a new dog park, and a belief that these funds should be spent on other improvements such as improved irrigation, more bins, tree planting and fauna boxes for birds.
- Concerns that dog parks create irresponsible dog guardianship.
- Disturbance to local wildlife.
- Increased noise pollution.
- Safety risks to children due to the proximity of Henley Beach Primary School, from both dogs and increased traffic in the area.
- Reduction of useable green space for the community.

Council Staff Comments – Summary

Comments supporting the proposal.	
Comment	Council Staff comment
There currently isn't a dog park in Henley Ward. The proposal will provide a new dog park that is close to home and within easy walking distance.	This community engagement responds to the direction of the Open Space Strategy to investigate a new dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve. The proposed location is approximately 3km from the nearest dog park at Tedder Reserve, Flinders Park.
The proposed location works well as a community space, by being located close to the tennis club and school.	Noted.
Located centrally in Henley Ward and away from main roads.	Noted. Several comments relating to car parking availability and increased traffic were received. Both Fletcher Road and Kincaid Road are local roads, and a formal traffic and parking study has not been completed, as the proposal for a dog park in this location is very preliminary, with the recent consultation was to gauge community support prior to further investigations and design. A formal traffic and parking study would be in the order of \$5,000.
The proposed location still retains adequate open space within Dean Whiteford Reserve for other activities.	The total area of Dean Whiteford Reserve is approximately 2 hectares, and the area of the proposed dog park is approximately 3,200m ² .
The proposed location is already used for dog exercise.	Noted.

Comments <u>not</u> supporting the proposal.	
Comment	Council Staff comment
The proposed location is too close to residents and will increase noise (dogs barking, etc).	The proposed dog park would be approximately 25 metres from adjacent properties on Fletcher Road and Kincaid Road.
A new dog park will create more traffic and additional car parking pressures around the area, with some respondents indicating these pressures already exist.	Both Fletcher Road and Kincaid Road are local roads, and a formal traffic and parking study has not been completed, as the proposal for a dog park in this location is very preliminary, with the recent consultation was to gauge community support prior to further investigations and design. A formal traffic and parking study would be in the order of \$5,000.
The proximity of the dog park to Henley Beach Primary School and Henley South Tennis Club is also a concern regarding additional parking and traffic, particularly at school drop off and pick up times.	Noted.

Comments <u>not</u> supporting the proposal.	
Comment	Council Staff comment
Safety concerns relating to an increased number of dogs near children, due to the proximity of the proposed new dog park to the school.	The proposed dog park would be approximately 130 metres from the primary school. An increased presence of children and dogs may increase the likelihood of an incident occurring. It is noted that Semapaw Dog Park is located close to West Lakes Shore Primary School and concerns have not been raised at this location. Dog guardians must ensure their dog is on lead, and that their dog is under effective control.
Concerns regarding poor dog behaviour within a new dog park.	There are differing views regarding the suitability of dog parks and their impact on dog behaviour, however they continue to be popular and well used throughout the City of Charles Sturt.
Concerns regarding disturbance to local wildlife.	An increased presence of dogs and dog guardians may cause an increased disturbance to local wildlife.
The proposed location at Dean Whiteford Reserve is currently used for a range of different activities, including community gatherings, games, play and recreation. A new dog park will limit this use to one activity.	Whilst the total area of Dean Whiteford Reserve is approximately 2 hectares, the proposal will limit the use of the proposed area to a dog park and restrict other activities to occur.
There are other areas in Henley Ward for dog exercise, including the beach, foreshore and off-lead reserves. Council should invest in other facilities, such as a new playground or BBQ.	The irrigation system at Dean Whiteford Reserve was renewed in 2020. Trees have also been planted in the last 2 years as part of Council's Tree Canopy Improvement Strategy. The playground is due for renewal in approximately 5 years. Facilities such as a BBQ, shelter and other features are consistent with a district reserve and could be considered as part of a future budget.
The appearance of the proposed new dog park will detract from the (additional fencing, etc).	A new dog park will require infrastructure such as fencing, paths and other features, that may be considered 'visual clutter'.
Concerns regarding an adverse impact on property values.	It is unknown if a new dog park will have an adverse impact on property values.

4.71 RESERVE NAMING REQUEST - CROYDON AVENUE RESERVE

TO Asset Management Committee

FROM: Coordinator Recreation Open Space & Environment - Kelly Mader

DATE: 16 October 2023

Brief

Council has received a request from Ms Kerry Coggins to rename Croydon Avenue Reserve to 'Eileen Harris Reserve'. The reserve is located between Cedar Avenue and William Street in West Croydon (Lot 14 FP 116026 Vol 5428 Fol 651). This report considers this request in conjunction with the City of Charles Sturt Reserve Naming Policy. This report contains an initial assessment against Councils Reserve Naming Policy and the proposed Community Engagement Approach for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

- 1. That Council acknowledges the request for reserve renaming contained in Appendix 1 and approves the Community Engagement Approach for reserve naming as contained in Appendix 2.**
- 2. That a further report be presented to the Asset Management Committee following community consultation.**

Status

This report relates to or impacts upon the following Community Plan Objectives 2020-2027.

Our Community - A strong and connected community

Charles Sturt is made up of strong and vibrant communities; we celebrate our identity; heritage and cultural diversity. People feel a sense of belonging, inclusion and social connectedness.

Our Liveability - A liveable City of great places

Enhance the diversity of open spaces to create innovative, accessible and flexible community spaces.

Our Leadership - A leading & progressive Local Government organisation

Our values, leadership and collaborative approach are bold and courageous and enables us to deliver value for our Community and create a leading liveable City.

We provide excellence in customer experience by ensuring our customers are at the heart of everything we do.

Relevant Council policies are:

- Reserve Naming Policy
- Public Consultation Policy

Relevant statutory provisions are:

- Local Government Act 1999

Background

Council received a request from Ms Kerry Coggins on 28 August 2023 (**Appendix 1**) to name an existing reserve located between William Street and Cedar Avenue in West Croydon to 'Eileen Harris Reserve'. The request has been received to recognise Eileen Harris' dedication and contribution to the local area and community.

Report

The reserve, currently known as Croydon Avenue Reserve - is located between William Street and Cedar Avenue in West Croydon. The reserve is 3,760m² and contains a small playground, a shelter, picnic settings, a half basketball court, established trees and well maintained grassed areas and landscaping. The reserve is designated as a Recreation Park in Councils Open Space Strategy.

A local resident, Kerry Coggins has requested the reserve be named after Eileen Harris as Eileen has lived in the local area for over 80 years and plays an active role within the local community. Eileen was one of the group of local residents who took an active role in how the local reserve was originally developed, and actively connects the local community through organising an annual Christmas in the Park celebration, building relationships and sharing the history of the local area.

Croydon Avenue Reserve is highlighted in blue below.



Council's Reserve Naming Policy states the process of renaming requires a resolution of Council, and must be subject to an appropriate level of public notification and community consultation prior to deciding to name or to rename a reserve.

Requests for a reserve name change will be considered by Council if they meet one of the following criteria;

- The proposed name recognises an individual who has provided outstanding service to the community, and either the individual or relatives of the individual approve the use of the name.
- The name reflect the character, landscape, function or history of the area or the site.
- The name is unique in the City and is not similar to the name or another site (avoiding confusion).
- The proposed name is of indigenous origin, has relevance to the area and has the approval of the local Kurna people.

This reserve naming request reflects the long term service and commitment of Eileen Harris to our City and is appropriate to reflect through a dedicated naming of a reserve.

It is therefore recommended that Council proceed with further consultation and investigations in accordance with the Reserve Naming Policy procedure and that consultation and associated notification be undertaken as per the proposed Community Engagement Approach (**Appendix 2**) and that consultation outcomes are reported back to a further meeting of Council for a final decision to be made.

Financial and Resource Implications

Financial implications associated with community engagement can be funded within the existing budget. The total estimated cost is \$4,100 and will cover internal administration costs of preparing associated key messages, mail out and documents, and costs associated with notification in the Advertiser and the Government Gazette.

Customer Service and Community Implications

There are no customer service or community implications.

Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications.

Community Engagement/Consultation (including with community, Council members and staff)

Community consultation will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of Council's Public Consultation Policy, and the Reserve Naming Policy. Local Ward Councillors, all land owners/residents within 300m of the existing reserve and relevant agencies including Australia Post, SA Ambulance Service, Metropolitan Fire Service, State Emergency Services, Local Government Association and Royal Society for the Blind will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the proposal for the reserve name indicating their level of support or otherwise and their reasons.

Risk Management/Legislative Implications

The key issues and risks if a community engagement approach is not delivered, or not delivered well, include:

- Balancing individual views with broader community views.
- Community satisfaction.
- Failing to understand community sentiments on a project.

Conclusion

The request for reserve naming complies with Council's Reserve Naming Policy and the relevant criteria for reserve naming. It is recommended that appropriate community consultation is undertaken via the proposed Community Engagement Approach contained in **Appendix 2**. A subsequent report outlining the community consultation outcomes will be provided to Council for further consideration.

Appendices

#	Attachment
1	Appendix 1 - Reserve Naming Request
2	Appendix 2 - Community Engagement Approach - Proposed Reserve Renaming - From Croydon Avenue Reserve

APPENDIX 1

From: Kerry Coggins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:15:13 AM
To: Cr Alice Campbell <acampbell@charlessturt.sa.gov.au>
Subject: Croydon Ave Reserve,

Good Morning Councillor Campbell,

My name is Kerry Coggins and I live at [REDACTED]. I have been watching the changing face of the Croydon Ave Reserve with the new playground structure slowly taking place. My observations lead me to think about the origins of the park and the role that Eileen Harris had in its initial development and her continued interest in its current re-vamp.

Eileen has lived in the same house in William St for well over 80 years. She was one of the group of local residents who took an active role in just what would occur and how the Croydon Ave playground/reserve would evolve. With the public consultation on the new development, Eileen was once again very actively involved. As you know Eileen has always been a very active participant in her local area. My story in moving here epitomizes just what a stalwart of West Croydon Eileen is. She welcomed our family in the first week, invited us to the annual Christmas in the Park celebration that she organises every year for William St and nearby street residents and made sure that we were introduced to each of our closest neighbours. Our experience in this area began on a very high note due to Eileen and she certainly is the glue that binds the community. Eileen also has a very clear knowledge of nearly all the background of those "corner shops" that once operated in this area. She and I spent a morning revisiting the buildings so that she could share some background information on them. Indeed it would be a real positive in visually preserving this knowledge by having small plaques attached to these buildings, indicating their previous history and allow others to be enriched through reading more about the gems which are sprinkled throughout our streets.

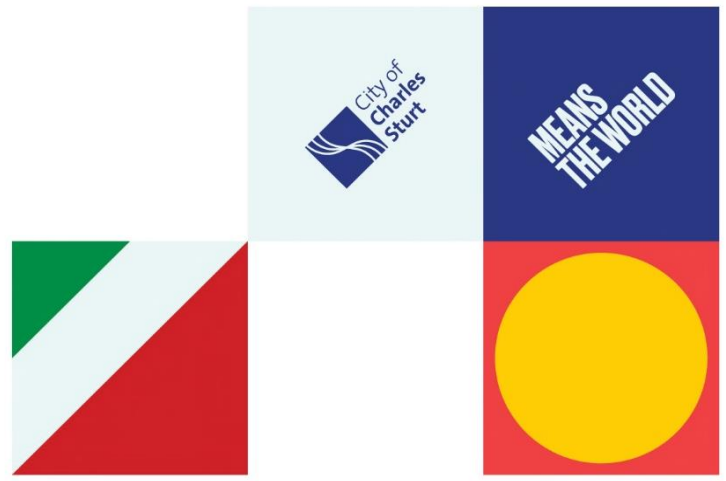
I would like to propose to the Charles Sturt Council through you as Hindmarsh councillor, that the Croydon Ave Reserve be re-named the Eileen Harris Reserve to honour a woman who truly epitomizes just what this area is about...community! The current name has no real meaning as the reserve actually faces William St. It is often mistaken for the Croydon playground Reserve in Day Tce and a name change to acknowledge and celebrate a much loved, local identity would be most fitting.

I do hope that this proposal can be given some serious consideration and that Charles Sturt Council can be a leader in celebrating our true heroes; people such as Eileen Harris.

Kind regards,

Kerry Coggins

APPENDIX 2

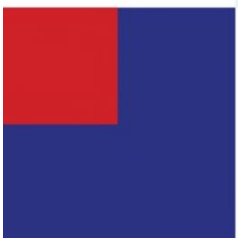
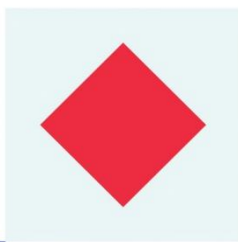


Community Engagement Approach for Renaming of Croydon Avenue Reserve, Croydon

October 2023

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Community Engagement Approach for Croydon Avenue Reserve Renaming

1. Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this Community Engagement Approach is to articulate the process and measures that will be undertaken to ensure our community, stakeholders, The Mayor and Elected Members are appropriately informed and engaged in relation to the intent of this project. The engagement techniques referenced in this Community Engagement Approach are consistent with Council's Public Consultation Policy (PCP).

The project is a matter set out in Section 4, Part 3 of Council's PCP and, accordingly, the public consultation steps for this project have been determined by Council on a discretionary basis, and in accordance with our Reserve Naming Policy.

The objectives of this Community Engagement Approach are to ensure:

- That our Charles Sturt community has easy access to the appropriate information.
- That our Charles Sturt community is given opportunities to provide feedback.
- That the process builds positive relationships between Council and the community, and positions Charles Sturt as an organisation that is providing sound management decisions.
- That information is provided to the Charles Sturt community of the decision and reasoning for the decision

2. Project Background

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The reserve, currently known as Croydon Avenue Reserve - is located between William Street and Cedar Avenue in West Croydon. The reserve is 3,760m² and contains a small playground, a shelter, picnic settings, a half basketball court, established trees and well-maintained grassed areas and landscaping. The reserve is designated as a Recreation Park in Councils Open Space Strategy.

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This community engagement approach details the methodology and stages of consultation.

3. Consultation Scope

This consultation will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of Council's Public Consultation Policy and Reserve Naming Policy. The consultation period will be open for 21-days to provide the community opportunity to give their feedback.

Local Ward Councillors, all landowners/residents within approximately 300 metres of the existing reserve, the broader Charles Sturt community, will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the proposed reserve renaming. This includes any historical or local advice relevant to the reserve and providing their support or otherwise for the name being put forward.

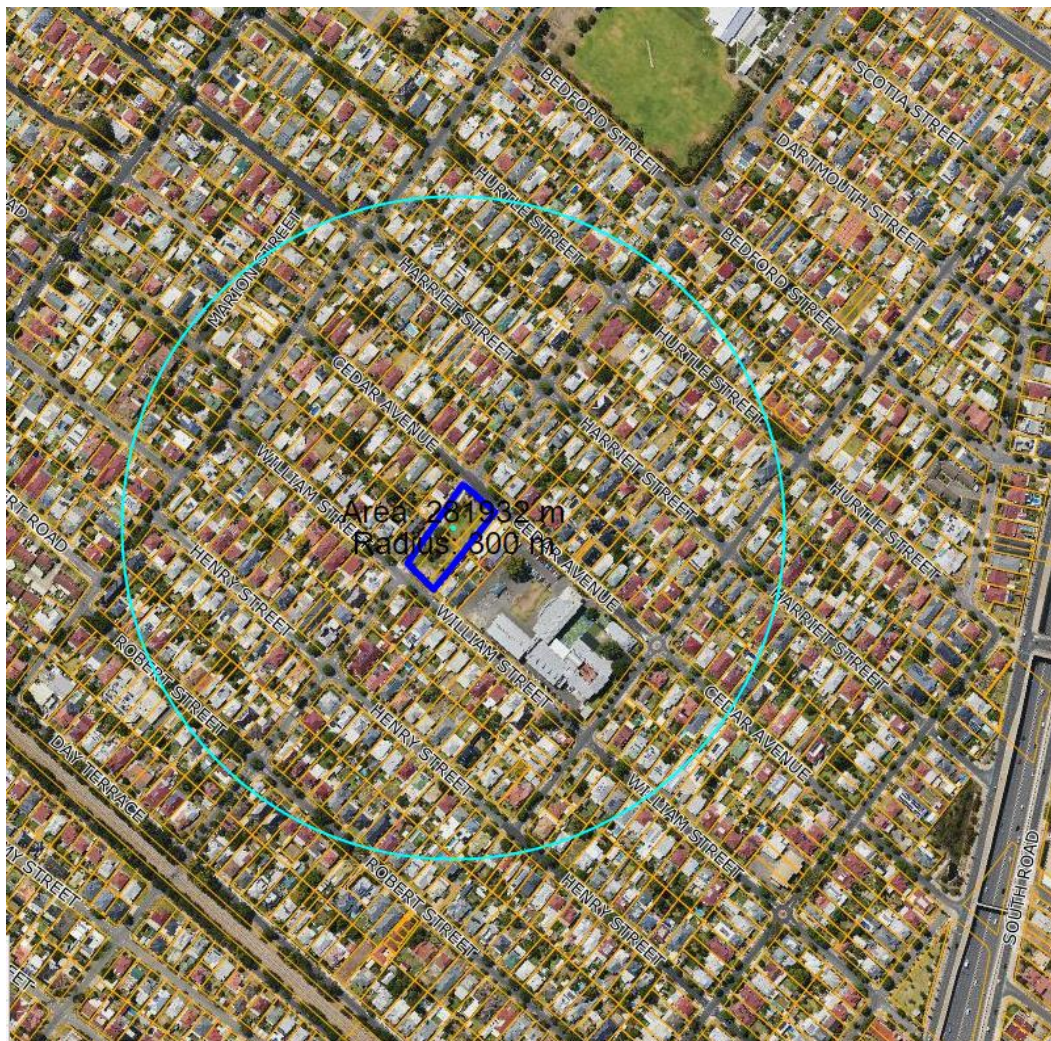
We will not be inviting or considering alternative naming suggestions from the public. After considering the results of public consultation and other factors such as historical and cultural matters, should Council not endorse the renaming of the reserve, its existing name will be retained.

4. Communities of Interest

Key stakeholders and communities of interest for this project include:

- Mayor and Elected members
- Internal staff (Events Admin Officer, parks team etc)
- Landowners and occupiers within a 300m catchment area (Figure 1)*
- The broader Charles Sturt community

Figure 1: Targeted Consultation Catchment Area



5. Planning Community Engagement and Timeframe

Levels of Engagement

The level of engagement for this project is “consult” given the:

- Single issue involved in the matter, within a localised community.
- Moderate degree of complexity across a localised community of interest.
- Moderate degree of impact on the community.
- Clear process forward or clear options for the way forward.

Communication and Engagement Techniques and Promotions

The following communication and engagement techniques and promotions are proposed.

- Engagement pack to landowners & occupiers within an approx. 300 metre radius of the local reserve.
- Online engagement via our interactive website *YourSay Charles Sturt* seeking feedback on the proposed reserve naming.
- Notice in the Advertiser inviting public comment, per the Reserve Naming Policy.
- Corflute signage on the reserve notifying of the proposed reserve renaming consultation and a QR code to get involved.
- Other hardcopy or online opportunities for communication might include notice in newsletters or the website, if available.

The timeframe for the scope of engagement and related activities is outlined below.

Step	Title	Description	Timeframe
1.	Prepare Approach	Prepare a community engagement approach in relation to the matter.	October 2023
2.	Authorise Approach	Obtain authorisation of the community engagement approach from Council.	October 2023
3.	Undertake Community Engagement	Undertake engagement activities in accordance with minimum statutory requirements under the Local Government Act 1999 and Council’s Reserve Naming Policy and Public Consultation Policy, including additional activities as documented in this approach.	November 2023 (21 days)
4.	Consider Submissions	Consider all feedback and submissions received and prepare report on the engagement outcomes.	December/ January 2023
5.	Prepare Report	Prepare a report for Council which: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summarises the community engagement process and outcomes.• Presents information in the broader context of the matter; and• Makes recommendations for Council to consider when deciding on the matter.	February 2024
6.	Council Decision	Council members will consider the report and recommendation(s) and decide on the matter. The right of a member of the community to address Council by way of deputation in support of any written submission may be granted at the discretion of the Mayor.	February 2024

Step	Title	Description	Timeframe
7.	Communicate Decision	<p>Following a Council resolution, communicate the consultation process and outcome via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written notification to landowners & residents in the identified catchment area and participants of the consultation process, via their preferred communication preference. • Written notification to relevant state agencies and authorities. This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Registrar-General ○ Surveyor-General ○ Valuer-General ○ Telstra ○ SA Water ○ SA Ambulance Service ○ SA Police ○ SA Power Networks ○ SA Metropolitan Fire Service ○ State Emergency Services ○ Local Government Association • Notification to be placed in The Advertiser and the Government Gazette, per 219(4) of the Local Government Act 1999 (p 189). • Written notification to reserve renaming applicant • Corporate reserve signage to be commissioned for installation on the reserve. • Notification to relevant internal council officers for the updating of reserve information. 	March 2024

6. Reporting on Community Engagement

At the conclusion of the consultation period, all community submissions/feedback received will be analysed and collated. A report will be prepared outlining the results of the engagement, including consultation statistics, community feedback and preferences, and common themes. This report will be used to inform the Council's decision making on the reserve renaming.

The community will be informed of the consultation outcomes via YourSay Charles Sturt as soon as they become available and will be made aware of the upcoming Council decision report to be considered. More broadly, those within the mailout catchment area and everyone who participated in the consultation process will be informed of the consultation outcomes, in writing, at the time the final decision is communicated.

7. Decision making process

The original renaming request, in addition to community feedback, will be key components that will feed into Council's decision making when considering the renaming of the existing reserve. Other components that will inform decision-making may include the provision of expert advice or knowledge, or other historical, cultural, social, environmental, or economic factors.

8. Budget

The resources required to plan, deliver, and report on the public consultation for the proposed renaming of Croydon Avenue Reserve include the following:

Resource Requirement	Budget Estimate
Internal administration costs associated with the project, including preparation, printing and distribution of consultation key messages, documents, and materials.	Covered by recurrent operational budget Approx \$3,000
Use of City of Charles Sturt website and YourSay Charles Sturt website.	Covered by recurrent operational budget
Notice in the Advertiser (x2) and Government Gazette (x1)	\$1,100
Total	\$4,100

9. Risk Management

The key issues and risks for Council if a community engagement approach is not delivered, or not delivered well, include:

- Balancing individual views with broader community views.
- Community satisfaction.
- Failing to understand community sentiments on a project.
- Impacts associated with project delays.
- Media interest.
- Reputational risks.

10. Approval of the Community Engagement Approach

Seek Council approval for the community engagement approach.

4.72 WEST LAKES STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPGRADE PROGRAM - GRANT ACCEPTANCE

TO Asset Management Committee

FROM: Coordinator Engineering Projects - Murali K.G Kumarapuram-Ganapathi

DATE: 16 October 2023

Brief

This report is to advise that Council has been successful in gaining the following grant funding for major stormwater drainage upgrade initiatives in Gleneagles Reserve and Trimmer Parade that have been identified in the West Lakes Stormwater Management Plan.

Both projects are multi year projects that have been endorsed in the 2023/24 Council capital works budget and funded in Council's long term financial plan.

Recommendation

- 1. That Council accept a funding grant of \$1,051,436.78 from the Disaster Ready Fund for flood mitigation works at Gleneagles Reserve Seaton.**
- 2. That Council accept a funding grant of \$135,000 from the Stormwater Management Authority (SMA) towards engineering design of the Trimmer Parade arterial drainage upgrade.**
- 3. That Council note that the both projects are required to be co-funded by City of Charles Sturt.**
- 4. That Council enter into a formal agreement with SAFECOM and SMA to secure the funding.**
- 5. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised sign all documents to facilitate the above motions and receive the grant funding.**

Status

This report relates to or impacts upon the following Community Plan Objectives 2020-2027.

Our Community - A strong and connected community

People embrace healthy living, physical activity and ageing well.

Charles Sturt is a place where people feel safe in their homes, neighbourhoods and public places; they are resilient and manage shocks and stresses to build a stronger community.

Our Liveability - A liveable City of great places

A well-designed urban environment that is adaptive to a diverse and growing City. City assets and infrastructure are developed and enhanced on a strategic and equitable basis in collaboration with local communities and other relevant parties, including industry and government.

Our Leadership - A leading & progressive Local Government organisation

Our values, leadership and collaborative approach are bold and courageous and enables us to deliver value for our Community and create a leading liveable City. The management of our city is progressive, responsive and sustainable to ensure a united and unique place for future generations.

Relevant Council policies are:

- West Lakes Catchment Stormwater Management Plan
- Water Asset Management Plan

Relevant statutory provisions are:

- Local Government Act 1999
- Australian Standards

Background

The West Lakes Catchment Stormwater Management plan (SMP) was endorsed by Council in April 2022 (refer AM 19/04/2022, Item 4.21). The SMP recommends a prioritised action plan for flood mitigation and water quality improvement in the broader catchment. Flood mitigation within in the Meakin Terrace stormwater and Trimmer Parade stormwater sub catchments are identified as high priorities in the SMP.

Gleneagles Reserve Detention Basin Upgrade

A stormwater detention basin was built in Gleneagles Reserve in 1999/2000 to mitigate flooding in the sub catchment. The West Lakes Catchment SMP recommends increasing the capacity of the existing basin in two stages to mitigate current property flooding risks in and around Leven Avenue and Tapleys Hill Road, Seaton. Gleneagles Reserve Stormwater upgrade stage 1 project concept design was completed in 2022 and detailed design is nearing completion. Receiving the income for the project will allow Council staff to proceed with an open tender to move into the construction phase of the project.

Trimmer Parade Drainage Upgrade

Trimmer parade stormwater sub catchment includes parts of the suburbs of Grange, Seaton, Findon and Woodville West. The West Lakes Catchment SMP identifies the arterial drain in Trimmer Parade be upgraded between Greenview Drive, Grange and Arooma Street, Findon followed by lateral drains in the side streets to increase capacity and stormwater inundation protection for areas in and around Findon Avenue, Beatrix Avenue and Pioneer Avenue. Survey works to inform the engineering design is nearing completion and detailed engineering design is scheduled to commence prior to the end of the 2023 calendar year. Receiving the income for the project will allow joint funding of the detailed design phase of the project.

Report

Gleneagles Reserve Detention Basin Upgrade Stage 1

Staff made applications to the Commonwealth Disaster recovery Fund Round 1 for grant funding in March 2023. In South Australia the Grant is being managed by the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM). In June 2023 SAFECOM advised Council's application was successful (**Appendix 1**) with formal documentation to follow. On 26 September 2023, SAFECOM provided an update and advised it will work with Council regarding a grant agreement over the coming months along with the reporting requirements and an Implementation Plan document that is currently being finalised between the State and the Commonwealth governments.

Trimmer Parade Drainage Upgrade

Staff made an application to the Stormwater Management Authority for grant funding for survey and design of drainage upgrade in Trimmer Parade between Greenview Drive, Grange and Arooma Street, Findon. In August 2023 SMA advised Council its application was successful and issued an agreement to be executed (**Appendix 2**).

The report seeks endorsement from Council to accept the grant funding.

Financial and Resource Implications

Gleneagles Reserve Detention Basin Upgrade Stage 1

Total Estimated Cost of the project 2023-24-25 (multiple years): \$3,422,000
 Current budget allocation Project P3454 (2023-24): \$630,000 (includes \$0 projected income)
 Income from DRF funding: \$1,051,436
 CCS budget allocation including funding (2023-24): \$1,681,436
 Future CCS budget allocation (estimate for 2024-25): \$1,740,564

Trimmer Parade Drainage Upgrade (Project P3460)

Total Estimated Cost of the project (design only) 2023-24-25: \$300,000
 Current Budget Allocation project P3460 (2023-24): \$100,000
 Income from SMA: \$135,000
 CCS budget allocation including funding (2023-24): \$235,000
 Future CCS budget allocation (estimate for 2024-25): \$65,000

Budget changes are identified in the table below for variances to the endorsed budgets for each project:

Approved Projects 2023/24	Project Type (Renewal/ New/Upgrade)	Project Number	Approved Budget Amount	New Proposed Budget Amount	Variance	Reason for Change
Gleneagles Reserve Stormwater flood mitigation	Upgrade	3454	\$630,000	\$1,681,436	+\$1,051,436	DRF Funding \$1,051,436 approved.
Stormwater Flood Mitigation - Trimmer Parade Design	Upgrade	3460	\$100,000	\$235,000	+\$135,000	SMA grant funding \$135,000 approved.

Customer Service and Community Implications

These grants will enable Council to implement high priority flood mitigation projects in the West Lakes stormwater catchment.

Environmental Implications

These grants will assist Council to deliver capital projects that encourage and support active travel, reducing our impact on the environment and increasing the sustainability of our City.

Community Engagement/Consultation (including with community, Council members and staff)

There is no requirement for community engagement or consultation to receive the funding.

During individual project consultations, the funding will be acknowledged.

Risk Management/Legislative Implications

There are no risk management requirements. Legislative requirements are as per the funding Deed.

Conclusion

Council has received grant funding from Disaster Ready Fund Round 1 for stormwater upgrade in Gleneagles Reserve and the Stormwater Management Authority for undertaking survey and engineering design of Trimmer Parade stormwater drain both located in the West lakes Stormwater Catchment. Report seeks Council endorsement of the recommendations.

Appendices

#	Attachment
1	Appendix 1 - Grant funding approval - Meakin Terrace sub catchment stormwater flood mitigation - Gleneagles
2	Appendix 2 - SMA Grant Agreement 230 23

APPENDIX 1

Hon Joe Szakacs MP



Government
of South Australia

23MES0006

Murali KG
City of Charles Sturt

By email: mkg@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Dear Murali

RE: Meakin Terrace sub catchment stormwater flood mitigation - Gleneagles
Reserve stormwater detention basin construction

I write to advise that your above listed application submitted under round one of the Commonwealth's Disaster Ready Fund, has been approved for grant funding of \$1,051,436.78.

The Disaster Ready Fund supports initiatives that proactively reduce the exposure to risk, harm and/or severity of a natural hazard's impacts. I thank you for your contribution to protecting the South Australian community and for taking the initiative to apply for this important program.

The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) has already reached out to you to refine your project details for publication on the National Emergency Management Agency's website and for communication more broadly.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the SAFECOM Grants Team on (08) 8115 3927 or email safecom.drf@eso.sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Szakacs'.

Hon Joe Szakacs MP
Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services

15 / 06 / 2023

APPENDIX 2

GRANT AGREEMENT – SMA 230/23



**Government
of South Australia**

AGREEMENT made on 26th day of September 2023

BETWEEN:

THE GOVERNMENT PARTY NAMED IN ITEM 1 OF ATTACHMENT 1 (“the Government Party”)

AND:

THE City of Charles Sturt

IT IS AGREED

- A. The Government Party has agreed to provide funding in the form of a grant (“Grant”) to the Recipient for the purposes specified in Item 8 in Attachment 1 of this Agreement.
- B. The Government Party and Recipient agree that the Grant will be provided on the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- C. This Agreement comprises this Execution Page, the Agreement Details (Attachment 1), the Standard Terms and Conditions (Attachment 2), the Special Conditions (Attachment 3) and the Acquittal Form (Attachment 4).

EXECUTED AS AN AGREEMENT

Attachment 1 - Grant Details

Item 1	Government Party	Stormwater Management Authority Level 5, 81-95 Waymouth Street Adelaide, South Australia, 5000	
Item 2	Recipient	City of Charles Sturt 72 Woodville Road Woodville, SA, 5011	
Item 3	Commencement Date	upon signing of this agreement	
Item 4	Expiry Date	31/07/2025	
Item 5	Extension Period(s)	Six (6) months	
Item 6	Recipient's ABN	42 124 960 161 Registered for GST: Yes	
Item 7	Contact Persons	Government Party:	Belinda Skilton A/General Manager Level 5, 81-95 Waymouth Street, Adelaide, SA, 5000 Telephone: Email: belinda.skilton@sa.gov.au
		Recipient:	Murali KG Coordinator Engineering Projects 72 Woodville Rod, Woodville 5011 Telephone: 8408 1170 Email: mkg@charlessturt.sa.gov.au
Item 8	Purpose	The purpose of the project is to undertake engineering design for the upgrade of Trimmer Parade arterial drain in accordance with the endorsed West Lakes Stormwater Management Plan. The project also includes the design of lateral drain upgrades in local streets to address the flooding issues.	
Item 9	Outcomes	The project will deliver detailed design for the upgrade of Trimmer Parade arterial drain including lateral connections as well as identifying potential for water sensitive and biodiversity enhancement initiatives The target design standard will include consideration of future development and climate change. A benefit cost ratio will be developed based on the final design and best available construction costs	
Item 10	Reports and Meetings	A quarterly report using the template provided must be submitted by electronic mail to sma@sa.gov.au within 30-days of the end of each March, June, September and December quarter.	
Item 11	Grant Amount	\$135,000 <input type="checkbox"/> GST inclusive <input type="checkbox"/> GST exclusive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no GST payable Requirement for Additional Contribution: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, To be matched at least dollar-for-dollar by the Recipient Name <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Item 12	Payment Details	Schedule of Payments:			
		Milestone	Description	Expected Date	Amount (excl GST)
		1	Payment upon signing of this agreement	31 August 2023	\$30,000
		2	Completion of detailed design stage 5 (including laterals)	30 July 2025	\$105,000
		Payment is subject to submission of a claim form and tax invoice.			
Item 13	Tax Invoice Issuing Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Government Party <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recipient			
Item 14	Grant Reconciliation Date(s)	Within 3 months of expiry date			
Item 15	Recipient Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Not for Profit organisation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Entity			
Item 16	Additional Recipient Financial Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (mandated requirement for Other Entity) <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Item 17	Government Party IP Licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Item 18	Insurances	<p>The Authority warrants that the Authority is entitled to the benefits of the South Australian Government Insurance and Risk Management arrangements administered by SAICORP, the insurance division of the South Australian Government Financing Authority in respect of the operations under this Agreement.</p> <p>The Recipient warrants that it is a member of the Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme (“the Scheme”) and is bound by the rules of the Scheme pursuant to Section 142 and Schedule 1, Part 1, 2 of the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> (“the Act”) and in the event that the Grantee ceases to be a member of the Scheme it will forthwith, pursuant to Section 142 (1) of the Act and the Regulations Under the Act, take out and maintain insurance to cover its civil liabilities at a minimum level of cover of \$50 million.</p>			
Item 19	Liability Limit	1 x Total Grant Amount			
Item 20	Notice Period for Termination for Convenience	Thirty (30) days			
Item 21	Form of Funding Acknowledgement	You must acknowledge the assistance of the Government Party in any publications, media releases, articles, newsletters, or literary works associated with the Purpose, and in any public signs, posters, flags and banners used in association with the Purpose.			

Attachment 2 - Standard Terms & Conditions

AGREED TERMS

1. FUNDING PERIOD

- 1.1 This Agreement commences on the Commencement Date and continues until the Expiry Date, unless terminated earlier or extended under clause 1.2.
- 1.2 This Agreement may be extended by the Government Party for the Extension Period(s) by giving reasonable notice in writing prior to the Expiry Date.

2. CONTACT PERSONS

- 2.1 The persons named in Attachment 1 as the Contact Persons are the first point of contact between the Parties and are responsible for overseeing the effective administration of the Agreement including variations and extensions.

3. PURPOSE

- 3.1 The Recipient must use the Grant solely for the Purpose to achieve the Outcomes.
- 3.2 If specified in Attachment 1, the Recipient must provide the Additional Contribution for the purpose.

4. FUNDING AND INVOICING

- 4.1 If the Tax Invoice Issuing Party is the Government Party:
 - (a) the Parties agree that this Agreement satisfies the requirement for a written agreement specifying the supplies to which the Recipient Created Tax Invoice ("RCTI") relates;
 - (b) the Government Party must provide a copy of the Tax Invoice to the Recipient within 30 days of the making, or determining of the value, of the Taxable Supply; and
 - (c) The Recipient must not issue a Tax Invoice in respect of a Taxable Supply the subject of the RCTI.
- 4.2 If the Tax Invoice Issuing Party is the Recipient, the Recipient may invoice the Government Party for payment in respect of the Grant after the Commencement Date.
- 4.3 The Government Party will pay the Grant in the amounts and at the times specified in Attachment 1 upon receipt of a Tax Invoice.
- 4.4 For agreements greater than 12 months and only if Attachment 1 specifies that the Recipient is a not for profit organisation, on each anniversary of the Commencement Date during the period of the Agreement:
 - (a) the amount of the unpaid Grant will be indexed by the NFP Indexation Rate for that Financial Year; and
 - (b) the Government Party must issue a revised Schedule of Payments (including past amounts paid and indexed instalments payable for the remaining Grant period).
- 4.5 Clause 4.4 does not apply if the Government Party advises the NFP that the Grant payable for each year of the Agreement has already been indexed by the NFP Sector Indexation Rate.
- 4.6 The Recipient must ensure that it can properly account for the Grant received under the Agreement.

5. GST

- 5.1 Subject to clause 5.2 and 5.3 the Recipient represents that:
 - (a) the ABN shown in Attachment 1 is the Recipient's ABN; and
 - (b) it is registered under the *A New Tax System (Australian Business Number) Act 1999* (Cth).
- 5.2 If the Recipient is not registered for GST, then GST must not be charged on supplies made under this Agreement.
- 5.3 If the Recipient does not have an ABN it must submit an *ATO Statement by a Supplier* to the Government Party otherwise the Government Party may be obliged under the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* to deduct a withholding from the Grant and will not be obliged to gross up the Grant or provide any other compensation to the Recipient.

6. REPAYMENT OF UNALLOCATED FUNDS

- 6.1 If the Recipient has not expended all of the Grant at the end of the Funding Period it must repay to the Government Party the unexpended amount within 30 days of the end of the Funding Period.

7. PROVISION OF INFORMATION

- 7.1 The Recipient must provide those reports and other documents and must attend meetings, as specified in Attachment 1.
- 7.2 If the Government Party reasonably suspects that the Grant is not being used for the Purpose, it may request additional information from the Recipient.
- 7.3 The Recipient must immediately inform the Government Party of any significant changes to the nature and/or scope of the activities conducted by the Recipient which would impact on the Purposes or the Outcomes under this Agreement.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTING AND AUDITING

- 8.1 The Recipient must provide an acquittal in relation to the expenditure of all funds under this Agreement using the form in Attachment 4:
 - (a) certifying that the Grant has been properly spent, in accordance with the requirements of the Agreement
 - (b) signed by two persons authorised by the Recipient's board of management (or equivalent); and
 - (c) within three months of the end of each Financial Year during the Term or other dates as may be specified in Attachment 1 ("**Grant Reconciliation Date(s)**").
- 8.2 If the Recipient is required by law to prepare audited financial statements, the Recipient must provide the Government Party with copies of such audited financial statements, within six months of the end of each Financial Year during the Term.
- 8.3 The requirements of clause 8.2 will be taken to have been satisfied if the Recipient's audited financial statements are publicly disclosed within an Annual Report published within six months of the end of each Financial Year during the Term.
- 8.4 Subject to clause 8.5 if the Recipient is not required by law to prepare audited financial statements, and only if specified in Attachment 1, the Recipient must provide the Government Party with the following financial statements, within six months of the end of each Financial Year during the Term:
 - (a) A balance sheet;
 - (b) An income and expenditure statement;
 - (c) A statement of changes in equity for the Financial Year
 - (d) A cash flow statement,(together "**Additional Recipient Information**").
- 8.5 The financial statements referred to clause 8.4 must be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and where this Grant or the sum of grants provided by the Government Party over a Financial Year is in excess of \$1 million (GST exclusive), they must be in the form of General Purpose Financial Statements.
- 8.6 The Recipient agrees the Government Party may direct that the financial accounts of the Recipient be audited at the Government Party's cost, and the Government Party may specify the minimum qualifications that must be held by the person appointed to conduct the audit.
- 8.7 If the audit discloses that the Recipient has applied the Grant for a purpose other than the Purpose then the Recipient will be required to reimburse the Government Party the costs of the audit and clause 17.1 will apply.

9. INSPECTION

- 9.1 The Recipient must allow any officer or person authorised by the Government Party on the giving of reasonable notice, to enter the premises of and to inspect the operations of the Recipient (including equipment, premises, accounting records, documents and information) and interview the Recipient's

Personnel on matters pertaining to the operations and reporting obligations of the Recipient under this Agreement.

10. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 10.1 Nothing in this Agreement affects the ownership of Intellectual Property Rights created before the Commencement Date.
- 10.2 If specified in Attachment 1, the Recipient grants the Government Party and the State of South Australia a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty free licence to use any intellectual property created as part of the Purpose.

11. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- 11.1 Subject to this clause 11, neither Party may disclose any Confidential Information belonging to the other Party except as genuinely and necessarily required for the purpose of this Agreement.
- 11.2 A Party may disclose Confidential Information belonging to the other Party:
 - (a) to an employee, agent or adviser of that Party, on a "need to know" and confidential basis;
 - (b) as required by law or a court order;
 - (c) in accordance with any Parliamentary or constitutional convention;
 - (d) for the purposes of prosecuting or defending proceedings.
- 11.3 The Parties may mutually agree to disclose Confidential Information.

12. PRIVACY

- 12.1 The Recipient must comply with *the Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) ("**Privacy Act**") and the Australian Privacy Principles established under that Act in undertaking its obligations under this Agreement including in relation to all Personal Information received created or held by it for the purposes of this Agreement.
- 12.2 The Recipient must promptly notify the Government Party if it fails to comply with this clause or if it becomes aware of any actual or threatened disclosure of or unauthorised access to Personal Information.
- 12.3 For the purposes of this special condition, "Personal Information" has the same meaning as in the Privacy Act.

13. PUBLICITY

- 13.1 The Recipient will acknowledge the Grant by the Government Party in any advertising, publicity or promotional material relating to this Agreement in the manner specified in Attachment 1.
- 13.2 The Recipient will participate in promotional or publicity activity in relation to this Agreement as is reasonably required by the Government Party.
- 13.3 The Recipient and the Government Party must use their best endeavour to mutually agree on the content of any public announcements or media releases about this Agreement.
- 13.4 If due to urgent circumstances or due to the nature and timing of the media request, it is not possible to provide prior notice of an announcement or media release to the other Party, then the Party making the announcement or media release must notify the other Party and provide a summary of the announcement or a copy of the media release as soon as possible after making the announcement or media release.
- 13.5 Nothing in this clause derogates from the operation of the *Not-for-Profit Sector Freedom to Advocate Act 2013*.

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1 The Recipient must effect and maintain the insurance specified in Attachment 1 for not less than the amount specified in Attachment 1 during the Funding Period.

15. LIABILITY LIMIT

- 15.1 The Recipient's liability to the Government Party under this Agreement is limited to the amount specified in Attachment 1.

16. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 16.1 Subject to clause 16.4 a Party may not commence legal proceedings without first referring the dispute to the other Party under this clause.
- 16.2 Either Party may give the other a notice in writing ("**dispute notice**") setting out the details of the dispute.
- 16.3 Within seven days or such other period as may be agreed by the Parties, the Contact Persons must meet and use reasonable endeavours to resolve the dispute.
- 16.4 A Party may seek immediate interlocutory relief or other interim remedy in case of genuine urgency.

17. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

- 17.1 If the Recipient does not apply any part of the Grant for the Purpose or if the Recipient materially fails to comply with this Agreement at any time, the Government Party may upon giving written notice to the Recipient:
 - (a) require the Recipient to repay either the whole or a portion of the Grant (whether expended or not) within 30 days of a written demand from the Government Party;
 - (b) withhold funds not already paid;
 - (c) withhold future funding from the Recipient; and/or
 - (d) terminate this Agreement.
- 17.2 Either Party may terminate this Agreement without cause by giving the other Party the period of notice specified in Attachment 1 ("**Notice Period for Termination for Convenience**").

18. EFFECT OF ENDING THIS AGREEMENT

- 18.1 Any termination of this Agreement does not affect any accrued right of either Party.
- 18.2 Despite termination or expiry of this Agreement, this clause 18 and clauses 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15 and those Special Conditions that by their nature remain in force, will survive.

19. CONTRACT DISCLOSURE

- 19.1 The Government Party may disclose this Agreement and/or information in relation to this Agreement in either printed or electronic form, and either generally to the public or to a particular person as a result of a specific request.
- 19.2 Nothing in this clause derogates from:
 - (a) the Recipient's obligations under any provisions of this Agreement; or
 - (b) the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (SA).

20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND POLICIES

- 20.1 The Recipient must comply with the laws in force in the State of South Australia in performing its obligations under this Agreement.
- 20.2 The Recipient must comply with any policies notified by the Government Party in writing at the Commencement Date.

21. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

- 21.1 This Agreement is governed by the laws in the State of South Australia.
- 21.2 The courts of the State of South Australia have exclusive jurisdiction in connection with this Agreement.

22. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties in respect of the matters dealt with in this Agreement and supersedes all prior agreements, understanding and negotiations in respect of the matters dealt with in this Agreement.

23. NO ASSIGNMENT

- 23.1 The Recipient must not assign, encumber or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the written approval of the Government Party which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

23.2 Subject to any contrary legislative intention, the Parties agree that if there is any Machinery of Government Change, this Agreement is deemed to refer to the new entity succeeding or replacing the Government Party and all of the Government Party's rights and obligations under this Agreement will continue and will become rights and obligations of that new entity.

24. MODIFICATION

No addition to or modification of any provision of this Agreement will be binding upon the Parties unless agreed by the Parties in writing.

25. SEVERANCE

25.1 Each word, phrase, sentence, paragraph and clause of this Agreement is severable.

25.2 Severance of any part of this Agreement will not affect any other part of this Agreement.

26. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which is taken to be an original. All of those counterparts taken together constitute one instrument. An executed counterpart may be delivered by email.

27. NO FURTHER OBLIGATION

27.1 The Recipient acknowledges that the Grant represents a one-off contribution by the Government Party towards the Purpose, and the Recipient agrees any request for subsequent funding will require a new application to the Government Party. The Government Party is under no obligation to agree to pay any subsequent funding to the Recipient.

27.2 The Recipient acknowledges the Government Party will not be liable to reimburse the Recipient for any losses or cost over runs that may result from the operation of this Agreement or the carrying out of the Purpose.

28. INTERPRETATION

28.1 In this Agreement (unless the context requires otherwise):

- (a) a reference to any legislation includes:
 - (i) all legislation, regulations and other forms of statutory instrument issued under that legislation; and
 - (ii) any modification, consolidation, amendment, re-enactment or substitution of that legislation;
- (b) a word in the singular includes the plural and a word in the plural includes the singular;
- (c) a reference to two or more persons is a reference to those persons jointly and severally;

- (d) a reference to dollars is to Australian dollars;
- (e) a reference to a Party includes that party's administrators, successors and permitted assigns.

29. DEFINITIONS

29.1 In this Agreement:

- (a) "**Additional Contribution**" means the cash or in-kind support specified in Attachment 1;
- (b) "**Confidential Information**" means information which is identified as confidential information by a Party, but does not include this Agreement;
- (c) "**Extension Period(s)**" means the period(s) specified in Attachment 1;
- (d) "**Financial Year**" means a year commencing on 1 July and ending on 30 June;
- (e) "**Funding Period**" means the period specified in Attachment 1 including any Extension Periods;
- (f) "**Grant**" means the funds payable under this Agreement specified in Attachment 1 and includes previous indexation amounts applied and notified under clause 4;
- (g) "**GST**" means the tax imposed by the GST Law;
- (h) "**General Purpose Financial Statements**" has the same meaning as in the Australian Accounting Standards;
- (i) "**Intellectual Property Rights**" means all intellectual property rights, including but not limited to:
 - (i) patents, copyright, registered designs, trademarks, know-how and any right to have Confidential Information kept confidential; and
 - (ii) any application or right to apply for registration of any of the rights referred to in paragraph 29.1(i) (i)),
 - (iii) but for the avoidance of doubt excludes moral rights and performers' rights;
- (j) "**NFP**" means a not for profit organisation;
- (k) "**NFP Sector Indexation Rate**" is the annual rate as published on the Department of Treasury and Finance <https://www.treasury.sa.gov.au/Our-services/not-for-profit-sector-funding-and-contracting/indexation>;
- (l) "**Party**" means a party to this Agreement;
- (m) "**Special Conditions**" means the conditions specified in Attachment 3; and
- (n) "**Total Grant Amount**" means the total value of the funding provided under this Agreement including where relevant any NFP Sector Indexation.

30. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The special conditions (if any) in Attachment 3 form part of this Agreement.

Attachment 3 – Special Conditions

Provision of grant funding is subject to the following conditions:

1. Milestone 2 payment is subject to Authority review and approval of the detailed design stage 5 (including laterals).
2. A benefit cost ratio will be developed based on the final design and best available construction costs

ACQUITTAL FORM

Grantee’s Information

Name: [Grant Recipient]
Address: [Address]
Telephone number: [Telephone]

Grantee’s Representative

Name: [Name]
Position: [Position]

Title of the Grant: [Project Title]

Nature of the Grant: [one off/ongoing]

Income and Expenditure Statement

Grant amount (a)	\$[Grant amount]
Grant expenditure (b)	\$[Sum expended]
Funds remaining (a-b)	\$[Net surplus/(deficit)]

(At the conclusion of the agreement, any funds remaining are to be repaid to the Stormwater Management Authority unless specific approval is received from the Authority).

I certify that the grant was used for the purpose for which the grant was provided.

Grantee’s Representative

Signature

Name:

Date:

4.73 COMMUNITY GARDENS - RESPONSE TO MOTION ON NOTICE

TO Asset Management Committee

FROM: Manager Open Space Recreation and Property - Sam Higgins

DATE: 16 October 2023

Brief

This report provides an overview of the accessibility elements that have already been designed into the formal community gardens located within the City of Charles Sturt. Additional information is also provided that highlights further work planned at each location to increase accessibility, along with the financial implications for these works.

Recommendation

- 1. That this report is received and noted.**

Status

This report relates to or impacts upon the following Community Plan Objectives 2020-2027.

Our Community - A strong and connected community

People embrace healthy living, physical activity and ageing well.

Our Liveability - A liveable City of great places

Enhance the diversity of open spaces to create innovative, accessible and flexible community spaces.

Our Environment - An environmentally responsible & sustainable City

Charles Sturt is recognised as a leading partner and educator pursuing a sustainable future with our community.

Relevant Council policies are:

- Community Garden Policy
- Disability and Inclusion Plan

Relevant statutory provisions are:

- Local Government Act 1999

Background

A Motion on Notice was tabled by Cr Nicholas Le Lacheur on the 25 September 2023 Council meeting (Item 7.11), seeking a report that provides an overview of current accessible elements in formal community gardens, and the future works planned at these locations to increase accessibility (including financial implications). Council endorsed the following recommendation:

- 1. That a report is prepared and tabled to Council's Asset Management Committee in October 2023 that provides an overview of the accessibility elements that have already been designed into our formal community gardens.*
- 2. That within this report, additional information is also provided that highlights further works planned at each location to increase accessibility along with the financial implications for these works.*

Report

Community gardens are community-run, not-for-profit, may be membership-based, and are generally located on council land. They are a valuable recreational, social and educational resource for the community of the City of Charles Sturt and contribute to the ecological sustainability and food security of their neighbourhood. They offer a space for fellow gardeners to get together and share the joy and skill of gardening with the community. Regardless of the type of garden, all of our Community Gardening initiatives are making a substantial contribution to not only the amenity of the City, but also, to our community's well being through the social connections, sense of community and belonging and reduced isolation and loneliness.

Council presently has nine (9) formal community gardens within the City. Each garden is run by a Committee, with Council granting each gardens a formal licence to occupy Council-owned land.

Our Community Gardens are being modified/developed to ensure accessibility and inclusion. Each garden is unique, with some gardens being located at larger regional or district reserves, whilst several are located within smaller neighbourhood reserves. Infrastructure situated at each reserve is consistent with Council Open Space Strategy, with larger reserves being complemented by additional facilities to accommodate a wider catchment, whereas smaller neighbourhood reserves provide modest ancillary facilities, noting that the catchments for these gardens is much smaller, lessening the need for amenities such as public toilets and off street carparking.

All new Community Gardens are being established with access and inclusion at the forefront of design and development. Standard treatments such as two way swinging gates with kick plates for wheelchair users, digital locks with handles, paths, no steps into sheds etc. are standard practice and existing gardens are progressively being retrofitted. It is difficult to address individual or unique needs, however, work has either been completed or is under way to ensure that most of our gardens are as accessible as possible and where an individual has specific needs these will be addressed on an as needs basis.

The below information provides an overview of the accessibility elements that have already been designed into the formal community gardens located within the City of Charles Sturt. Additional information is also provided that highlights further work planned at each location to increase accessibility, along with the financial implications for these works.

Semaphore Park Community Garden:

- A path direct to the gardens western gate has recently been constructed, preference would have been for the accessible path to be to this gate, however, the site made this alignment difficult and the DDA compliant path leads up to the eastern access gate at the garden.
- Gates at the garden are in the process of being modified. They have been widened and hinges changed to enable the gate to swing 2way.
- The gate locks are scheduled to be installed this month in a program that we started last year, modifying all Community Garden gates. These locks have a handle rather than the small toggle handle that is difficult to use and is installed at 1m above ground level for ease of access for people who use wheelchairs.



- Kickplates have been installed on both gates at the garden to ensure ease of access for wheelchair users.



- Presently, the nearest accessible toilet is Dotterel Reserve which is 350m away from the garden.



While it would be difficult to make the entire Semaphore Park Community Garden accessible and inclusive, discussions with the Garden Committee have resolved to create an accessible space with accessible garden beds in the south eastern corner of the garden. Main paths within the garden are accessible, however paths and space between garden beds is tight and not accessible for those using a wheelchair. There are varying levels of accessibility for people with other disabilities such as people with vision impairment.



Proposed future works:

Hardstand area for accessible beds - **\$3,000**

Trust Reserve Changeroom - Whole of Building AMP Renewal:

- Design 2026/27 - **\$100,000.00**

- Construction 2027/28 - **\$1,800,000.00**

Brompton Community Garden

Brompton Community Garden was, until recently, our most inaccessible garden and a significant amount of work has been completed to address this problem:

- The gate was widened, and hinges changed to allow the gate to swing 2 ways.
- The entrance area has been widened and modified.
- The gate lock has been changed to the same digital lock with handle at approx. 1m above ground level.
- Kick plates have been installed on the gate.
- A 30m² cement stabilised area was constructed to house several accessible garden beds.
- 135m of gravel path has been removed and replaced with compacted dolomite paths.







Accessible Toilet Facilities are available in 19 on Green and the garden have an MOU re access afterhours.

Proposed future works: No forecast works within renewal plan that pertain to DDA or amenities works at 19 on Green.

Henley Community Garden

- All paths are compacted dolomite, however for a wheelchair user, navigating and turning in all garden bed areas may be difficult.
- Main paths within the garden are good for people with vision impairment due to contrasting edges, but this, unfortunately is not consistent throughout the garden.
- Paths leading to the garden are currently being designed as part of the shared use path network from Grange Road to Atkin Street.
- The gate modifications are scheduled for this month – 2 way swinging hinges, kick plates and Digital lock with handle, approximately 1m from ground.

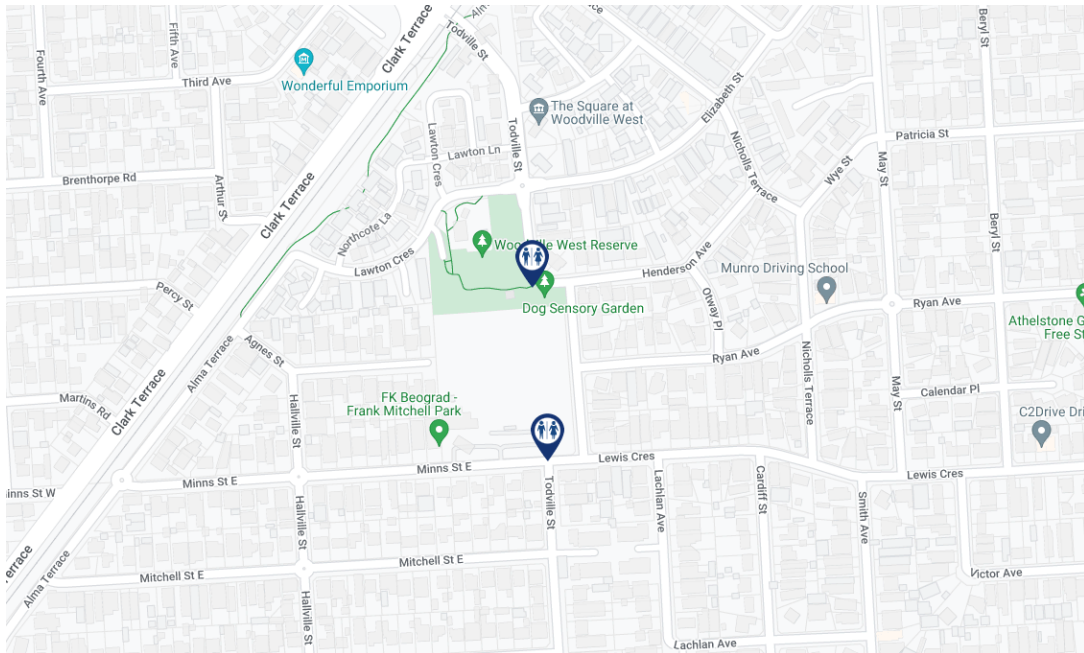
There is an accessible toilet at Henley Memorial Oval, paths will be renewed as part of the shared use path network from Grange Road to Atkin Street in the coming financial year.

Proposed future works: No forecast building works to amenities scheduled.

Woodville West Community Garden

- A path has been constructed at the garden, with more planned over the next 12 months, a new fence will be constructed in the next 2 weeks which will include the modified gates and lock as per other gardens.

There is a toilet block on the reserve, however, there are presently no accessible facilities at the toilet block.



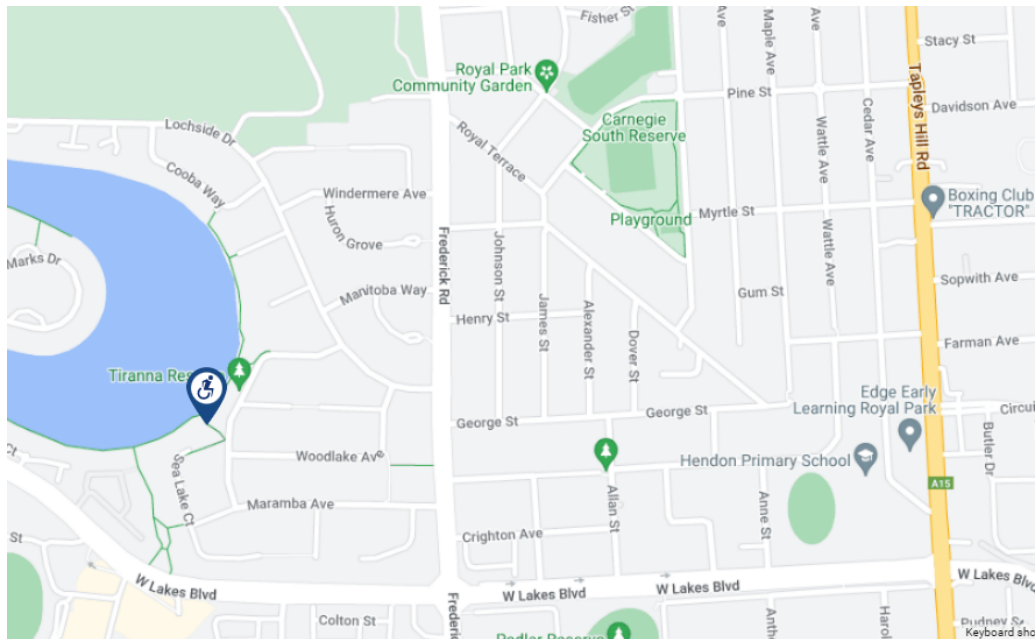
Proposed future works: Paths & Shed Door Modifications - \$10,500. No forecast building works to public toilet amenities scheduled.

Royal Park Community Garden

Royal Park Community Garden is a small garden on Richard Russell Reserve. While there is a path into the garden and the entrance has been modified so that wheelchair, walking

frame and gopher users can access the garden, it is very small and difficult to modify.

There are no toilet facilities at the site, and it would be difficult to justify this expense based on the number of users at the site.



Proposed future works: Gate Modifications and additional paths - \$ 4,500

Frederick Miller Community Garden

Frederick Miller Community Garden is a relatively new garden, and the intention has always been to make this garden as accessible as possible. The garden members have been actively paving around garden beds, have planned their garden with appropriate path widths and turning areas and will continue in this pursuit.

- There are no toilet facilities at FMCG, however there are accessible toilets at Jubilee Reserve, Mirani Court, and Point Malcolm.



- The garden has been recently fenced due to vandalism and theft and the gates will require modification additional paths will be constructed as the garden develops.

Proposed future works: Paths and Gate Modifications - \$12,000

Athol Park Community Garden

Athol Park Community Garden is one of three new gardens. The construction of paths from the main path around Fawk Reserve into the garden and to pave under the pergola has recently been completed. A hard stand area has also been included in this location to accommodate several accessible garden beds.

- The gate into the garden swings both ways, has kick plates, a digital lock with D handle.
- The shed is accessible.
- Ongoing development of the garden will be carried out to ensure accessibility.



The garden has been slashed and is looking much neater. The new digital lock is installed making access so much easier!



Toilet Facilities have been closed on Fawk Reserve; however, the design and consultation process are under way for a new, accessible toilet to be located adjacent the garden.

Proposed future works: Paths - **\$ 2,000**. Consultation for a DDA accessible Automated Public Toilet commencing in 2023/24 FY with construction proposed for 2024/25, if public consultation outcomes are favourable. Total cost **\$330,000** (includes demolition costs of existing toilet facility).

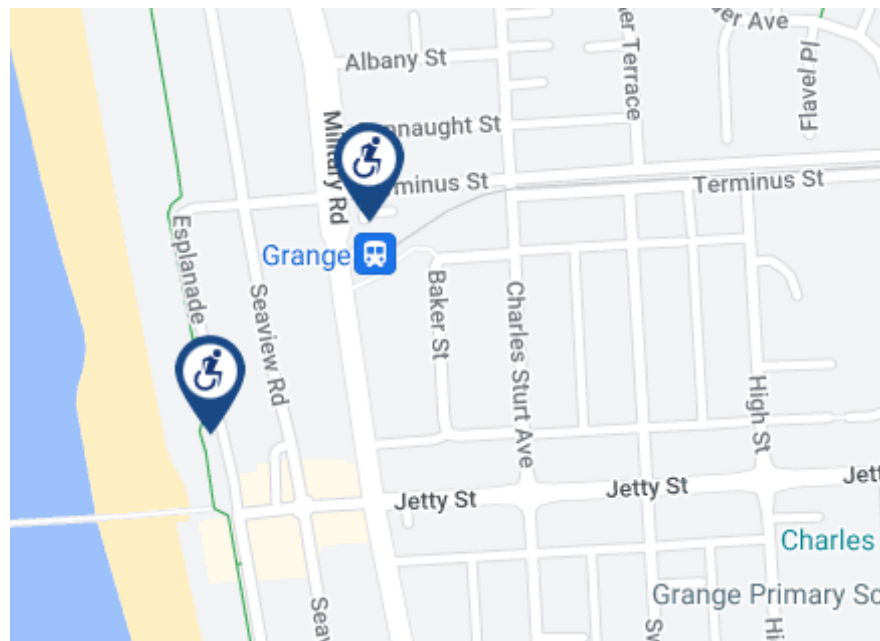
Grange and St Clair Community Gardens

Grange and St Clair Community Gardens are also new gardens, still in the design phase which is also being carried out with accessibility at the forefront.

Paths are in place to the entrance of the gardens and once designs are completed; paths will be constructed within the sites.

- The gates into the gardens swing both ways, have kick plates, digital locks with D handles.
- Both gardens have accessible garden beds which will be placed in the garden after design is complete
- Grange CG shed will be accessible once paving and paths are complete.
- St Clair CG requires some modifications to the shed door due to a lip/small step up into the shed and doors that are difficult to access.

In relation to toilet facilities the Caltex Petrol Station, next to the garden has accessible toilet facilities.



There are no toilet facilities at the St Clair Community Garden, but there are accessible toilet facilities within the St Clair Recreation Reserve

Proposed future works: Paths - **\$4,000** (Grange), Paths **\$4,000** (St Clair)

Financial and Resource Implications

Council endorsed a budget bid (\$45,000) within the 2023/24 financial year to introduce additional elements at our existing formal community gardens to ensure accessibility and inclusion opportunities are improved. Staff will be preparing a further budget bid submission (\$40,000) for 2024/25 financial year to continue these works, with the majority of the funds to be allocated towards path improvements, along with gate and lock modifications.

Proposed Building renewal works will be captured within Council's Building Asset Management Plan, with a revised four year schedule to be tabled to November's Asset Management Committee.

Customer Service and Community Implications

The community benefits by the contribution to community well being through the opportunity to build and sustain a vibrant, connected and resilient community.

Environmental Implications

Community Gardening involves sound gardening practices, organic methods, composting, water conservation through the use of wicking beds and hand watering, drought tolerant plantings and creates opportunity for increased habitat and biodiversity opportunities along with heat island mitigation.

Community Engagement/Consultation (including with community, Council members and staff)

There is no requirement for community engagement or consultation.

Risk Management/Legislative Implications

There are no risk management or legislative implications.

Conclusion

Accessible community gardens provide a space where people from diverse backgrounds and abilities can come together, socialise and build connections, this fosters a sense of belonging and community. Whilst acknowledging the improvements to the accessibility of Council's existing community gardens, it is important to note that this work will continue to evolve to ensure that these facilities are accessible and inclusive for our community.

4.74 ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES CAPITAL WORKS & OPERATING PROGRAM VARIATIONS

TO Asset Management Committee

FROM: General Manager Asset Management Services - Adrian Ralph

DATE: 16 October 2023

Brief

This report identifies changes to the Total Budget Expenditure for Capital Works and/or Annual Operating Projects that arise when budgeted savings are proposed to be used to offset costs over runs on a project that result from consultation outcomes, changed scope of works or tendering and procurement processes. These changes have nil effect on the total program for Capital and/or Annual Operating Budgets. Where there is an effect on the budgeted financial statements (shift between renewal and new/upgrade projects) adjustments will be referred to the next quarterly review.

Recommendation

- 1. That the following variations to the Capital Works Program or Annual Operating Program be approved and adjusted in the Financial Statements at the next quarterly review as they involve transfers between renewal and new/upgrade works and or new projects to be funded by unbudgeted income:**

Nil

- 2. That the following variations to the Capital Works Program be approved and budgets or scope adjusted accordingly:**
 - a. Budgeted expenditure for LRCI - Creating a new reserve in Albert Park (Spad Street Reserve) (Project 3338) be increased by \$200,000 from available funds within Council's Open Space Fund.**

Status

This report relates to or impacts upon the following Community Plan Objectives 2016-2027.

Our Leadership - A leading & progressive Local Government organisation

Our values, leadership and collaborative approach are bold and courageous and enables us to deliver value for our Community and create a leading liveable City.

Relevant Council policies are:

- Nil

Relevant statutory provisions are:

- Nil

Background

The Capital Works and Annual Operating Program for 2023/24 was approved by Council at its meeting of 13 June 2023. Variations to some projects are required following identification of site specific issues, tendering processes and/or consultation outcomes resulting in scope changes or to assist project reporting. These variations are described in the report below and budget adjustments result in changes to the total budgeted expenditure for a capital or annual operating project but have nil impact across the total program. In addition, any changes will be reflected in updates to the approved Asset Management Plans and related Works Program where relevant.

Report***Capital Works Program or Annual Operating Program requiring adjustment to the Financial Statement*****Nil*****Capital Works Program or Annual Operating Program requiring budget or scope adjustment*****2a. LRCI - Creating a new reserve in Albert Park (Spad Street Reserve) (Project 3338)**

Tenders for the construction of the new reserve in Albert Park (currently known as Spad Street Reserve) have been received and whilst the preferred contractor's construction costs are within the available budget, an allowance for a project contingency, latent conditions and other associated works is not included. It is recommended that funding for these associated elements be allocated to the project. The full land purchase and construction budget was originally \$3M from previous years. Various expenses have already been allocated to the project to prepare the site for construction which is scheduled to commence in January 2024 and due for completion in late May 2024.

Work completed:

- Purchase of the land \$2,144.219.00
- Concept and community engagement
- Professional fees
- Site investigations including soil classification, asbestos identification and survey
- Detailed design preparation
- Demolition of the existing dilapidated houses on the land
- New erimeter fencing
- Manufacture of specialised play equipment (flowbars)

Construction costs to date \$70,460.00

Total expenses to date \$2,214.679.00

To date, Council's contribution to this project has been through its Open Space Fund, using funds from developer contributions related to new developments in the council area. The Open Space Fund currently totals \$509,421, and it is proposed that a further \$200,000 of this be allocated the project. Any portion of the \$200,000 that remains unused throughout the project will be returned to the Open Space Fund.

Financial and Resource Implications

2. Capital Works Program or Annual Operating Program requiring budget or scope adjustment

Approved Projects 2023/24	Project Type (Renewal, New / Upgrade)	Project Number	Approved Budget Amount	New Proposed Budget Amount	Variance	Reason for Change
2a. LRCI - Creating a new reserve in Albert Park	New	3338	\$785,321	\$985,321	+\$200,000	Additional funding for associated project costs from Council's Open Space Fund.
Open Space Fund	N/A	N/A	\$509,421	\$309,421	-\$200,000	

Customer Service and Community Implications

The Capital Works and Annual Operating Program variations have arisen for a variety of reasons and involve improving or modifying service levels provided by the various assets managed by council in response to community need.

Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications.

Community Engagement/Consultation (including with community, Council members and staff)

There is no requirement for Community Engagement or consultation.

Risk Management/Legislative Implications

There are no risk management/or legislative implications.

Conclusion

The Capital Works and Annual Operating Program variations in this report are in response to budget savings, consultation outcomes, or changed scope of works and do not require an overall change to the existing aggregated capital works and operating budget allocation for 2023/24. Amendments will be made to the relevant work plan and Asset Management Plan.

5. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

6. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

7. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

[As previously identified and agreed by the Presiding Member]

8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

9. BUSINESS - PART II - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10. MEETING CLOSURE