

Attachment A: Summary of Stakeholder Feedback on Draft Mulgrave Reserve Masterplan

Submissions Received

In all, 23 submissions were received, with 22 generally supporting the directions of the masterplan, and one not supporting the masterplan.

The following table provides a summary of each submission, briefly describes and assesses the key issues raised, and then includes recommendations for changes to the draft masterplan, where assessed as appropriate.

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Submission 1

Submission 2

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Submission 23

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1	✓	<p>The submission supports the masterplan, particularly the inclusion of facilities for basketball and tennis, and the BBQs however makes the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Would prefer to see an upgrade to the toilets rather than removal. ▪ There is too much attention given to parking requirements, however acknowledges that if the increase in the number of car parks stops people parking on the grass in winter then it is a good thing. 	<p>The support for inclusion of facilities for basketball, tennis and BBQs is noted. The existing public toilets are being removed due to their condition, but new public toilets are being included in the pavilion upgrade/ extension.</p> <p>There was widespread support from user groups and local residents to increase onsite car parking to reduce the impact of car parking on local streets during event days.</p> <p>Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.</p>
2	✓	<p>The submission supports the masterplan, particularly the inclusion of an activity hub, the new playground and tennis wall, and the new public toilets.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.</p>
3	✓	<p>The submission suggests the introduction of security gates to the entry of the front car park so that access to the carpark is restricted after hours, as there has been some recent criminal activity in the carpark.</p>	<p>A security gate is currently in place and is locked when the reserve is not being used for sports training and matches. The small number of car spaces available before the gate are provided to enable dog walkers and other reserve visitors to park onsite when the security gate is locked.</p> <p>Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.</p>
4	✓	<p>The submission suggests that the pavilion upgrade is long overdue, and should be completed as quickly as possible, in particular with regard to the provision of appropriate changeroom facilities for the women's football team.</p> <p>The other changes proposed are also integral to the running of all sporting clubs.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.</p>
5	✓	<p>The submission supports the plan, however, notes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Configuration of the new pavilion will be critical. When will this plan be released for comment? ▪ Strongly suggests incorporating a playground, even if small, at the main turf wicket ground, located on the west side, within clear view of the main spectator area and pavilion. Somewhere behind the cricket nets would be ideal. ▪ By removing the public toilets this means the teams playing on the synthetic wicket grounds will need to use the main pavilion. This is not ideal, unless they also get their own change rooms too. But more importantly, will the new shelter retain a suitable shaded viewing area for the teams on game days with the addition of picnic & BBQs to this shelter? 	<p>The design development of the pavilion is a separate project to the preparation of the masterplan, and will commence, pending Council funding.</p> <p>The duplication of a playspace so close to the proposed new activity hub is not supported. The pavilion development is proposed to incorporate views towards both sports fields and the activity hub.</p> <p>Additional change rooms and new public toilets are to be incorporated into the pavilion upgrade/ extension. There should be sufficient space under the existing shelter for picnic & BBQ facilities as well as seating for cricketers, ie. scorers and players. To include seating under the shelter with views to the sports oval is a good idea.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The second (east) synthetic ground doesn't get its own shelter. There is not much space near the training nets but this is a problem right now because the existing shelter is too far away. This probably should have been incorporated with the coaches' box when it was developed. ▪ The management of cricket balls going into the ever-growing trees and scrub on the east side of the turf oval has not been considered. During summer snakes are active in these areas and it is not ideal to have players searching for balls. 	<p>This is a good suggestion, however, the coaches' box is probably still too far away to make the shelter practical. Suggested that the cricket club purchase a 3m x 3m pop-up marquee and use this when required to provide shelter on hot or wet days.</p> <p>This issue wasn't raised during discussions with the cricket club, however, it is agreed that it could be an ongoing issue. It is suggested that Council and the club investigate options to mitigate cricket balls going into the bushland.</p> <p>Recommended that the masterplan be amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add the following to annotation No. 10, 'Install seating under the shelter with views to the southern sports fields'. • Add the following to annotation No. 21, 'Investigate options to mitigate cricket balls going into the bushland along the eastern boundary'.
6	✓	<p>The submission supports the plan, and notes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I commend the planners in highlighting the bridge to be widened to improve sightlines. The present sharp bend with the narrow bridge has several issues but not restricted sight lines. The sharp bend slows the cycle traffic but being so narrow, there is always the danger that someone may collide with a cyclist going in the opposite direction. ▪ The wetland is heavily vegetated and there are few birds to be seen from the bird hide. I would be inclined to leave it as it is, except remove the mesh and have larger viewing portals instead, or cut larger slots in the mesh. 	<p>The masterplan supports changes to the bridge to improve safety.</p> <p>The suggestions made to improve the bird hide are noted, and will be considered.</p> <p>Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.</p>
7	✓	<p>The submission recognises the strengths of the masterplan as including shared facilities for all users, and believes the changes will greatly enhance the use of the reserve.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.</p>
8	✓	<p>The submission supports the masterplan, and notes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As a long term member of one of the sporting clubs, the upgrades will continue to encourage growth in local sporting participation. Of particular importance is the upgrade to the existing pavilion and upgrade to current shelter/ toilet block to provide additional shelter and BBQ facilities. The masterplan also respects the existing vegetation. ▪ Would also suggest a lighting upgrade to the main ground. 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The masterplan supports a lighting upgrade of the main oval.</p> <p>Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.</p>

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9	✓	The submission supports the masterplan.	Noted. Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.
10	✓	The submission notes that the masterplan will attract more people/ families to the reserve and will be great for all children who live in the area. The reserve will become one of the main attractions within Wheelers Hill.	Noted. Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.
11	✓	The submission notes that the masterplan looks great and is well overdue. It will be great for local children who play football and cricket at Mulgrave. I commend the Council on their hard work and forward thinking for our local community. Will there be an upgrade of the social club rooms?	Noted. The specific scope of works for the pavilion development will be determined when the project commences. Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.
12	✓	The submission notes that the masterplan has incorporated most of what was discussed during the Community Meeting, and includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The removal of trees between the existing toilet block and the entry to the pavilion was not mentioned at the meeting. ▪ The addition of a golf practice cage adjoining the cricket practice nets was mentioned at the meeting however this has not been included in the plan. 	The design and development of the activity hub will minimise the need for any trees to be removed, and will include new plantings where possible, as shown indicatively on the masterplan. The feasibility of including additional recreational items such as a golf birdie cage can be explored during the design development of the activity hub. Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.
13	✓	The submission supports the masterplan, however is concerned that there may not be enough car parking.	The masterplan has taken a balanced approach to the inclusion of additional car parking and the need to retain good provision of usable open space. The masterplan shows up to 50 new off-road car spaces, plus another 32 spaces in a proposed overflow car park on the site of the former residence. Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.
14	✓	The submission notes that the masterplan is fantastic, and will provide an ongoing connection for community members of all ages.	Noted. Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.
15	✓	The submission notes that the masterplan looks like a great plan to improve the facilities for a variety of sports in the local area.	Noted. Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.

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16	✓	The submission notes that the masterplan is fantastic, and will provide a much needed upgrade to the sporting facilities.	Noted. Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.
17	✓	The submission notes that all the upgrades are very exciting. The upgrades to the pavilion, canteen and public toilets are necessary, and the extra parking will be great.	Noted. Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.
18	✓	<p>The submitter is impressed with the masterplan, especially the picnic and BBQ area, additional toilets and netball and tennis areas, increased parking, and improvements to the footpaths.</p> <p>The submission notes that speed humps could be installed along the internal road to slow down cars, as young children will be nearby.</p> <p>The submitter comments on the location and design of the playspace and makes the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An all abilities playspace will be wonderful, however, is concerned about the size and features of the playspace. With the ample parking and space, Mulgrave Reserve has the potential to be a renowned all abilities playspace to be enjoyed at all times and not primarily when a sporting event is on. Water features would be great. ▪ Ideas for the playspace include moving the netball/ tennis courts to the proposed second court or carpark location and expanding the space allocated to the playspace area. Or putting an additional playspace area (possibly a water feature area) where the proposed second court/ carpark area is. This would allow people enjoying a picnic/ BBQ to enjoy a playspace without having to cross the road. 	<p>The various suggestions and comments are noted.</p> <p>A decision to introduce additional traffic calming along the internal road will be considered during the design development of the activity hub when assessing the risk management from the increased number of children using the space.</p> <p>The specific play facilities to be included in the playground will be considered during the design development of the activity hub.</p> <p>There was strong support from the user groups and residents for the integration of the playspace and the multipurpose court.</p> <p>Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.</p>
19	X	<p>The submission does not support the masterplan and believes that it will be very expensive to develop with very little outcome. The submitter makes the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This area could be developed into a facility similar to Booran Reserve where people and families from all over will want to come and enjoy themselves. ▪ Ideas could be taken from the amazing recreational areas in Singapore, rather than the same old boring places no one wants to visit. ▪ The plan is unimaginative. 	<p>The masterplan has been prepared collaboratively with the reserve user groups, local residents, and other stakeholders. The draft masterplan as exhibited had broad support for the balance of proposals for improved sporting facilities, for improved recreational facilities, and the enhancements to environmental/ wetlands areas.</p> <p>Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.</p>

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20	✓	<p>The submission makes the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The junior cricket ovals need a large shade shelter closer to the playing fields, as existing tree canopies are a long way from the fields. ▪ The idea of a recreation hub in the centre is a great idea but needs to be tripled in size. A basketball ring and tennis wall sounds good, but with the popularity of basketball and lack of outdoor areas to shoot hoops, there should be multiple basketball courts and rings. ▪ In Adelaide they have some great recreational spaces that have full size outdoor courts for social play and it would be great to be able to access one in the City of Monash. 	<p>It is proposed to include seating under the existing shelter with views to the sports oval, following the removal of the public toilets – refer Submission No. 5. For the smaller cricket oval, it is suggested that the cricket club purchase a 3m x 3m pop-up marquee and use this when required to provide shelter on hot or wet days.</p> <p>The masterplan has adopted a balanced approach for proposals to improve sporting facilities and to improve recreational facilities, whilst also being aware of the value of retaining good provision of usable open space.</p> <p>This could be considered at other sites within the City of Monash.</p> <p>Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.</p>
21	✓	<p>The submitter is pleased to see the planned improvements to the sporting facilities.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.</p>
22	✓	<p>The submitter has commended Council on its work to date and its intention to improve the facilities and functionality of the reserve. The upgrades to the sporting facilities will be well received by the sports clubs, but notes the following concerns/ suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As President of the Cricket Club I am concerned about the safety of people coming out of the pavilion social rooms with traffic travelling past the front door. There have been near misses of both adult and children as they exit the sports pavilion. ▪ The security lighting around the pavilion could be upgraded to deter potential undesirables from being tempted to visit the proposed activity hub after hours. 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The issue of the safety of patrons leaving the social club was raised during the consultation and is reported in the study report. The resolution of this issue and the need for additional security lighting around the pavilion will form part of the scope for the design development for the pavilion upgrade/ expansion.</p> <p>Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.</p>
23	✓	<p>The submission notes that overall the masterplan looks good, but makes the point to ensure that the dog off leash area remains the same, and that the playground is of sufficient size.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Recommended that no changes be made to the masterplan.</p>