## ROBERTSON PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Summary of Robertson Park Development Plan Robertson Park is classified as District Open Space in the City's Public Open Space Strategy (POS Strategy) with the purpose of accommodating variety of uses. Currently this includes a tennis centre (32 courts), wetlands, Lee Hops Cottage, Halvorsen Hall, walking paths, play and exercise equipment and an AIDS memorial. These assets facilitate ecreational tennis, children's play, picnicking, dog exercise, social gatherings, and individual activities. It is a well-used park by the community with rich culture and history.
The City's POS Strategy, adopted by Council in December 2018, includes key action to investigate and consider a Robertson Park Development Plan (Development Plan) in partnership with the State Government and Tennis West. The purpose of the Development Plan is to outline the direction for improvements to Robertson Park, identifying infrastructure upgrades which respond to community needs, whilst maximising land use and improving community accessibility to recreation and leisure activities. Building on the community consultation findings on the draft Development Plan from engagement activities in May 2021, this report resents infrastructure upgrades and associated delivery costs for the Robertson Park Development Plan

## Project Zones

For communication and costing purposes, the site is described as three distinct zones as depicted in figure 1. These zones are based on the rimary use and function of each area, however, do overlap in their function at the edge of each zone. The recommended upgrades are documented across each project zone in the following pages.


## Reason for the Development Plan

The increasing density and population within the area emphasises the importance for public open spaces to encourage recreation, social inclusion, and interaction. There is a current need to retain and improve the quality of open space in the local area and meet growing trends for flexible and informal recreational opportunities, whilst also recognising the rich heritage and history of the locality. There is also a need for the City of Vincent to forward-plan for upgrades to the space through budget and costings to provide for a sustainable and staged approach to these changes.

## Tennis Area:

The clubrooms are in reasonable condition and are compliant to be leased in their current state. However, the 18 hard court surfaces are nearing end of life and are not compliant with current Tennis Australia standards.

Through upgrading these courts, there is an opportunity to attract a self-sustaining lease holder of the tennis facilities that enables greater community use and access. This future lease holder could proactively manage the venue, meet all the site's ongoing maintenance and renewal costs, and allow for tennis to continue, with additional community facilities to be provided in a financially viable model.

## Process Undertaken

The following timeline demonstrates the project background, the engagement process undertaken to date, the steps taken in the preparation of the Development Plan and 'next steps' for the project going forward.

| March 2019 <br> Ordinary Council <br> Meeting - council request timing and funding options for the development plan be considered with the City's <br> Corporate Business Plan, Annual Budget, and long-term Financial Plan. | September 2020 <br> Ordinary Council <br> Meeting - council <br> adopt the CoV <br> Corporate <br> Business Plan <br> 2020/21-2023/24 <br> (Development Plan <br> included as listing <br> \#17). |  |  |  |  |  | Detailed <br> Design <br> Stage |
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## PARK UPBRADES

Dog and leisure park
(:) $2 x$ new bench seats

* $4 x$ new picnic tables
(ii) $1 \times$ new public rest room at the car park entry
- $2 \times$ new public lights in the dog park area
(1) Wetland heritage trial signage upgrade
(2) Remove existing playground and exercise equipment and replace with new nature playground
(3) New outdoor gym equipment
(4) Footpath extension (approx. 60 m )

5 Concrete retaining wall/bench (approx. 30 m )
6 Public multi-sports half court (converted from tennis hard court)
(7) Repurposed original tennis shelter
(8) Hitting wall (soccer/multipurpose)
(9) Community garden (approx. $500 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ )
(10) Extend low level fence
(11) New footpath and concrete space (path approx. 60m)
(12) Concrete retaining wall/bench (approx. 20 m )
(13) Relocate fence 0.5 m north to provide space for footpath
(14) Extend footpath along Stuart Street ( 1.5 m wide I approx. 172 m long)

- retain existing vegetation where possible
- will likely result in the loss of 5-6 car bays (1-290-degree bays and 4 parallel bays)

Cost breakdown

| DOG AND LEISURE PARK | Ouantity | Unit | Rate (\$) | Total (\$) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Allowance for Site Clearance | 1 | Sum | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Allowance for wetland heritage trial signage upgrade | 1 | Provisional Sum | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Allowance for removal of existing playground and exercise equipment | 1 | Sum | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Allowance for replacing a new nature playground and outdoor gym equipment | 1 | Provisional Sum | 135,000 | 135,000 |
| Allowance for footpath extension | 232 | $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ | 80 | 18,560 |
| Allowance for new concrete wall/bench (seating) | 37 | m | 1,500 | 55,500 |
| Allowance for public multi-sports half court | 140 | $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ | 155 | 21,700 |
| Allowance for tennis shade hut repurpose and relocation |  | Provisional Sum |  | 25,000 |
| Allowance for soccer/multipurpose hitting wall (allowance included in Tennis Precinct cost breakdown) | - | - | - | - |
| Allowance for community garden | 500 | $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ | 45 | 22,500 |
| Dog Park |  |  |  |  |
| Allowance for low level fence extension | 24 | m | 150 | 3,600 |
| Allowance for new footpath and concrete space | 163 | $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ | 80 | 13,040 |
| Allowance for concrete retaining wall/bench (seating) | 33 | m | 1,500 | 49,500 |
| Allowance for fence relocation | 56 | m | 80 | 4,480 |
| Allowance for footpath extension along Stuart Street | 258 | $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ | 80 | 20,640 |
|  |  |  | OTAL (\$) | 414,520 |
| OTHER ITEMS | Quantity | Unit | Rate (\$) | Total (\$) |
| Allowance for new bench seat | 2 | No | 4,000 | 8,000 |
| Allowance for new picnic table | 4 | No | 5,000 | 15,000 |
| Allowance for new public rest room (no size or details)* | 1 | Provisional Sum | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Allowance for new public lighting | 2 | No | 7,500 | 15,000 |
| TOTAL (\$) |  |  |  | \$293,000 |



Tennis Precinct
CONCEPT
(1) Tennis courts - 18 Green Hard Courts:

- Resurface 12 tennis courts (approx. 6,290m²
- Convert (7) existing grass courts to 6 hard courts (approx. $5,000 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ )

2 Multipurpose courts - 4 Acrylic Green Hard Courts:

- Resurface existing tennis courts to 4 multipurpose courts (approx. 3,042m²)

3 New thoroughfare between tennis courts ( 10 m wide and includes landscaped elements and shade structures from point 7 below)

4 Renew tennis court fencing

- Perimeter fencing: Chainwire mesh (height $3,600 \mathrm{~mm}$ )
-     - Court divider fencing: Chainwire mesh (height $1,500 \mathrm{~mm}$ at lowest point)
(5) LED lighting for tennis and multi courts:
- Upgrade tennis courts No. 1-8
( $34 \times 350$ LUX I $28 \times 7.6 \mathrm{~m}$ poles)
- New lighting tennis courts No. 9-18
( $40 \times 350$ LUX | $32 \times 7.6 \mathrm{~m}$ poles)
- New lighting multipurpose courts No. 1-4 ( $13 \times 250$ LUX $113 \times 7.6 \mathrm{~m}$ poles)
- Utilise / relocate existing light poles where possible

6 Remove all existing shade huts (total 9 huts) and replace with the following

- 5 medium shade structures in new thoroughfare $(7 \mathrm{~m} \times 4 \mathrm{~m})$
- Verandah extension to existing tennis building (approx $150 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ )
(7) Trees and landscaping

Hitting wall (tennis)


| Cost breakdown |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TENNIS PRECINCT | Quantity | Unit | Rate (\$) | Total (\$) |
| Allowance for Green Hard Tennis Courts - Resurface existing; assume sub base remains ( 8 No ) | 4,393 | $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ | 25 | 109,825 |
| Allowance for Acrylic Green Hard Tennis Courts - Convert grass - full sub base build up ( 10 No ) | 5,581 | $\mathrm{m}^{3}$ | 110 | 613,910 |
| Allowance for Acrylic Multi-Purpose Courts - resurface existing; assume sub base remains | 3,042 | $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ | 25 | 76,050 |
| Allowance for Entrance Upgrade (Provisional allowance) | 1 | Provisional Sum | 62,500 | 62,500 |
| Allowance for new thoroughfare | 1,319 | $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ | 150 | 197,850 |
| Allowance for tennis court perimeter fencing ( 3600 m high) | 892 | m | 200 | 178,400 |
| Allowance for tennis court divider fencing ( 1500 m high) | 240 | m | 130 | 31,200 |
| Allowance for shade hut removal | 9 | No | 1,500 | 13,500 |
| Allowance for LED lighting upgrade to tennis courts 1-8 | 28 | No | 5,000 | 140,000 |
| Allowance for new lighting to tennis courts 9-18 | 32 | No | 15,000 | 480,000 |
| Allowance for new lighting to multipurpose courts 1-4 | 13 | No | 12,000 | 156,000 |
| Allowance for new medium shade structure ( $7 \mathrm{~m} \times 4 \mathrm{~m}$ ) | 5 | No | 15,000 | 75,000 |
| Allowance for verandah extension | 158 | $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ | 1,000 | 158,270 |
| Allowance for trees and landscaping | 1 | Provisional Sum | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Allowance for tennis hitting wall | 38 | $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ | 200 | 7,500 |
| TOTAL (\$) \$2,320,005 |  |  |  |  |



## Turf / Eco Area

## CONCEPT

(1) $3 x$ new bench seats

- $3 \times$ new public lights
(1) Converting 7 existing grass courts to turf and native landscaped areas (approx. 0.8 hectares)
2 New trees - natives (approx.15) (tree species not identified)
(3) New footpath (approx. 220m)

4 Rain Garden (native landscaped area used to capture stormwater runoff, treat water pollutants, and allow infiltration back into the ground)


## Cost breakdown

| TURF / ECO AREA (OPTION 2) | Quantity | Unit | Rate (\$) | Total (\$) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Allowance for removal of grass courts including subbase <br> (Details not clear) | 4,405 | $\mathrm{~m}^{2}$ | 8 | 33,038 |
| Allowance for turf and native landscaped areas (assume <br> 50/50 split); laid to site falls | 4,405 | $\mathrm{~m}^{2}$ | 50 | 220,250 |
| Allowance for reticulation to above | 4,405 | $\mathrm{~m}^{2}$ | 10 | 44,050 |
| Allowance for low level lighting | 1 | Sum | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Allowance for new trees | 15 | No | 2,500 | 37,500 |
| Allowance for new footpath | 731 | $\mathrm{~m}^{2}$ | 80 | 58,480 |
| Allowance for rain garden | 1,662 | $\mathrm{~m}^{2}$ | 75 | 124,650 |
|  |  |  | TOTAL (\$) | $\mathbf{\$ 5 4 2 , 9 6 8}$ |
| Quantity | Unit | Rate (\$) | Total (\$) |  |
| OTHER ITEMS | 3 | No | 4,000 | 12,000 |
| Allowance for new bench seat | 3 | No | 7,500 | 22,500 |
| Allowance for new public lighting |  |  | TOTAL (\$) | $\mathbf{\$ 3 4 , 5 0 0}$ |



## PARK UPGRADES - OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Public Art Upgrade
Public art upgrades should double as interpretative signage for the Wetlands Heritage Trial. Current signage in Robertson Park is dilapidated and in urgent need of replacing. Making this a public artwork opportunity would increase the quality, aesthetic amenity and public appeal of the signage and allow for innovative, eye-catching signage that sits beautifully within the park environment as well as providing an educational function. Artwork designs should reference the native flora and fauna of the wetlands, the shape and contours of the wetlands, and the Noongar stories and cultural significance associated with the wetlands.
Artwork opportunities include:

- Metal panels with interpretive information on one panel, artwork on others
- Sculptural works integrating the interpretive signage pane
- Use of laser-cutting to create shadow play and imagery
- Interpretive pathway artwork

Cost breakdown

| Public Art Upgrade | Quantity | Unit | Rate (\$) |
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| Percent for Public Art | $1.00 \%$ |  | 42,611 |



Fitzgerald Street Crossing
There is ample car parking available to the west of the site across Fitzgerald Street which is accessible via a laneway between Nos. 209 \& 217 Fitzgerald Street. There is currently a pedestrian crossover aligned with the laneway which can facilitate accessibility, however further opportunities to improve and strengthen this connection should be investigated.

The laneway also delineates a pedestrian zone through a line painted on the ground (similar to a cycle lane), however, given the narrow width of the lane and limited sight lines, painting the existing pedestrian strip would assist with clearer delineation of the space.
Additional signage should also be considered in Robertson Park and the ar park to assist with way-finding between the two points.

Cost breakdown

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| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Allowance for painting existing <br> pedestrian pathway | 85 | m 2 | 25 | 2,125 |
| Allowance for additional <br> signage delineating the <br> location of car park | 1 | Sum | 5,000 | 5,000 |



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PROPOSED UPGRADES
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A New picnic table
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