

9.5 ROBERTSON PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- Attachments:**
1. **Robertson Park Development Plan**
 2. **Community Consultation Summary**
 3. **Draft Robertson Park Development Plan**

RECOMMENDATION:**That Council:**

1. **ENDORSES the Robertson Park Development Plan, included as Attachment 1; and**
2. **NOTES the:**
 - 2.1 **submissions received during the community consultation period and Administration's response, included as Attachment 2 in relation to the Draft Robertson Park Development Plan, included as Attachment 3; and**
 - 2.2 **unfunded items of the Robertson Development Plan will be implemented subject to external funding and/or adjustment to the Long Term Financial Plan and unsuccessful funding by 2027 will result in revision of the plan.**

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To seek Council's endorsement of the Robertson Park Development Plan (**Attachment 1**) and note the submissions received during the community consultation period (**Attachment 2**) on the draft Robertson Park Development Plan (**Attachment 3**).

BACKGROUND:

Robertson Park comprises multiple individual lots owned in freehold by the City of Vincent (City). These were Crown Land granted to the City of Perth in 1942 to be held "in trust for the purpose of recreation".

Robertson Park is classified as District Open Space in the City's Public Open Space Strategy (POS Strategy) whose purpose is to accommodate a variety of uses. It is a well-used park by the community with rich culture and history.

The public open space and its associated Archaeological sites are included in the Heritage Council of Western Australia's State Register of Heritage Places as Place Number 08705. The Place is also included in the City's Heritage List and Local Heritage Survey (Municipal Inventory) as Management Category A.

The City's POS Strategy was adopted by Council in December 2018 and includes a key action to investigate and consider a Robertson Park Development Plan (Development Plan) in partnership with the State Government and Tennis West. The POS Strategy set out the following tasks:

- Consider community accessibility to high quality tennis court infrastructure;
- Retention and where possible improvement to existing tree canopy and shade; and
- Addressing Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural history associated with the site.

At the Annual General Meeting of Electors on 29 January 2019, a motion was carried that the City initiate a Development Plan for Robertson Park. Following this, at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 5 March 2019, Council requested that the Chief Executive Officer consider timing and funding options for the proposed Development Plan within the City's Corporate Business Plan, Annual Budget, and Long Term Financial Plan.

On 12 November 2019, after the Tennis Seniors' Association of WA terminated its lease at the Robertson Park Tennis Centre, Council approved an Interim Management Arrangement (Agreement) with Tennis West. The intent of the Agreement is to ensure tennis can continue on the site while the City assesses the condition of the site through the Development Plan.

On 15 September 2020 at its Ordinary Meeting, Council adopted the City of Vincent Corporate Business Plan 2020/21 – 2023/24. The Robertson Park Development Plan was included within the Strategic Project Listing #17.

On 27 April 2021 at its Ordinary Meeting, Council approved the draft Robertson Park Development Plan for community consultation.

On 18 August 2021 at its Ordinary Meeting, Council adopted the City of Vincent Corporate Business Plan 2021/22 – 2024/25. The Robertson Park Development Plan was included within the Strategic Project Listing #6.3. The Development Plan is intended to guide future use, management and development at Robertson Park.

DETAILS:

An outline of the community consultation is included in the consultation/advertising section of this report. All submissions and Administration's response has been included as **Attachment 2**. A summary of the level of support of the draft Robertson Park Development Plan, is outlined below;

Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
53.8%	30.3%	3.8%	7.1%	5%

The submissions included a variety of feedback, both positive and negative, that has been assessed by Administration. There were a series of changes made to the draft Development Plan as a result of the comments received, the key changes are:

- Relocation of the public toilet;
- Enhancing and opening the Tennis Centre entrance and boundaries;
- Removing the proposed enclosed dog exercise area, extending current fence lines and including community lighting;
- Improved foot paths;
- Relocation of the community garden;
- Improved community lighting for safety; and
- Dual use tennis hit up wall.

The draft Development Plan that was advertised for community consultation has been included as **Attachment 3**. A revised Development Plan (Plan) was prepared and included as **Attachment 1**, to incorporate feedback received during the consultation process.

Tennis Precinct

Tennis

The submissions received outlined that the community are happy to see a much needed upgrade to the courts and lighting. However, the main concerns are the number of courts which are being removed, the type of court surfaces, the removal of shade, and the entrance to the facility.

Whilst Administration understands the community's concerns over the number of courts being removed at the facility, Administration has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable. The minimum level of tennis courts recommended is 18, while the ideal number is 20 – 22 courts. The Plan has 18 tennis courts and 4 multi sports courts, which will still be available for tennis.

There were comments received to retain the grass and synthetic grass courts and add clay courts. Both clay and grass surfaces require a high level of maintenance and can be a financial burden to operators. Grass courts also limit usage as lighting on grass courts is not recommended. Given this, the proposal to upgrade the courts to acrylic hard court will remain to reduce ongoing maintenance costs and extend the usage time. The current shade huts are in poor condition and hindering the tennis courts optimum layout to meet Tennis Australia guidelines. The shade huts are part of the history at Robertson Park and shade is a preferred amenity for tennis. Administration has included shade in the Plan and where feasible the new shade structures will interpret and reflect the original design.

There were comments relating to the entrance and access to the facility to make this more open. Administration agree it would benefit the centre by enhancing the entrance and access. This has been included in the Plan. Providing an enhanced and legible entrance has resulted in a reduction to the total number of tennis courts to the minimum requirement of 18. The location of the northern tennis courts has been adjusted to open the space immediately north of the tennis centre to allow for a passive recreation, spectating space and storm water drainage. With the added hard court surfaces is it important to allow for the water drainage with space between the courts. This space will also reduce the impact of heat.

Multi Sports Courts

There is support from the community for the multi sports courts including netball and basketball. Initial concerns of introducing the multi sports courts were that people wanted the facility to remain solely tennis, there may be increased pressure on parking, and additional noise may occur.

There is adequate parking around Robertson Park to facilitate people's access to the park. The City prioritises people who choose to be a pedestrian, then cyclist, then public transport users above people who choose to drive. Given this, creating additional bays at the expense of public open space and recreational activities is not supported. Improvements to the paths and lighting around the park have been included in the Plan to improve access to existing car parking.

Turf Area

New public open space

The community would like to see a balance of turf and eco zoning in the new public open space area. It is recommended that, at the detailed design phase, the City work closely with Traditional Land Owners and the Claisebrook Catchment Group to create the new space.

Community garden

While the idea of the community garden is supported, there were concerns over the ongoing management of the facility. Administration recommends retaining a space for a community garden in the revised location. This would provide suitable time for a community group to be formed to ensure the sustained success of the space. The City would assess the proposal and need for a Community Garden at that time.

Dog and Leisure

Dog exercise area

The submissions outline a divided opinion on the fenced dog exercise area. The main views relate to the safety between both the dogs and other park users. The community did not want to exclude passive recreation from the area. Given this, the Plan shows that the fence lines have been extended and a retaining wall has been introduced to serve as both a barrier and seat.

Playground

The upgrade to the playground is supported, with the majority of submitters wanting to see a nature playground and exercise equipment. Play elements would be determined throughout the detailed design phase.

Footpath extension

The community were in support of a walking track around the park. Where feasible the Plan has shown improved footpath connections to allow for enhanced movement around the park.

Hit up wall

A hit up wall was a popular suggestion to service both the tennis centre and the community. This has been included in the Plan near the entrance to the tennis pavilion to allow use by the community and the tennis centre.

Public toilet

Changes to the public toilet are supported by the community however there was concern over the location and anti-social behaviour. Given this, the toilet location has been revised. The new location is in a more visible area reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.

Public art

There was feedback supporting Indigenous artwork and sculptures on site. It is recommended that public art upgrades also be used as interpretative signage for the Wetlands Heritage Trail upgrade. 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.

There is also opportunity to include artwork onto the public toilet and within the new playground.

The WA Aids Council requested the installation of a red ribbon at the AIDS memorial. The request is supported and would be installed prior to world AIDS day on 1 December 2021.

Dual naming

The consultation shows that the community is in support of the City investigating the opportunity for dual naming at the park. This would form part of the City's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) implementation.

It is recommended that Council endorse the Plan based on the amendments made in response to the community consultation.

CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

The draft Robertson Park Development Plan was advertised from 12 May 2021 to 8 June 2021.

The following consultation methods were used to raise community awareness during the community engagement period:

- Letter to owners and occupiers within a 500m radius (2406 letters);
- City wide letter box drop outlining the City's projects available for consultation including Robertson Park;
- Email to previous respondents and other interested stakeholders;
- Dedicated project page on Imagine Vincent, providing opportunity to comment;
- Notices at the City's Administration Centre and Library;
- Notices on the City's website and social media posts; and
- On site signage.

The following consultation methods were used to seek the communities input:

- Online survey;
- Two pop up engagement sessions (20 May and 24 May 2021);
- One Community Workshop (23 May 2021);
- Two site visits to the dog exercise area (21 May and 22 May 2021); and
- City of Vincent Community Consultation Open Day (29 May 2021).

The City also engaged with Gordon Cole, City of Vincent RAP working group member, and Wadjuk representative, Karen Jacobs.

The reach of the online community consultation submissions are as follows:

- Survey participants – 245;
- Email submissions – 10;
- Total page visits – 1003; and
- Document downloads – 333.

Future consultation with the traditional owners and the community would be undertaken throughout detailed design.

LEGAL/POLICY:

The following City Strategies relate to, and have been considered in the preparation of the Plan:

- Public Open Space Strategy;
- Reconciliation Action Plan;
- Heritage Act 2018;
- Heritage Regulations 2019;
- Tennis Australia National Court Surface Policy; and
- Tennis Infrastructure Planning (Planning, design and delivery resource).

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Low: It is low risk for Council to endorse the Plan for detailed design. The implementation of the Robertson Park Development Plan is subject to external funding, unsuccessful funding by 2027 will result in revision of the plan.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

This is in keeping with the City's *Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028*:

Enhanced Environment

Our parks and reserves are maintained, enhanced and well utilised.

Our urban forest/canopy is maintained and increased.

We have improved resource efficiency and waste management.

Accessible City

Our pedestrian and cyclist networks are well designed, connected, accessible and encourage increased use.

Connected Community

We have enhanced opportunities for our community to build relationships and connections with each other and the City.

Our community facilities and spaces are well known and well used.

Thriving Places

Our physical assets are efficiently and effectively managed and maintained.

Sensitive Design

Our planning framework supports quality design, sustainable urban built form and is responsive to our community and local context.

Innovative and Accountable

Our resources and assets are planned and managed in an efficient and sustainable manner.

Our community is aware of what we are doing and how we are meeting our goals.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

This is in keeping with the following key sustainability outcomes of the *City's Sustainable Environment Strategy 2019-2024*.

Urban Greening and Biodiversity**PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS:**

This is in keeping with the following priority health outcomes of the *City's Public Health Plan 2020-2025*:

Increased mental health and wellbeing

Increased physical activity

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The proposed budget is shown in the tables below. Staging of the plan would be dependent on detailed design outcomes and grant funding opportunities. The estimated unfunded portion is recommended to be implemented only following obtaining additional grant funding and/or the review of the City's Long Term Financial Plan. This will be addressed through detailed design when the exact costings are determined.

The following budget is allocated for the project;

- 4 year Capital Works Program: \$1,478,000
- Anticipated Grant Funding: \$691,000
- Operating Budget / Infrastructure project: \$834,454
- Estimated unfunded portion: \$620,530
- Total project cost \$3,623,984

Multi-Sport Courts:

Item	Cost	External Confirmed	External Opportunities	Total Cost to City	Budget Stream	Stage
Court resurfacing	\$75,700	\$75,700				2022/23
Lighting	\$156,000	\$24,300	\$52,000	\$79,700	2022/23 project	
TOTAL	\$231,700	\$100,000	\$52,000	\$79,700		

Tennis:

Item	Total Cost	External Opportunities	Total Cost to City	Budget Stream	Stage
Court resurfacing	\$109,825	\$100,000	\$9,825	2022/23 project	2022/23
Convert grass to hard court courts	\$613,910	\$123,000	\$490,910	2022/23 project	
Lighting upgrade	\$620,000	\$206,000	\$414,000	2022/23 project	
Fencing	\$210,000	\$100,000	\$110,000	Infrastructure program	
Entrance and footpath	\$260,350		\$260,350	Infrastructure program	
Shade (new)	\$88,500		\$88,500	Unfunded	
Trees and landscaping	\$20,000		\$20,000	Infrastructure program	
Hit up wall	\$7,500		\$7,500	Infrastructure program	
Verandah Extension	\$158,270		\$158,270	Unfunded	
TOTAL	\$2,088,355	\$529,000	\$1,559,355		

Turf/Eco Area:

Item	Total Cost	External Opportunities	Total Cost to City	Budget Stream	Stage
Removal of existing surfaces	\$33,038		\$33,038	Infrastructure program	2023/24
Turf and Native landscaped areas	\$264,300		\$264,300	2023/24 project	
Footpath and lighting	\$83,480		\$83,480	Infrastructure program	
Trees	\$37,500		\$37,500	Infrastructure program	
Rain garden	\$124,650		\$124,650	2023/24 project	

Item	Total Cost	External Opportunities	Total Cost to City	Budget Stream	Stage
Amenities (bench seat, lighting)	\$34,500		\$34,500	Infrastructure program	
TOTAL	\$577,468		\$577,468		

Dog and Leisure Park:Leisure Park

Item	Total Cost	External Opportunities	Total Cost to City	Budget Stream	Stage
Site Clearance	\$10,000		\$10,000	Infrastructure program	2023/24
Wetland Heritage Signage	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	Unfunded	
Playground & exercise equipment (inc. removal of existing)	\$150,000		\$150,000	Infrastructure program	
Footpath extension	\$18,560		\$18,560	2022/23 project budget	
New concrete wall/bench (seating)	\$55,500		\$55,500	2023/24 project	
Public multi-sports half court	\$21,700		\$21,700	Infrastructure program	
Community Garden	\$22,500		\$22,500	Unfunded	
TOTAL	\$298,260		\$288,260		

Dog Park

Item	Total Cost	External Opportunities	Total Cost to City	Budget Stream	Stage
Low level fence extension	\$3,600		\$3,600	Unfunded	2024/25
Footpath and concrete space	\$13,040		\$13,040	Unfunded	
Retaining wall/bench	\$49,500		\$49,500	Unfunded	
Fence relocation	\$4,480		\$4,480	Unfunded	
Footpath extension along Stuart Street	\$20,640		\$20,640	Unfunded	
TOTAL	\$91,260		\$91,260		

Other

Item	Total Cost	External Opportunities	Total Cost to City	Budget Stream	Stage
Amenities (bench seat/picnic table)	\$23,000		\$23,000	Infrastructure program	2024/25
Public Toilet	\$250,000		\$250,000	Unfunded	
Public lighting	\$15,000		\$15,000	Infrastructure program	
Percent for Public Art	\$41,816		\$41,816	Percent for art funding	
Fitzgerald Street Crossing	\$7,125		\$7,125	Infrastructure program	
TOTAL	\$336,941		\$336,941		

Tennis West currently hold the lease of the Tennis Centre and the lease expires 30 September 2021. Tennis West would like to continue the lease of the facility to cover the implementation of the plan. A lease extension report will be presented to a future Council Meeting for consideration.

It is recommended that the lease of the Tennis Centre be advertised towards the end of implementation. The lease of the Tennis Centre is recommended to be a category 3 tenancy as per the Property Management Framework. The City would be responsible for maintenance of roofing, mechanical services and main structure (unless damaged by the tenant) and the capital renewal of existing assets would be at the City's discretion. The rent for Category 3 tenants should be negotiated between the parties based on the gross rental value (GRV) of the Premises. Currently the GRV is at \$88,000 and it is suggested the rent sits at 20 - 30 percent of the GRV. Administration does not anticipate a large variance to the GRV rate following redevelopment. This would mean that the City would receive approximately \$17,600 – \$26,400 per annum from the lease.

An island refuge across Fitzgerald Street is possible for an estimated cost of \$175,000. This project will be considered in the 4 year capital works program at quarter budget review. The project includes road widening, power pole and bus shelter relocation, noting the relocation of the power pole has not been assessed by Western Power.

COMMENTS:

Robertson Park is a vital community asset in providing sufficient community recreational and sporting opportunities. There is a need to retain and improve the quality of open space and sporting facilities in the local area to meet the growing community needs.

It is recommended that Council endorse the plan based on the amendments made in response to the community consultation.



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Summary of Robertson Park Development Plan

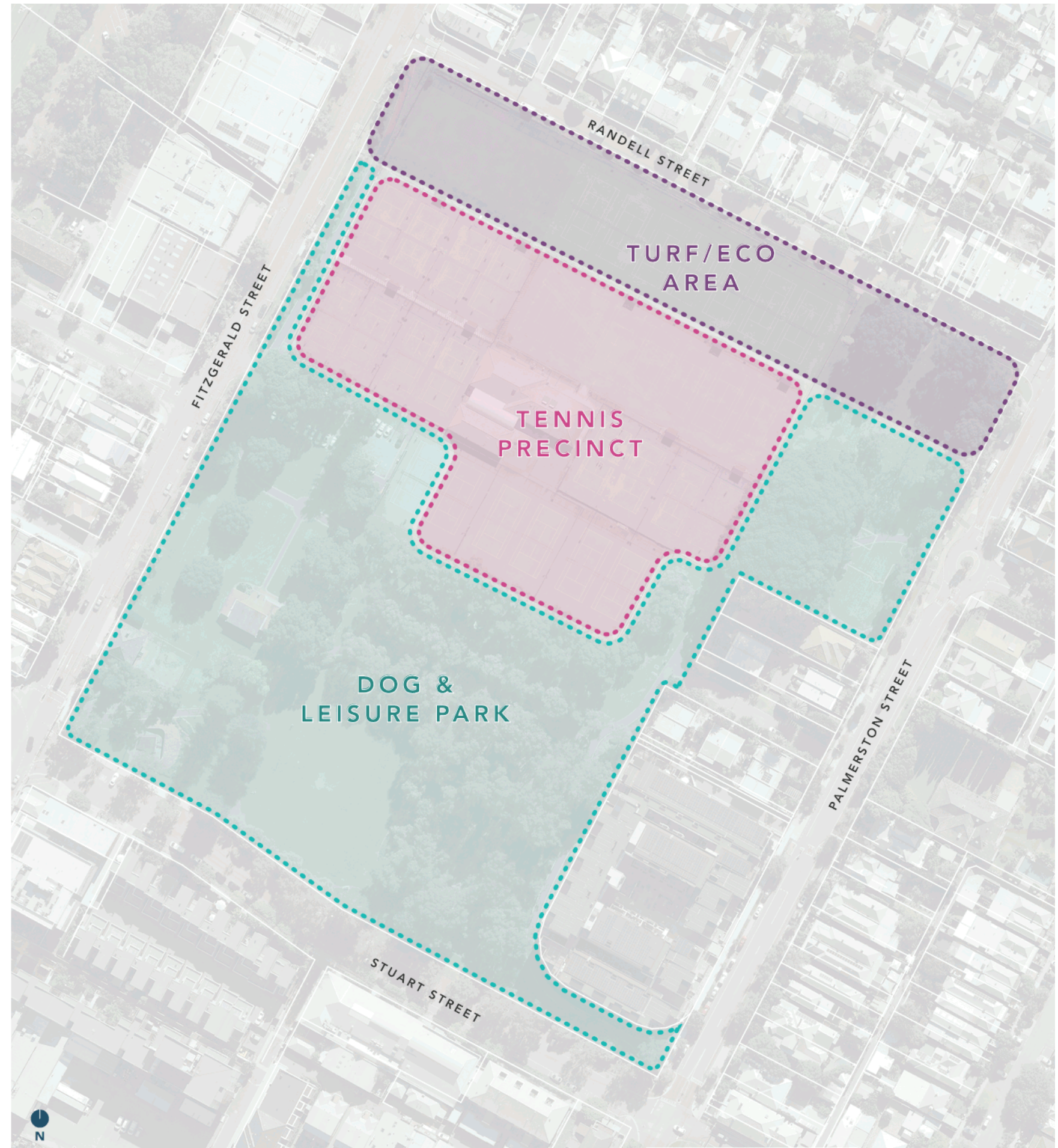
Robertson Park is classified as District Open Space in the City's Public Open Space Strategy (POS Strategy) with the purpose of accommodating a variety of uses. Currently this includes a tennis centre (32 courts), wetlands, Lee Hops Cottage, Halvorsen Hall, walking paths, play and exercise equipment and an AIDS memorial. These assets facilitate recreational 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 a 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 presents 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 primary 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.



Project Zones

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.

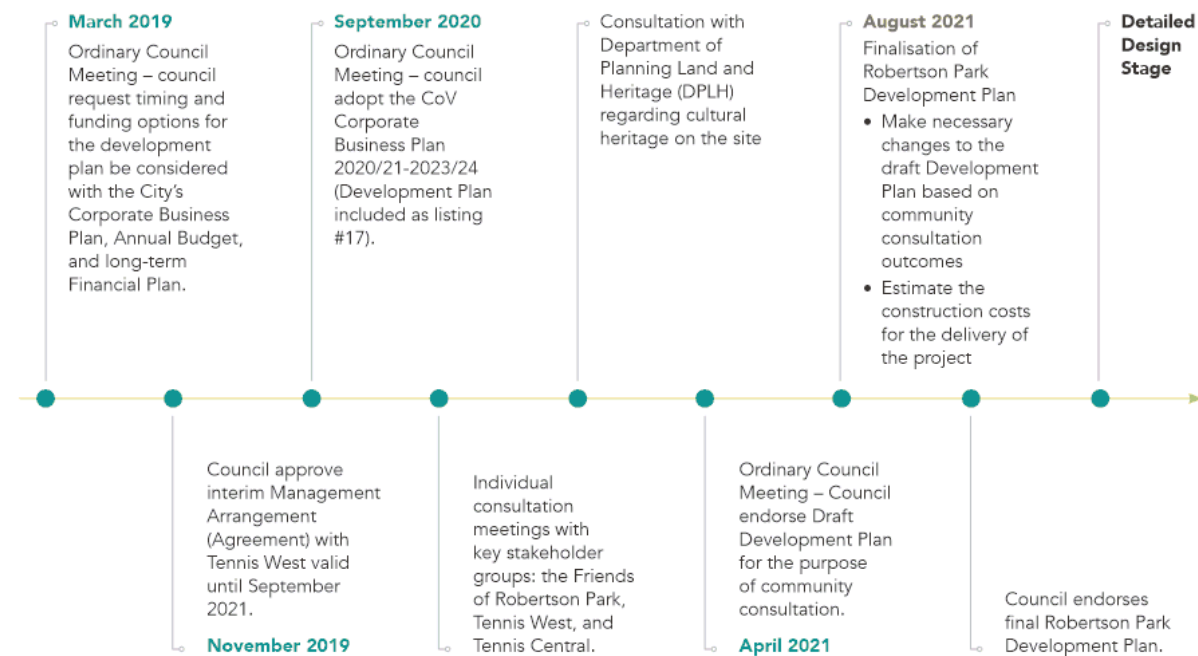
Tennis Area:

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.

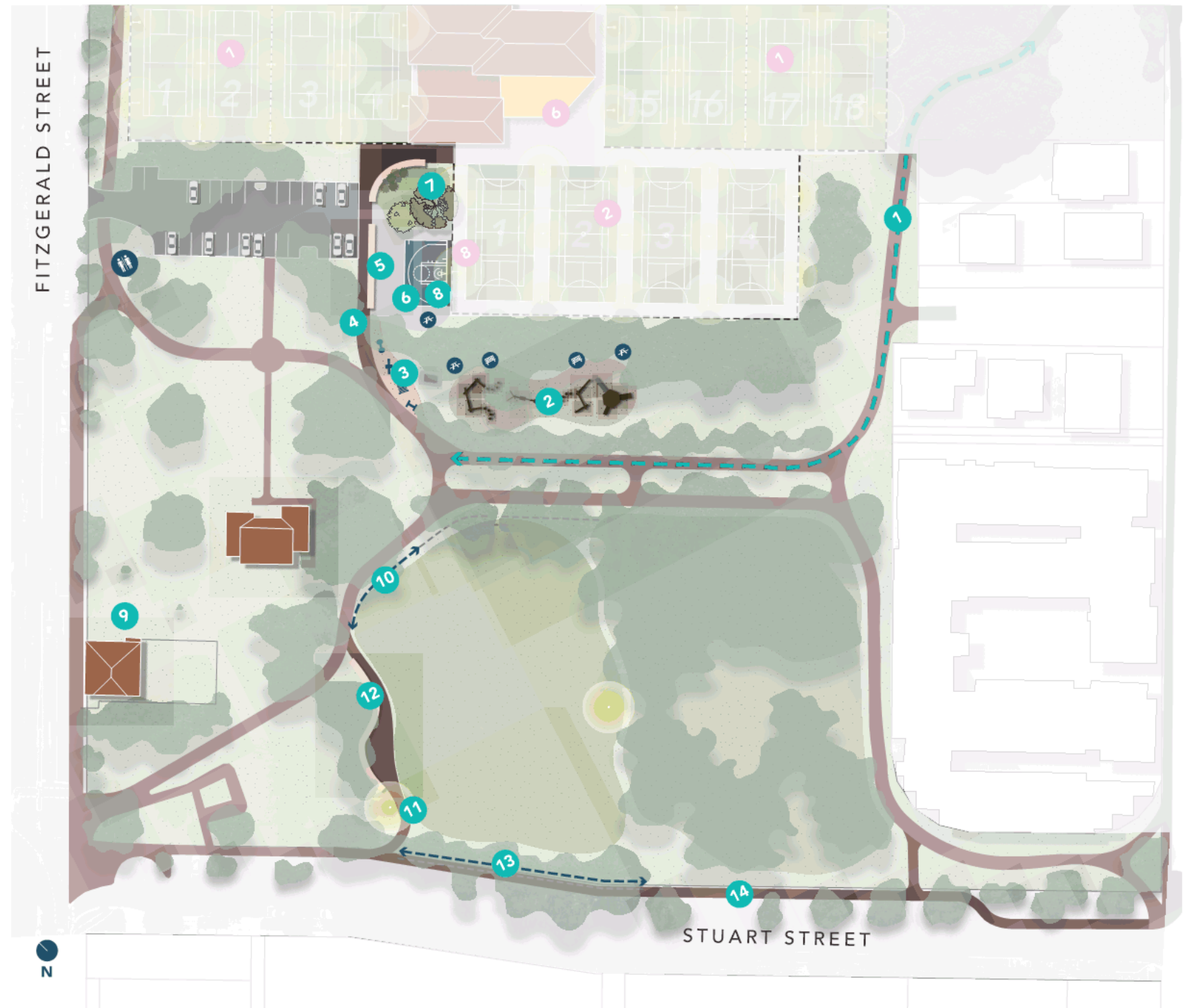


PARK UPGRADES

Dog and leisure park

-  2x new bench seats
-  4x new picnic tables
-  1 x new public rest room at the car park entry
-  2 x new public lights in the dog park area

- 1 Wetland heritage trail signage upgrade
- 2 Remove existing playground and exercise equipment and replace with new nature playground
- 3 New outdoor gym equipment
- 4 Footpath extension (approx. 60m)
- 5 Concrete retaining wall/bench (approx. 30m)
- 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. 500m²)
- 10 Extend low level fence
- 11 New footpath and concrete space (path approx. 60m)
- 12 Concrete retaining wall/bench (approx. 20m)
- 13 Relocate fence 0.5m north to provide space for footpath
- 14 Extend footpath along Stuart Street (1.5m wide | approx. 172m long)
 - retain existing vegetation where possible
 - will likely result in the loss of 5 - 6 car bays (1 - 2 90-degree bays and 4 parallel bays)



Cost breakdown

DOG AND LEISURE PARK	Quantity	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	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	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	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	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	m ²	80	20,640
TOTAL (\$)				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 Acrylic Green Hard Courts:
 - Resurface 12 tennis courts (approx. 6,290m²)
 - Convert (7) existing grass courts to 6 hard courts (approx. 5,000m²)
- 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 (10m wide and includes landscaped elements and shade structures from point 7 below)
- 4 Renew tennis court fencing
 - ■ Perimeter fencing: Chainwire mesh (height 3,600mm)
 - ● Court divider fencing: Chainwire mesh (height 1,500mm at lowest point)
- 5 LED lighting for tennis and multi courts:
 - Upgrade tennis courts No. 1-8 (34 x 350 LUX | 28 x 7.6m poles)
 - New lighting tennis courts No. 9-18 (40 x 350 LUX | 32 x 7.6m poles)
 - New lighting multipurpose courts No. 1-4 (13 X 250 LUX | 13 x 7.6m 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 (7m x 4m)
 - Verandah extension to existing tennis building (approx. 150m²)
- 7 Trees and landscaping
- 8 Hitting wall (tennis)





Cost breakdown

TENNIS PRECINCT	Quantity	Unit	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)
Allowance for Acrylic Green Hard Tennis Courts - Resurface existing; assume sub base remains (8 No)	4,393	m ²	25	109,825
Allowance for Acrylic Green Hard Tennis Courts - Convert grass - full sub base build up (10 No)	5,581	m ³	110	613,910
Allowance for Acrylic Multi-Purpose Courts - resurface existing; assume sub base remains	3,042	m ²	25	76,050
Allowance for Entrance Upgrade (Provisional allowance)	1	Provisional Sum	62,500	62,500
Allowance for new thoroughfare	1,319	m ²	150	197,850
Allowance for tennis court perimeter fencing (3600m high)	892	m	200	178,400
Allowance for tennis court divider fencing (1500m 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 (7m x 4m)	5	No	15,000	75,000
Allowance for verandah extension	158	m ²	1,000	158,270
Allowance for trees and landscaping	1	Provisional Sum	20,000	20,000
Allowance for tennis hitting wall	38	m ²	200	7,500
			TOTAL (\$)	\$2,320,005



Turf / Eco Area

CONCEPT

-  3x new bench seats
-  3 x 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 (Details not clear)	4,405	m ²	8	33,038
Allowance for turf and native landscaped areas (assume 50/50 split); laid to site falls	4,405	m ²	50	220,250
Allowance for reticulation to above	4,405	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	m ²	80	58,480
Allowance for rain garden	1,662	m ²	75	124,650
			TOTAL (\$)	\$542,968

OTHER ITEMS	Quantity	Unit	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)
Allowance for new bench seat	3	No	4,000	12,000
Allowance for new public lighting	3	No	7,500	22,500
			TOTAL (\$)	\$34,500



PARK UPGRADES – OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Public Art Upgrade

Public art upgrades should double as interpretative signage for the Wetlands Heritage Trail. 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.

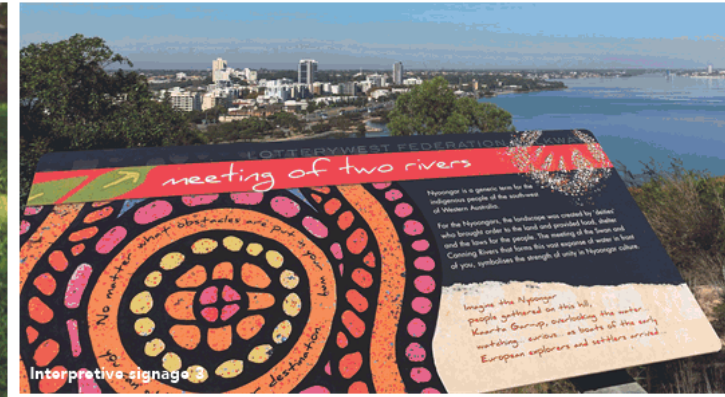
Artwork designs should reference the native flora and fauna of the wetlands, the shape and contours of the wetlands, and the Noongar stories and cultural significance associated with the wetlands.

Artwork opportunities include:

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

Cost breakdown

Public Art Upgrade	Quantity	Unit	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)
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 car park to assist with way-finding between the two points.

Cost breakdown

Fitzgerald Street Crossing	Quantity	Unit	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)
Allowance for painting existing pedestrian pathway	85	m2	25	2,125
Allowance for additional signage delineating the location of car park	1	Sum	5,000	5,000
TOTAL (\$)				\$7,125



- 1 Paint existing pedestrian pathway along the laneway to help with its delineation
- 2 Include additional signage delineating the location of public car park



Laneway painted pedestrian path



Directional signage





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PROPOSED UPGRADES

- New bench seat
- New picnic table
- New public rest room
- New public lighting
- Improved access to public car park
- Paint existing pedestrian pathway along the laneway to help with its delineation
- Include additional signage delineating the location of public car park

TENNIS PRECINCT

- Tennis courts – 18 Acrylic Green Hard Courts:
 - Resurface 12 tennis courts (approx. 6,290m²)
 - Convert 7 existing grass courts to 6 hard courts (approx. 5,000m²)
- Multipurpose courts – 4 Acrylic Green Hard Courts:
 - Resurface existing tennis courts to 4 multipurpose courts (approx. 3,042m²)
 - Entrance upgrade (pathway and landscaping)
- New thoroughfare between tennis courts (10m wide and includes landscaped elements and shade structures from point 7 below)
- Renew tennis court fencing
 - Perimeter fencing: Chainwire mesh (height 3,600mm)
 - Court divider fencing: Chainwire mesh (height 1,500mm at lowest point)
- LED lighting for tennis and multi courts
 - Upgrade tennis courts No. 1-8 (34 x 350 LUX | 28 x 7.6m poles)
 - New lighting tennis courts No. 9-18 (40 x 350 LUX | 32 x 7.6m poles)
 - New lighting multipurpose courts No. 1-4 (13 X 250 LUX | 13 x 7.6m poles)
 - Utilise / relocate existing light poles where possible
- Remove all existing shade huts (total 9 huts) and replace with the following:
 - 5 medium shade structures in new thoroughfare (7m x 4m)
 - Verandah extension to existing tennis building (approx. 150m²)
- Trees and landscaping
- Hitting wall (tennis)

TURF/ECO AREA

- Converting 7 existing grass courts to turf and native landscaped areas (approx. 0.8 hectares)
- New trees - natives (approx. 15) (tree species not identified)
- New footpath (approx. 220m)
- Rain Garden (native landscaped area used to capture stormwater runoff, treat water pollutants, and allow infiltration back into the ground).

DOG AND LEISURE PARK

- Wetland heritage trial signage upgrade
- Remove existing playground and exercise equipment and replace with new nature playground
- New outdoor gym equipment
- Footpath extension (approx. 60m)
- Concrete retaining wall/bench (approx. 30m)
- Public multi-sports half court (converted from tennis hard court)
- Repurposed original tennis shelter
- Hitting wall (soccer/multipurpose)
- Community garden
- Extend low level fence
- New footpath and concrete space (path approx. 60m)
- Concrete retaining wall/bench (approx. 20m)
- Relocate fence 0.5m north to provide space for footpath
- Extend footpath along Stuart Street (1.5m wide | approx. 172m long)
 - retain existing vegetation where possible
 - will likely result in the loss of 5 - 6 car bays (1 - 2 90-degree bays and 4 parallel bays)





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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SUMMARY

2021

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Overview

Throughout the community consultation the City was able to engage a variety of community members to help shape the future of the park.

The results of the online community consultation submissions are as follows:

- Survey participants – 245
- Email submissions – 10
- Total page visits – 1003
- Document downloads – 333

The draft Robertson Park Development Plan was advertised from 12 May 2021 to 8 of June 2021.

The following consultation methods were used to raise community awareness during public comment period:

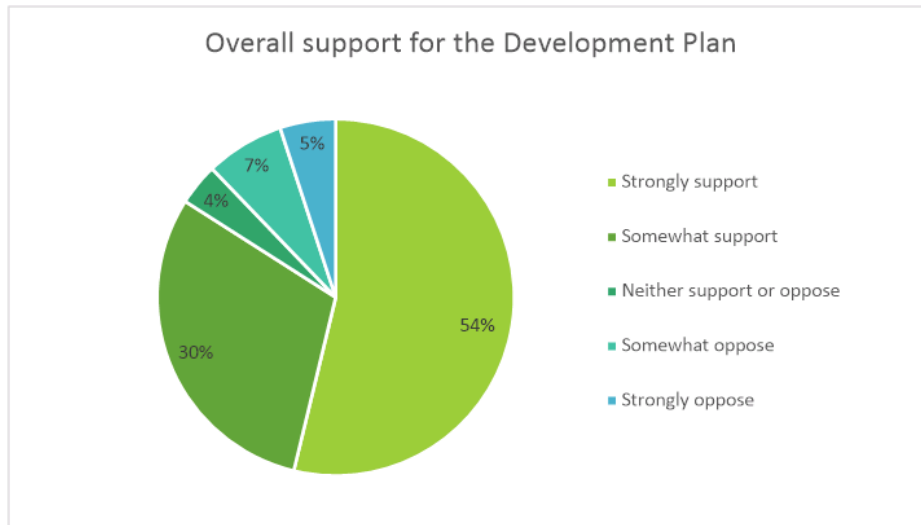
- Letter mail out to owners and occupiers within a 500m radius (2406 letters)
- City wide letter box drop outlining the City's projects available for consultation
- Email to previous respondents and other interested stakeholders
- Dedicated project page on Imagine Vincent, providing opportunity to comment
- Notices at the City's Administration Centre and Library
- Notices on the City's website and social media posts
- On site signage

The following consultation methods were used to seek the communities input:

- Online survey
- Two pop up engagement sessions (20 May and 24 May 2021)
- One Community Workshop (23 May 2021)
- Two site visits to the dog exercise area (21 May and 22 May 2021)
- City of Vincent Community Consultation Open Day (29 May 2021)

The City also engaged with Gordon Cole, City of Vincent RAP working group member, and Wadjuk representative, Karen Jacobs.

A summary of the overall level of support for the draft Development Plan is below;



All online submissions have been included in this summary. Email submissions have been included in the comments section under the relevant category.

How people currently use Robertson Park

The majority of submitters use the park weekly. 40% of submitters live within a 5 minute walk to Robertson Park. 16% of submitters visit from outside of the City of Vincent. The summary is below:

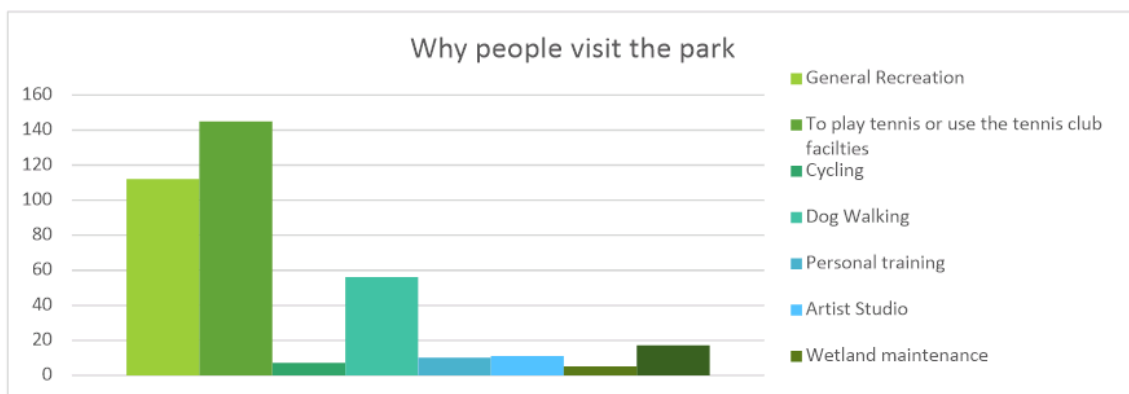
I Live close to Robertson Park (within 5min Walk)	117
I work close to Robertson Park	43
I am a City of Vincent Resident	83
Other	45

Daily	65
Weekly	149
Monthly	16
Yearly	8
Less than yearly	6

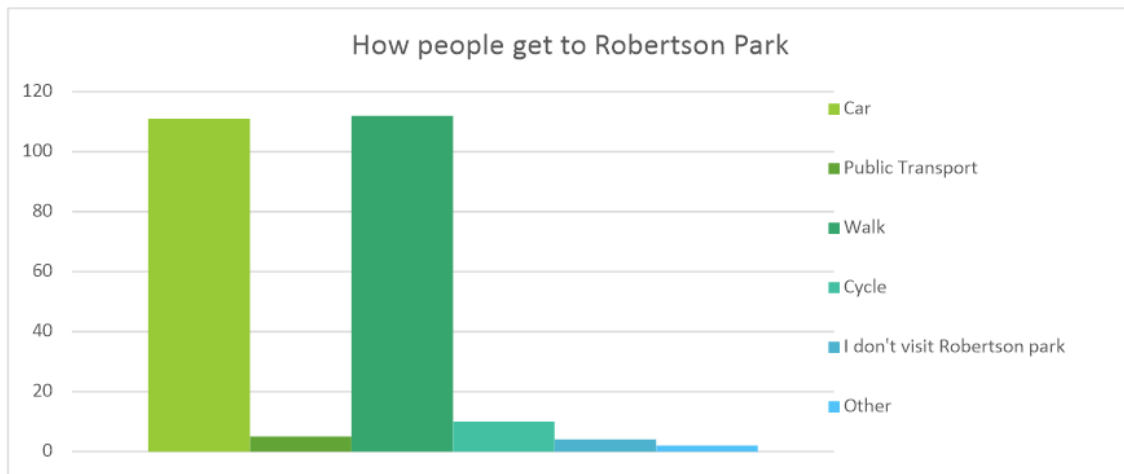
The submissions were provided by a variety of age groups as you can see below:

0 – 24	25 -34	35 - 49	50 +	Prefer not to say
8%	19%	41%	31%	1%

The below graph outlines why submitters visit Robertson Park. The top 3 reasons are: general recreation, tennis, and dog walking.



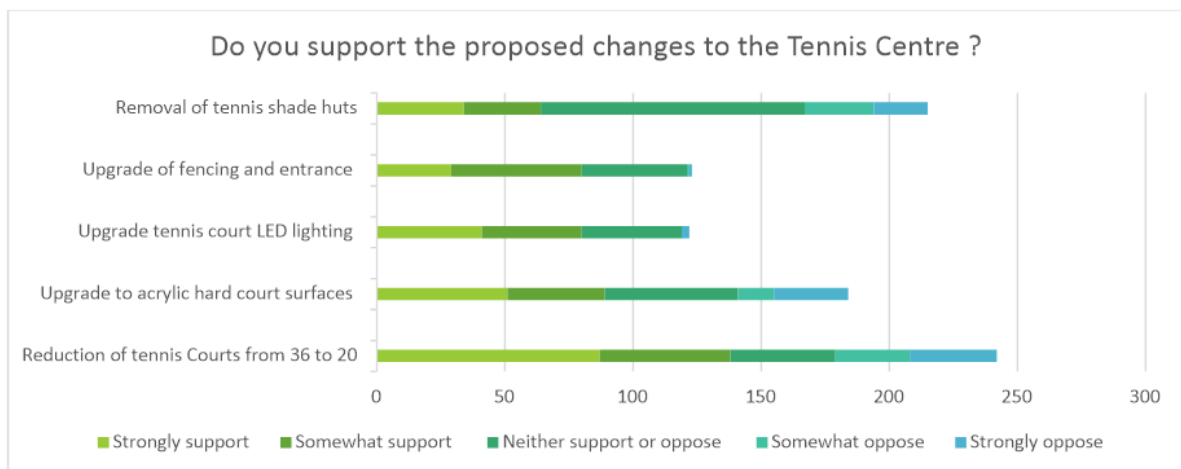
The majority of submitters walk and drive to the park. Of the 111 submitters who drive to the park, 87 of them visit the park for tennis.



Draft Proposal

The survey asked a series of questions relating to proposed changes and gave opportunity for submitters to give suggestions.

Tennis Centre



	Strongly support		Somewhat support		Neither support or oppose		Somewhat oppose		Strongly oppose	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Reduction of tennis Courts from 36 to 20	35.80%	87	21%	51	16.90%	41	11.90%	29	14%	34
Upgrade to acrylic hard court surfaces	44.90%	109	15.60%	38	21.40%	52	5.80%	14	11.90%	29
Upgrade tennis court LED lighting	65.50%	160	16.00%	39	16%	39			1.20%	3
Upgrade of fencing and entrance	60.50%	147	21%	51	16.90%	41	0.40%	1	0.40%	1
Removal of tennis shade huts	23.90%	58	12.30%	30	42.40%	103	11.10%	27	8.60%	21

Reduction of Courts:

The above table outlines that 64% of submitters somewhat or strongly support the reduction of tennis courts. There were concerns within the comments that the City reduced number of courts was inadequate and the ideal number would be 22 – 26, given the venue is already at capacity on week nights using 18 courts. There was also a single comment suggesting the courts reduce further to 10. There was support for Tennis Central to remain on site and concerns on how the reduced number of courts would impact the viability of Tennis Central to stay.

The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable now and into the future. The multi sports courts will continue to be available for tennis, but it is understood the multi sports court cannot be used for competitions.

Upgrade to acrylic hard court surfaces:

While the community welcomed the much needed upgrade to the facility there were comments regarding the removal of grass courts and synthetic grass courts, with preference for a mix of court surfaces (hard, clay, grass, synthetic). 60.5% of submitters supported or somewhat supported the upgrade to acrylic hard court surfaces.

18 submitters suggested introducing clay courts to the facility, 21 submitters wanted to see an upgrade to the synthetic grass courts and 21 submitters wanted the grass courts to remain.

Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. Clay courts do allow for more flexibility and are able to be lit but they can be a financial burden to maintain and are expensive to install. All court surfaces need to be the same surface to allow for tournaments.

The upgrade to acrylic hard court surfaces will remain in the plan as proposed.

Lighting:

There is 81.5% support for the upgrade to the current lighting. There were many comments regarding the quality of the current lighting and that the upgrade would attract users back to the facility. The new lights will have minimal

impact to the residents. The new public open space area proposed along Randal Street will assist in reducing any impact. The proposed lighting upgrade to LED is energy efficient, controls light spillage, and has a lower operating temperature.

Fencing and Entrance:

There is 81.5% support for the upgrade to the fencing and entrance to the tennis centre. There were comments relating to the entrance of the facility and Administration agree it would benefit the centre by enhancing the entrance. This has been included in the revised plan. Providing an enhanced and legible entrance has resulted in a reduction to the total number of tennis courts to the minimum requirement of 18.

Removal of tennis shade huts:

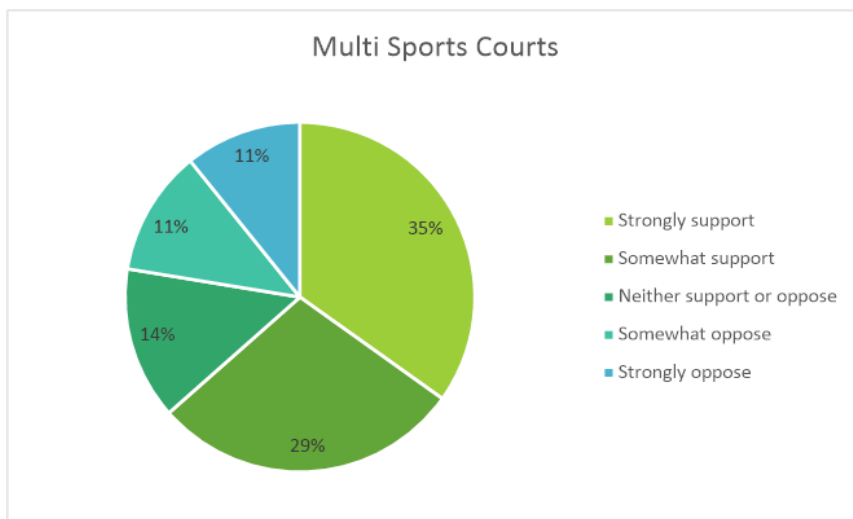
36.2% of submitters were in support of removing the shade huts, while 19.7% were opposed to the removal. There were comments surrounding the huts being part of the parks history and the need to ensure shade is at the facility.

It is understood the shade huts are part of the history at Robertson Park and shade is a preferred amenity for tennis. Shade is not a required amenity when planning a tennis centre, however, it is a preferred amenity. Administration have included shade in the revised plan and where feasible the new shade structures will interpret and reflect the original design.

Other:

There were 17 submissions requesting a hit up wall and this has been incorporated into the revised plan.

Multi Sports Courts



The above chart outlines 64% of submitters somewhat or strongly support the introduction of multi sports courts. While only 22% strongly or somewhat oppose to the changes. Initial concerns of introducing the multi sports courts were that the facility should remain as solely tennis, there may be increased pressure on parking, and additional noise may occur.

There was great feedback on the types of sports wanted and this has been broken down below:

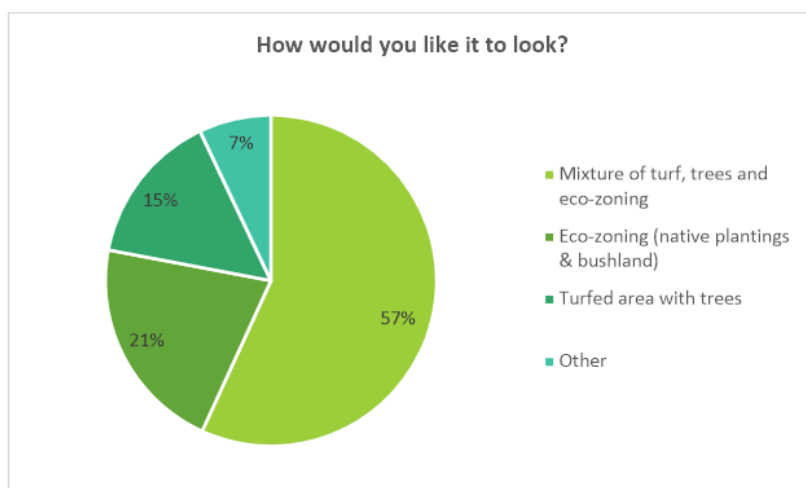
Sport	Basketball	Netball	Volleyball	Futsal
Number of submissions	39	46	43	38

Other suggestions included pickle ball and padel tennis.

There is adequate parking in close proximity to Robertson Park to facilitate people’s access to the park. The City prioritises people who choose to be a pedestrian, then cyclists, then public transport users above people who choose to drive. Given this, creating additional bays at the expense of public open space and recreational activities is not supported. Improvements to the paths and lighting around the park have be included in the revised plan to improve access to existing car parking. 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 will be investigated.

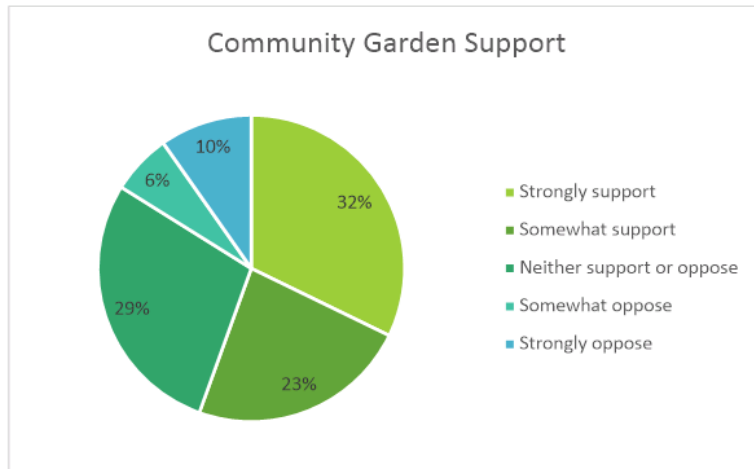
New Open Space Area

Submitters supported using the new area for passive leisure and recreation activities. Passive recreation including; walking, exercise, dog walking, reading a book, picnics, watching tennis, informal sporting activities (kicking the ball), play and meditation. While a small percentage wanted the area to remain tennis.



57% of submitters wanted the space to be a mixture of turf, trees and eco-zoning. Of the 16 submitters who selected other, the comments related to tennis remaining in the space, additional car parking or grassing the area without native plants. A few comments related to a need for a water retention basin to assist with the occasional flooding on Randell St. A Rain Garden including native landscaped area is proposed to capture stormwater runoff, treat water pollutants, and allow infiltration back into the ground. In the revised plan also includes a storm water catchment in the middle of the tennis centre to capture the stormwater runoff, given the additional hard court surfaces.

Community Garden



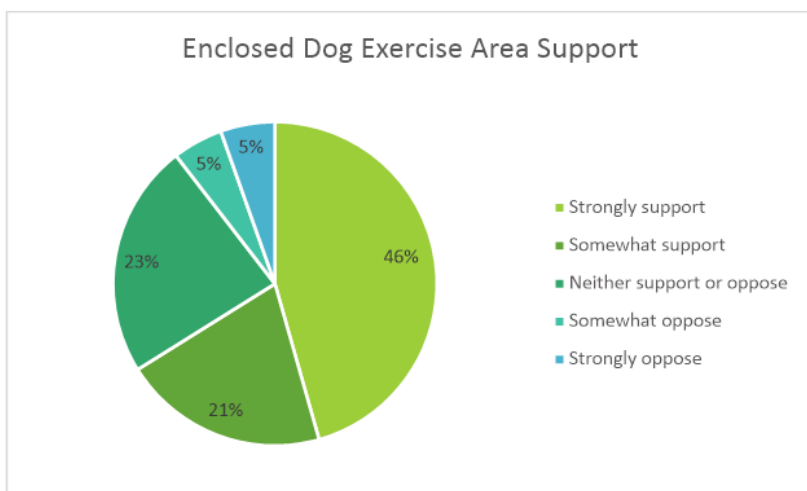
The above chart outlines that 55% of submitters somewhat or strongly support the introduction of a Community Garden. When asked the question “Would you use the Community Garden” only 22.9% of people said yes. The results are below:

Would you use the Community Garden?		
Yes	Maybe	No
22.9% (55 people)	24.6% (59 people)	52.5% (126 people)

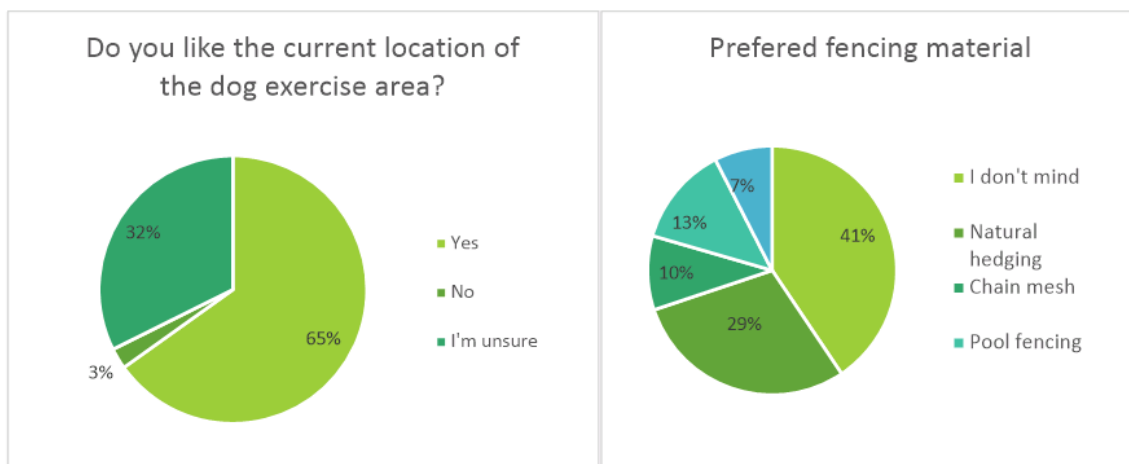
The community were mainly concerned over the management, usage and safety of the garden.

As the idea is supported by 55% of submitters however only 22.9% of submitter would use the garden, it is recommended to retain a space for a community garden in the plan. If there is increased desire from the community resulting in the formation of a group to manage the garden, the City will assess the proposal and need for a Community Garden at that time.

Dog exercise area



The dog exercise area is currently a popular off leash dog exercise space. The online survey shows 67% support for the enclosed dog exercise area.



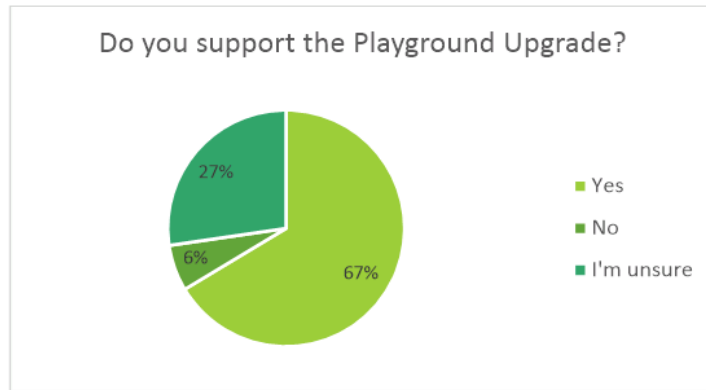
Administration spent time on site speaking with dog walkers. Throughout the discussions it was clear an enclosed dog exercise area was not fully supported. However, improved fence lines were.

The main views related to the safety of both the dogs and park users. Other concerns were excluding passive recreation from the space if the dog exercise area was to be enclosed.

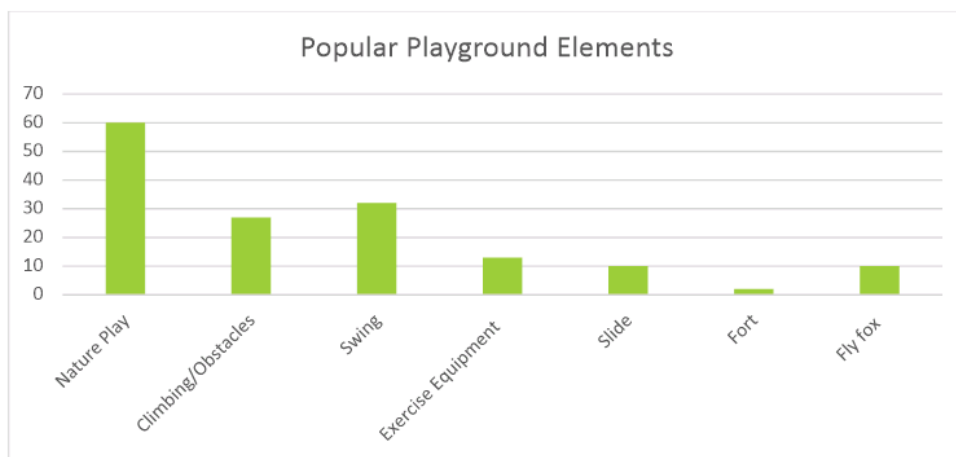
Given the community comments, the dog exercise area was further investigated by Administration. In the revised plan the City proposes to extend the fence line and put in a low retaining wall that serves as a small fence and seat. This will help to improve the safety of both park users and dogs.

The submitters did not want to see intrusive fence lines throughout the dog area, pool fencing with natural hedging was preferred. In the survey results natural hedging was also a popular fencing material. After seeking advice from our parks team, natural hedging has been attempted at Robertson Park in previous years and was never able to grow successfully. Given this, the fence line extension is proposed as low pool fencing with natural hedging.

Playground



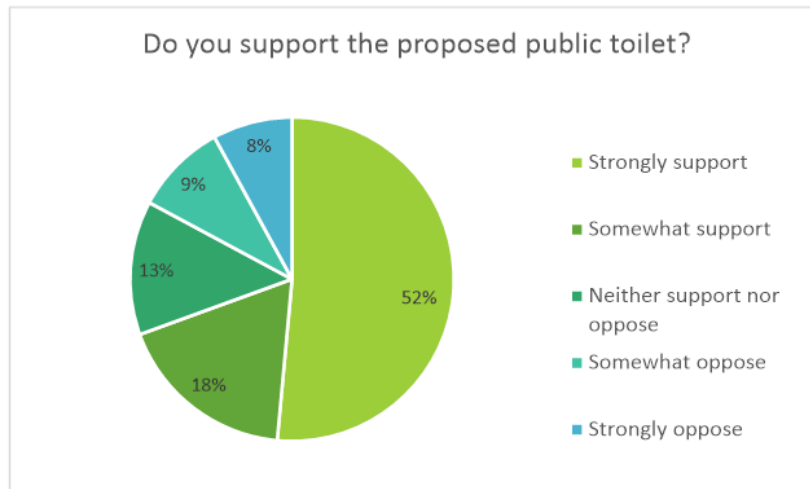
67% are in support of the playground being upgraded. 60 of 113 comments wanted to see a Nature Play area.



Nature play and exercise equipment have been included in the revised plan.

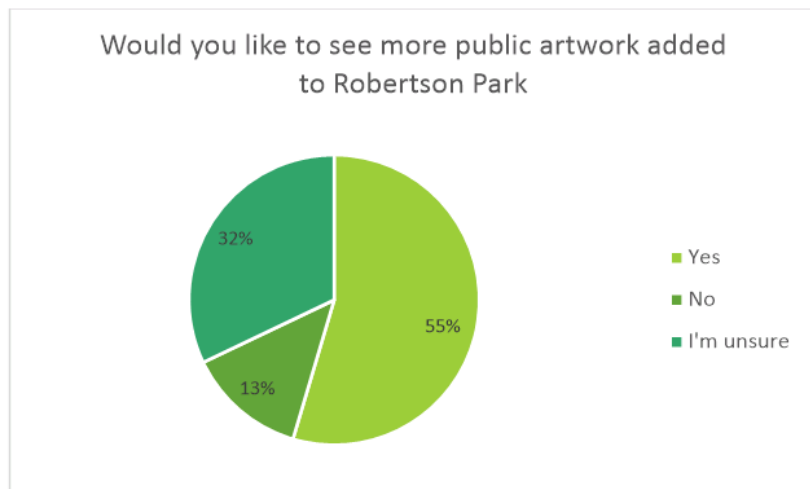
Other:

Public Toilet



70% were supportive of a public toilet. There is concern over the location and anti-social behaviour. Given this, the toilet location has been revised. The new location is in a more visible area reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.

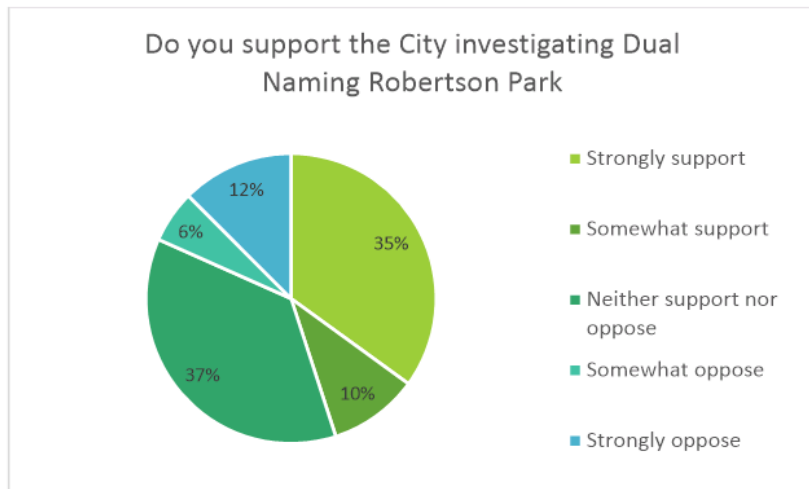
Public Art



55% were supportive of introducing Public artwork at Robertson Park.

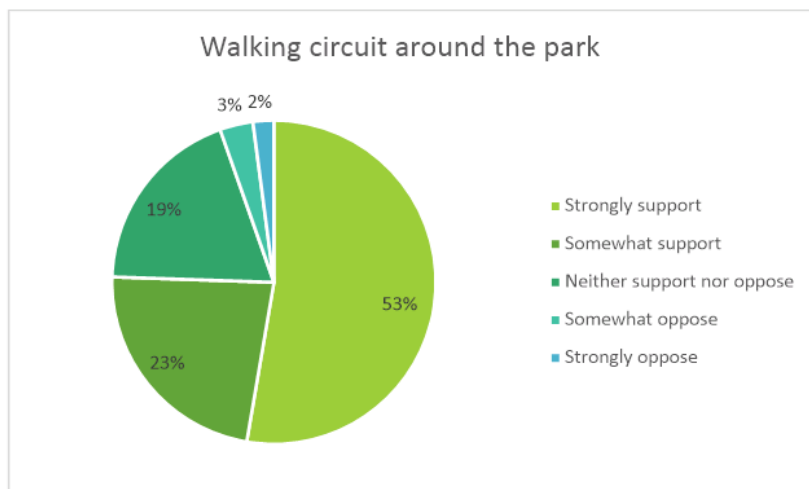
There was feedback supporting Aboriginal art work and sculptures on site. 23 people suggested Aboriginal art, 15 people suggested murals and 21 people suggested sculptures. It is recommended that Public Art upgrades also be used as interpretative signage for the Wetlands Heritage Trail Upgrade. Artwork 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. There is also opportunity to include Art work onto the public toilet and within the new playground.

Dual naming



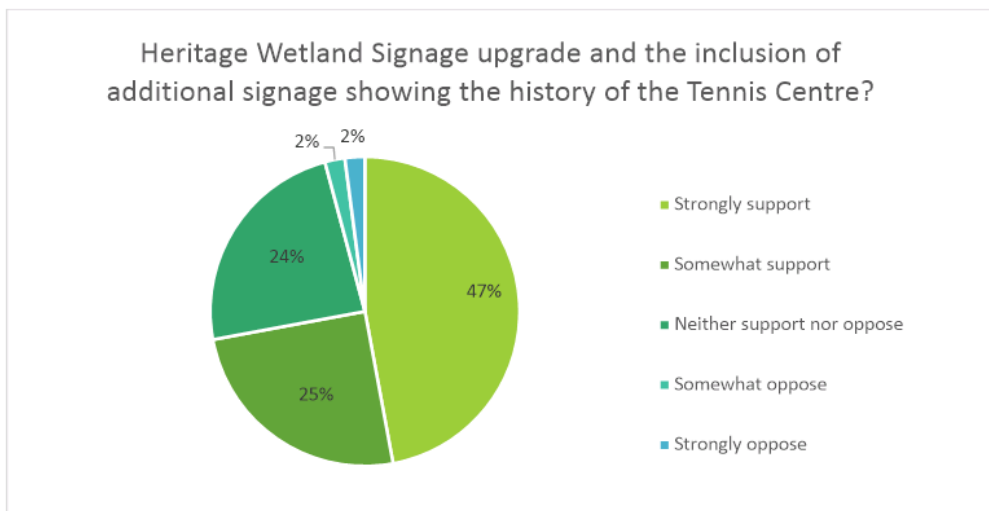
There is support of the dual naming of Robertson Park. Dual naming of the park will be part of a City wide project.

Walking Circuit



76% of people were in support of having a walking circuit around the park. This has been included in the revised plan.

Heritage Wetland Signage Trial



72% support the upgrade to the Wetland Heritage signage. The community expressed their desire to have more information around the park explaining the rich history and culture of the site, including the changes to the tennis centre. When the signs are renewed a review of the content will occur. It is recommended that the interpretative signage be provided as public art.

Traditional Land Owner Consultation

The City engaged with Gordon Cole, City of Vincent RAP working group member, and Wadjuk representative, Karen Jacobs. They were supportive of the plans and provided the following feedback:

- Native plantings, six season plantings, native plantings of bush tucker/native medicine to work in with the community garden;
- Traditional land owner plaque;
- Integrate art work within the new POS, playground, public toilet, footpaths, on seating;
- Story lines of pathway; and
- Story telling and history on bench seating.
-

Future consultation with the traditional land owners will occur at the detailed design phase of the project

The City also consulted with Nyoongar Outreach Services. They had the following feedback:

- Safety is an issue in the dimly lit areas and when no one is around;
- Community garden is a good idea;
- Netball and other sports which bring people and family is good as that makes the area safer;
- Anti-social behaviour occurs when there is a lack of people around;
- More people and crowded areas deters anti-social behaviour;
- Open and visible spaces are good;
- Access for the Nyoongar Outreach vehicles and Emergency vehicles needs be considered
- Turf for spectators is suitable in the Northern portion of the Park;
- Consider having something cooling for children playing in summer;
- The proximity of Dan Murphys adds to the anti-social behaviour;
- Aboriginal art and naming should be considered in the redevelopment;
- Lighting underneath large canopy fig trees should be considered to increase light; and
- Improving sight lines improves safety.

Community Comments

No.	Final Overall Comments – ‘Do you have any final comments?’	
	Community Comments	Administrations Comments
1.	Make the playground the spongy turf stuff not chip wood or sand	Noted.
2.	I really look forward to these exciting changes.	Noted.
3.	A loop walk around the park.	Considered in revised plan
4.	Any potential to renovate/rebuild the aging clubhouse/change room facilities	The clubrooms are reasonable and compliant to be leased in their current state. An upgrade will fall within the lease terms or City's capital works program.
5.	Appreciate your work to date 😊	Noted.
6.	Have played tennis at Robertson Park for many years, very well run by Tennis Central with an enjoyable social competition. The courts are starting to show their age and would greatly benefit from the redevelopment.	Noted.
7.	As a COV ratepayer, I strongly agree to the proposed Robertson Park Development Plan. I would like to see the tennis centre stay as a tennis centre as it is an iconic and well renowned venue amongst the tennis community in Perth. I strongly agree with upgrading the kids play area. I think the addition of food will attract more people to the park and encourage bad behaviour out of the park (because there is more people around). I don't think the community garden will work because it will get damaged by people such as drunk people leaving the Hyde park Hotel. Overall, I am very pleased the COV is looking at upgrading Robertson Park Tennis Centre and the park area! Well done! :)	Noted.
8.	As a member of the North Perth Tennis Club I believe the development of Robertson Park as a hard court centre will benefit my club which will offer an alternative grass court venue.	Noted.
9.	BBQ area and maybe a bathroom, but one that deters drug users etc.	Public toilet are included in the plan.
10.	By definition a park is public open space for shared recreation. Robertson Park is an historic part of the neighbourhood A large part of the park will continue to be fenced for tennis and mixed-use courts. Owners don't exercise their dogs all day and fencing a further area for their exclusive use reduces the volume of the park available for general use.	Noted. Changes are proposed to remove the enclosed dog exercise area in the revised plan.
11.	Clasie brook catchment group strongly support the FORP submission. CBCG will not make a separate submission since it would be merely repeating that of the FoRP but we would like to let the city know support for the Friends' proposals.	Noted.
12.	Concerns about the proposed public toilets and potential for people loitering, drug use and graffiti.	Noted. The toilet location has been amended in the revised plan.
13.	Consider public toilets	Public toilet are included in the plan.
14.	Definitely public toilets	Public toilets are included in plan.
15.	Do not change dog exercise area, keep it as is but fence all around	Noted.
16.	Don't reduce the number of tennis courts by as much as is proposed	The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City

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	Community Comments	Administrations Comments
		of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable.
17.	Don't waste money on extra/upgraded signage - its unnecessary. Spend money on more useful upgrades like lighting, footpaths & playground equipment.	Noted. However, the current signage in Robertson Park is dilapidated and in urgent need of replacing.
18.	Fantastic. Preserving the wonderful open spaces is paramount. Getting better engagement around the grass area near the art building/bbq could be targeted somehow? A second toilet block could also be considered.	Noted. Only one public toilet location is required on site.
19.	Focus should remain on tennis - not other sports	The main focus is remaining tennis, whilst improving community access to the facility.
20.	Good quality detailing and implementation is essential. Good park maintenance, especially graffiti control needs to an integral part of the plan. Better crossing of Fitzgerald St carpark, the bus stop and the Wetlands Heritage Trail is essential.	Noted.
21.	Good!	Noted.
22.	Grass courts must stay on northern side	There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to

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		maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. The City has three alternative tennis facilities offering grass tennis courts.
23.	I am a home owner on Randell Street I think the proposal overall will be great for the neighbourhood	Noted.
24.	I am concerned about the length of time the park will be unavailable for due to construction work, and would like to see that minimised if possible	Noted and will be investigated by our Rangers team.
25.	I am looking forward to the upgrade. Thanks for asking the community for input.	Noted.
26.	I appreciate that the tennis club will find it difficult to survive unless changes are made and the proposed plan seems a very sensible way forward for everyone.	Noted.
27.	I believe this upgrade will significantly benefit the community both socially and in terms of public safety. I would also like to see a subsequent plan to upgrade the playground at Stuart Reserve	Stuart St Reserve will be addressed in the City's playground upgrade program.
28.	I have played tennis at Robertson for 15 years. The courts and park have slowly worn down over that time so it's great to see some upgrade works being done. The tennis club there is one of the best in Perth and they deserve good facilities	Noted.
29.	I hope changes don't effect the management of the tennis facility.	The current tennis operator and Tennis West have been consulted with throughout the process.
30.	I hope to see some synthetic courts retained for physical safety purpose.	Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park.

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31.	I mainly use the Tennis facilities at Robinson Park and would like to see better parking options at or near the park. Also some general maintenance or a one off fix up of some of the tennis buildings and changerooms. The club is well managed and the main reasons my family stays with Robinson Park tennis club. Very much looking forward to the implementation of the new development plan.	There is adequate parking around Robertson Park to facilitate people’s access to the park. The City prioritises people who choose to be a pedestrian, then cyclists, then public transport users above people who choose to drive. Given this, creating additional bays at the expense of public open space and recreational activities is not supported. Improvements to the paths and lighting around the park have be included in the revised plan to improve access to existing car parking.
32.	I strongly support the continued presence of the tennis club in Robertson Park. The new surfaces and lighting will provide a better experience for tennis players. The other proposed improvements provide more opportunities for non-tennis players to enjoy the park.	Noted.
33.	I strongly support the proposed development. I have viewed the diagram and I think it looks great. The park is in need of development.	Noted.
34.	I support the development as long it does not remove the tennis centre which is a key part of the community	The Tennis Centre is a key part of the community and is remaining.
35.	I thing that it’s very good idea. I use all facilities and is very nice watch people doing sports such as tennis or walking around.	Noted.
36.	I think it would be great to have a skate ramp/pump track. We always seem to consider small children and older people, but, not older children. We need infrastructure for them.	Noted and considered. Was not seen as a suitable location for a skate/pump track facility.
37.	I would like Robertson Park Artists Studio to have some maintenance done to it. It’s a very valuable asset to the community and is very well supported by budding artists from all around Perth.	The Artist studio is out of the project scope and the maintenance comments have been forwarded onto the relevant department within the City.
38.	Idea of a hitting wall. https://www.pmsports.com.au/sports/tennis/tennis-practice-wall/	A hit up wall has been included in the revised plan.

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39.	It is necessary to promote health and well-being and Robertson Park should remain a sporting recreation facility focussed on court sports. Being near the city is very handy for a lot of city living residents and a relief to run around whilst living a modern city apartment style lifestyle.	Noted.
40.	It looks like there are some exciting changes going on , but may we please request that the artist studio in the park is not affected or closed down . There are so many community activities there and we get so much joy from going to art / pottery etc . Especially for my almost 80 year old mom who likes it so much	Noted. The studio won't be effected.
41.	It will be a shame for the centre not to remain a full tennis centre but nevertheless, great to see the council spending some money to upgrade the facility. Looking forward to seeing development take shape! Good luck :)	Noted.
42.	It's great to see this space being used better and multi purpose	Noted.
43.	It's very exciting to see the proposed investment and community engagement, involvement in making a great space better and more accessible	Noted.
44.	Keep 4 grass courts!	There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. The City has three alterative tennis facilities with grass courts
45.	Leaf blowers need to be electric as the noise pollution caused by the petrol blowers is very frequent, almost every week day	Noted. Concerns passed onto relevant departments
46.	More lighting. More water, more nature.	Noted and included in the plan
47.	NA	Noted.

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48.	Nil	Noted.
49.	Nil	Noted.
50.	No	Noted.
51.	No	Noted.
52.	No	Noted.
53.	No trees are to be touched or cut down and if anything more planted	No Trees are proposed to be removed.
54.	None	Noted.
55.	Nothing further - it sounds fantastic and it's been great to watch the park evolve and improve over the past 20 or so years so I'm excited to see what comes next!	Noted.
56.	Please do the upgrade to save it from degenerating .	Noted.
57.	Please include more facilities for young kids in the plan. Ie play equipment, scooter park, etc	A playground upgraded and multi sports courts are included in the plan.
58.	Please make sure the public toilet is not close to the playground for obvious reasons i.e. : because of the unsociable element who frequent the park and for the same reason it must be self cleaning.	Noted. The toilet has been relocated in the revised plan.
59.	Please remember that Hyde Park is just down the street. Robertson Park is different and should offer different community activities.	Noted.
60.	Please think about it.	Noted.
61.	Public toilets would be great.	Noted.
62.	Renew the art studio lease	Noted and feedback passed onto relevant department within the City
63.	Robertson Park is a heritage jewel, with shade huts first built in 1935. This is an appalling act of vandalism perpetrated by the City of Vincent. Down with the Mayor and council.	We understand the shade huts are a big part of the history at Robertson Park. State Heritage have supported the removal of the huts. The huts are in extremely poor condition and are hindering the size of tennis courts. In the revised plan the City will look to include a shade shelter at the entrance of the tennis centre. New shade has been added to the revised plan and where feasible the new shade structures will interpret and reflect the original design.

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64.	Robertson park is the best tennis facility in Perth because it is operated as a centre not a club! I hate clubs because they charge massive membership fees to join only to have grumpy old people telling me I cant use a particular court! I prefer the pay and play model, its easy, and everyone can access it.	Noted.
65.	switch from fossil fuel garden maintenance equipment to electric	Noted and feedback passed onto the relevant department within the City.
66.	Tennis Central does an amazing job of running the facility as it is very unique compared to other clubs, as it's open to the public with no membership required. This is important and attracts a diverse group of people. Good positive crowds keep the neighbourhood safe. Please keep it this way.	Noted.
67.	Thank you for “doing up” this park. Looking forward to having it completed.	Noted.
68.	Thank you for the level of engagement this time with the community and hearing what has been passed on - thank you. Please ensure a future where all parties are catered for. The tennis centre has a majority of external visitors that utilise it frequently, but infrequently, whereas the park and surrounding areas are used by locals every day, if not twice a day.	Noted.
69.	Thankyou for the work thus far and I look forward to seeing the development come to life!	Noted.
70.	The continuous path is a great idea.	Noted.
71.	The dog exercise area is absolutely essential as many dog owners live in apartments with no garden or courtyard.	Noted.
72.	The new plan for Robertson Park looks great. I am a resident of the city of Vincent. You might have seen some of my public artwork in Perth, such as Spanda at Elizabeth Quay. If you are interested in having a public artwork for the new park, please do keep me in mind.	Noted.
73.	The park upgrade should not result in a hike in cost to park users	Noted.
74.	The team at Tennis Central do a great job fostering a vibrant and inclusive community who also go on to support other businesses in the area (cafes, coffee shops, etc). It would be great to see the park's facilities upgraded to allow this to continue.	Noted.
75.	The tennis centre is a well managed and supported club. Please continue supporting them.	Noted.
76.	The tennis centre should be the focus	Noted.
77.	The toilets may attract undesirables... perhaps locate them along Fitzgerald st in a well-lighted area. Re: New lights - please consider the surrounding neighbors, eg brightness, time they are on, locations so that they do not directly shine onto a home.	Public toilet has been moved to Fitzgerald Street in the revised plan. Lighting spillage has been considered carefully.
78.	There is a vibrant tennis community around the park which should be at the centre of any redevelopment plans	Noted.
79.	This center is vital to development of tennis in wa . There is not a facility like this and should be the main hub for tennis in Perth	Noted.
80.	To me Robertson Park has many features like the Tennis Centre and its beautiful age old trees. Without a doubt, the Tennis Centre can only do better with a much needed upgrade. I hope the City, the Tennis Centre and all other parties will work together to the benefit of Robertson Park and the community. And I wish the City of Vincent all the best on its upgrade of Robertson Park.	Noted.

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81.	To please ensure as much green space is retained as practicable.	Noted.
82.	Toilet facility need in park. too many park people come through to use the tennis toilets. Junior players especially don’t need interactions with undesirables	Public toilets are included in the plan.
83.	toilets	Toilets are included in the plan
84.	We need tennis there. I play there and the next generation, my grandchild do.	Tennis is remaining on site.
85.	While wider improvements to Robertson Park will be appreciated by the community, the tennis courts are in dire need of refurbishment. Strong consideration should be given to 24 courts.	Noted and improvements are in the plan. The City has been working closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable.
86.	would be a great addition to the area and amenity	Noted.
87.	I think the general intention is good but the reason I have selected 'somewhat oppose' is that I think the reduction in tennis courts is too much. I support a focus on tennis. Additional parking would be useful as currently the carpark is often full with people who have come to play tennis and so it is usually necessary to find parking in nearby streets.	The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable. There is adequate parking around Robertson Park to facilitate people’s access to the park. The City prioritises people who choose to be a pedestrian, then cyclists, then public transport users above people who choose to drive. Given this, creating additional bays at the expense of public open space and recreational activities is not supported. Improvements to the paths and lighting around the park have

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		be included in the revised plan to improve access to existing car parking.
88.	I understand that people would like to see upgrading facilities as time goes but I also believe that old fashion and the current setup is maintained to the people who are using now and these facilities are utilized to the public.	Noted.
89.	I would like there to be more single use tennis courts and the tennis club to be fully supported, but appreciate multi use courts would offer benefit to more people. We love our club and want to see it continue.	The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable.
90.	<p>I would really like the main focus of sport to remain around the tennis facility.</p> <p>It’s a very well supported centre- the coaching team run a fantastic program and I’ve made a lot of strong friendships through playing tennis in the nights comps.</p> <p>An upgrade is long overdue and i know a number of players who have changed clubs due to the state of the courts and lighting- I’m sure they would return with better playing conditions.</p> <p>I do feel parking should be looked at - especially if the upgraded facility is going to attract more people to visit.</p>	<p>Noted. Tennis is remaining the focus sport. There is adequate parking around Robertson Park to facilitate people’s access to the park. The City prioritises people who choose to be a pedestrian, then cyclists, then public transport users above people who choose to drive. Given this, creating additional bays at the expense of public open space and recreational activities is not supported.</p> <p>Improvements to the paths and lighting around the park have be included in the revised plan to improve access to existing car parking.</p>
91.	<p>I’m not sure why the toilet in the tennis centre can't be used instead of building a new toilet facility? If the public toilet does go ahead, it needs to be along side Fitzgerald St and it should not be open 24/7. Having a public toilet inside the park would make the park feel very dangerous. The tennis centre should be more open and accessible - the current entrance way is weird and obscure and I think you should be able to access the centre from the park. I would support the tennis centre opening up a cafe or bar if that helps them and I think nearby residents would make use of it. I would also be supportive of the tennis centre leasing out offices for small business. Lee Hop's cottage should have tenants who interact more with the park. I agree that something should be done about the cottage's back garden - maybe putting a fence up by the back porch for safety and convert the rest of the backyard into explaining more about its history and allowing people to interact with it. The path alongside</p>	<p>Public toilet has been relocated in the revised plan. The Tennis Centre is a leased facility and the public toilets cannot be a part of the leased facility. Connectivity to the parking across Fitzgerald Street has</p>

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	Fitzgerald St and the cottage towards the AIDS memorial should be upgraded as it's falling into disrepair. There should be better connectivity to the Fitzgerald St parking lot - I didn't know about its existence until I heard about it from FORP. There are parking issues around the Park and I think improved knowledge of such close parking would be helpful.	been explored in the revised plan.
92.	Improve the natural habitat through planting natives. de	Noted.
93.	It is to be hoped that the process will not drag out over many years, and that the implementation plan will actually be implemented in good time! Nobody seems to know who Robertson was, and given the long indigenous history of the park, an appropriate indigenous name should be given, in consultation with Nyoongar elders.	Noted. Dual naming of the park is being investigated by the City.
94.	I've put strongly oppose on the basis that I think it's integral that some of the grass courts be retained.	There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent.
95.	Just don't take so many tennis courts away and leave some grass courts!	Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. The City has three alternative tennis facilities offering grass tennis courts.
96.	Just leave the tennis courts alone.	Tennis will remain onsite and the City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park,

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		whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable.
97.	Keep promoting and collecting as wide as possible community input. Do not just be driven by immediate most vocal opinions and needs, but take a longer term perspective. Listen carefully to and act on input from the indigenous community and also those providing support to the homeless.	Noted. Consultation has occurred with the Traditional Land Owners and further consultation will occur at every phase of the project.
98.	Maintain heritage areas and buildings and important vegetation. The City has had too many incidents of allowing trees to be removed and heritage value building to be removed.	No trees are proposed to be removed and the City has been working closely with State Heritage to seek approval of the Development Plan
99.	Make sure at least half of the tennis courts have a cushioning surface applied- don’t discriminate against older or disabled players!	Tennis Australia prioritises
100	Multiple tennis surfaces would be ideal, need to remember it is primarily a tennis facility.	Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park. Playing surfaces need to be consistent to allow for tournaments.
101	My main concern is that the fence should be around the outside of the full park mostly Stuart and Fitzgerald street. Around the oval alone I think is to restrictive for dog walkers.	Noted.
102	Need better waste management - there is always rubbish lying around (beer bottles and cans, used syringes, human faeces). Need more patrols and security to move on people that are intoxicated and under the influence. This has gotten worse over the last 5 years.	Noted.
103	Needs more parking and introducing of clay courts. Tennis central do a fantastic job and I look forward to training again soon.	There is adequate parking around Robertson Park to facilitate people’s access to the

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		<p>park. The City prioritises people who choose to be a pedestrian, then cyclists, then public transport users above people who choose to drive. Given this, creating additional bays at the expense of public open space and recreational activities is not supported. Improvements to the paths and lighting around the park have been included in the revised plan to improve access to existing car parking. Clay courts are expensive to construct and maintain. Due to this, it was not seen as a suitable option for Robertson Park. Tennis West are currently working on a business case to address the lack of clay courts within WA.</p>
104	No public toilets. I note the removal of public amenities at the nearby Birdwood Square. And agreed with that	Noted. The public toilet has been relocated in the revised plan. The new location is in a more visible area reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
105	Not retaining any of the grass courts in the plan.	There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased

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		demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. The City has three alternative tennis facilities offering grass tennis courts.
106	Only my comments about integrating the art studio and art into the park. Overall, I really like the plan.	Noted.
107	Oppose making all the tennis facilities into hard courts and reducing the number so much	Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface are the preferred surface at Robertson Park.
108	Overall I support the development and would love to see clay courts and a hitting wall! Would love to see Robertson park be mainly a tennis centre understand if we have to compromise.	Hit up wall has been included in the revised plan.
109	Please continue to support the Artists Studio. I am always inspired by the creativity and diversity of the art. Please consider a more dynamic use of Lee Hops cottage, perhaps the back garden is a spot for the community garden. A park facing cafe at the back of the cottage would be great for the community.	Noted.

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110	Please don't ruin the tennis centre by mixing it with incompatible activities. I'm not against the other activities but it makes no sense to locate noisy activities and tennis together.	Noise will be closely monitored, with guidelines in place as recommended from the City's Environmental Health team.
111	Please don't lose too much of the tennis centre	The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable.
112	Please don't put huts, seating, bbq, or bbq seating too close to the courts. There are a number of people that heckle players and day drink while people are playing. It would be nice to have seating so that people could watch sport being played, but this situation makes it undesirable to do so.	Noted.
113	Please don't remove tennis from this centre. It is a one of kind in the state and maybe the country. It provides tennis to those who don't have time nor inclination to be members at established clubs. It is close to the City of Vincent amenities and of course very close to the city centre. It is a very busy tennis centre which is testament to the popularity of the place and tennis in general, especially for younger people. I think association with Tennis West gives gravitas to the place and with Tennis Central managing/operating it, the centre is very well run, is a happy place to be and is financially sound.	Noted and tennis is remaining on site.
114	Please use local natives not eastern states trees. It is a shame the park has so many introduced species. The birds/insects much prefer local species. Overall users of the park respect each other and coexist quite happily now. We shouldn't allow the actions of a few badly behaved people make our experience the poorer. Rather than police dogs off the leash what about the cats that hunt the birds for example. Would ultimately prefer the name Robertson Park retired permanently and to use the whadjuk name instead.	Noted and considered. Local natives will be included in the near public open space. Dual naming is being investigated.
115	Public art, signage and heritage should reflect both historic and Aboriginal cultural heritage connections to Robertson Park.	Noted.
116	Public toilets can encourage anti social behaviour so would not support this. The area is heavily graffitied, so public art work is at risk of damage. Same for sing, I am in favour of refreshed signs but they won't last long without being damaged, so perhaps better to save the cost and the constant repairs.	Noted.
117	Put in some squash courts.	Not feasible on site.
118	Robertson park tennis club works because it is run differently and better than most clubs. Myself and many players travel from out of the town of Vincent to play there. If you reduce the number of courts it will ruin the special and inclusive nature of the club. Don't ruin tennis for the short term changes for other sports	The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable.

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119	See my previous comments re the aging changerooms and club house facility. These need to be upgraded as they are not currently suitable.	The clubrooms are reasonable and compliant to be leased in their current state. An upgrade will fall within the lease terms or City's capital works program.
120	Signage should be kept to a minimum. It's a park. Also artwork. Most municipal artwork is intrusive and of no particular artistic merit. And no more memorials. The place for them is a cemetery. Information and history signage could be sited at entries to the park or near the buildings close to Fitzgerald Street. An 'Entry Statement' maybe. Aim for a park that gives good community amenities but also manages to keep a feeling of serenity and tranquility in the informal areas of Robertson Park.	Noted. The history signage is being upgraded and enhanced throughout the park.
121	Somewhat support the tennis changes, but don't support the reduction in number of courts.	The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable.
122	Spend my rates on underground power instead of patching existing parks that don't need upgrading.	Noted.
123	The proposed toilet should be moved closer to Fitzgerald St, adjacent to the existing carpark. Deep within the park there is not enough overlooking to ensure safety around it. The carpark should NOT be increased in size. Is there an opportunity to provide a large underground sump adjacent to Randell St to assist in reducing the risk of flooding here? Perhaps a wind powered pump could shift the water across to the seasonal wetland. There are traces of former heritage structures around the park such as the steps which led to the cottage on Fitzgerald St which was the first lending library in the area (part of the historic Kindergarten movement). These traces should be mapped and preserved.	Public Toilet location has been reconsidered and moved in the revised plan. The detail design of the new public open space will reduce the risk of flooding along Randell St Former heritage structures are noted and are to be further researched as part of the detailed design for the wetland heritage trial upgrade and public art opportunities.
124	The renaming of the park giving its rightful Indigenous name would be a wonderful sign of reconciliation. Incorporate the rich indigenous and western history into the development of the park as this is an opportunity for the COV to acknowledge this history. All planting to be with indigenous plants and to link with the Claise Brook Catchment plan to restore this level of natural beauty to the park. Signage to be in dual indigenous names where appropriate and show the history with tributes to other stages of evolution. This is an opportunity for the COV to script	The City is investigating Dual Naming at Robertson Park as part of a City wide project. The preferred plantings are noted.

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	the renaissance of the Tennis Centre into a Community Facility and should reflect and showcase the community spirit of the past and look forward to the future with quality planning and execution.	Added signage which addresses the changes to the Park.
125	There is an opportunity to increase planting and especially trees along road edges that are native to the particular soil types and landforms. Some of the exotic trees should be removed - as described above, and also date palms should be removed as they provide habitat for pest species: rats and Rainbow Lorikeets.	Noted and considered in the revised plan.
126	There is little information in the park about Noongar cultural heritage. I’m not opposed to information about the tennis center, but what about also some better information about the use of the place by Noongar people?	The wetland heritage signage will be upgraded and the history of the park enhanced. This includes the information regarding the Traditional Land Owners.
127	There is plenty of other locations for growing vegetables and you don't need to put them on beautiful, useful grass tennis courts. But of course this is obvious and no doubt why you want to do it.	Noted.
128	We do need to preserve the long tennis tradition of the site.	Noted.
129	We would like it recorded for future reference that we strongly oppose the closing of the grass tennis courts .	Noted.
130	With the restrictions to social movement arising from Covid, there has been an increase in the number of dogs in homes and of people working from home. The facilities offered by Robertson Park allow people in the surrounding area (and beyond as many drive to the Park to use the facilities) a wonderful serene place to walk their dogs, exercise and socially interact. The introduction of a community garden will support this social well being. It would be sad to see the dog park as it currently is made smaller as it's use will continue to grow and grow.	Noted.
131	Would be nice to see some clay courts (coming from an elite-level tennis players). Synthetic grass courts are not a professionally recognised playing surface. There is an abundance of grass courts but next to no clay courts in WA. Clay courts are critical for player development. The car parking also needs to be improved!	Clay courts are expensive to construct and maintain. Due to this, it was not a suitable option for Robertson Park. Tennis West are currently working on a business case to address the lack of clay courts within WA.
132	Would be preferable to address the needs of all residents not just young ones with kids.	This plan caters for a wide variety of age groups through the inclusion of more public open space for passive recreation, upgrade of playground and exercise equipment, inclusion of more sporting activities, inclusion of a community garden and improved dog exercise area.

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133	Yes please do not waste anymore public funds on public art. Second to Cottesloe, Vincent wastes so much money on pretty ordinary and often ridiculous sculptures. Leave the space for people to enjoy. Maybe sell off some of the existing public art.	Noted.
134	Yes, there needs to be 50 - 100% more carparking. As a regular user of Robertson Park, I can attest to how difficult it is to get a car park. I have young primary school aged children and the traffic on Fitzgerald Street - including the buses - moves quite quickly. This is not a safe place to be unloading children from cars or even for crossing Fitzgerald Street. Improvements to the playground will attract more families, and this will put more pressure on carparking. Also, while I don't support multi-sports, this will also put more pressure on carparking. Please also note, that some city workers will park their cars at Robertson Park and then catch the bus into the city - their cars are still there when after school tennis lessons start, this only makes the situation worse. There definitely needs to be more carparking. I also believe that further consideration needs to be given to the tennis centre itself. It really is a great asset for the city, and has great brand recognition across Perth, not just in tennis circles. This is something that the city could better promote and leverage-off, as there are some very promising players at the tennis club. The tennis centre is at capacity, and while I support replacement of existing courts to hard courts, there is benefit in clay courts as well. A dramatic reduction in the number of tennis courts is under consideration by the city, however, there does not appear to be consideration of the tennis club expanding in the future. To allow for future expansion as tennis is becoming an increasingly popular sport, I would support a less drastic reduction in the number of tennis courts, such as to 25 courts. I feel that it is very important to install public toilets outside the tennis centre for park visitor use. The toilets in the tennis centre are for tennis players and their visitors. The safety of players, and particularly the young primary school aged children who form an important part of the tennis cohort, are better served by public toilets, which would reduce the number of people wandering into the tennis centre. One last thing, indigenous people often come into the tennis centre to charge their mobile phones. Could you please consider easy to access public powerpoints in any new facilities that you plan.	<p>There is adequate parking around Robertson Park to facilitate people's access to the park. The City prioritises people who choose to be a pedestrian, then cyclists, then public transport users above people who choose to drive. Given this, creating additional bays at the expense of public open space and recreational activities is not supported. Improvements to the paths and lighting around the park have been included in the revised plan to improve access to existing car parking.</p> <p>The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable now and into the future.</p> <p>Public toilets are included in the plan.</p>
135	As an older local resident and daily user of the park, I enthusiastically support these changes, hoping they include new sympathetic landscaping, with the planting of locally native plants and trees, and areas of simple recreation for people who just want to spend quiet time sitting or walking in the park, rather than playing sport, dog walking etc.	Noted - included in plan.
136	I'd like to know what consultation has taken place with Traditional Owners especially given this is a registered site.	The City engaged with Gordon Cole, City of Vincent RAP working group member, and

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		Wadjuk representative, Karen Jacobs. Further consultation is required during detailed design.
137	More parking .	There is adequate parking around Robertson Park to facilitate people’s access to the park. The City prioritises people who choose to be a pedestrian, then cyclists, then public transport users above people who choose to drive. Given this, creating additional bays at the expense of public open space and recreational activities is not supported. Improvements to the paths and lighting around the park have been included in the revised plan to improve access to existing car parking.
138	The current toilet facilities need to be upgraded and made more accessible to the public in both the artists' studios and the tennis centre. COV to take complete control of daily cleaning to ensure these facilities remain in good useable public order. Artist's studios, Lee Hop's Cottage and the Tennis Centre become real community facilities in their use and function. More public art in the park.	Public toilets are included in the revised plan. Both the tennis facility and Artist Studio are leased premises which means the cleaning and maintenance falls on the lease holder. Public Art is being considered.
139	Boojoormelup (formerly Robertson Park) should be the park name. The City's should open its toilets in the tennis building to all park users. Historical information should be interesting and accurate.	The City is investigating dual naming of the site as part of a City wide project. Public toilets are included in the park.
140	I have heard that the upgrade to the playground will be minimal, I highly suggest that this is modified; prioritise this over the dog fence. There are many young families around us and if the playground were better this park would be utilised more but instead people always have to go past because the park is not great. Consider one of those new natural playgrounds to fit the surrounding natural bush/wetlands areas. Possibly instead of all sport courts maybe a small skate park aimed at younger kids could be incorporated. Reference the Vic Park playground area near the Eagles training area....	Noted. The playground upgrade is included in the plan. A small skate park was

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	<p>Lastly, you have said that Robertson Park is an Aboriginal site; maybe just ensuring that this is apparent for local people to know and understand. Consider how your plan aligns itself with Reconciliation principles. We are interested in the consultation process with the Noongar people not just tennis central.</p>	<p>considered for the site and was not a feasible option.</p> <p>The City engaged with Gordon Cole, City of Vincent RAP working group member, and Wadjuk representative, Karen Jacobs. Additional consultation is required at the detailed design phase.</p>

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1.	Robertson park tennis club do a fantastic job and I fully support everything that they do.	Noted.
2.	Do any of these new changes effect the tennis coaching company that work there? They do an amazing job for the tennis local community!	The current tennis coaching company has been consulted with throughout this process.
3.	Tennis Central runs an excellent tennis league, with great social, community and health benefits.	Noted.
4.	Would be good to reduce so there’s more land for other things	Noted.
5.	<p>I play tennis at tournament level and Robertson Park is my closest training venue.</p> <p>I am extremely supportive of the proposed development- especially the upgrade to the lights and court surfaces. The synthetic grass are not a ITF recognised surface and therefore limit the true potential of this venue- I personally do not train on these courts unless it is a last resort (they are also in extremely poor condition).</p> <p>The lighting is also sub standard and I would know a lot of stronger players will not train or play at RP under the current lights.</p> <p>It would be fantastic to see the introduction of clay courts- these are really lacking on a whole in WA and are seen as a key surface for player development.</p> <p>I am concerned at the reduction of courts from 36 down to 20. This is an extremely popular tennis centre, the courts are often fully booked out most evenings mid-week. The 2 extra lit courts is great, but I’m sure that if there were 24 or 26 they would probably still be used at capacity most evenings!</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Clay courts are expensive to construct and maintain. Due to this, it was not seen as a suitable option for Robertson Park. Tennis West are currently working on a business case to address the lack of clay courts within WA.</p> <p>The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable now and into the future. The multi sports courts will still be available for tennis.</p>
6.	The plan is more sustainable	Noted.
7.	The tennis centre is dated and the court surfaces are dangerous in parts. As a huge tennis community we welcome the changes and upgrades.	Noted.
8.	Incorporate a number of entrances to the court that are accessible from both Palmerston and Fitzgerald Streets	Adding extra entrances to the facility will make it difficult for the operator to safely monitor and control. This was investigated and not seen as practical to have multiple entrances to the facility. The City has addressed the main

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		entrance to the facility in the revised plan.
9.	The changes seem practical to me. I haven’t used the tennis courts in many years, so I can’t add much here. If it is possible to make the fencing feel more integrated, possibly through the use of planting and style fence that would give a different feel.	Noted. Fencing materials are proposed to be a mix of materials integrated into the park in the revised plan.
10.	The tennis courts seem generally full, I would say its use should be governed by how busy it gets.	Noted.
11.	Its a great facility and would be disappointed to see it reduced. The elderly nimbys in the area undoubtedly want to prejudice their public facilities to suit themselves without realising the busy younger demographic who are working FT and bringing up children dont have time to lobby council for their own objectives.	The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable now and into the future. The multi sports courts will still be available for tennis.
12.	I welcome the upgrade of the tennis courts, lighting and other facilities, which has been long over-due.	Noted.
13.	Would like to see a gate (on the north side) from the courts going out into the children’s playground for parents who are playing tennis or basketball if those courts go ahead. This could be locked when the club is unattended.	There is no playground being proposed in the northern areas of the park. The current playground will get an upgrade and remain in the same position. Due to the court layout a safe thoroughfare from the tennis clubhouse to the playground via a gate cannot be achieved.
14.	Tennis is an international sport and with pay as you use tennis facilities here it allows for Vincent to showcase this facility. The centre must be manned, secure and offer a well managed clean tennis facility. The promotion of tennis within Vincent is important for the WA community. This facility is not necessarily for people who live around its borders. Having the centre run and operate as a vibrant tennis centre means that the cost burden is not met by Vincent residents but shared by users but recognised as an asset to Vincent.	Noted.
15.	The tennis centre should be more community oriented with membership like other tennis clubs, particularly as it is on City of Vincent land. If it is to remain a privately run tennis centre, then of course full commercial rates should be charged for use of a facility on public land. Is the Tennis Centre operator going to contribute to on-going costs of maintenance? A publicly accessible hit up wall would be useful.	A publicly accessible hit up wall has been considered in the revised plan. The City has adopted a new

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		Property Management Framework that will be used to guide future lease, licence and management agreements. The future lease of Robertson Park Tennis Centre will align with the framework. The City will advertise for a long term lease holder over the site and ensure alignment with the City's objectives
16.	If the shade huts are removed (which are old and falling apart) I would like to see details of a proposed replacement, I believe they play a big part in sun and heat protection for spectators. The clubhouse seems absent from this plan, it could use a small injection of funding towards general maintenance and upkeep. I believe the previous lessee (Veterans club?) ran this facility into the ground, Tennis Central are doing a fantastic job of running the club now but work out of a degraded clubhouse in need of some upkeep.	Shade and seating has been considered in the revised plan. The clubhouse is out of scope and the upgrade will fall within the lease terms or City's capital works program.
17.	I use my bicycle every day around the park, and is very nice watch so many people paying tennis every day. I don't have the opportunity to play tennis yet, but I thing that Robertson Park with tennis courts is nice. It's something different.	Noted.
18.	I'm supportive of the proposed changes. I hope the City can consider a cushioned layer below the acrylic surface.	Noted.
19.	Being a non tennis person, I welcome the introduction of other facilities	Noted.
20.	It's a positive step to remove additional courts that aren't being used. I don't there is enough demand for 36 courts	Noted.
21.	Support changes as a member of the North Perth Tennis Club, as theClub will benefit by offering an alternative grass court venue.	Noted.
22.	Toilets and change room facilities should be upgraded.	The clubrooms are reasonable and compliant to be leased in their current state. An upgrade will fall within the lease terms or City's capital works program.
23.	Ben and his team run a very good operation. Whilst I support the make over of the tennis facility, I'm disappointed that nothing is being done with the aging club house and changerooms. Have you visited the changerooms recently?	Noted. The clubrooms are reasonable and compliant to be leased in their current state. An upgrade will fall within the lease terms or City's capital works program.
24.	Please consider the impacts on the residents. The change to hard courts will increase the surrounding temperature and upgrading the lighting is going to create glare, potentially right into our houses depending on the angle.	The City has proposed adding an additional 6 hard court surfaces and there will be

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		minimal impact to the residents. The new public open space area proposed along Randal Street will assist in reducing the impacts. The proposed lighting upgrade to LED is energy efficient, controls light spillage, and operates at a lower temperature.
25.	Indoor tennis courts for continued play during the winter period. It would be great to see a mixture of surfaces (hard, clay, grass, synthetic).	It was evident during the Robertson Park State Tennis Centre Proposal in Dec 2018 - Jan 2019 the community are not in support of an indoor tennis facility.
26.	Very disappointed that all grass courts are going , older people prefer grass. Ramblers Group have been playing on these grass courts for over 60 years.Never been consulted on this proposal. Surely some grass courts should be retained?	There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. The City still has three tennis facilities with grass courts.

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27.	Why do we need to remove the synthetic grass court though?	Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park.
28.	It would be a travesty to remove the grass courts and especially the tennis huts.	There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. The City still has three tennis facilities with grass courts.

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		<p>It is understood the shade huts are part of the history at Robertson Park and shade is a preferred amenity for tennis. Shade is not a required amenity when planning a tennis centre, however, it is a preferred amenity. Administration have included shade in the revised plan and where feasible the new shade structures will interpret and reflect the original design.</p>
29.	<p>Grass courts or rebound ace surface are the only ones that should be considered.</p>	<p>Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park.</p>
30.	<p>Some clay courts would be nice and the addition of a hitting wall I believe should be essential.</p>	<p>A hit up wall has been considered in the revised plan.</p>
31.	<p>A few synthetic tennis courts should remain. It is the most used surface outside of tournament play. Its a fun balanced and comfortable surface. It can also be played on in damp conditions while the acrylic can not. These are crucial point as upgrades should be about recreational accessibility and usability rather than simply meet tournament protocols.</p>	<p>Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the</p>

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		<p>recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park.</p>
32.	<p>I am so glad there are plans to upgrade the tennis centre as it desperately needs work. My concern, however, is the planned reduction in court numbers. I think we need more than 20 tennis courts. Maybe 4 more. Ideally clay courts. There are not many of them in Perth and they are used in a grand slam and therefore would attract more users. Also, Tennis Central have tennis competitions and the courts already get fully used. Less courts may mean less people can join the competitions. My child has been doing tennis lessons there and just loves it. The guys at Tennis Central are great and there is a great community feel there. I also think the club room and toilets would benefit from some improvements. More parking would also be ideal.</p>	<p>The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable now and into the future. Consultation with Tennis Central has also occurred during this process. The multi sports courts will still be available for tennis.</p> <p>Clay courts are expensive to construct and maintain. Due to this, it was not seen as a suitable option for Robertson Park. Tennis West are currently working on a business case to address the lack of clay courts within WA.</p> <p>The clubrooms are reasonable and compliant to be leased in their current state. An upgrade will fall within the lease terms or City’s capital works program.</p> <p>Additional parking was investigated and it was</p>

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		determined there is adequate parking onsite and in the surrounding area.
33.	<p>Would strongly prefer cushioned hard courts. Would like a small number (2-4) of grass courts retained and/or different surfaces available (e.g. clay courts). A hitting wall would be good too. And upgrades to the centre ammenities would be great.</p>	<p>The cushioned hard courts are proposed in the plan. Grass and clay courts are preferred by some players, however they are expensive to maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. For the centre to reach its full potential all playing surfaces require to be the same, so they can host tournaments. A hit up wall has been included in the revised plan. The clubrooms are reasonable and compliant to be leased in their current state. An upgrade will fall within the lease terms or City's capital works program.</p>
34.	Adding or retaining synthetic grass courts	<p>Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park.</p>
35.	I don't think we should reduce the number of courts. It is already a busy club & we should be encouraging more to join.	The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure

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		<p>there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable now and into the future. Consultation with Tennis Central has also occurred during this process. The multi sports courts will still be available for tennis.</p>
36.	<p>The Tennis Centre is brilliant, and it's fantastic to see the facilities being upgraded! It's sad to see the grass courts go, but I understand the reasons they're impractical - would it be possible though to have a couple more courts with a different surface to the hard courts? I.e. 20 hard courts, but then also a couple of synthetic ones? Or even clay, if that is an option? Also, could there be an option/room for a 'tennis wall' at all? Something to hit against if you're waiting for (or don't have!) a hitting partner?</p>	<p>Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park. To allow for tournaments, all surfaces need to be the same. A hit up wall has been included in the revised plan.</p>
37.	<p>Careful not to compromise a important community tennis facility by reducing footprint</p>	<p>The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is</p>

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		sustainable now and into the future
38.	New toilets, new hard courts, new lighting and new fences in court.	New toilets, new hard courts, new lighting and new fences are all proposed in the plan. However, these are new public toilets in the park and not an upgrade to the tennis centre toilets.
39.	Tennis central is a good place to practice tennis. I thing that is good idea use hard c and clay courts. People really enjoy play in clay or hard court. New lighting and toilets.	Tennis West are currently working on a business case to address the lack of clay courts within WA. Clay courts are expensive to construct and maintain. Due to this, it was not seen as a suitable option for Robertson Park.
40.	As a tennis player there, the community is amazing but courts in desperate need of attention & could even be considered dangerous.	Court upgrade is proposed in the plan.
41.	<p>Acrylic courts: as someone who has used Robertson Park weekly for 12 years, I support the expansion of synthetic courts, but for older tennis players- and there are large numbers who play at Robertson and have done so for decades- it is critical that at least half of the surfaces are cushioned synthetic surfaces. This is an issue of ageism if not addressed.</p> <p>I am also strongly supportive of both a substantive contract and a liquor license for the tennis hub at Robertson. This tennis hub has provided a social focal point for hundreds of local residents (data: add up the numbers participating in the hugely successful social leagues over multiple nighter each week over the last decade and a half). The league model has had sustained success and the tennis hub has been an important gathering and engagement point.</p>	<p>Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park. The City has 3 alternative tennis facilities offering grass courts. The café is to be considered when the City seeks Expression</p>

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		of Interest over the long term tenancy of the site.
42.	It would be nice if some of the grass courts could stay.	There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. The City has 3 alternative tennis facilities offering grass courts.
43.	Given how busy Tennis Central is at night is 20 courts enough? Is 24 courts a better option?	City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable now and into the future. The multi sports courts will still be available for tennis.
44.	Whilst I agree with the upgrade to hardcourts, I would also like to see some clay courts introduced, as the professional circuit plays on them too. I do believe having clay courts would be a draw card, as not many clubs have them.	Clay courts are expensive to construct and maintain. Due to this, it was not seen as a

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	<p>Whilst I don't mind if the shade huts are removed, I think it would be to Robertson Park's advantage to upgrade them. Many tennis clubs around Perth do not have shade huts for spectators to view matches.</p> <p>I would also like to request that the restrooms be upgraded to match the upgrades proposed, as they are old and out dated.</p> <p>Finally I would like to suggest a tennis wall, as it is a vital part of learning, practicing and improving in tennis, no matter what level you're at.</p>	<p>suitable option for Robertson Park. Tennis West are currently working on a business case to address the lack of clay courts within WA.</p> <p>A shade alternative has been proposed in the revised plan.</p> <p>The clubrooms are reasonable and compliant to be leased in their current state. An upgrade will fall within the lease terms or City's capital works program.</p> <p>A hit up wall has been included in the revised plan</p>
45.	<p>I quite like the idea of Padel tennis - it is a vibrant sport that encourages a strong social scene</p>	<p>Padel tennis was considered throughout the development of the plan and was not seen feasible at this site.</p>
46.	<p>Include tennis hitting/practise wall/s as part of the redevelopment.</p> <p>Include maintaining 1-2 grass courts as part of the redevelopment rather than getting rid of all of them. If the northern public open space (Randell St) is going to be grassed it will also require ongoing maintenance - would more maintenance be required for the grass courts?</p> <p>Will anything replace some of the tennis shade huts that provide shelter or somewhere to put belongings? They provide protection from the sun and the weather.</p> <p>Include lockers for tennis court users to store belongings securely.</p> <p>A public toilet located outside the court facilities is great.</p>	<p>A hit up wall has been included in the revised plan.</p> <p>There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to</p>

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		<p>provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. Shade huts will be replaced by alternative shade structures.</p>
47.	<p>Robertson Park is a heritage jewel, with shade huts first built in 1935. This is an appalling act of vandalism perpetrated by the City of Vincent. Down with the Mayor and council.</p>	<p>We understand the shade huts are a big part of the history at Robertson Park. State Heritage have supported the removal of the huts. The huts are in extremely poor condition and are hindering the size of tennis courts. In the revised plan the City will look to include a shade shelter at the entrance of the tennis centre. New shade has been added to the revised plan and where feasible the new shade structures will interpret and reflect the original design.</p>
48.	<p>Have some clay or grass courts.</p>	<p>Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court</p>

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		surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park.
49.	Hitting wall would be good, ,maybe look a 4 clay courts, as this would allowed WA elite junior athletes access to a range of surfaces in WA	A hit up wall has been included in revised plan.
50.	Lighting to club grade only	Lighting upgrade will be to standard.
51.	Clay courts Hit up wall	Hit up wall has been included in revised plan.
52.	The court should not be acrylic hard court but synthetic grass. It helps the tennis centre to have more courts the same for tournaments and also synthetic grass is better for the body than hard courts especially as the vast majority of tennis users are over 30. I understand the financial issue of grass court maintenance and having (hopefully synthetic) other courts replace them will increase usage; but nevertheless feel the loss of grass courts as they will never come back.	Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park. The City still has three alternative tennis facilities offering grass courts.
53.	Grass courts should be preserved for future generations, your proposed changes can't be reversed	There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time

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		<p>are all factors in the need to provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. The City still has three alternative tennis facilities offering grass courts.</p>
54.	<p>24 courts. 20 is not enough for a tournament.</p>	<p>City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable now and into the future</p>
55.	<p>So many people from different walks of life come together and play tennis at Robertson Park, which is what makes it so great.</p> <p>If courts are being upgraded to hard court surfaces, some courts with other surfaces, which are softer on the body should be considered as well, such as clay.</p> <p>It would also be good for the tennis centre to have their own bathrooms. As a female I sometimes find it a bit scary using the current toilets as you're not sure who you may encounter from the park, as there are quite a few drug and alcohol affected people who hang around the park, and come to the tennis centre to use the bathrooms.</p>	<p>Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park. Tennis West are currently working on a business case to address the lack of clay courts within WA.</p>

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		A public toilet in the park has been included.
56.	The centre is tired, the courts need upgrading and the centre is very popular. Without an upgrade it will become very second rate	Noted.
57.	<p>I find the proposed removal of the grass courts very disappointing and short-sighted. Grass courts are what makes it a Tennis Centre and not 'just a place to play tennis'. I understand they are more expensive to maintain and are not used during the winter months. Hard courts are also used less during the winter months. Yes, still useable but still used less.</p> <p>Also, if you want to improve the existing Tennis Centre building, you could add better ventilation (at least to the men's toilets. I don't know what the women's toilets are like but the men's smell bad at the best of times). Also, the men's toilet door. You need to be a contortionist to get in there if you are carrying anything. An extremely easy fix would be to turn the door so it opens from the other side. Then you walk straight in.</p>	<p>There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. The City has three alternative tennis facilities offering grass tennis courts. The clubrooms are reasonable and compliant to be leased in their current state. An upgrade will fall within the lease terms or City's capital works program.</p>
58.	<p>My main concern is replacing all the "real" grass courts with artificial acrylic hard court surfaces. Sure upgrade most of the courts, but leave a row of grass courts. I have been playing tennis at Robertson Park with my friends nearly every Wednesday afternoon 22 years+ (since the closure of the grass courts McCallum Park - Victoria Park) . Nothing is better than playing tennis on grass on a warm summers afternoon. Having real grass courts is good for the environment, it helps keep the city cool in summer.</p> <p>I thought making the city greener is what all local government councils are working towards.</p>	<p>There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players,</p>

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59.	<p>Most of the grass courts should be retained as they are cooler to play on in hot weather, and also are 'more friendly' especially to young and elderly players with less risk of injuries - for example from falls and for leg injuries. Suggest removal of only 2 or 3 grass courts. Many hard surface courts should be removed. There is no reason why updated lighting cannot be provided on ALL the grass courts.</p>	<p>There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial</p>

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		strain on the operators. The City has three alternative tennis facilities offering grass tennis courts.
60.	<p>The reduction of the courts down to 20 is cutting it fine. 3 nights a week 18 are fully utilised. Having the 3 multi courts is ok, but that reduced the number of courts that are fully used.</p> <p>Some clay courts would be good. It is a shame to lose the grass courts, but as they can't be used all the time, I understand, and the clay courts would be a good softer and different surface.</p> <p>The upgrade to the courts and lighting are extremely overdue and will be greatly appreciated!</p>	<p>City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the City of Vincent, Perth Metropolitan area and at Robertson Park, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable now and into the future. The multi sports courts will still be open for tennis. Clay courts are expensive to construct and maintain. Due to this, it was not seen as a suitable option for Robertson Park. Tennis West are currently working on a business case to address the lack of clay courts within WA.</p>
61.	<p>Courts desperately need an upgrade. There are currently 18 hard/synthetic courts with lights so increasing them to 20 is a benefit as they are often full after 5pm. Toilet/shower facilities and On site Parking also needs to be increased. It's a shame to see the grass courts go as that offers a different surface which aids player development. Grass requires on going maintenance, so clay courts under lights could be an alternative turning this facility into a state of the art tennis centre</p>	<p>Clay courts are expensive to construct and maintain. Due to this, it was not seen as a suitable option for Robertson Park. Tennis West are currently working on a business case to address the lack of clay courts within WA.</p> <p>There is adequate parking around Robertson Park to facilitate people's access to the park. The City prioritises people who choose to be a pedestrian, then cyclists, then public transport users above people who choose to drive. Given</p>

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		this, creating additional bays at the expense of public open space and recreational activities is not supported. Improvements to the paths and lighting around the park have been included in the revised plan to improve access to existing car parking.
62.	It would be great to have clay courts as part of the redevelopment proposal. Reducing the number of courts from 36 to 20 is a bit extreme. Retaining at least 25 courts would be more appropriate. Some new car-parking facilities would be desirable. Private toilets for Tennis central uses should be implemented.	Clay courts are expensive to construct and maintain. Due to this, it was not seen as a suitable option for Robertson Park. Tennis West are currently working on a business case to address the lack of clay courts within WA. The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure the plan has the correct balance of courts. All options were considered. The multi sports courts will still be open for tennis. Public toilets have been included in the plan. There is adequate parking around Robertson Park to facilitate people’s access to the park. The City prioritises people who choose to be a pedestrian, then cyclists, then public transport users above people who choose to drive. Given this, creating additional bays at the expense of public open space and recreational activities is not supported. Improvements to the paths and lighting around the park have

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		be included in the revised plan to improve access to existing car parking.
63.	<p>To really attract the public you need to consider multiple surfaces. The current synthetic courts are the most popular. You can play in the drizzle and are softer on foot. Current coaching and classes are second to none and will benefit all with top class facilities. New good quality acrylic are an attractive proposal and should be the dominant surface to support tournament play but a variety of surfaces will take Robertson Park ahead of the game. Acrylic, synthetic and or Clay would be a fantastic addition.</p>	<p>Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park.</p>
64.	<p>KEEP 4 grass courts please!!! Best grass courts in Perth.</p>	<p>There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial</p>

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		strain on the operators. The City has three alterative tennis facilities with grass courts
65.	Add clay courts and a practice hitting wall.	Clay courts are expensive to construct and maintain. Due to this, it was not seen as a suitable option for Robertson Park. Tennis West are currently working on a business case to address the lack of clay courts within WA. A hit up wall has been included in the revised plan
66.	I am the organizer for the Japanese tennis group and we have been pating tennis at Robertson Park every Sunday for more than 20 years since 1999. One of the reasons we have been using Robertson Park is that it is a good location - easy to access from the members who live both in north and south of the river. However, the most important reason is that there are plenty of synthetic courts. I understand the hard courts are standard for tennis and good for young players, but they do not suit our age group (40-70). I sincerely request there should be some synthetic courts. Not all courts have to be hard courts.	Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park.
67.	I prefer to remain some synthetic tennis courts rather than changing to all hard courts.	
68.	I would not oppose to the upgrade itself, but please leave some Synthetic surface courts. Hard courts can be uncomfortable for people with less-fit, elderly, or casual players, and more likely lead to leg injury. Leaving some synthetic courts can add options for a broad users, and could help retaining current users. I appreciate your consideration.	
69.	I strongly oppose to make all the courts to hard courts. We need synthetic courts as it's gentle to our body.	
70.	More car parking would be good	There is adequate parking around Robertson Park to facilitate people’s access to the park. The City prioritises people who choose to be a pedestrian, then cyclists, then public transport users above people who choose to drive. Given this, creating additional bays at

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		<p>the expense of public open space and recreational activities is not supported. Improvements to the paths and lighting around the park have been included in the revised plan to improve access to existing car parking.</p>
71.	<p>The grass courts are definitely treasures to Australia WA and a huge impact to tennis communities even though the City of Vincent upgrades to new tennis facilities. The grass and synthetic grass courts should be kept as well as current style.</p>	<p>There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. The City has three alternative tennis facilities offering grass courts.</p>
72.	<p>Please keep 4 synthetic grass courts at least as I have been played synthetic grass courts since 2000 at Robertson park. As the result of this experience , I found out myself including my wife that playing at synthetic grass court would reduce injury compared to playing at hard courts.</p>	<p>Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential</p>

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		the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park.
73.	As a senior player I would like to have at least 2 courts of a softer surface - artificial turf or equal. Hard courts are not suitable for senior clients to play on, so the proposal would exclude senior players from an important exercising venue. A group of us has been attending for approximately 10 years and gather from a wide community in order to play. The social aspect is also very important.	Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park. The City has 3 alternative tennis facilities offering grass courts.
74.	Would love to see possibly two synthetic grass courts stay for the elderly who have a hit of tennis every week. A hard court would not be suitable for them to play on.	Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the three recognised surfaces will be prioritised. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson

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		Park. All courts need to be the same surface to accommodate tournaments
75.	Inclusion of a couple of clay tennis courts would be great.	Clay courts are an expensive playing surface to build and maintain. Due to this, it was not seen as a suitable option. Tennis West are currently working on a business case to address the lack of clay courts within WA.
76.	I think there should be some softer surface courts for older players	Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the three recognised surfaces will be prioritised. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park. The City has 3 alternative tennis facilities offering grass courts.
77.	Hard courts are hard on your knees. Please keep synthetic grass as an option.	
78.	I support changing the proposal to upgrade courts as they are very worn out. However, I would like to see a mixture of surfaces such as cushioned hard court, clay court and grass if possible which means there is a variety of surfaces. There is no mention of the club room facilities being upgraded? It would be a shame to see brand new courts and then a “daggy” old club room! The centre has such a vibrant atmosphere and it would be good to see the club room upgraded with the new courts!	The clubrooms are reasonable and compliant to be leased in their current state. An upgrade will fall within the lease terms or City's capital works program.
79.	I would like to see different tennis court surfaces apart from hard court. A good option would be clay, it would bring lots of players to the Tennis Centre and Robertson park. Also, it would be nice to see some renovations at the club house facilities.	
80.	I wouldn't like to see all the grass / synthetic courts gone or replaced by only hard courts. I think it would be good to keep different surfaces to attract more people to Robertson park. I believe that red sand clay courts could be a good alternative to hard courts and could potentially bring more interest throughout the tennis community to come and use the facilities.	Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching

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		opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the three recognised surfaces will be prioritised. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park.
81.	As a tennis player who has played at the Robertson Park tennis centre I value the tennis facility and the various social drop in sessions and league nights. I think the proposed reduction in the number of courts is too much.	The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure the plan has the correct balance of courts. All options were considered. The multi sports courts will still be available for tennis.
82.	Keep some grass courts.	There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. The

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83.	The reduction in courts will cause issues as the club is already busy at peak times. Would be nice to see some clay courts and parking is a nightmare currently.	City has 3 alternative tennis facilities offering grass courts The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure the plan has the correct balance of courts. All options were considered. The multi sports courts will still be available for tennis. Clay are an expensive playing surface to build and maintain. Due to this, it was not seen as a suitable option. Tennis West are currently working on a business case to address the lack of clay courts within WA.
84.	The tennis centre should absolutely retain some of the grass courts not only because they're more suitable for our ageing population to play on but also because of their cultural heritage significance and connection to Robertson Parks history and the establishment of the tennis at Roberston Park in 1929.	We understand the grass courts are a big part of the history at Robertson Park. The City has worked closely with State heritage throughout the process who have advised that new courts should be coloured green to reference the history of the site. There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to

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		<p>provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. The hard courts will remain green to minimise visual impact. The City has 3 alternative tennis facilities offering grass courts</p>
85.	<p>Upgrades of the tennis courts are necessary as it is more and more run down. The tennis centre is a great place to meet people from the local community of all ages. The grass-courts could accommodate some other sports, however, the other courts should stay to not impact the tennis club too much and still allow Tennis Central to be a big part of the City of Vincent's community.</p>	<p>Noted. The multi sports courts will still accommodate tennis.</p>
86.	<p>I don't understand why a local government is attempting to stop people playing grass tennis. Hard courts can be very jarring on people with minor disabilities such as poor knees and grass tennis courts are terrific for these people. There is also less likelihood of being injured or hurt in a fall. This facility needs to be supported to reestablish as a club with volunteer members, rather than taking the ideological opportunity to plant vegetables on historic grass courts. What is such a class warfare inspired statement really going to achieve?</p>	<p>There are a large number of grass courts within the Perth Metro area and City of Vincent. Despite grass courts being conducive to the local climate and preferred by some players, they do not provide an ideal surface for coaching, junior development, winter or evening use. An increased demand for night tennis, hot weather conditions and absence of daylight saving time are all factors in the need to provide more floodlighting on existing courts and unfortunately lighting on grass courts cannot be achieved. Grass courts are expensive to maintain and can put financial strain on the operators. The City has three alternative tennis facilities offering grass tennis courts.</p>

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87.	I would like synthetic grass courts to be retained. I find them more enjoyable to play on than hard courts and they are more conducive to my style of game. I am also a member at Bassendean Tennis Club. Wednesday morning Seniors Tennis is often better attended than Saturday main club tennis day. The senior players much prefer to play on the grass courts and the synthetic courts rather than the acrylic hard courts. If Robertson Park has only hard courts, then older players may be disinclined to play there.	Tennis Australia prioritises Grand Slam surfaces (Acrylic, Clay and Grass) to promote playing and coaching opportunities, pathways, and tournaments. To allow the centre to reach its full potential the City will endorse the recommended court surfaces in the Tennis Australia Policy. Given the financial burden to maintain both grass and clay courts, acrylic hard court surface is the preferred surface at Robertson Park. All playing surfaces require to be the same to allow for tournaments.
88.	I think it is ok to reduce the number of the grass courts, as they are not used as much as the hard courts and artificial grass courts. I would like to see the current hard courts upgraded to acrylic hard courts and the synthetic grass renewed as synthetic grass.	The City will be seeking funding opportunities where possible to assist with the upgrade.
89.	The majority of tennis players today in WA are in the older age groups. They generally prefer to play on natural grass or synthetic grass. The removal of these courts does not serve the majority of players well. There appears to be no proposal to upgrade the central buildings or for additional parking. Why not upgrade to cafe/restaurant, fitness centre, swimming pool or other ideas? The reduction in number of tennis courts is huge. Why do we need more open space on Randell Street? Keep the bay of grass courts there. The huts have heritage value; should keep some of these. There is no info on where the \$\$ will come from to fund all the changes. All the new courts will cost many \$\$ millions.	
90.	Roberston park Tennis Centre has been a great social outlet for me. I am an Irish born doctor and I have been in Perth for 10 years. I started playing tennis in Robertson park about 5 years ago. The patrons that use the tennis centre come form a wide range of countries, backgrounds, cultures, sexual orientations and age groups.I know that for me personally the friendships and connections I have made through the tennis club have really help me to integrate into Perth society and I am now a proud Australian. I would like to see the tennis centre redeveloped, but I would be apprehensive with regard reducing the number of courts. Due to the proximity to the CBD Robertson park is a very popular and convenient club for a lot of young professionals that work in the city, but live in the outer suburbs. The facilities are used not just by the residents of the City of Vincent, but by many commuters from the outer suburbs also. At present the courts are pretty much in full used every evening after work hours. While I would support the redevelopment of the centre to better surfaces (and maybe even the additional of Clay courts) I would hope that the reduced number of courts will not mean that the demand for courts will no longer be able to be met	The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure the plan has the correct balance of courts. All options were considered. The multi sports courts will still be available for tennis. The license for a bar and cafe can be considered when the City seeks long term tenancy of the site.
91.	The Tennis Centre should be licensed for socialising after matches. There should be at least 4 tennis clay courts where lawn courts are currently and they can be floodlit.	The license can be considered when the City gets a long term tenant of the site. Clay is an expensive playing surface to build and maintain. Due to this, it was not seen as a

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		suitable option. Tennis West are currently working on a business case to address the lack of clay courts within WA.
92.	This should be a Community Centre with a range of community facilities available to the greater community, cafe, bar, coffee shop, artists' spaces, offices, meeting spaces for community groups, yoga, pilates, dance or craft groups, play groups	Noted - To be considered when the City seeks expressions of interest for a long term tenant of the site.
93.	Buildings should be better utilised by other groups including for food and beverage. Tennis huts should be replaced with huts of the original design. The number of courts should respond to planning needs, not abide by the arbitrary number of 20. The entrance needs major reform.	The café to be considered when the City gets a long term tenant of the site. New shade facilities has been added to the revised plan. Where feasible the new shade structures will interpret and reflect the original design. The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure the plan has the correct balance of courts. All options were considered. The entrance has been addressed in the revised plan.
94.	more courts that are better lit please	Noted. A lighting upgrade is included in the plan.
95.	I live in Bayswater i have been coming to Tennis Central at Robertson Park for the past 4years because I get excellent Service	Noted.
96.	The reduction of the grass courts to reduce up keep costs and provide for alternative uses for local residents welcomed	Noted.
97.	proposed changes are welcome as the existing courts (particularly the synthetic courts) are very old and tired. The synthetic is very sandy and slippery.	Noted.
98.	No	Noted.
99.	I think these are great proposed changes	Noted.
100	None	Noted.
101	I think a revamp of the courts and a reduction of the number of courts would be a good thing	Noted.
102	I think reducing the number of Courts and having higher quality courts is a great idea. Most of the Courts are not used at the moment and are taking up space that could be used for other purposes (e.g. general park use, community garden etc).	Noted.
103	No comment I dont use them	Noted.
104	Really support the inclusion of additional services for girls and women in the proposal of a netball club	Noted.

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105	None	Noted.
106	No additional comments, that all sounds good!	Noted.
107	NO	Noted.
108	As a member of the North Perth Tennis Club I believe the hard court development at Robertson Park will allow my club to offer an alternative grass court venue.	Noted.
109	Totally support the proposal from FORP to improve the main access. Also support looking at other options such as a cafe with sports as an ancillary use.	Noted.
110	I don't play tennis but I support the reduction of courts as they do not all seem to be used and this would create more space to be used in other ways	Noted.
111	Great idea to rejuvenate the run down centre and opportunity for the centre to have a greater social tennis and multi sport offering for the community.	Noted.
112	I am open to change, provided it remains user friendly to the local community and is inviting to people from outer lying suburbs. I think the changes will support people coming into our great local community and enjoy the diverse cafe's and eateries in our area.	Noted.
113	Great plan	Noted.
114	Lighting design should consider minimal impact on residence property facing the centre	Noted. The lighting upgrade will have minimal impact to the residents
115	More parking please. Food and drink facilities	Parking has been investigated on site and it has been determined there is adequate parking in the area and the immediate surrounding area. Food and drink options to be considered when the City seeks Expression of Interest over the long term tenancy of the site.
116	There needs to be more, well lit and safer parking	In the revised plan the City has included extra lighting to improve safety.
117	Please ensure sufficient shade is provided for visitors. Sorely needed in North Perth Common.	Shade and seating has been considered in the revised plan.
118	Hitting wall please	A hit up wall has been considered in the revised plan.
119	Focus on more/better footpaths, flat surface for best accessibility	Footpaths have been considered in the revised plan.

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120	<p>The entrance to the Tennis Centre is poor. A wider entrance would make it more welcoming. It would be great to develop a cafe within the tennis centre that the public could use. Consideration should be given to reducing the tennis courts further, to 10 courts, freeing up more space on the Randall St side for other uses.</p>	<p>The entrance has been addressed in the revised plan. The café is to be considered when the City has a long term tenant of the site. The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure the plan has the correct balance of courts. All options were considered.</p>
121	<p>The tennis shade huts are part of the history of the tennis complex. There is a purpose of having them. If, some have to be removed. They could be used in the main area of the park, or where the new playground is going to be upgraded - instead of benches. There are currently no facilities for protection against the summer/winter seasons. There would be no cost involved for the Council. As new benches would not be required. Let some history of the park remain instead always being destroyed by the Council.</p>	<p>It is understood the shade huts are part of the history at Robertson Park and shade is a preferred amenity for tennis. The shade huts are in poor condition and have been supported by the State Heritage Office to be removed. Shade is not a required amenity when planning a tennis centre, however, it is a preferred amenity. Administration have included shade in the revised plan and where feasible the new shade structures will interpret and reflect the original design.</p>
122	<p>It is important that there be some form of shade if you propose to take away existing shade shelters.</p>	<p>Shade and seating has been considered in the revised plan.</p>
123	<p>Need to upgrade the toilets and allow for more parking.</p>	<p>The clubrooms are reasonable and compliant to be leased in their current state. An upgrade will fall within the lease terms or City's capital works program. Parking has been investigated on site and it has been</p>

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		determined there is adequate parking in the area.
124	Bathroom facilities need upgrading and parking is an issue police use the car park as overflow. Netball is a great idea and I would like to see a club set up here too	The clubrooms are reasonable and compliant to be leased in their current state. An upgrade will fall within the lease terms or City's capital works program. Parking has been investigated on site and it has been determined there is adequate parking in the area. Noted.
125	No	
126	My whole family play tennis at Robertson park. I haven't found a tennis centre in Perth that has as many organised activities and often all the courts are being used. The huts are very decrepit, but it would be good to replace them with another structure.	Noted. Alternative shade has been considered in the revised plan.
127	I think this space should be returned to community space - not for the exclusive use of tennis. The very small community garden is insufficient and the multi-courts will be noisy. How about a women's shed? How about a community bar and meeting place?	Throughout the plan there is improvements to the community accessibility to the site. This has been achieved through decreasing the number of courts to allow for more public open space, introducing multi sports courts and including a community garden. The exact size of the community garden will be addressed throughout detailed design. The community bar and meeting place can be considered when the City seeks long term tenancy of the site. A women's shed was investigated and Robertson Park was not deemed to be a suitable location.

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128	Upgrade synthetic courts surfaces and lighting.	Lighting and court upgrades are proposed in the plan.
129	Reduction of tennis court numbers supported for development of multi-sport courts, but not otherwise	Noted. The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure the plan has the correct balance of courts. All options were considered. The multi sports courts will still be available for tennis.
130	Great idea to provide some multi purpose courts for other community activities along with tennis to bring more people to the centre	Noted.
131	Add a hitting wall	A hit up wall has been considered in the revised plan.
132	The change rooms need an upgrade, the lighting in the courts needs to be improved, the carpark needs more parking spots and more lights, it's not safe for women at night	The clubrooms are reasonable and compliant to be leased in their current state. An upgrade will fall within the lease terms or City's capital works program. A court lighting upgrade has been included in the plan. Park and carpark lighting has been included in the revised plan to improve safety.
133	I play at the facility three times a week. Quite often the car park and the courts are at capacity, find the entrance a bit dangerous when car park busy.	Noted.
134	Real clay courts would be beneficial in giving tennis community access to world class surface	Clay is an expensive playing surface to build and maintain. Due to this, it was not seen as a suitable option. Tennis West are currently working on a business case to address the lack of clay courts within WA. Upgrades to the court surface and lighting is included in the plan.
135	Please put clay courts! There is a shortage in WA and would benefit many players.	
136	Sooner the better as court lighting conditions are bad. Court surfaces need upgrading. Been here for 5 years.	
137	Tennis hitting wall would be a great addition. Addition to acrylic surfaces, clay court would be great as not many around in Perth.	A hit up wall has been considered in the revised plan.
138	The Tennis Centre should be a community facility with tennis, other court sports, cafe and a bar	Noted.

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139	Would like to see more commitment to food and beverage facilities.	Noted
140	Dining facilities would be good to add to this upgrade	Noted - The clubrooms are reasonable and compliant to be leased in their current state. An upgrade will fall within the lease terms or City's capital works program.
141	I support the upgrading of the court surfaces to acrylic provided they are green. Also, that access to the tennic club is clearly marked.	Noted.
142	The tennis centre is a fantastic facility for the local community. I've been playing tennis there for 15 years. The 'drop in' (vs club) set up and large number of courts make it highly accessible. I'd love to see this continue. A tennis wall (like by Leederville tennis club) would also be great.	Noted. A hit up wall has been considered in the revised plan
143	I love the tennis club and the atmosphere it creates.	Noted.

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1.	As long as it doesn't take away from the tennis centre and prevent parking or cause conflict. It is a great tennis community so should remain that way and only grow rather than get overshadowed or pushed aside.	The multisport courts were introduced to service the wider community. The courts will remain tennis and allow for other sports to use the facility for training and informal use.
2.	Not sure they are as effective to play on for any of the sports	There are multiple sports in which can be played on the courts.
3.	No comment doesn't effect me	Noted.
4.	Whatever the residents might require for their children as well as adult sports should be included.	Noted.
5.	A good initiative to provide choice and diversify the use of the Park at different times and attract people - youth in particular.	Noted.
6.	As long as it doesn't become a hangout for vagrants, vandals and homeless - like is the case at Weld Square	Noted.
7.	Be good that other sports can benefit from the upgrade!	Noted.
8.	Brilliant	Noted.
9.	Brilliant idea	Noted.
10.	Desperately need netball courts for North Perth Dynamites	Noted.
11.	I do not support changing the use of the tennis centre to a multi-sports centre. Therefore, I do not support the marking of any other sports.	The multisport courts were introduced to service the wider community. The courts will remain tennis and allow for other sports to use the facility for training and informal use.
12.	The inclusion of a half basketball court would be beneficial for younger people of areasimilar to the uses of the park bordered by Beaufort, Newcastle and Stirling.	Half court basketball has been proposed in revised plan.
13.	The hard courts will be loud, with the sound of bouncing balls travelling to neighbouring properties. The only people that will use it will be youth and young people - what about all of us baby boomers and Gen X's? Would be better used as community garden or a lawn bowls rink.	A community garden is included in the plan.
14.	I also would like a wall to throw, kick or hit a ball against as this would support a person playing by themselves	A hit up wall has been included in the revised plan.
15.	Volley ball, net ball and basket ball plus a tennis hit up wall and of course they could be marked for additional tennis courts. Lighting and noise management will be an issue for residents close by if the evening times are not constrained.	All sports are being considered and tennis will remain one of the sports. Lighting and noise management has been taken into consideration.
16.	Consider one court under cover for all-weather use.	Local community are not in support of an indoor tennis facility. It was evident during the community

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		consultation of Robertson Park State Tennis Centre Proposal in Dec 2018 - Jan 2019.
17.	To look at what has worked (and not worked) elsewhere.	Noted, in preparation of the plan a review of other parks and facilities has been undertaken.
18.	Including courts that aren't purely tennis courts encourages people with different sporting interests to utilise the facilities.	Noted.
19.	Needs to be easy booking system (online) and affordable.	Noted.
20.	No	Noted.
21.	no, think it would be good.	Noted.
22.	I don't think the multi-sport courts will have as much usage as the tennis courts do, so I think it's a bit of a waste of space.	Tennis can still be played on the multi sports courts.
23.	I support multi sports if it helps the center grow, but the importance of this facility for tennis is paramount	Tennis will remain a priority at Robertson park and tennis can still be played on the multi sports courts.
24.	All courts should be for tennis!	The multisport courts were introduced to service the wider community. The courts will remain tennis and allow for other sports to use the facility for training and informal use.
25.	Would like the multi-sport courts to be open to the public without needing to book.	The courts will be accessible through a booking system.
26.	No objection to multi-sport courts but too many lines are confusing.	Noted.
27.	For tennis you need quiet to concentrate. Multiple use courts might have whistles or music. This would be very distracting.	Additional activities have been carefully considered to ensure there is minimal impact on surrounding residents. The City will introduce rules to assist with noise control.
28.	The existing tennis courts are regularly used	Noted. Tennis can still be played on the multi sports courts.
29.	I quite like the idea of Padel tennis - it is a vibrant sport that encourages a strong social scene. These courts, of course, can't be shared	Padel tennis was considered on site and determined not to be feasible option.
30.	Don't think they will be used much	Noted.
31.	Excellent idea.	Noted.

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32.	Fantastic initiative that we have been waiting for! This will make a real difference for the growing numbers of kids in our area. I’m interested to hear how easy and cheap it will be to book the courts, so that it is taken up, and hopefully can be done quickly and also spontaneously.	Noted.
33.	Good idea.	Noted.
34.	Great idea!	Noted.
35.	I love playing tennis there and I know plenty of other people do too	Noted.
36.	I support the multi-sport courts but not at the cost of all of the grass tennis courts.	Noted.
37.	I think it is a great idea to allow more people to enjoy the park rather than making it so tennis focused.	Noted.
38.	I would like to see basketball and netball. My daughter's and are often looking for somewhere to spend 1/2 an hour shooting hoops but don't know where to go. I would like this to be free	Noted.
39.	I would prefer to keep as many tennis courts as possible, but I see why some multi purpose courts would benefit the wider community.	Noted.
40.	I would support any sports the facility is able to conduct	Noted.
41.	I’m a sport fanatic so any introduction of other sports to a recreation facility/park is a positive in my mind.	Noted.
42.	It seems to be a good idea. More flexibility of use.	Noted.
43.	It will attract more people	Noted.
44.	It’s a good idea. The park is nice place to do sports. Many people use the park walking or playing with dog.	Noted.
45.	Long overdue in the area!	Noted.
46.	Much needed and will be more widely used.	Noted.
47.	Multi sport courts should not be at the expense of the 20 proposed tennis courts but in addition to. Having a well managed centre with viable tennis options can mean that additional sports could benefit from the arrangement.	Noted.
48.	Needing more multi sport courts in City of Vincent	Noted.
49.	No, just to keep the art studio	Noted.
50.	Note multi sport tennis courts can’t be used for tennis tournaments.	Noted.
51.	So long as they blend well with the existing tennis courts	Noted.
52.	Sounds fantastic, my husband and his friends play social basketball regularly at Loftus recreation centre but also love to casually play at the outdoor courts at Highgate Primary. They often lament the lack of public basketball courts in the area that are in good condition and of regulation size	Noted.
53.	they are a good idea for people in the local area.	Noted.
54.	to increase use of the centre is a good thing	Noted.
55.	Very excited to be able to shoot some hoops etc	Noted.
56.	Won’t use them	Noted.
57.	One of the reasons I love living in the city of Vincent is that it is so multicultural. As an overseas born and raised Australian citizen I often felt I was not quite as "Australian" as people who were lucky enough to have been born here. This was particularly true when I spent my early years in Perth living in the western suburbs. Moving into the city of Vincent my perception changed. A lot of the residents who live in our city have been born overseas and come from a wide variety of countries and backgrounds. I would hope that the multipurpose sports courts would reflect the needs and interests of the	Noted. All sports are being considered.

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	population of the City Of Vincent and be weighted towards the international sports of Tennis, Volleyball, Futsal and Basketball as opposed to more traditionally Australian sports such as Netball and Cricket.	
58.	The return of women's sport is great. Noise and light spill to local residents needs to be carefully controlled.	Noted. Noise and light spill will be carefully considered and controlled.
59.	I support improving the amenity as long as it doesn't result in an increase in noise.	Noted. Noise is carefully considered and control measures will be put in place.
60.	Multi sport courts is a great idea as long as there is space for it and it does onot impact Tennis Central negatively	Noted. The courts can still be used for tennis.
61.	<p>I would prefer that Robertson Park Tennis Centre remains only for tennis. However if multi sport courts are introduced I would like to request that the City please take into consideration the repercussions of public restrooms.</p> <p>If the tennis centre will have their own restrooms (preferably upgraded), then there shouldn't be an issue. However if they become public restrooms then the management and maintenance of these public restrooms needs to be addressed, for they may be the down fall of Roberson Park Tennis Centre.</p> <p>Restrooms are a significant part of a tennis centre. For example Bayswater (whilst it is a club) are known to have excellent restrooms. Public restrooms can, in the long run, degrade the tennis centre. Therefore in my opinion Robertson Park Tennis Centre needs to have its own restrooms.</p>	Public toilets are included in the plan.
62.	I don't mind there being other sport facilities but tennis needs to stay the priority sport and as a player I don't want to have to fight for parking, court time etc if other sports are included	Tennis can still be played on the multi sports courts.
63.	This is a great addition. I hope they are enclosed with a fence to stop balls flying across the park and have lighting for night time use.	The Courts will be within the fenced premises and have lighting.
64.	They should be separate and not interfere with the tennis facilities	This has been investigated and considered. The multi sports courts will still be used for tennis and need to remain integrated into the facility.
65.	I am not a sporting person, so I can't give a useful answer. There will be space constraints of course within the park, but advice could be sought from those various organisations themselves regarding what they might like to see. Due to parking issues, there might be an argument for privileging the smaller sports.	Sporting organisations have been consulted. There is adequate parking on the site and in the immediate surrounding area.
66.	Apparently, part of the park used to be set aside specifically for women's sports, so a variety of uses other than tennis would be an excellent development in the next phase of the park's history.	Noted.
67.	Good to have dedicated tennis courts.	The multisport courts were introduced to service the wider community. The courts will remain

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			tennis and allow for other sports to use the facility for training and informal use.
68.	Heaps of line markings for different sports are confusing. Pick one or two sports as overreaching for too many means they are delivering with less impact. Maybe include a sports drinks and healthy snacks bar to encourage people to hang out there socially too		Noted and will be considered. The café is up to the lease holder and will be considered through the leasing of the facility.
69.	I don't think we need 3 multi-sport courts at Robertson park. 1 would be sufficient.		There is community demand for 3 multi-sport courts.
70.	I don't understand why netball courts are being suggested. This sport is so well resourced with various purpose built facilities across perth. I suggest the council seriously consider getting behind tennis and fully supporting it. It brings together so many people from different walks of life. I feel the noise from the other sports such as netball/basketball needs to be considered, as this will impact tennis games which tend to be a lot quieter. Constant whistle blowing and cheering from netball/basketball will impact enjoyment and ability to play tennis at this facility. Also netball/basketball always have so many parking issues around areas which host them. I'm very concerned putting netball/basketball courts with the tennis courts will mean that parking will be a nightmare and make it really hard for people wanting to have a game of tennis to be able to find parking.		The multisport courts were introduced to increase usage and service the wider community. The multisport courts were suggested by many community members. Tennis will still be available on the courts. Noise has been considered and there will be restrictions in place to minimise the impact on residents. The car parking is shared between multiple users of the park. There is adequate parking around Robertson Park to facilitate people's access to the park. The City prioritises people who choose to be a pedestrian, then cyclists, then public transport users above people who choose to drive. Given this, creating additional bays at the expense of public open space and recreational activities is not supported. Improvements to the paths and lighting around the park have be included in the revised plan to improve access to existing car parking.
71.	I oppose the change of use from tennis courts to multi-sports courts as the facility is already at capacity, particularly after school hours / weekends when the younger players require access to the facility and in the evenings / weekends when the older youth / adults require access to the facility. The introduction of other sports, especially at peak times, could not be accommodated as the facility is already at		The multisport courts were introduced to service the wider community. The courts will remain

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	capacity. The facility also hosts weekend pennants competitions. These regular game day events occupy the facility for long periods of time, as a game of tennis is a lot longer than say a game of basketball. I also note that the proposed multi-sport courts are located in the prime position of the facility. These particular courts are often allocated for the younger players, particularly primary school aged children, to enable closer supervision, easier access to facilities and to provide a safe environment for children (ie. there is a live CCTV of these courts that can be viewed from within the tennis centre). Moving these young players to a more remote location is not an ideal outcome.	tennis and allow for other sports to use the facility for training and informal use.
72.	I would prefer to see the facility stay as a Tennis Centre.	The multi sports courts will still be made available for tennis.
73.	I really don't think that other sports should be available at a tennis facility	The multi sports courts will still be made available for tennis. The City has worked with Tennis West.
74.	I strongly oppose this idea. If it was to go ahead I would NOT like to see netball or basketball. Maybe the council should consider really getting behind tennis and supporting it. It's such a wonderful facility at robertson park, it'd really be a shame to do anything that jeopardises it. So many people from different walks of life come together to play tennis at Robertson Park and that's what makes it so lovely.	The multisport courts were introduced to service the wider community. The multisport courts were suggested by community members. Tennis will still be available on the courts.
75.	I think it is a great tennis centre and it should stay a tennis centre. If it gets an upgrade it could be one of the best tennis centres in Perth	The multisport courts were introduced to service the wider community. The courts will remain tennis and allow for other sports to use the facility for training and informal use.
76.	I think it's a good idea	Noted
77.	Ideally, It would be great to see Robertson Park remain as a tennis centre! It is a very busy centre and has such a great vibe. The tennis centre is filled with many different age groups and its so nice to see tennis pumping in the middle of the city!	The multi sports courts will still be made available for tennis.
78.	I'm not really interested on seeing multi-sport courts.	Noted.
79.	Is the intent for the courts to be for informal use (still booked) rather than organised club sport (official umpiring, noisy whistles)?	The intent of use is for informal use and a training facility for clubs.
80.	It would be useful to clarify exactly what the multi-sport courts would be used for and how this would be managed.	Currently the intention is to have the courts hired out either directly through the City or through the lease holder. The process will be made as easy as possible for the community to access the courts.

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81.	It's a tennis centre, have panel courts and also beach tennis courts	Padel and beach tennis were considered on site and were not a feasible option.
82.	Multi-sport courts should be open and available for general public use whenever not on specific hire. This will encourage ad-hoc use by local residents, particular children, teens and young adults.	Currently the intention is to have the courts hired through a booking system. This may be an online booking process available for the community to access the courts.
83.	No additional parking should be made available. The underutilized car park west of Fitzgerald St should be used for park visitors	Noted.
84.	Tennis is a relatively quiet sport so my support for a multi-sport court would be conditional on type of sports and location of the multi-sport courts. Suggest noisy sports be located close to Fitzgerald Rd - noisy road and non-residential across the road.	Additional activities have been carefully considered to ensure there is minimal impact on surrounding residents. The City will introduce rules to assist with noise control.
85.	That they not be placed near people's homes. Hope they are being sited facing Fitzgerald Street.	Additional activities have been carefully considered to ensure there is minimal impact on surrounding residents. The City will introduce rules to assist with noise control.
86.	The beauty of Robertson Park is that it is a park, it has a relaxed and natural feel to it. Adding multi use courts will change the aesthetic of the space.	Noted. Additional activities have been carefully considered to ensure there is minimal impact on surrounding residents.
87.	Will there be free showers, water fountain and area for users to change? Where will children and others park their bikes? Please provide ample shade and benches for those watching the courts.	Bathrooms are available within the tennis clubrooms. Bike racks will be considered throughout detailed design. Shade has been considered in the revised plan.
88.	Would like information or commitment around future maintenance or upkeep to avoid the courts getting the same state they are in now.	The City has adopted a new Property Management Framework that will be used to guide future lease, licence and management agreements. The future lease of Robertson Park Tennis Centre will align with the framework which include the maintenance and upkeep of the facility. The City will

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		seek Expressions of Interest for a long term lease holder over the site and ensure alignment with the City's objectives
89.	Would prefer if they were just tennis courts but different surfaces	The multisport courts were introduced to service the wider community. The courts will remain tennis and allow for other sports to use the facility for training and informal use.
90.	Could be a recipe for disaster. Where is everybody going to park ?	The City believes there is adequate parking around Robertson Park to facilitate people’s access to the park. The City prioritises walking, then cycling, then public transport and then car usage. Given this, creating additional bays at the expense of public open space and recreational activities is not supported.
91.	Great idea, any plans on improved parking for the additional numbers this might bring. Parking is a big issue at Robinson Park.	
92.	High participant sports courts could put more strain on parking	
93.	I think multi-sport courts should consider the impact on the currently tennis centre and what it can offer. It is the only tennis centre I have come across that offers easily accessible sessions that don't rely on finding a partner to play with. I first started playing there when I lived closed by (in Leederville) and I still travel to play at the facility from Scarborough because of the quality of services it offers.	
94.	If multi-sport courts are introduced, parking should increase as well. The under-utilised carpark behind the Italian club needs lighting as it's to creepy for people to use.	
95.	The main reason I oppose the multi surface courts is due to the parking situation! I have personally witnessed accidents on Fitzgerald Street with pedestrians/cars, buses & cars, pet dogs and cars! anything you name it! I have lived in the area since 2000. Tennis for example has 4 people to a court if your playing doubles. Netball (for example) has 7 players to a squad and most likely consist of more players in the team so hypothetically you have 10 players coming for training which is 10 extra sets of cars trying to find parking at peak hour! It’s a recipe for disaster! Also, for example in your plan you have 3 multi surface courts, and if you have 3 netball teams training at once that’s an additional 30 cars coming into the centre, not to mention the people in the park and tennis! I suggest you and your team should sit outside the centre watching the traffic coming in and out of Robertson park tennis centre and you will see exactly what I have witnessed for many years and referring to! :)	
96.	This is a renowned tennis location and should be about building up tennis. Multi sports give me concerns about traffic and parking.	
97.	With the inclusion of mutlticourts, a 2nd time time user will put extreme pressure on the already car parking.	

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		Improvements to the paths and lighting around the park have be included in the park. The courts will still remain as tennis and allow for other sports to use the facility for training and informal use. There will be a slight increase of usage during certain periods and this will be monitored when bookings are made.

Community Garden Comments – ‘Do you have any additional comments?’		
No.	Community Comments	Administrations Comments
1.	A community garden needs to be fully researched by COV before any commitment is made. The COV need to provide support in terms of appropriate facilities such as sheds, watering, composting, preparation of the space and oversee a management group of financially committed participants, who are sufficiently committed for a period of time to make it work.	The garden will be a community organisation driven garden. There will need to be a dedicated group overseeing the management of the garden. The City is recommending to retain a space for a community garden in the revised plan, which has now been relocated. The City will await the formation of a group committed to the management of the garden before establishing the space.
2.	A community garden would change the feel of the park. Robertson Park is well planned with nice gardens. Community gardens can become untidy and if not well tended can become an eyesore. If there is a community garden it would need to be fenced and locked to avoid theft, damage etc. But then to fence it would not be a great look. If a community garden is essential suggest it is not along Randell Street, but where the tennis court carpark is.	
3.	A good idea for an area with growing housing density.	
4.	A good mix of herbs would be a great community asset - local residents could visit and harvest a fresh sprig for their meals as they need them!	
5.	A great idea. I think it could work really well in this area because of the diverse range of people who live here	
6.	Any activity of this type could be of benefit in inclusiveness and community camaraderie.	
7.	As mentioned above I would like to see variety of fruit trees	
8.	closer to residential connection away from traffic.	
9.	Critical to have highly motivated people from the community coordinate it.	
10.	Definitely more room for a community garden. This is such a great way to bring communities together and to share gardening knowledge.	
11.	Do not think this should be developed until a reasonable number of people have provide they would actively use it.	
12.	Great for local residents in high density living.	
13.	Great idea but not sure exactly how it would run/ work. Would be interested in giving it a go!	
14.	Great idea. Concerns over accessibility whilst maintaining security. Who provides the facilities and prevents damage and vandalism. Would require almost a leased organisation space, some what like the equivalent of a netball or tennis club, a growing club. How do you balance everyone's access over close residents getting a dedicated plot for growing produce, basically free front yard??	
15.	I am not sure how this will work, but I am concerned about the upkeep and potential for degeneration	
16.	I am supportive of community gardens in general but the city would need to ensure it doesn't become unsightly and the issue of produce theft would need to be actively managed.	
17.	I can't see how an 'allotment' style system would be managed without potential tension in such a small, exclusive area.	
18.	I don't think it's practical.	
19.	I like the idea	
20.	I like the idea of a community garden. Robertson park could be a great community hub of activity. However there is no point having a garden unless there is demand.	
21.	I like the idea of the community gardens but depending on how it is fenced and monitored, I think it could get trashed by people!	
22.	I look forward to also having a community garden where I can grow my own veggies.	
23.	I think it is a great idea. It is a fun amenity for all ages.	
24.	I think it is an admirable idea but needs management and can't be left as a free for all	
25.	I think it's a great idea	

26.	I think it's a great idea and strongly support. Would it be one garden that everyone contributes to or could we apply for an allotment? I think increasing the size of this would be good.
27.	I think they only work when you have a solid group of committed volunteers to manage and maintain them. I don't think the community garden should be progressed unless there is significant demonstrated community support and commitment from the community that they will maintain it.
28.	I think this is a fantastic idea
29.	I would generally support community gardens, but they can look untidy if not managed properly and I don't think the local community has the experience to make this idea work in the long term.
30.	I would love to grow my own vegetables/fruits and through that get to know more people.
31.	If it works and people don't exploit it sure but I don't see the likelihood
32.	I'm sure it will be popular, therefore, conduct a survey to find out how many are interested in the idea as I think the proposed space would not be enough. There should be adequate room to expand for the future.
33.	Is there much support from local people for this kind of amenity?
34.	It is an excellent idea to have a community garden and I believe given the demographic moving into the area recently (lots of young families with limited home gardens) it will provide a great form of community engagement. The area marked seems small when there is a lot of area to work with. Will you give thought to expanding the area if the take-up is successful? I have not seen reference to either water tanks or a/some garden sheds/lockers so that gardening gear can be stored there. A water tank is necessary at a minimum or access to reticulation so that the garden is maintained through the dry part of the year.
35.	It needs to be bigger. It needs a shed, water tanks, place for supplies and tables for community gardeners to share a cup of tea.
36.	It needs to be self managed. People often say it is a good idea but they want somebody else to do the work. There needs to be a demonstrated demand rather than the city providing the facility and seeing if people are interested. I expect the most likely users would be those living in the bottleyard development, the Maltings, or the apartments on Fitzgerald and Carr.
37.	It should be retained for sport, there is not enough of this in the area.
38.	It will need extended promotion. I expect individuals who are currently excited, may not live forever, so the city will need to ensure a strategy is in place to maintain support.
39.	It would be an ideal addition for the area. Perfect!
40.	It would seem like a good idea given the demographic of the neighbourhood but don't know how many people would use it. Would need some key locals to oversee it.
41.	Love this idea!
42.	My husband 's family is Italian - and as such growing vegetables, fruit trees, etc. is common place. We live near Hyde Park / Robertson Park and our fruit trees are regularly raided - this includes coming onto our property to take the fruit. Older members of my husband's family who also live near Hyde Part / Robertson Park still plant vegetables in their front yard. Last year, all the vegetables were taken from the front yard - even though there was high fences and locked gates. A community garden would be raided and the produce stolen. Fences and gates could be damaged during the process. This area would better serve the community as either remaining part of the tennis centre or being converted to a grassed area with leafy, shady trees.
43.	Need a strong and committed group of people to run the garden.
44.	Needs a social aspect - for example a kitchen/bar. Would be good to include a women's shed.

45.	Needs to be maintained
46.	No use of manure.
47.	None, I think its a good idea, but will need a lot of community support.
48.	Not a good location near one of the busiest roads in Perth.
49.	not necessary
50.	Not needed
51.	Only - PLEASE DO IT!
52.	Presumably this could be for local people to grow some herbs and vegetables. It would be a separate garden from the native garden I have recommended above. It could also include some bush tucker plants as advised by Noongar elders.
53.	So many people wander through Robertson Park daily that I fear community garden would be trashed.
54.	Take a lot of organizing. Need to survey residents, state the conditions of use and ask if they would pay for use the garden
55.	Tend to find these gardens get left Untidy after 5-6 months of use
56.	The addition of a community garden would be in keeping with increased participation and engagement by locals a theme Vincent has been seeking to promote.
57.	The community garden concept may appeal to environmentally concerned residents of North Perth and I support its availability in the plan. I agree that its viability depends on the presence of strong local drivers and managers. Lockridge Community Garden, for example, appears to have strong local patronage and to be a source of local pride. However, due to its open plan, damage and premature picking of ripening produce undermines the efforts of the workers. Some of the vulnerable plants are fully enclosed in netting with a locked gate.
58.	The idea is nice, but they tend to become abandoned and scrappy-looking as the novelty wears off. If the consensus is in favour of one, its location becomes critical in terms of the park's visual impact.
59.	The location on the Fitzgerald st side is a little weird. Not sure of the benefits of the garden near a main road? Or the city hasn't articulated the benefits well. Seems as though you would get better engagement if it was set back from there a little?
60.	They require a manager. We are not like Europe where we live in units. There is a community garden in North Perth that always has vacant lots & it is messy. If you do proceed then it should be located at the Palmerston end not Fitzgerald as it will look unsightly. There is no need for one, open spaces will be a more usable area... A cricket training pitch might be another option if the council is more inclined to make this area a more sporting venue.
61.	This is a great idea. There are a lot of apartments and small dwellings, so a community garden would be very much appreciated.
62.	Tie in with a local business to support it and potentially use it too. Green world revolution would be a good starting point
63.	Unsure as to whether the community garden would be sustainable / well kept over time.
64.	Waste of time and resources
65.	Weird spot? Traffic.
66.	Who is going to look after it? It will 100% be trashed unless it was monitored by the council workers who clean the area daily.
67.	Who would maintain the community gardens? Would it be accessed by a key, if so, who would keep the key? Who is responsible for picking the fruit and where does the produce go? Where will the tools go?? If these are not stored in a safe place it can be used as weapons. The community gardens will not work - I can guarantee it would be vandalised! I live in the area - this is a guarantee!!!

68.	Who's managing it?	
69.	With increased density, a community garden will provide an essential resource and access to fresh home grown produce for residents without appropriate space in their residence.	
70.	Would need to be protected from misuse, kept clean, etc	
71.	Yes please! That would be great! Maybe community compost as well?	
72.	Yes yes yes to the community garden!!!! This is an incredible initiative and essential for learning and connecting within our community. I am assuming the Noongar people have been consulted and could incorporate teachings on local plants, etc. (This is an essential component).	

No.	Dog Exercise Area Comments – ‘Do you have any other comments?’	
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1.	In the event that you plan to fence a dog area, owners should be required to use it rather than leave their dogs off lead outside.	In the revised plan the dog exercise area is no longer enclosed. Instead of enclosing the area and excluding the space from other park users, in the revised plan low fence lines have been extended and a retaining wall introduced. This is to help create a barrier between dog users and park users for safety reasons.
2.	Using the existing fence lines and pathways as boundaries with plenty of entry and exit points. Do not support a circular fence within the current dog area as would preclude the many informal shorts activities that occur irregularly.	Noted. The revised plans show the extension of fence lines and low retaining wall. This is to help create a barrier between dog users and park users for safety reasons. The retaining wall will also be used as a seat.
3.	A dog water tap and fixed bowl	There is currently a dog water fountain on site and an additional dog water fountain is not required.
4.	Access to water	
5.	Another dog fountain in the enclosed area, more seating in the area and bins with bin bags around the enclosed area please.	Noted. More seating has been included in the revised plan. There is currently a dog water fountain on site and an additional dog water fountain is not required. Additional dog bag request has been forwarded to the relevant area within the City for immediate action outside of the Development Plan.
6.	Bigger water fountains for dogs	There is currently a dog water fountain on site and an additional dog water fountain is not required. When the City upgrades the current water fountain we can consider a larger size fountain.

7.	Can those who don't have dogs still use the space for exercise and running etc? Will the gate ever be locked/inaccessible?	In the draft plan the enclosed dog exercise area would be for the use of dogs and not general park users. Following consultation there were main concern from the community was over losing the space as passive recreation. In the revised the City has chosen to extend the fence lines to improve safety for dog users and park users, while retaining the space for passive recreation and informal play.
8.	Do not bring in a rule that dogs must be on lead everywhere other than the designated dog exercise area.	Noted. In the revised plan the rules remain the same.
9.	Do not change dog exercise area	Noted.
10.	Dog water fountain	Noted.
11.	Doggy bag dispenser	Additional dog bag request has been forwarded to the relevant area within the City for immediate action outside of the Development Plan.
12.	Dogs are fine but need fences	Noted.
13.	drink fountain, doggy waste disposal facilities	Noted.
14.	Drinking bowls for the dogs (I am not a dog owner)	Noted.
15.	I don't have a dog but I am looking forward to not having dogs and doggie doo around the playground!	Noted.
16.	I don't think it would be possible to fix but the dog exercise area could be bigger. It's currently pretty small.	This has been reviewed and it has been determined that the dog exercise area is an appropriate size. The area size will remain the same in the revised plan.
17.	I think enough facilities as the current setup.	Noted.
18.	I would like to see the entire park, tennis courts/facility excluded, open to humans to walk with their dogs off lead if desired. As it currently stands, the only area dogs are allowed off lead is minimal and reasonably uninteresting for sniffing, foraging and being a natural dog though very good for chasing balls without damaging vegetation. Dogs and humans require a range of environments to fulfill their natural instincts for well being.	There is a variety of different dog exercise areas across the City. The fence around the perimeter of the park is not supported. The park needs to cater for a variety of different users and accommodate for both dog owners and non-dog owners. To achieve the balance of

		all park users, the park requires a designated area for off leash dog exercise.
19.	I would not like the dog exercise area made smaller, there are a lot of dogs and owners there in the afternoons it is quite a social gathering area in the neighborhood. I think this is used more than any other area at Robinson Park	The size is proposed to remain the same.
20.	If it's not broken why try to fix it? Leave it alone.	Noted.
21.	If the goal of the City is to bring more of a community vibe to the Park maybe try food vans, to draw people there.	Noted. This has been considered in the revised plan. Fence lines have been extended to improve safety for both dogs and park users instead of enclosing the area. This will also allow for the continued use of passive recreation and events.
22.	It is important that the dog exercise area stay where it is currently located. It provides an excellent space for the mix of dogs - there is sufficient room for larger dogs to run and chase while the smaller dogs can play in a different part of the park. The area is occasionally used by kids with footballs etc but the area needs to remain as is. The park is used extensively from very early morning through to evening due to lighting and access and most evenings I have seen upwards of 45 dogs on the park over the course of an hour and a half. It engenders excellent community spirit and feels safe for the most part. Enclosing it further will help reduce the risk of dogs heading onto Fitzgerald Street. As a newcomer to the area from Jan 2020 (moving from Brisbane) I'd like to congratulate council for creating a safe and friendly location and dog exercise area which is a credit to you. It would be a shame to see it reduced or moved.	The size of the dog exercise area will remain the same and not decrease. Community lighting has been considered in the revised plan. Fence lines have been extended to help with the safety of dogs and park users.
23.	Keeping the off lead area is vital. I have noticed that there are large number of community members who use this area, and it offers ways to connect, that Hyde Park does not. Maybe more seating.	The area will remain off leash and additional seating has been included in the revised plan.
24.	Lighting of the dog park at night	Community lighting has been considered and included in the revised plan.
25.	More benches. Some natural visual barriers, dogs need to explore & sniff this eases their anxiety & tension. Another larger water bowl if the pooch wants to dip its head? :-) Perhaps some signage expressing something like: Dog zone, please respect & be kind... Bags, bags, bags they have to easier to open! ;-0	Seating have been included in the revised plan. A larger water bowl can be considered when the current dog water fountain is due for replacement. Additional dog bag request and ranger patrols has been forwarded to the relevant area within the City for

		actioning outside of the Development Plan.
26.	More COV Ranger patrols to fine dog owners who don't clean up dog poo.	Additional dog bag request and ranger patrols has been forwarded to the relevant area within the City for actioning outside of the Development Plan.
27.	More doggy bag stations around the park	
28.	Natural hedging is quite adequate rather than hard metal fences to complement the amenity of the park. The only additional are a few more bins with doggy bags. There is enough space for dog owners and this is used for a very limited time during the day, ie before and after work for the majority of the week. Dog owners need to be responsible for their dog's behaviour that is under control and pick up their mess.	After seeking advice from our parks team, natural hedging has been attempted at Robertson Park in previous years and was never able to grow successfully to be used as a fence. Given this, the fence line extension will be low pool fencing with natural hedging. Additional dog bags and ranger patrols has been forwarded to the relevant area within the City for actioning outside of the Development Plan
29.	No. the existing amenities are good.	Noted.
30.	Not a dog owner, so no real preference.	Noted.
31.	Perhaps lighting so that it is usable after dark. Similar to how the tennis courts can operate into the evening.	Community lighting has been considered and included in the revised plan
32.	Perhaps some agility equipment off to one side	Dog agility was considered for the enclosed area. In the revised plant the enclosed area is removed. Instead we will extend the fence lines for safety reasons. Given the area won't be exclusively for dogs, it was not seen as appropriate to introduce agility equipment
33.	Perhaps some apparatus for dogs like the ones near Langley Park.	
34.	Please do not reduce the size or location of the dog exercise area - the numbers of users - av 15-20 owners each afternoon that I observe, allows for big boisterous young dogs and smaller delicate (both) dog and owners to function in harmony. Relocation to the space between the Art Studio and Fitzgerald St would reduce the size and not allow younger owners and parents to multi task with kids and dogs	Size of the area won't be reduced and the location is remaining in the same area

35.	Plenty of available dog waste disposal bags.	Additional dog bag request has been forwarded to the relevant area within the City for immediate action outside of the Development Plan. There is currently a dog water fountain on site and an additional dog water fountain is not required.
36.	Poo bag dispenser	
37.	Poo bins	
38.	Public doggy bin	
39.	Water bowls and shelter for rain	
40.	Water fountain, poo bag stands, bins	
41.	Water stops	
42.	Water to drink for the dogs	There is currently a dog water fountain on site and an additional dog water fountain is not required. The dogs are safely distanced from the organised sports activity near the tennis facility. Safety of both park users and dogs have been considered in the revised plan. Instead of fully enclosing the dog exercise area and excluding passive recreation, the City is extending the fence lines to improve the safety of both dogs and park users. The fence will be low and act as a barrier and low sight lines will assist with safety of the area.
43.	water fountains for dogs	
44.	Water stations, shower (like at Britannia), double gated entries for security, more bins. Fences need to be suitable height for extra large dogs to remain safely enclosed. Area needs to be a suitable distance away from ball sports as many dogs are scared of basketballs, soccer balls etc. Needs to be dedicated dog area so that dogs do not have to deal with ball sports, joggers, skateboards, bicycles as these are often triggers for dogs. Multiuse areas do not work for many dogs.	
45.	would like to enlarge the dog area given that is the primary use of the park outside the tennis centre. Why not increase the hedging on the street borders to create natural boundaries and allow dogs off leash also in remainder of the park? I walk my dog twice a day in the park and being well behaved I have him off the leash as I walk around the park. I have to be vigilant because some zealous rangers threaten to fine if I'm seen. The current dog area is too small with occasionally lots of dogs so we prefer the quieter areas in the rest of the park.	There is a variety of different dog exercise areas across the City. The fence around the perimeter of the park is not supported. The park needs to cater for a variety of different users and accommodate for both dog owners and non-dog owners. To achieve the balance of all park users, the park requires a designated area for off leash dog exercise.

46.	<p>You could have 2x enclosed pens. One under the big Moreton bay figs for smaller dogs or nervous dogs. A larger dog area for bigger and more aggressively playful dogs. This I'm sure would reduce fights between anxious smaller dogs and bigger good bois. Seating for dog owners, a built in doggy water fountain</p>	<p>Seating has been included in the revised plan. Further investigation outlined that enclosing the dog exercise area was not suitable. Instead in the revised plan it is proposed to extend the fence lines to improve the safety of both park users and dogs.</p>
47.	<p>Do not change dog exercise area, keep it as is but fence all around</p>	<p>Noted. The Park is fenced along Stuart and Fitzgerald Streets.</p>
48.	<p>The current layout is great - good amount of space and the water bowl and bins are ideal. It would be nice to fence off the remaining open area, but not totally necessary. The main reason is dogs sometimes go after other dogs or people who are just passing by on the path, so this would discourage that conflict.</p>	<p>Noted. This has been considered in the revised plan. Fence lines have been extended to improve safety for both dogs and park users instead of enclosing the area. This will also allow for the continued use of passive recreation and events.</p>
49.	<p>The proposed dog fencing is an eye sore and over the top. It will no longer blend with the rest of the park effectively segregating what is a beautiful section of the park. Simply extend the existing fencing adding gates where necessary as seen at Jack Marks Park Highgate.</p>	<p>Noted. This has been considered in the revised plan. Fence lines have been extended to improve safety for both dogs and park users instead of enclosing the area.</p>

Written Submission 1

Draft Robertson Park Development Plan**Comment from the Friends of Robertson Park June 2021**

This submission is presented to the City of Vincent by the Friends of Robertson Park (FORP), an incorporated community group that is registered to achieve the following outcomes.

- Protect, conserve, enhance and promote the environmental, recreational, cultural and heritage values of Robertson Park;
- Advocate for the Park and its local environs for the long-term benefit of the local community;
- Seek input from local people and interested parties to ensure that the Park and its environs may best serve the local community;
- Work in partnership with the local community, the City of Vincent and other interested parties in support of the above objectives; and
- Raise funds and receive contributions where appropriate to finance these same objectives.

Over the two-and-a-half years since the group was formed, it has actively engaged with the users of the park, has attempted to listen to their needs and ideas, has facilitated communication between various user group, and has advocated on behalf all these interested parties.

While the group has been working to encourage users to participate directly in the consultation process for the proposed Development Plan, and to submit their own thoughts to Council, the group feels it is also desirable to articulate a more detailed response to the draft Development Plan that can allow a deeper engagement with it.

The FORP group hopes the comments included below are taken constructively and seriously as a significant part of the consultation process in the park's ongoing management.

Objectives of the Park's Development Plan

At the first consultative workshop on Thursday 20th May 2021, the Mayor of Vincent, Ms Emma Cole, announced that the City has three primary objectives for the Development Plan. Paraphrased, these are:

- The enhancement of women's sport in the City of Vincent by establishing facilities for the local netball club within the park;
- The reduction in the number of tennis courts within the park, particularly the high-maintenance grass courts, to help create a better balance of sporting facilities within the City.
- Using the opportunities of responding to the first two objectives to increase the overall amenity and utility of the park.

The FORP group believes there is a consensus amongst those with a stake in the park to support these objectives, and therefore the group supports them as well.

Design Principles for the Park

While preparing for the consultation process on the Development Plan for Robertson Park the FORP adopted a set of high-level design and management principles that they believe would be appropriate for guiding the park's redevelopment. They reflect the design principles adopted by the City of Vincent for the redevelopment of the park in 2003.

Robertson Park is to be designed and managed to:

1. Be a community recreational asset for current and future local residents.
2. Be a place that fosters native vegetation and habitat while maintaining the heritage vegetation sections of the park.
3. Support a combination of both active and passive recreation.

4. Pro-actively celebrate its wetland, indigenous, and western heritage.
5. Express the park's diverse origins through maintaining its historic "rooms", while maintaining an overall cohesion within the site.

The FORP believe it would be useful for the city to adopt similar principles for the Development Plan, and for the park's ongoing management.

Naming of the Park

Over the last two centuries, the area around the park has been variously known to its local residents as Boojoormelup, Lake Henderson, Henderson's Lake, Anderson's Lake and most recently Robertson Park.

The park's continuing links to Nyoongar people and their culture are recognised by its registration under the State's indigenous heritage act, and by the City of Vincent's Reconciliation Plan, which includes a policy of dual naming of places where possible.

The FORP believe that Robertson Park is an ideal place to initiate dual naming as:

- Its Nyoongar name has been the name of the place for millennia, and this needs to be recognised;
- It appears from the workshops and general discussion within the community that such an act of recognition of indigenous culture would be broadly supported,
- There appears to be a consensus in the Nyoongar community that Boojoormelup is the appropriate name for the park area.



Boojoormelup/Lake Henderson/Robertson Park in 1864. Photo: Alfred Hawes Stone: 1801-1873; Batty PH00/PH00370

The Wetland Heritage Trail

Robertson Park is one of seven parks located along a former chain of wetlands/lakes that spanned the southern half of the City of Vincent. About 20 years ago the city initiated a project to link these parks with an off-road recreational bike-path, and to improve the landscaping, usage and signage in all of the parks to better reflect their wetland origins. Significant implementation of the project took place

over the following years, and today places like Robertson Park and Smiths Lake are especially successfully integrated into this concept.

Recently the City of Vincent has shown renewed interest in the trail, particularly with regard to re-focusing its indigenous heritage meaning. The FORP strongly support this renewal of the trail.

Connection of Dorrien Gardens to Robertson Park through the City of Vincent's Fitzgerald St Carpark.

It is possible to scoot, push a pram, or cycle along the entire length of the seven parks of the Wetland Heritage Trail, with the exception of this one absent link. During the planning of the heritage trail, it was recognised by the city that the best way to establish this link for legibility, safety and landscape reasons was through the City's carpark, but due to financial constraints at the time of its initial construction it was not completed, so a route along the Fitzgerald St footpath was promoted instead.

To complete this connection in the originally intended manner, it will probably be desirable to:

- Remove the carpark's wall facing Lawley St;
- Create a new car entrance at this location;
- Build a path through the carpark and down the 7m-wide laneway-link to Fitzgerald St
- Increase the transparency of the landscaping between the trail path and the Dorrien Gardens playing-field areas;
- Enlarge and enhance the lower-storey planting in the car park to recognise the wetland theme;
- Construct a pedestrian refuge in the middle of Fitzgerald St.



Route for the completion of the City's Wetlands Heritage Trail (shown in red) through the City of Vincent's Fitzgerald Street Carpark.

Access to the Park

The majority of passive-recreation users of the park, including the dog walkers, live within walking distance of the park, and therefore do not need transport means other than their legs or mobility vehicles. However, the arts centre and sports centre are more regionally focused facilities, and rely on cars, bikes, buses, and increasingly, various electric mobility devices.

To cater for people coming from far afield to the park, the FORP suggest the following access improvements:

- Extending the Robertson Park carpark towards the new sports centre entrance (contingent upon a tennis court being removed);
- Upgrading the Fitzgerald St carpark to encourage any overflow parking demand from the sports and art centres to be directed there;
- Adding an island refuge to the Fitzgerald St pedestrian crossing point that leads to both the Fitzgerald St carpark and the bus stop on the opposite side of Fitzgerald St;
- Completing the Wetlands Heritage Trail through the Fitzgerald St carpark, thereby connecting the northern section of the City of Vincent to the park by non-car travel modes;
- Installing a bike rack, located in a highly-visible spot next to the entrance of the sports centre.

The Heritage of the Park

Indigenous Heritage

The country upon which Boojoormelup/Robertson Park sits has a history of Nyoongar ownership and use that goes back tens of thousands of years. Noongar culture and law continued to have a strong relationship to this country, and most people within the City are keen to have local indigenous culture more visible in the City than it has been in the recent past.

Proposals for the park that the FORP are supporting, that should resonate with the Nyoongar community and make aboriginal culture more visible to the broader community, include the:

- Dual naming of the park;
- Restoration of some of the indigenous habitat on an area currently covered by lawn;
- Installation of signage and artworks associated with Nyoongar culture for the Wetlands Heritage Trail;
- Elimination of the issue of ground-water pollution associated with turf-maintenance practices for the tennis courts.

It is hoped that the Nyoongar community will support and contribute knowledge for the successful implementation of these changes.

Western Heritage

Since colonial times the pieces of land that make up Robertson Park have had many varied and interesting land uses. An easy-to-digest visual overview of past land uses and events in and around the park is available at friendsofrobertsonpark.com.au

Many original trees and constructions from these past land uses still survive in the park. They include:

- An original flooded gum, which has been growing in Boojoormelup since pre-western times;
- The trees around the grounds of Palmerston Villa, built by Edward Keane as his home while he was the Mayor of the City of Perth and MLC for the Perth region. Palmerston Villa also has many other layers of historical importance;
- The home of Lee Hop and other market gardeners of Chinese origin who farmed part of the park area;
- The women's playing field, built by the City of Perth as part its establishment of Robertson Park as a centre for women's sport in the 1920s;
- The avenues of tree planted by the City of Perth in the 1920s to lay out Perth's first major children's playground;
- The front walls and steps of Perth's first children's library.
- The rump of Cowle St, off Palmerston St, which was supposed to connect with the rest of Cowle St, but was instead left stranded due to one of the many park expansions.

The park's highly visible wetland, indigenous planting, Palmerston Villa/Ormiston House footings, and current tennis courts, although all of more contemporary constructions, also continue land uses that have deep historical associations with the park.

Other farming, spiritual, business, industrial, institutional and residential land uses of historical importance have neither remaining visible fabric, nor continuing land uses to remind us of them. But archaeological remains within the park are likely to include substantial material from many former post-colonial uses, including the original convict-built drain through the park, the synagogue, and a large stable building from the 1860s.

Whatever the visibility of this rich history, there are many possibilities for bringing much of it back to life for current park users, by expressing the mosaic of the “rooms” within the park. The “rooms” constitute the key historic landscapes that make up the park. This strategy was adopted and implemented by the City as part of the park’s redevelopment around 2003, and the FORP suggest strongly that it be maintained and reinforced in the current redevelopment. To achieve this, the City should imbed staff from the City’s Local History Centre into the redevelopment’s design process, and also consult Chris Hair who has extensively researched the park’s history over the last 20 years and who has had a significant role in how the park is designed today. Chris is also part of the FORP executive group.

Design of the Park’s Landscapes

Extension of the eco-zoning around the northern and western sides of the park.

The start of the indigenous habitat planting (or “eco-zoning”) in Boojoormelup/Robertson Park began about 30 years ago, and has been almost continuously supplemented ever since. This landscaping has enhanced both the amenity and the environmental profile of the park. The proposed reduction of the number of tennis courts provides an opportunity to extend these improvements to the northern edge of the park. The western edge of the park also offers a further series of opportunities for eco-zoning.

The eco-zone area along Randell St may also be an opportunity to create some sculpting of the ground level amongst the new indigenous planting. This would add interest to the landscape, complement the geography of the existing valley in the middle of Randell St, and act as a water-retention basin for excess water that cannot be absorbed by the existing street drainage system. It should be noted that the new hard courts will probably drain towards Randell St, thereby adding to the water-disposal load, and that the digging would only be through the earth fill that was deposited on the area to create the flat tennis courts.

If the City agrees that the areas along Randell St and Fitzgerald St are to be primarily eco-zoned, the area between the inset paths and the road itself should be kept open at mid-storey height to allow passive surveillance of the path from the road. Regular small patches of grass between the road and the paths would allow regular choice of direction of movement, which would also enhance safety. Care will need to be taken when choosing a location for the taller trees so that leaf litter on the tennis courts is minimised.

The FORP suggest that these eco-zoning opportunities be fully utilised, and that detailed design of these areas should be professionally undertaken.

Path Layout

In essence, the current paths of the park form an X-shape, connecting all the major access corners, with a double-path avenue at the park’s centre, and some street-edge paths. This structure allows users to enter the park or to pass through it, but it does not offer an opportunity to meander around the park without retracing one’s steps.

Some of the current paths also help reinforce the original historic “rooms” of the park by either following the boundaries of these rooms or by suggesting the geometry of the original landscapes.



The City of Vincent's 2003 Development Plan, with FORP's suggestions for the 2021 Development Plan over-marked in pencil. The proposed eco-zoning areas are shown diagonally hatched, and the possible community garden is shown green as an open lawn area pending a decision about its implementation.

The opening up of the park at the north side introduces an opportunity to make a loop walk within the park, thus making the most popular activity in the park –walking– much more interesting and diverse. The FORP therefore support having a path established around the tennis courts on the northern side of the park, but suggest that it be shaped to encourage loop movements of the park, and to enhance the landscape pleasure of walking along it.

The FORP also suggest that a further edge path be created to link up paths set in from the street edges on the park's western and southern edges, so that the entire section of the park from Stuart St to Randell St can be easily looped while delivering the best possible landscape experience the park can offer.

The FORP include, below, a plan for how these two paths might be shaped and located. The plan's design is intended to build on existing landscape's themes and beauty, and to make the park's "loop" legible and safe. The proposed paths are also located to minimise park maintenance by locating them between the lawn areas and the garden beds, thereby reducing some of the problem of grass running into the native plant areas, and keeping grass areas large so they are easy to mow with large machines.

It should be noted that the loop needs to pass just inside the southern edge of the proposed fully-enclosed dog-exercise area. This should not be a problem so long as self-closing gates are erected at the two entry points into this enclosure. This would have the added benefit of making the southern half of the loop path less inviting to bike and electric mobility device users, which have a reputation for disturbing dogs' karma, while allowing dog walkers, pram pushers and other walkers a calm, strolling environment. The loop also resurrects the plan to create a short bridge over the wetlands stream bed that remains unimplemented from the 2003 redevelopment plan for the park.

Dog Exercise Enclosure

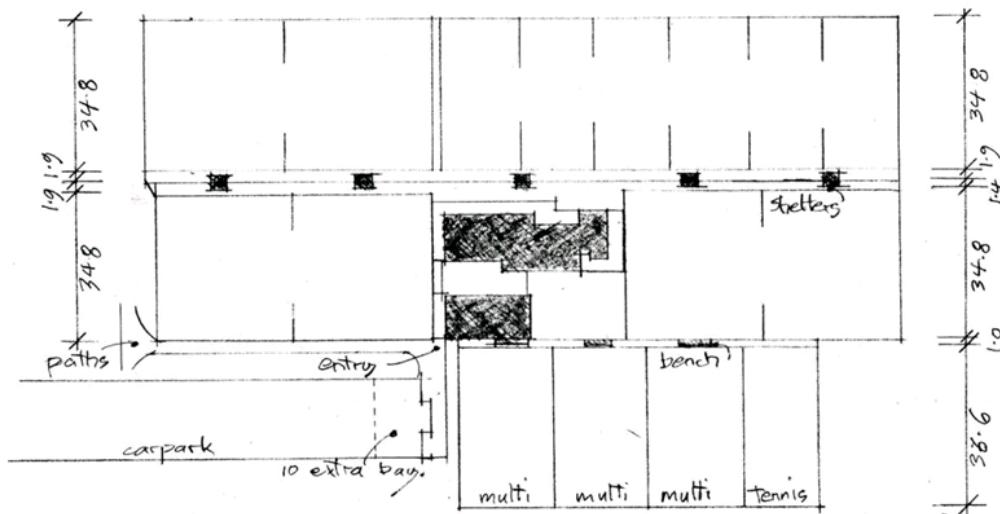
The current dog-exercise area occupies most of the space left behind after the abandonment of the Women's playing field, that was used exclusively for women's hockey and lacrosse from approximately 1925 to 1955. Its maintenance as an open space is therefore of some historical significance. Its current use as a dog-exercise area goes back well before 1980 and has become in itself part of the park's history.

The FORP are aware of the extensive discussion that has taken place amongst park users about how this open space should evolve as part of the proposed redevelopment. Council's direct consultation will inevitably throw up lots of thoughts on this matter, but it appears to the FORP, from its members' direct contact with other park users, that there is a consensus that the proposed internal fenced area should not be constructed, and instead, that the enclosure of the existing larger area should be completed. The FORP therefore support this outcome, and encourage the fence line to follow the edge of the existing path until it meets the western edge of the former Women's Playing Field which it should follow to meet the existing fence on Stuart St.

The Tennis Courts

The grass courts of the tennis centre have been part of the park's landscape for about 100 years. Their loss is regrettable, but appears inevitable, while the addition of new hard courts and multi-purpose courts should make the centre relevant for a new generation of users.

The need to lengthen the tennis courts within the park to achieve standard club-grade court dimensions appears to make it inevitable that the current tennis shelters will need to be removed. The original shelters were built about 1924, soon after the construction of the old tennis pavilion. The current shelters were built about the time the first part of the current tennis pavilion was constructed around 1980. Tennis shelters have therefore been a highly visible part of the Robertson Park landscape for nearly 100 years, and many people cite the shelters as landmarks when talking about the park. However, due to their reconstruction 40 years ago, it is the form of the tennis shelters, rather than the actual fabric of the tennis shelters themselves, that is a significant historic element of the Robertson Park landscape.



Proposed alternative layout showing a direct entry off the extended carpark, and a court layout that allows the maximum maintenance of the existing fences, with 5 of the original tennis shelters to be rebuilt (see below).

The proposed lengthening of the tennis courts will require a new layout for much of the east-west fences, a great deal of which is in poor condition. This new layout makes possible the retention of adequate room to at the end of the new courts to reinstate reproductions of five of the original double-faced timber tennis shelters. Their original design was very simple, so their cost should be modest.



The original timber tennis pavilion and shelters of Robertson Park; 1930s.

Community Garden

Most people appear to support the idea of a community garden in Robertson Park. However, the FORP are not aware of any person or group yet that may be willing and capable of administering such a facility. We recognise that setting up a community garden is a complex process and we hope an energised and dedicated group form should the community garden become part of the Park's future. The FORP are also well aware of the history of other community gardens that have struggled to sustain themselves, and have fallen into an ugly disrepair.

Two small community garden plots have already been established in Robertson Park for many years along the southern verge of the former Cowle St (to the group’s knowledge, only informally). One of these lots has been reasonable well maintained, but the other has been nothing but wild pumpkins and weeds for the last two years, abandoned by both the park gardeners and the original establisher of the market garden.

Community gardens also require sheds, water tanks and bulk compost facilities that can be untidy, particularly if they are allowed to evolve haphazardly, rather than being integrally designed into the landscape. Any community garden established along Randell St needs to be properly designed, run and regulated to ensure it remains a positive contribution to the Robertson Park landscape rather than a negative one.

The FORP suggest the areas set aside for a future community garden be kept as a grassed area pending its possible establishment.

The above-suggested park layout shows the location of the possible community garden further east on Randell St than in the draft plan. The location is suggested, in part, so that a more open aspect can be maintained from those houses on Randell St that have city skyline glimpses, and also in part to make the landscape experience along the park’s walkway more interesting.

The Sports Centre

The introduction of three multi-sports courts to Robertson Park is quite a significant shift in the use of the park. It will increase the park’s attractions, particularly in the evening, which is likely to make the area safer and more engaged with the broader community, which the FORP are also very keen to achieve. However, there are several planning matters that will need careful consideration to achieve inviting and safe community access to the sports centre, to avoid nuisance to nearby houses, and to allow for the proper shift from a single tenant to multiple tenants at the sports centre.

Sports Centre Entrance



The existing entrance to the sports centre.



The arcade in front of the former sports shop which would become the new entrance to the sports centre (but without the link-mesh fence in front).

The City is proposing to improve the entrance to the tennis courts. This is highly supported by FORP as the current entrance to the sports centre is down a 1.6m-wide fenced entrance walkway, which is more reminiscent of a cattle race than of the entrance to an inviting community sports facility. This access is threatening and unacceptably ugly for the existing tennis users, and will be even more unacceptable when the sports centre’s facilities are used for more diverse community groups, especially women’s netball in the evenings.

The FORP would like to put forward a relatively simple and effective solution to this problem. If the planned number of tennis courts is reduced from the 23 courts as currently shown on the draft

Development Plan, to 22 (19 tennis-only courts and 3 multi-use courts) it will be possible to open a direct entrance to the sports centre's buildings and courts.

This would have the major benefit of:

- Allowing about 10 more car-bays to be located immediately adjacent to the closer and more open entry.
- Improving the legibility of finding the sports centre, which will become more important as the diversity of groups using it (and potentially a café/restaurant) increases;
- Opening part of the quite attractive frontage of the building to the park.

The Sport Centre Buildings

The former tennis club buildings are highly under-utilised as the result of the departure of the Seniors' Tennis Club and the loss of its liquor licence. They offer about 620 square meters of building area, and represent about \$2.1 million in community investment. They include three internal areas that are capable of being leased out together or individually, as they have no internal connections. They are the:

- Tournament control room and office;
- Kitchen, bar and function room;
- Former tennis hire and sports-equipment shop.

Restaurant/Café

The Friends of Robertson Park have long believed that the community would like these buildings to be used, in part at least, for activities more inviting to non-sporting people, including uses that would allow the enjoyment of meals accompanied by alcohol service.

The current kitchen, bar and function room are designed to fulfill this purpose, so it would be a relatively simple matter to lease them accordingly. The suggested more-inviting sports-centre entrance will also reinforce the opportunity for a more viable operation.

Sports Therapy/Meeting Room

The tournament control room and office appear to be used only when the occasional Tennis West sanctioned tournament is held at the sports centre. Various community groups that are based in the area currently use meeting rooms located some distance from the park. If the tournament office were to be refurbished with movable furniture, this space could be hired out to other users at non-tournament times. Potential users would include community groups such as the Friends of Robertson Park, and the North Perth Dynamites Netball Club. Private suppliers of health services such as personal trainers and physiotherapists may also be interested in hiring the space

Court Hire and Sports Shop

If separate operators are chosen to run the tennis courts and the restaurant/café, the return of the sports shop to its original home in the smaller of the two buildings would allow the full freeing up of the catering facilities. The former shop and court hire counter are ideally located at what will hopefully become the front entrance to the sports centre, which was specially design for such a role, and which would increase surveillance and legibility to the entrance area.

The Multi-use Courts

The City of Vincent is proposing facilities for basing a local netball team within the town, although not the creation of a regional netball competition centre as such. While the new facilities are welcomed, the FORP believe that the City should be make it explicit as to what the facility can be used for.

Noise Spill

Tennis generally has 2 to 4 people per court, so at full capacity the 18 currently-lit courts would generate about 70 users at a maximum.

Netball generally has 7 players and 3 substitutes per side. Volley ball has 6 players and 6 substitutes a side. Basketball has 5 players and up to 10 substitutes per side, depending on the grade of sport. So generally, each court will generate about 20 players plus a number of coaches, umpires and observers. So about 70 additional people would not be uncommon if all three courts are used simultaneously for games. Netball, basketball and volleyball are all team sports that require a continuous communication within the team of players; they also tend to have many more onlookers than tennis matches. Netball, volleyball and basketball will also introduce more impact sounds from the larger ball bouncing and hitting backboards. Noise is therefore likely to increase substantially, especially for the nearby homes on Palmerston St that back onto the park.

The city needs to introduce controls to manage any such negative outcome. The FORP believe a 9:00pm finish to active sport would be an appropriate requirement.

Light Spill

One of the most problematic areas of intensive sports facilities can be the overspill of light into surrounding residential areas while sports are operating in the evening. The Australian Standards for outdoor tennis court lighting, AS2560.2.1, specifies 250 lux average as the minimum level of lighting required to ensure a game of tennis can be played safely and comfortably. The existing courts are believed to have light levels far below this stipulated intensity. The Australian standard for club netball is 100 lux average for training, and 200 lux average for games. Basketball and volley ball appear to also have a game requirement of 200 lux. While achieving training and games requirements will be essential for the upgrade of the sports centre, control of lighting in excess of these grades should be strictly regulated. The FORP would like to suggest that it is incumbent upon the operators that the lighting:

- Have the highest quality directional controls;
- Only deliver lighting levels to club or training grades;
- Be turned on only in those courts actually in use at the time;
- Be turned off at the latest by 9:00pm.
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The Park's Other Buildings

The historic buildings within the park are important community assets and contribute to the park's distinctive design.

Halvorsen Hall/Robertson Park Artists' Studio

Halvorsen Hall is the former headquarters of the City of Perth Band and is included within the State heritage listing for the park. The group of artists leasing Halvorsen Hall have been working there for almost 20 years. During that time, in addition to carrying out their own art practice, they have had at least 3 public exhibitions on the premises, and held many art classes. However, unfortunately, due to both the building's original form and how it is operated, what happens within the building is virtually invisible to the other park users.

Most park users seem to think that it is great having an art studio in the park, but wish it could contribute more to the park's life. The FORP would like the development plan to earmark heritage-sensitive future renovations to the building to make it more transparent, so that the occupants can see out to the park, and the park users can see in to the artists.

Lee Hop's Cottage/Jigsaw Office

Lee Hop's Cottage is the former home of one of the original "Chinese gardeners" who farmed the drained Lake Henderson lake bed to grow vegetables. It was later the home of the park's caretaker. It is included within the State heritage listing for the park.

The current occasional use by the Jigsaw organisation does not contribute much activity to the park,

so if the building becomes vacant in the future, the FORP would like the City to earmark the building for a tenant that may be more interactive with the park.

Proposed Public Toilets

The draft Development Plan proposes that the City build a new set of freestanding toilets in the park's picnic area.

While having access to public toilets for park users is desirable, if they are not properly maintained and administered, nobody will use them apart from those who want to abuse their provision. The former public toilets on the outside of Halvorsen Hall (currently locked and leased as part of the Robertson Park Art Studio) were so dark, malodorous and poorly maintained by the City of Perth, that it was offensive to go anywhere near them, let alone go inside and actually use them. If toilets are constructed, the FORP would expect their maintenance and supervision to be taken very seriously by the City.

The proposed location of the planned toilet block has been questioned by many park users. It appears that best practice for the location of such facilities is to place them on the edge of parks where there is maximum activity and surveillance. In this case a location on the edge of Fitzgerald St, away from the picnic and playground area may be preferable.

Another solution for delivering toilet access to park users is to allow them to use the public toilets that have already been built by the City in the sports centre. Upon delivery of the Development Plan these toilets will serve the restaurant/café, the netball/multi-sports courts, and the tennis-court hire business. The high level of activity that will take place around these buildings, and the regular turnover of users, is likely to discourage unsocial behaviour, and it will be much cheaper for the City to maintain one set of toilets rather than two. It is noted that the City has recently demolished the toilets in Beatty Park, and now allows park users to use the toilets in the Beatty Park Leisure Centre.

The Park's Furnishings

Park Fences

Link-mesh fencing was commonly used around the park until about 2010, when a new pool-style black-aluminium fence type began to be installed around the park. This fence type appears simple, practical, durable and economical, and would therefore seem to be the best material for any new low fencing. Of the three heights of pool-style fencing currently installed in the park, the mid-height version would probably be the most desirable for use for all the proposed new fence locations. The replacement of the short section of low-height fence located around the double central avenue, with mid-height fence would have the benefits of unifying fencing, and assist in keeping dogs within their enclosure. Black link-mesh fencing should continue to be used around the newly modified tennis and multi-use courts.

Lee Hop's Cottage currently has a tall fence around a large area to its rear. While the fence provides some protection to the cottage, it sterilizes the enclosed area, and does not fit the park's existing or proposed design. It therefore appears that it should be removed and protection of the cottage gained by a closer fence of the pool-style type.

The fence along the wetland edge of the central dual avenue was built as a temporary structure out of star pickets and rural fence wire. However, it has been retained as it has afforded some protection to the native planting around the wetland, and has discouraged people and dogs from taking short cuts across the wetland area. Since the temporary fence is ugly and out of keeping with the park, it should be replaced with a new one that matches the pool-style fencing in the area.

Mid-path chicanes

The double-hoop chicanes on all the paths into the park appear to have been successful in helping to keep bicyclists and other mobility-device users to a reasonable speed; they also look far more attractive than the much-ignored former traffic-styled signs. The FORP support the continued use of the chicanes as the primary way of keeping speeds moderate.

Park lighting

The recent upgrade to LED lighting within the park has significantly improved visibility at night within the path areas, and has reduced overspill of light into the trees, thereby minimising the disturbance of the park's wildlife. The FORP hope that similar lighting will be provided for the new path areas.

Bins

The City has recently removed all the traditional park bins and replaced them with wheeled plastic bins. This doubtless makes sense in increasing their capacity and in allowing for their efficient emptying, however the abandonment of their maintenance with regard to graffiti has turned them into an ugly intrusion within the park, and has set a precedent for the City tolerating graffiti on other parts of the park's infrastructure. The FORP would like all graffiti in the park controlled. There is also a need for at least one further bin near the Fitzgerald St bus stop, where refuse is jettisoned almost daily.

Seating

The current park's benches look attractive, provide rest and encourage people to stop and dwell in the park. The City recently removed the only bench in the children's playground area. The FORP hope that this bench will be restored and that new benches will be provided as part of the Development Plan.

Artworks and Interpretation Graphics

The park's rich and interesting past offers a multitude of opportunities for artwork and interpretational graphics to be put within its bounds to celebrate and interpret its history.

The recent removal of the Wetlands Heritage Sculpture appears to have occurred as a result of its



Robertson Park's Wetlands Heritage Sculpture in 2005.

physical deterioration. The FORP hope that it is currently being restored to make it more durable, and that it will soon return to the park.

The interpretational signage that previously existed in the park was much appreciated by the park's many visitors.

Unfortunately, it suffered from small historical inaccuracies, physical deterioration and the addition of graffiti. The FORP hope new interpretative material will be a major part of the new redevelopment.

Maintenance of the Park

Robertson Park probably looks better at the moment than it has ever looked over its 100 years of history. Its landscapes are becoming delightfully mature, the lawns are well maintained, and its consistent tending has allowed most of the garden beds and wetland area to become weed-free and well planted. There are however some maintenance issues that unnecessarily blight the park.

They include:

Replanting

The 2003 Redevelopment Plan nominated a broad range of indigenous plants for use in various parts of the park, most of which have thrived. Where plants have been lost, the city has annually done some replanting, and in most cases, this has maintained the intent of the mix. However, many garden beds are struggling due to plants reaching the end of their life, excessive wear and tear, and not getting enough sun as the result of the greater shade in the park. The FORP would like these beds to be rethought, and restored to their role as features of the park.

Graffiti

Non-removal of graffiti seems to breed even more graffiti. It is apparent that, at the moment, no attempt to get rid of graffiti takes in the park place unless individual incidences of it are reported by private citizens to the City. Identifying and organising the removal of graffiti should be a key responsibility of the park maintenance staff, assisted by the ranger staff.

Repairs

Most repairs to the park appear to be regularly completed by the city. However, some items have been left in a state of major disrepair for many years, such as the leaning and rusting bollards still on the Fitzgerald St frontage, and the twisted steel fence still on the Palmerston St frontage. Identifying and organising repairs of such matters should be undertaken without a community member needing to complain.

Signage

One of the joys of being in a park is to be surrounded by things of beauty. Unfortunately, unregulated and ad-hoc signage in the park has at times significantly impinged on this beauty. The FORP support the recent removal of the inappropriately large and unnecessary traffic signs erected along the paths, and also the regulation of the park's commercial tenants, particularly the signage erected to promote the tennis centre's commercial sponsors. The FORP suggest that all signage be kept to a minimum, and coordinated in form.

Wetland shared maintenance

For nearly 20 years the Claise Brook Catchment Group (CBCG) and the City have shared responsibility for the maintenance of the wetlands section of Robertson Park. The city has done all the spraying of couch grass and managed fallen trees, while the group members have completed all the planting, hand weeding and environmental monitoring. This model has been incredibly successful, and FORP welcome the group's continued relationship with the park, and hope that it will be in a position to take a significant role in the developing the proposed habitat restoration areas on the northern edge of the park.

The Continued Evolution of the Park

Robertson Park was established in 1913 when William Bold suggested to the Perth City Councillors that they approve the purchase, for £9,500, of several acres of market gardens within the lakebed of the former Lake Henderson, to create a then-unnamed park on the corner of Randell and Fitzgerald St. Since that time, it has grown and shrunk incrementally in response to a multitude of events and circumstances, while constantly evolving in its uses to adapt to the changing needs of the community it serves.

This proposed refurbishment of the park begins another episode in its long history of continuous evolution. This episode promises the return of women's sport to the park and a loop walk, both of which will make the park's amenity more relevant to the local community. Its renaming as Boojoormelup/Robertson Park and its connection to the Wetlands Heritage Trail also promises to revitalise its cultural importance within the City. All of these changes are likely to be looked back upon as significant and historic shifts in the constant evolution of the site.

Response to Written Submission 1	
Community Comments - Submission is below	Administrations Comments
Introduction	Noted.
Objectives of the Park's Development Plan	Noted.
Design Principles for the Park	The plan and revised plan aligns with the suggested Design Principles.
Naming of the Park	The consultation shows that the community is in support of the City investigating the opportunity for dual naming at the park. This will form part of the City's Recreation Action Plan (RAP) implementation.
The Wetland Heritage Trail	In regards to the connection of Dorrien Gardens to Robertson Park through the City of Vincent's Fitzgerald St Carpark – This element is out of scope of the Development Plan. A review of the City wide Wetland Heritage Trail is to be included as a future City project. The connection can be addressed during this project.
Access to the Park	Fitzgerald Street 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 will be investigated outside of the Development Plan. 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 is addressed in the revised plan with clearer delineation of the space. Additional signage will be introduced to Robertson Park and the car park to assist with way-finding between the two points.
The Heritage of the Park	<p>The comments regarding Aboriginal Heritage is noted and included in the plan. Further consultation with the Traditional Land Owners will occur at each phase of the project.</p> <p>European & Asian Heritage - The 2003 plan was considered through the preparation of this plan. The City has worked with State heritage and the Library's Local History Centre. The historical use of the park is for recreation and this has been maintained in the plan. The heritage buildings and spaces are being maintained.</p>
Extension of the eco-zoning around the northern and western sides of the park.	Eco-zoning has been included in the revised plan, with the introduction of a rain garden to capture stormwater runoff, treat water pollutants and allow infiltration back into the ground. Additionally, in the revised plan the northern tennis courts have been

	<p>moved further north to allow for a thoroughfare between tennis courts and allow for landscaping to capture the water runoff. The City will consult with community key stakeholders and Traditional Land Owners over the final detailed design.</p>
Path Layout	<p>In the revised plan the City has improved the footpath connections to allow for enhanced movement around the park.</p>
Dog Exercise Enclosure	<p>In the revised plan the City has removed the enclosed dog exercise area and extended the fence line. A low retaining wall have been included as a multipurpose seat and low fence.</p>
The Tennis Courts	<p>It is understand the shade huts are a big part of the history at Robertson Park. In the revised plan the City will look to include a shade shelter at the entrance of the tennis centre. New shade has been added to the revised plan and where feasible the new shade structures will interpret and reflect the original design.</p>
Community Garden	<p>It is recommended to retain a community garden in the plan, until such time a community group is formed. The City will assess the proposal and need for a Community Garden at that time.</p>
Sports Centre Entrance	<p>Improvements to the entrance of the facility has been included in the revised plan.</p>
The Sport Centre Buildings	<p>Restaurant/Café, Sports Therapy/Meeting Room, Court Hire and Sports Shop comments are noted and will be considered when seeking long term tenancy of the facility.</p>
Restaurant/Café, Sports Therapy/Meeting Room & Court Hire and Sports Shop	<p>Noted. The comments surrounding the operation of the tennis centre is out of scope, however, will be taken into consideration when seeking a long term tenant for the site.</p>
Multi-use Courts	<p>The multi sports courts will be available for training and informal games. The courts will still be eligible for tennis.</p>
Noise Spill	<p>Rules and guidelines will be introduced as recommended by the City's Environmental Health Team.</p>
Light Spill	<p>All new light LED have good control spillage and directional guards. For tennis to continue on the multi sports courts, the lux levels will required to be 250, which is suitable for social play. The remaining courts will be at the standard of club competition level of 350 LUX.</p>
Halvorsen Hall/Robertson Park Artists' Studio	<p>Halvorsen Hall is outside the project scope. The upgrade can be considered separate to the development plan in line with the lease considerations.</p>

Lee Hop's Cottage/Jigsaw Office	Noted for consideration when the building becomes vacant.
Proposed Public Toilets	The toilet has been relocated in the revised plan
Park Fences	Noted for consideration at detailed design phase. The fenced area of Lee Hops Cottage is included in the tenants leased area. This can be considered when the premises becomes vacant.
Mid-path chicanes	Noted.
Park lighting	Noted and in the revised plan.
Bins	Concerns have been referred to the Safer Vincent and Waste team.
Seating	Seating is included in the plan
Artworks and Interpretation Graphics	It is recommended that Public Art upgrades also be used as interpretative signage for the Wetlands Heritage Trail Upgrade. Artwork designs will 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.
Replanting	Referred to our Parks team to consider outside the Development Plan.
Graffiti	Referred to the Safer Vincent team.
Repairs	Referred to our Parks team to consider outside the Development Plan.
Signage	Signage pollution has been an issue across the City and currently being investigated separately.
Wetland shared maintenance	Noted and consultation will occur at detailed design for the new public open space area.
The Continued Evolution of the Park	Noted.

Written Submission 2

In general, I support the submission made by the Friends of Robertson Park (FORP). They are to be recommended for the thoroughness, clarity of thought, and level of detail.

I do, however, have some other areas of concern.

Number of Tennis Courts

I believe that the city should be seriously looking at reducing the number of tennis courts to below 20 – possibly even down to 10 plus 3 multi-use courts.

When the proposal for the state tennis centre was made it provided for 20 courts, 16 outdoor and 4 indoor. It can be assumed that the bulk of the use of that centre would have been for elite users.

The report to council at that time also indicated that Vincent and the inner city in general were extremely well off in terms of members to court to ratios, and residents to court to ratios.

Vincent already has three tennis clubs, it does not need another. Adding another pseudo-club will just cannibalise membership of existing clubs.

So rather than having another facility at the scale and formality of those clubs, the City should consider a more scaled down concept, more in keeping with a more informal facility, where tennis is just one activity. As a child, individual tennis courts for hire were a common phenomenon. I had one as a neighbour and one over the road. They were privately owned and people just booked them when they needed them rather than belonging to a club.

The FORP submission suggested that the existing building could house a restaurant/café. So one option is for a café, with the tennis courts and multipurpose courts being almost an ancillary use. The café could manage bookings.

Reducing the number of courts and having them at the Fitzgerald Street end of the park would provide more space within the park for other active and passive uses in the quieter centre of the park. Uses as a small skate park or a more adventurous (nature based) playground that made use of the fantastic trees in the park could be contemplated. I suggested putting the courts at the Fitzgerald Street end as they would not suffer being against a main road whereas more passive uses or uses involving children are better located within the park itself.

The argument for having a 20 court minimum is purely based on providing a potential manager with the required income. While the current courts are heavily used at certain times, they are unused a lot of the time. It seems like the community is providing a lot of valuable space that might only get used on the weekends or summer evenings. If the use of the courts was an ancillary use to a café there may not be such a great need for as many courts.

I realise that this is probably a step too far for some.

I also object to the leading question in the survey about court numbers (Question 6). It simply asks for opinions about the move to 20 courts. If I support having less than 20 courts what am I supposed to answer? If I say I oppose going to 20 (because it is too high) then you will assume I'm against having a reduction; if I support going to 20 (because it is a move in the right direction) you will assume I support 20. I realise that I can, and have, put in a supporting document but the analysis of the answers to that question are open to interpretation and may provide a distorted answer. The question should have been "what number of courts would you support".

Use as a Water Retention Basin Sump

Randell Street is prone to flooding when there is heavy rain. There was a proposal some years ago to put a water retention basin in the north-east corner of the park. It was a bad idea as the basin would have needed to be deep, and would have rendered a portion of the park virtually unusable.

Now that there is a proposal to redevelop the northern section of the park, adjacent to Randell Street, the concept of a retention basin should be revisited.

Such large-scale basins are relatively common although most people don't realise. Because they have a large surface area, they do not have to be deep. In most cases people are not aware that their park is a retention basin that might get flooded once every few years. This is because to all intents and purposes they look like a normal park, and because the flooding takes place at times when they don't use the park because of the heavy rain.

The City should look at dropping the level of sections of the park adjacent to Randell Street. I would envisage it would only need to be in the order of 300 mm but this would depend on the surface area and would need proper hydraulic analysis. It could coincide with the grassed areas on the north side so people are not even aware of it.

Such a move would give comfort to the residents of Randell Street and would be a smart move given the predictions that we will experience increased instances of short duration storms in the future.

Move the Dog Area

The current dog area is quite large and is in the only real unobstructed open space in the park. The area in the north east corner of the park is of similar size but has some trees in the middle. Dogs don't particularly worry about trees when they run around so it would be just as suitable as a dog exercise area. The north-east corner is also away from busy Fitzgerald Street and is not adjacent to the main bike path through the park.

Moving the dog exercise area to the north-east corner would provide a new open space where people can play ball sports, or kids could fly a kite. Perhaps it could become an occasional softball field with equipment hired from the café.

Other facilities

As I suggested, the existing dog exercise area could be an informal softball pitch. A facility for social volleyball, on the grass, would be good as well. Using a multi-use court is not acceptable. A volleyball court could go in the area near Halvorsen Hall rather than in the existing dog area.

A small skate park may also be welcome – depends on the age profile.

Toilet

I strongly support having public toilets in the park but I do not support spending money on putting in a new toilet facility. There are already toilets in the existing facility and the money that was to be spent on the new toilet could be better spent on making the existing toilets more accessible.

By including them in the existing facility it will ensure that they are more closely supervised and kept clean. My experience with Exceloo (?) facilities is poor to disgusting. The toilet that the City installed in Banks Reserve is a classic example of what not to do. For anybody to think that a toilet without a seat is acceptable is mind boggling.

Public toilets don't have to have 24/7 access. Having them open at the same times as the café/sports centre is acceptable.

Response to Written Submission 2	
Community Comments - Submission is below	Administrations Comments
Introduction & support of FORP Proposal	Noted.
Number of tennis courts	<p>The City has worked closely with Tennis West to ensure there is an appropriate level of tennis provision within the Perth Metropolitan area and City of Vincent, whilst ensuring the facility is sustainable. Informal usage can still be play at Robertson Park and this is why many player enjoy playing there. The multi sports courts will still be available for tennis. In the revised plan the number of Tennis Courts have reduced to 18 and this is the minimal requirement and 4 multi sports court, in which will be available for Tennis.</p> <p>The comments are noted regarding question 6 of the survey, it is understood that this could be misinterpreted. This point has been considered when reviewing the consultation. Many submitters provided commentary around the number of courts in the survey when asked "Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the Tennis Centre? Is there anything that we've missed, or that you would like to propose?".</p>
Use as a Water Retention Basin Sump	<p>The City is aware of the flooding on Randell Street. Due to the existing drainage issue and additional hard courts surfaces the revised plan proposes a rain garden to capture stormwater runoff, treat water pollutants and allow infiltration back into the ground. Additionally in the revised plan the northern tennis courts are proposed further north to allow for a thoroughfare between tennis courts and allow for landscaping to capture the runoff.</p>
Move the dog area	<p>The dog exercise area was further investigated by Administration following community feedback, including the fenced area moving to another location in the park. In the revised plan the City proposes to extend the fence line and put in a low retaining wall that serves as a small fence and seat. This will help improve the safety of both park users and dogs.</p>
Other facilities	<p>Volleyball can be played on a hard court surface. The revised plan does not propose enclosing the dog exercise area allowing for informal sports to continue. A skate park was investigated and Robertson Park is not a suitable location.</p>
Toilet	<p>The public toilet has been relocated in the revised plan. The new location is in a more visible area reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour. It is not feasible to have public toilets in the Tennis Centre, as this is a leased area.</p>

Community Workshop Notes

Notes from 23rd May

IDEAS

- community garden needs to be maintained. - not very popular.
- more amenity in the green area.
- lighting is really important - can't have dark areas.
- the more benches, the better
- rangers on carpark @ Robertson Park.
- does cottage need to be fenced? would be good to remove.
- minimise signage throughout park.
- circular walk around the site - could use existing paths.
- vegetation increased.
- building on exercise equipment.
- like new paths. - all that is needed
- wetlands recognition sculpture / plaque.



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DOG EXERCISE

↳ people love it!

IDEAS



- off lead in other areas. - signs needed to permit this. - ~~Desert~~
- low fence allows visibility & makes feel welcome
- continue hedge. Helps as barrier.
- improve existing fence to NS so that it is a barrier
- bench in the shade possible table. - long wooden bench structure
- don't take BBQ. - well used.
- more bins - near bus stop there used to be one & should be replaced
- signage saying that this is a DOG PARK this could list good dog park rules e.g. good play
↳ at entrance would be good

PLAYGROUND
 - gate from tennis to playground?
 - location is fabulous

- mixed views on toilets - more in support
- Hyde Park toilets not good. Stirling street toilet good
- put toilet on Fitzgerald in lit area or near cycling tools? - cycling tools need replacement
- short time frame on cleaning.

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IDEAS



Community garden (support)

- how do you keep it safe?
- fencing takes away from a community feel.
- wander through during the day locked up @ night?
- storage?
- meeting space?
- is the size big enough?

Carpark - the car park is being used by the police for commuter car parking (get picked up in groups!!!).

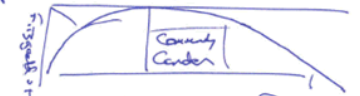
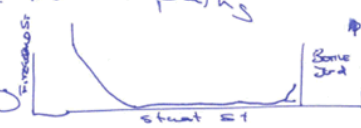
- ACD access to the facility is not great. There is a sharp kerb from the car-park to the tennis centre.

Check - plan says synthetic courts but believe the plan is for hard courts?


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IDEAS - NEW OPEN SPACE



- Shade trees along Rodell + turf along courts:
 - open for spectators looking south.
 - open walking area rather than planting
 - roots would impact courts
- Claisebrook Catchment Group would like to discuss working together to rehabilitate the new open space - could get funding
- Move Wetland Heritage Trail through middle of car park past Italian Club + across Fitzgerald Street via a pedestrian crossing. Remove wall on Northern side of Italian Club Car park.
- Circular walk around the park is suggested but should be a circular path rather than just along the ~~edge~~ edge
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- Bridge over the dry stream on the Stuart Street side. Follow the internal paths that have been gauged through the bush
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- Replace ugly fence on the northern side of the wetland planting
- Right of way on the northern side of the Bottleyard is not open - could this be opened up?
- Remove public toilet + open the tennis centre ~~to~~ toilets to the public with the City maintaining.
- Extend the car park to east + remove a tennis court so can create an entrance to the buildings
- Lease out all three buildings + use tennis to corner entry building.

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- love the community garden.
 - keep catchment 2km.
 - better utilise Halian Club carpark
 - perimeter planting on Randell St to reduce noise but retain grass for future expansion of the community garden.
 - \$1 million is a lot - not sustainable.
- IDEAS**
- Remove two tennis courts. add in a lawn bowls rink, boule, bocce (synthetic surface)
 - entrances/access on Palmerston St.
 - use existing dog exercise perimeter fencing
 - local needs first (inner city not Vincent's outer suburbs) this going to be a disaster for locals!
 - put angle parking on Randell St.
 - women's shed.
 - community garden is too small.
 - public liquor licence - also serve food.
 - will be very noisy, bouncing balls, whistles NO!
 - parking issues already - how will enforce parking laws.
 - Hitting wall within the Tennis facility
 - Parking concerns raised around Not Enough To meet Proposed Demands
 - must be fenced overnight.
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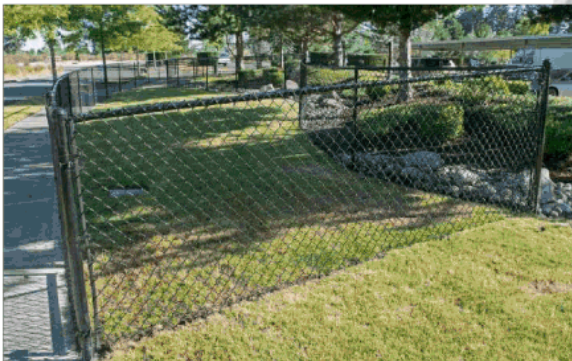
- Community Garden - good to do a survey – what is the real demand
 - Dog fence – use the existing fences
 - I don't agree with fencing in the dog exercise area
 - Some of the dogs run into the cars and interact with bicycle
 - My kids have autism. Parents are inner City. I need a fenced area for my children
 - We don't want barriers. There is enough fencing off. Keep it with an open feeling
 - Could we use hedging instead of metal fencing
 - Nice if fencing is unobtrusive
 - Public open space – rather see planting
 - Not supportive of separate toilet facilities.
 - I prefer the public not being able to have access to the community centre toilets
 - Security and toilet issue. It will always have problems with drug and alcohol. Issue is how it is managed.
 - Local Development – Italian Club
 - Water easement through the site which is a more obvious connectivity
 - Link to Fitzgerald plan carpark. Real potential – wetlands heritage trail – final link through to Dorian Gardens. Provide better car parking
 - Claisebrook Catchment Group. Long history. Community visioning. Wetlands created.
 - Redevelopment of car park
 - Use as a community facility. More welcoming, rather than rat run. It will be more accessible for the community. Renaissance. Open the entrance, make it clear where the café and bar is. Perhaps
 - History of Park – established as centre for women's support, women's basketball (netball), lacrosse, etc. There are fantastic records of women's support here. Create and memorialise women's support here.
 - Indigenous involvement – early camps recorded here Important location.
- one court is sacrificed to create an entry. Don't get the visual entry at the moment.
- 3 multi-purpose courts. Thoroughly endorse more women and girls. Could also be part of the tennis court contingent. The multi-purpose could also be used for tennis and free up more space.
 - Netball and multicourt that is more open to the general community.
 - Multiple use courts – make sure it is easy to access.
 - Art Studio. Story of students. In the studio for 20 years (100 to 600 people exhibitions). We run 7 to 8 classes each week. Not keen on dog park. Lots of windows broken over the years. Disposed needles. Tom and Cynthia's stories. Real stories of people who attend. Issues with security, scary experiences, so apologise if we appear locked off. But if you see our signage out, please come and see us. Tried to have morning teas under the trees. It is a small space. We are not elitist, but need some security. Teach 20 hours per week. Look up website (set up 2001). We aren't PR orientated. More than welcome to come over.
 - Desire to use the kiln – one of the few kilns in the City. Can the community access the art studio? Can we create more amenity for the community.
 - Age and accessible playground equipment.
 - Flying fox at Braithwaite could taken 120kg for parent plus child, or adult only.
 - Hit up wall for tennis.
 - This park is used for young adult individuals. (Aboriginal community) Make sure they are involved
- Indigenous name – settled with Noongar families. Opportunity for dual naming. (Strong support in room)
 - Arrangement of greening of the area – make sure it picks up the indigenous heritage in plantings.
 - Aboriginal heritage trail – project funding has been received. Project set up for new financial year.
 - Involve indigenous owners and design review panel in planting, landscaping.



TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF PROPOSED COMMUNITY GARDEN AREA



TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF 'MODUS' TOILET



TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF PROPOSED 'FENCED' DOG EXERCISE AREA






TYPICAL EXAMPLE SYNTHETIC TENNIS COURTS



TYPICAL EXAMPLE MULTI SPORTS GROUND

LEGEND

-  PROPOSED SHARED PATH
-  EXISTING SHARED PATH
-  PROPOSED NEW TREES (SPECIES TO BE DETERMINED)



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