

9.10 WOODVILLE RESERVE LANDSCAPE PLAN

- Attachments:**
- 1. Woodville Reserve Landscape Plan**
 - 2. Community Consultation Summary**
 - 3. Draft Woodville Reserve Landscape Plan**
 - 4. Woodville Reserve Landscape Perspectives**

RECOMMENDATION:**That Council:**

- 1. ENDORSES the Woodville Reserve Landscape Plan, included as Attachment 1; and**
- 2. NOTES the submissions received during the community consultation period and Administration's response, included as Attachment 2, in relation to the Draft Woodville Reserve Landscape Plan, included as Attachment 3.**

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To seek Council's endorsement of the Woodville Reserve Landscape Plan (**Attachment 1**) and note the submissions received during the community consultation period (**Attachment 2**) in relation to the Draft Woodville Reserve Landscape Plan (**Attachment 3**).

BACKGROUND:

On 12 February 2013 at its Ordinary Meeting, Council adopted the 2012 Woodville Reserve Master Plan (Master Plan). Since adoption, only a few elements of the Master Plan have been delivered, including the North Perth Community Garden and Vincent Men's Shed.

On 20 August 2019 at its Ordinary Meeting, Council adopted the City of Vincent Corporate Business Plan 2018/19 – 2021/22 including Item 4.1 Review, Prepare and Implement Woodville Reserve Master Plan. This item was scheduled to be delivered from 2019/20 – 2021/22. The description of works included:

Review the 2012 Woodville Reserve Master Plan and prepare a revised Plan that effectively responds to current/future community needs, maximises land use and asset sustainability, and aligns with Council's focus.

On 17 August 2021 at its Ordinary Meeting, Council adopted the City of Vincent Corporate Business Plan 2021/22-2024/25 (CBP) including the Four-Year Capital Works Program 2021/22-2024/25. The CBP includes Strategic Project #4 - Asset Management Sustainability Strategy and Service Area Deliverable - Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan. The Asset Management and Sustainability Strategy and Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan seek to ensure that the City plans and manages resources and assets in an efficient and sustainable manner.

On 16 November 2021 at its Ordinary Meeting, Council adopted the City's Asset Management and Sustainability Strategy. The Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan is anticipated to be completed in 2022, with implementation scheduled to follow.

The Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and Asset Management and Sustainability Strategy are integral to the development of the Master Plan, and it is proposed that the development of the Master Plan be completed following these informing documents. This would enable the Master Plan to be better aligned to a City-wide approach, and better inform the future direction of the site through its implementation.

The Master Plan project is currently constrained due to available funding and an interim Woodville Reserve Landscape Plan (Landscape Plan) is proposed to guide the implementation of site improvements in the short-term, prior to the development of the Master Plan. To align with the Asset Management Sustainability Strategy and future Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan, the CBP outlines the Woodville Reserve Landscape Plan as Strategic Project #5, to develop and implement a landscape plan to enhance Woodville Reserve. This will respond to current community needs, maximise land use and asset sustainability.

Woodville Reserve currently contains several community facilities and incorporates a turf sporting field, outdoor playground, and an informal nature play area which are all accessible to the public. The community facilities at Woodville Reserve have developed incrementally over time and are mostly identified as single use amenities that are nearing end of life. The groups and respective facilities are well patronised, although incremental developments have created a spatial disconnection across the site, inhibiting the ability for co-location and relationship building between the local groups.

The City enables community facilities to be tenanted and used through respective user agreements. The current primary Woodville Reserve site tenants/users include:

- North Perth Community Garden;
- North Perth United Soccer Club;
- North Perth Bowling Club;
- North Perth Tennis Club; and
- Vincent Men's Shed.

DETAILS:

Landscape Plan

The purpose of the Landscape Plan is to provide small scale elements that enhance the current site, but also allow the area to be easily incorporated into any future developments that the Master Plan may outline.

Community consultation was carried out between 11 August and 5 September 2021 on the Draft Woodville Reserve Landscape Plan (**Attachment 3**). A summary of this community consultation is included as **Attachment 2**.

The Landscape Plan (**Attachment 1**) has been updated to incorporate the feedback received through the community consultation process. The Landscape Plan considers opportunities to improve connectivity across the site, and create a more inviting, usable, and safe open space for the community to enjoy. The Landscape Perspectives included as (**Attachment 4**) illustrate this activation from Namur Street.

The Landscape Plan responds to the key stakeholder and community feedback, and works to achieve the following objectives:

- Create a more inviting, accessible, safe, and useable public open space.
- Improve connectivity and wayfinding across the site.
- Provide additional nature-based recreation opportunities and play elements.
- Provide additional tree canopy and natural eco-zoning/vegetation.
- Provide additional opportunities for passive recreation.
- Ensure site improvements are considered, future-proofed, and can integrate with any future Master Plan.

The City's Public Open Space Strategy gap analysis identifies a shortage of local public open spaces in the North Perth area, and the implementation of the Landscape Plan would assist to address this shortfall. The Landscape Plan considers existing funding limitations and aligns with the City's Public Open Space Strategy.

The Landscape Plan aims to enhance the public open space, incorporating the following key elements:

- **Incorporate the embankment area to the west of the croquet lawn:** The North Perth Tennis Club lease agreement is currently in a holding over phase. An opportunity has been identified to extend landscaping improvements to incorporate the embankment area to the west of the croquet lawn. To facilitate the implementation of this opportunity, it is proposed that the 'Croquet Lawn' referenced in the NPTC lease agreement is excised from the lease area when the lease extension is offered. This will enable this area to be managed by the City, to facilitate the maximisation of public open space within the Landscape Plan.
- **Earthworks and preparation of site:** These works are essential to enable a smooth implementation of the proposed landscape elements.
- **Removal or enhancement of existing site fencing:** The existing fencing that separates the grassed area from the pop-up play will be removed to better connect the two spaces. In addition, a portion of the fencing to the northern edge of the site is in poor condition and will be replaced with new fencing for a refreshed look that aligns with the new pedestrian entry.

- **Increased planting and canopy cover:** By enhancing the natural amenity of the north-west portion of Woodville Reserve, this public open space becomes more attractive and usable to its visitors. Increasing the canopy cover and planting aligns with the objectives set out in the City's Greening Plan 2018-2023 and the key target for *Urban Greening & Biodiversity* as outlined in the City's *Sustainable Environment Strategy 2019-2024*.
- **Natural eco-zoning:** Through converting a portion of the grassed area into native garden, the ongoing watering requirement will be significantly reduced in these areas. This outcome aligns with the key target for Water as outlined in the City's Sustainable Environment Strategy 2019-2024.
- **Retention and enhancement of the current nature play area:** The current condition of the pop-up play elements are in a poor condition. There is a perceived health and safety risk in relation to unsuitable items being dumped in the space, which became evident through the community consultation process. The City recognise the community's desire to retain the play space and believe the health and safety risks can be addressed by clearing the site of the unsuitable materials and formalising the play space by utilising fit-for-purpose nature play elements.
- **Retention of current sports lighting for recreation and event purposes:** Retaining the operational sports lighting contributes to achieving CPTED outcomes and will allow the space to continue to be utilised for night-time recreation and events held by both the tenants and the wider community.
- **Enhancement of existing park furniture:** The proposal to repaint the existing gazebo and associated furniture with bright colours is the result of community feedback received through the consultation process. This work will aim to provide a more vibrant and inviting outcome for visitors.
- **Installation of additional park furniture including bench seats:** There is value in providing additional bench seating to further enhance the environment and improve usability.
- **Expand irrigation through the site:** There is currently irrigation to the western half of the grassed area in front of North Perth Tennis Club. The irrigation would be expanded to cover the whole grassed area. Planting would be conducted in winter for a better survival rate, and once established should not require ongoing reticulation as only native and water-wise species will be used. Irrigation is currently being provided by the bore serviced by North Perth Tennis Club through their lease agreement. It is proposed that the City take on this asset through future lease arrangements due to the extension of the irrigation area that will now service public open space.
- **Removal and transplant of trees:**
 - Three small citrus trees have been earmarked for transplant to the community garden area. Though the trees are not significant, the City recognise the value of retaining these. In their current location they prevent the implementation of the proposed access path through the site, from Namur to Farmer Street. Transplanting the trees would enable the installation of the new path and would allow the trees to be managed as part of the community garden activities.
 - Several small trees and saplings have been planted by the Men's Shed along the eastern edge of the car park area. These trees are not well suited to this location, and it is anticipated their roots will undermine the retaining wall that borders the North Perth Bowling Club to the east. Removal of these trees is recommended. Following removal, native hedging shrubs will be planted along the eastern and southern fence lines to provide for greening of this area.
 - One tree located on the northern edge of the pop-up play area is recommended for removal. It is anticipated that the tree's root system will eventually undermine the adjacent retaining wall.
- **Improved pedestrian connections and wayfinding:**
 - The proposed access path through the site will provide pedestrians with a direct connection from Namur Street to Farmer Street. This element was a common request made by community members throughout the consultation process. The northern end of the new access path will integrate with the wider path network on Namur Street via a path connection running east to west. The southern end of the path will integrate with the existing pedestrian pathway on Farmer Street. The new paths will work to enhance the usability of Woodville Reserve by prioritising pedestrian activity.
 - An opportunity for interpretative signage elements has been identified, to be located at the northern end of the new access path. This sign will provide wayfinding and other information relating to the reserve. This feature would further enhance the usability of Woodville Reserve.

CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

Through community consultation it was communicated that the Landscape Plan will look to improve the amenity of the north-western portion of Woodville Reserve, in advance of a longer-term Master Plan being developed.

The consultation campaign included:

- Social media campaign and news item on the City's website.
- Postcard drop to residents in a 400m radius of the north-west portion of the reserve (1215 postcards).
- Postcard drop to local cafés/businesses along Angove Street and Fitzgerald Street.
- Signage at Woodville Reserve.
- Imagine Vincent project page containing the online survey.
- Pop-up engagements at the north-west portion of the reserve.
Pop-up engagement session times:

Wednesday 25 August 2021	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday 28 August 2021	9:30am – 11:00am

A summary of the community consultation is included as **Attachment 2**.

LEGAL/POLICY:

- Community and Stakeholder Engagement Policy.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

Low: It is low risk for Council to endorse the Woodville Reserve Landscape 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.*

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 town centres and gathering spaces are safe, easy to use and attractive places where pedestrians have priority.

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*
- *Reduced exposure to ultraviolet radiation*

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

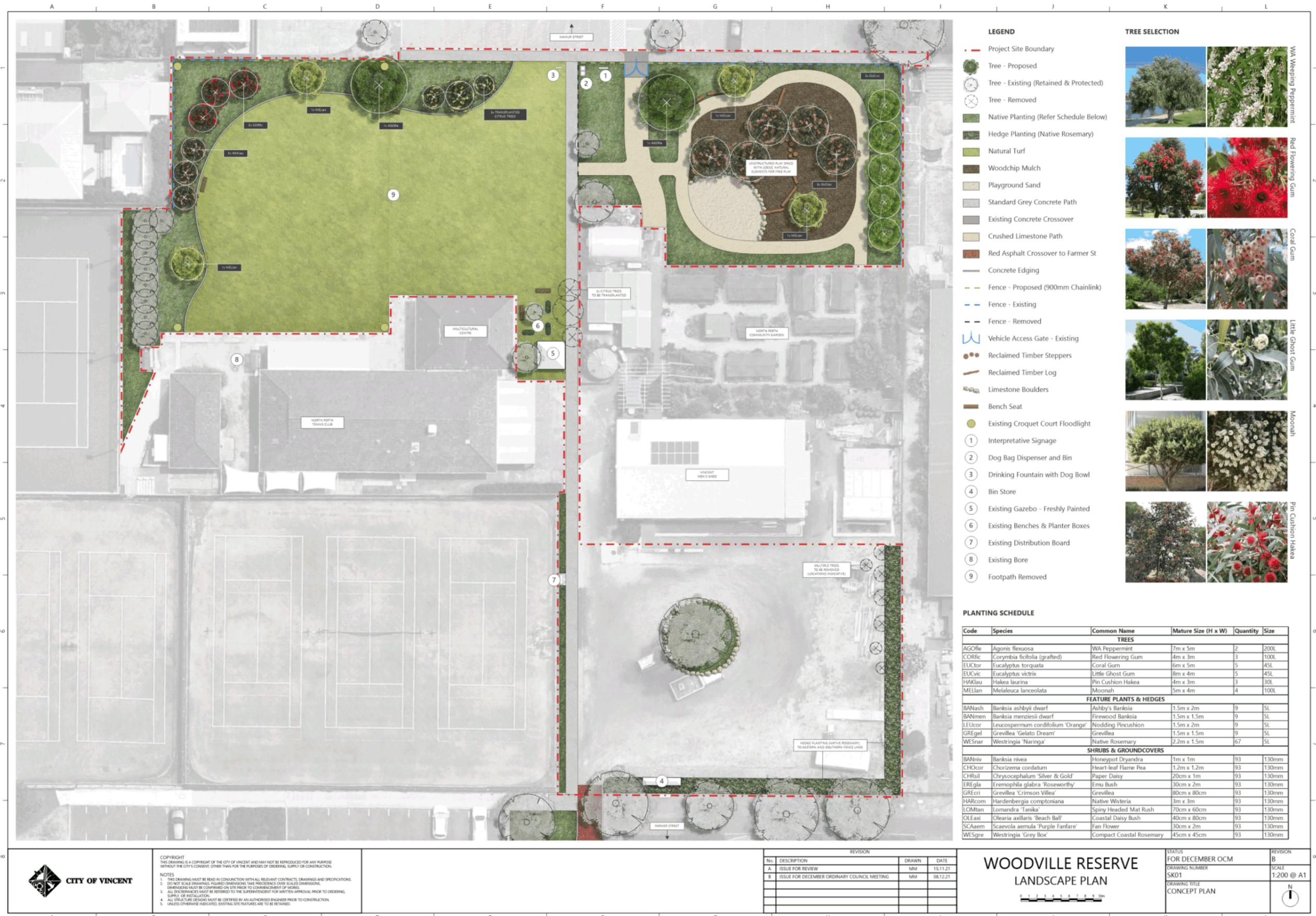
Estimated costs associated with implementing the Landscape Plan have been revised to incorporate the latest updates to the design. These costs are summarised as follows:

ITEM	COST
Earthworks	\$3,796.50
Weed Control	\$225.50
Pavement and Surface Finishes	\$7,390.00
Concrete Edging	\$2,784.00
Planting including Soil Conditioner and Mulch	\$23,443.15
Tree Planting including Root Control Barrier	\$4,750.00
Bench Seats	\$3,500.00
Bin and Dog Bag Dispenser	\$300.00
Chainmesh Fencing	\$3,600.00
Interpretative Signage	\$1,570.00
Bin Store	\$2,000.00
Drinking Fountain with Dog Bowl	\$6,960.00
Re-Painting of Gazebo and Benches	\$500.00
Reclaimed Timber Steppers	\$2,772.00
Irrigation (Provisional Sum)	\$7,500.00
TOTAL	\$71,091.15

The Landscape Plan is attributed \$80,000 in the City's 2021/22 annual operating budget to allow for contingency.

COMMENTS:

Woodville Reserve is an active recreational hub in North Perth with a range of users and tenants that offer valuable services and initiatives to the community. Given the proposed deferral of the Master Plan, the Landscape Plan would improve the public open space provision in North Perth, increase canopy cover, and provide the community with an additional recreational green space.





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Community Consultation Summary 2021



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Overview

The City were able to engage in consultation with a variety of community members to assist with developing the Woodville Reserve Landscape Plan. Community consultation for the Draft Woodville Reserve Landscape Plan commenced on 11 August 2021 and closed 5 September 2021. The following methods were used to raise community awareness and seek feedback during the consultation period:

- Social media campaign and news item on the City's website.
- Postcard drop to residents in a 400m radius of the north-west portion of the reserve (1215 postcards).
- Postcard drop to local cafés/businesses along Angove Street and Fitzgerald Street.
- Signage at Woodville Reserve.
- Imagine Vincent project page containing the online survey.
- Pop-up engagements at the north-west portion of the reserve

The summary of submissions to the online survey are as follows:

- Survey Participants: 11
- Total Page Visits: 170
- Document Downloads: 66
- Email Submissions: 5
- Pop-up Visitors: 9

All online submissions have been included in the detailed summary below. Email submissions and pop-up engagement comments have been included under the relevant category.

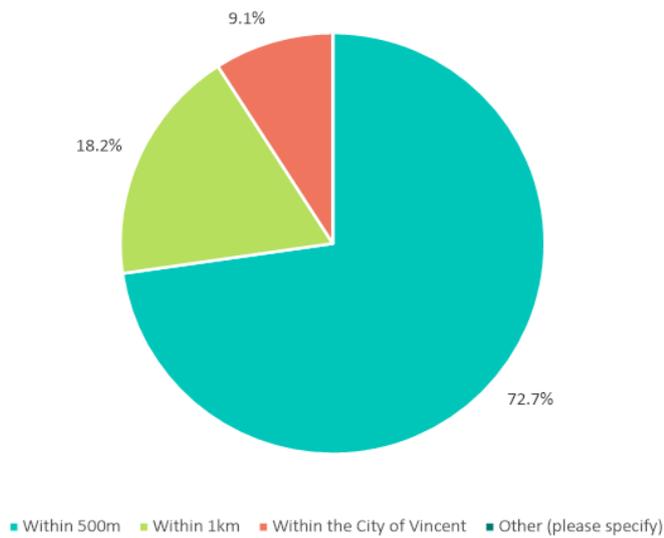
Online Survey Results

Question 1: How close do you live to Woodville Reserve?

Two respondents made multiple submissions (two submissions each), and one respondent who selected 'Other' lives within 500m of the reserve. The data has been adjusted to take these factors into account. The adjusted figures are as follows:

- Within 500m: 8 respondents = 72.7%
- Within 1km: 2 respondents = 18.2%
- Within the City of Vincent: 1 respondent = 9.1%
- Other (please specify): 0 respondents = 0%

These figures are expressed in following pie-chart:



'Other' comments:

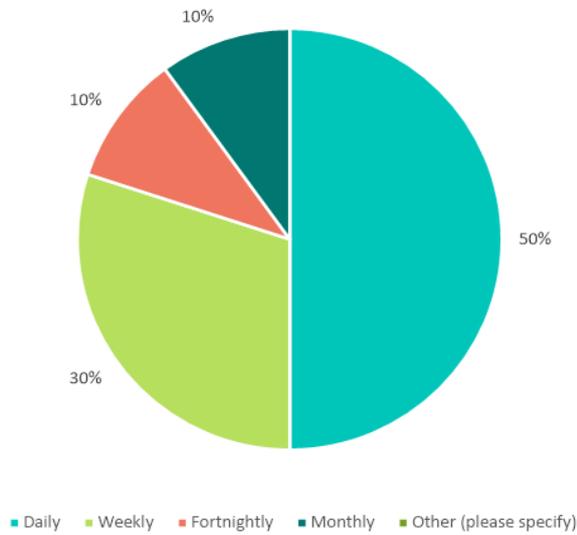
- *I live right on the reserve in question, my home is in the photo.*

Question 2: How often do you visit Woodville Reserve?

The initial survey responses included multiple submission by two of the respondents. The data has been adjusted to take this into account. The adjusted figures are as follows:

- Daily: 5 respondents = 50%
- Weekly: 3 respondents = 30%
- Fortnightly: 1 respondent = 10%
- Monthly: 1 respondent = 10%
- Other (please specify): 0 respondents

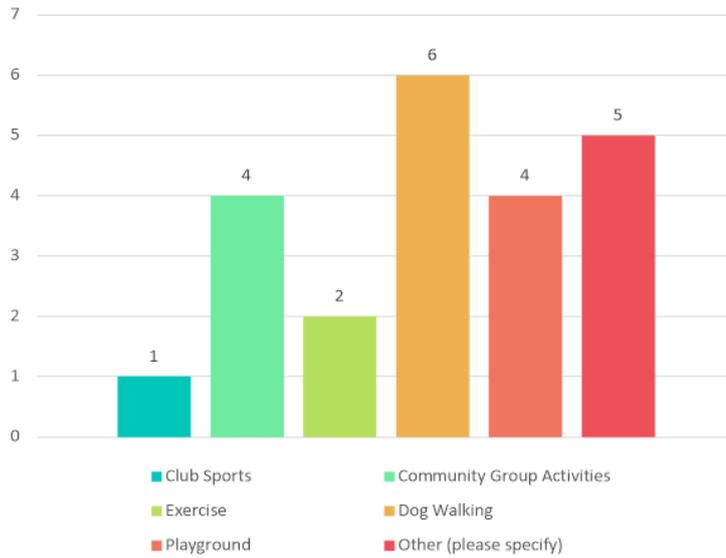
These figures are expressed in following pie-chart:



Question 3: What do you visit Woodville Reserve for?

The survey allowed for multiple answers within a single response. In addition, two respondents made multiple submissions (two submissions each). The data has been adjusted to take these factors into account.

The adjusted figures are represented in the following column chart:



'Other' comments:

- *Practice cartwheels and backflips, play with our small dog. Throw Frisbee, kick a ball. Kids year 6 meet their friends there, walk through the area to school (NPPS). Kids have always loved playing hide and seek in this park.*
- *I meet my friends there every day before school. I ride my bike there and we play football or build bike jumps next to the community garden.*
- *Thoroughfare*
- *Birthday parties at pavilion*
- *Walk through it on way to angove st*

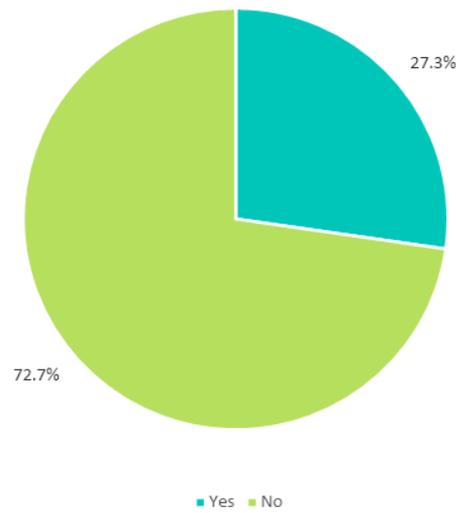
The survey findings indicate that over half of the respondents visit Woodville Reserve for Dog Walking. Other common reasons for visiting the reserve are Community Group Activities and Playground.

Question 4: Are you a member or associated with a group or sporting club operating at Woodville Reserve?

The initial survey responses included duplicate submissions by two of the respondents. The data has been adjusted to take this into account. The adjusted figures are as follows:

- Yes: 3 respondents = 27.3%
- No: 8 respondents = 72.7%

These figures are expressed in following pie-chart:

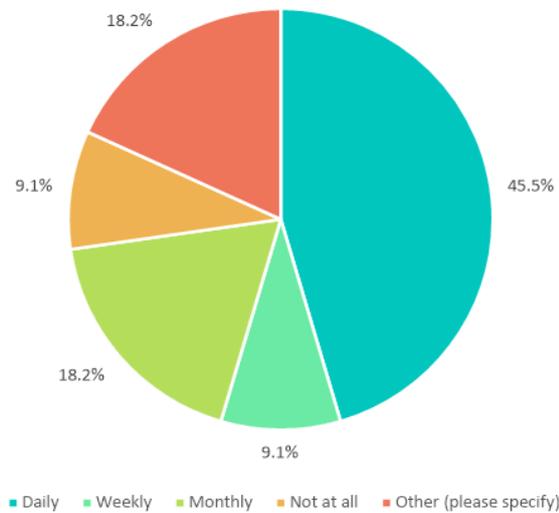


Question 5: How often do you visit the north-west area of Woodville Reserve?

The initial survey responses included multiple submission by two of the respondents. The data has been adjusted to take this into account. The adjusted figures are as follows:

- Daily: 5 respondents = 45.5%
- Weekly: 1 respondent = 9.1%
- Monthly: 2 respondents = 18.2%
- Not at all: 1 respondent = 9.1%
- Other (please specify): 2 respondents = 18.2%

These figures are expressed in following pie-chart:



'Other' comments:

- *several times a week*
- *Annually*

Question 6: How do you feel about the draft Landscape Plan?

Respondents provided the following comments:

- *Support the lawned areas and trees proposed.*
- *It's good but needs to focus on 1. Improving the pop up play which at the moment is just a junk pile. I will not let my kids play here. Surely something nice can be done here rather than it looking like a council verge pick up. 2. Car park facing farmer street. This looks really ugly and run down. Surely can be landscaped, paved or something rather than being dirt. 3. Signage that the grass area facing Namur street is public park not part of tennis court. 4. A clear pathway from Namur street to farmer street.*
- *I like the the pop-up nature playground, but there should be stuff for us to make things ourselves. I would like having more trees because we could climb them and I like the open space where we could still play football. I like going there because there aren't dogs there. We don't like playing at Woodville Reserve because theres to many dogs and dog mess. Maybe this space could be made dog free because dogs can already go to Woodville Reserve.*
- *The plan represents cheap short term tinkering in lieu of proper refurbishment based on a proper Master Plan, but its better than nothing.
It would be useful to know the projected cost of the Woodville spruce up and how this compares to spending on refurbishment of parks and play areas in other areas of the city (Banks Reserve Active Zone; Britannia Reserve Pump Track). North Perth's resident population of over 9,000 represents a quarter of the overall Vincent population. Its rate-paying residents should be able to enjoy parks and public amenities of equal quality to other surrounding Vincent suburbs.
If funding for a proper refurbishment of Woodville Reserve is not available at this time, it would be helpful to understand when and if it will be prioritised in future and when we can expect the Master Plan to be drafted and implemented. North Perth's major parks (Woodville Reserve; Charles Veryard and Kyilla) are effectively its distributed 'town centres' where residents meet, exercise, socialise on a regular basis. There should be better recognition of the importance of these reserves, including and especially Woodville because of its range of users and resident groups and clubs. Redevelopment and maintenance of these public reserves should be prioritised or afforded equal priority over development of commercial town centres.*
- *I agree with the concept of improvement.*
- *Great. Would be good to link all of the parts of that area.*
- *I feel that the play area should move further west, to allow the community garden to expand north, and the Men's Shed be allowed to expand south.*
- *I think the plan is moving in a positive direction to enhance community amenity. The existing space is surrounding tennis club, community garden, men's shed, blowing club and oval is an 'unloved and under utilised' space in desperate need of improvement. This landscape plan goes someway to achieving this in the interim.*
- *My child meets his friends at the tennis courts every morning before school to kick the football around. They go there to avoid the dog poo on Woodville oval. Please please do not allow dog walkers on this space. They have the oval already. They do not need a children's playground as well.*

Question 7: Are there any features or additional greenery you would you see that add value to the draft Landscape Plan?

Respondents provided the following comments:

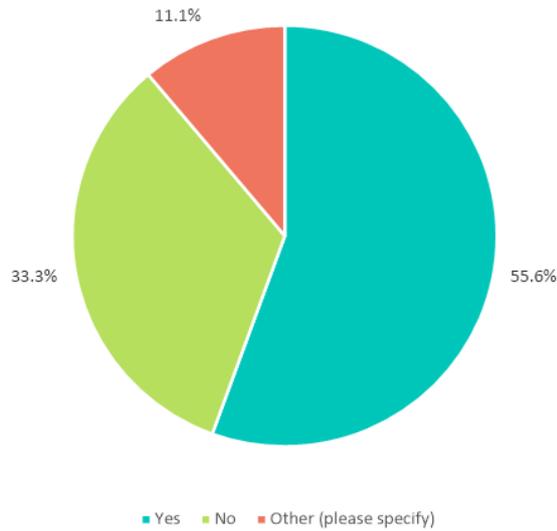
- *As above - make the pop up play something attractive and not just a junk pile.*
- *A mix of native and other trees suitable for kids to climb (and eat from) would be good. Given the lack of a climbing play structure in the main design, fast growing trees that kids can climb could be part of nature play. Nature Play WA lists the following trees - Great climbing trees (<https://www.natureplaywa.org.au/celebrity-top-tips/>) some of which are native, and none of which are included in the plan.*
- *I'd like to see a fenced off grassed area that could be hired out. It could be used for dog training, when dogs are in season and safe exercise for reactive dogs. It could also perhaps be hired out for parties, picnics etc where a safe, private area is desirable*
- *I would like to see some flowering ornamental trees i.e Snow Pear etc. It was suggested to use 2-3 metre shrubs instead of large trees that have been listed in landscape plan.*
- *Some nature play for kids and a nice area for picnics or bbqs*
- *A drinking fountain with dog drinking bowl in vicinity of pop up play area eg near access gate. Or near relocated gazebo. See my comments to question 9. Built structures such as seating and gazebo should be in bright colours or painted with indigenous motifs or abstract flora and fauna representations; Avoid dark jarrah picnic bench seating as located in North Perth Common - unimaginative and uninviting seating*
- *Shade trees are great but would also like shrubs to attract birds and Banksia trees to attract black cockatoos.*

Question 8: Do you think the amount of tree coverage will provide sufficient shade?

The initial survey responses included multiple submission by one respondent. The data has been adjusted to take this into account. The adjusted figures are as follows:

- Yes: 5 respondents = 55.6%
- No: 3 respondents = 33.3%
- Other (please specify): 1 respondent = 11.1%

These figures are expressed in following pie-chart:



'Other' comments:

- *Unsure as unfamiliar with how long it will take for trees to reach maturity*

Question 9: Do you have any comments on the layout of trees and eco-zoning on the draft Landscape Plan?

Respondents provided the following comments:

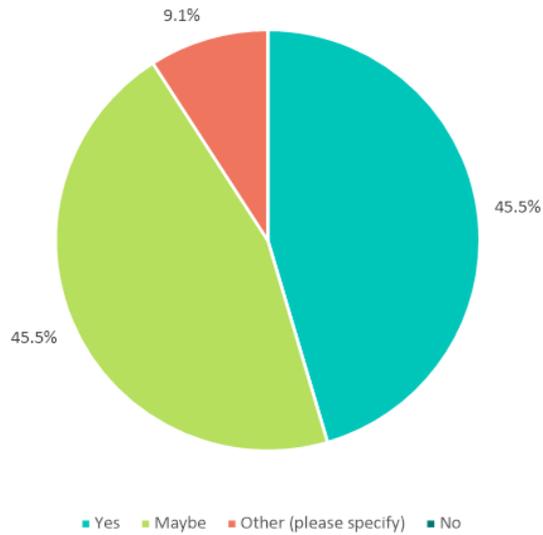
- *Love trees 2 and 3.*
- *No*
- *Ensure some of these trees are good climbing trees for kids and that the largest possible versions of these trees (not saplings) that can be successfully transplanted are sought and planted so the trees and shade can be established more quickly.*
- *I would suggest that the nth west corner be looked at by an landscape designer with consultation of the adjoining property owners.*
I feel that native trees and shrubs don't suit the area and a different tree/shrub selection would better suit. Being a blank canvas with plenty of shade for certain plant species the area could be transformed into a unique pocket of Woodville reserve and the City of Vincent/ Nth Perth.
Tall trees with invasive root systems will only create future problems with sewage lines, footings and general tree litter.
The large nut trees should be located in the play ground area in place of the eucalyptus trees.
- *No*
- *I think there should be more tree in the lawn area*
- *I don't think the gazebo are will be well utilised as it is out of the way from the main activity area i.e. popup play space, community garden and men's shed. Suggest it be located between community garden and popup play area.*
- *We need more trees in the nature play area but also need place to kick ball around away from the dog poo on Woodville reserve.*

Question 10: Do you think the draft Landscape Plan will improve the north to south connection through the site?

The initial survey responses included multiple submission by one respondent. The data has been adjusted to take this into account. The adjusted figures are as follows:

- Yes: 5 respondents = 45.5%
- Maybe: 5 respondents = 45.5%
- Other (please specify): 1 respondent = 9.1%
- No: 0 respondents = 0%

These figures are expressed in following pie-chart:



'Other' comments:

- *Needs to have a clear path and signage that public can walk through.*

Question 11: Do you have any suggestions to further improve the accessibility and connectivity of the site?

Respondents provided the following comments:

- *path along the edge for small kids to ride their scooters and bikes.*
- *Signage that a public park. Clean up the junk pile that is currently the pop up play. A clear path between Namur and farmer. Fixing the dirt messy parking lot on farmer.*
- *Put a ramp in instead of steps to make it easier to get bikes and prams.*
- *Suggestion is not to improve connectivity, but some signage may be need to allay the potential impacts of the greater connectivity; ie that kids and dogs should take care not to destroy the garden; that dog owners should pick up after their dogs so as not to foul the reserve for everyone else.*
- *Relocation of gazebo see comment to question 9*
- *Seating. Basket ball hoop.*

Question 12: Is there anything you would like to see added to the kids pop-up nature play area?

Respondents provided the following comments:

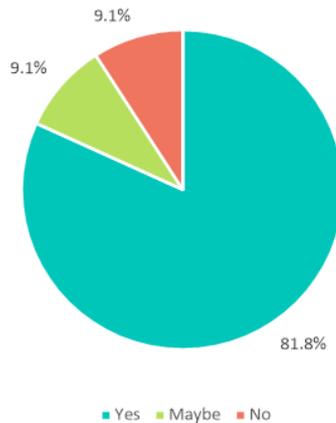
- *Love the nature concept. a trampoline that sits at ground level? Our kids would love love love Funky Monkey Bars that we cannot fit into their home. Kids would love one cool flat and round swing chairs (same as the one at Charles Veryard).*
- *Yes permanent proper fixtures not just a dumping ground of dangerous used mess.*
- *I like being able to make our own things with all the stuff that's there at the moment and hope that stays.*
- *Trees kids can climb; in lieu of that or in addition to that better use of men's shed expertise and labour to construct things kids can play on (possibly in collaboration with the kids). The Vincent' men's shed is a considerable community resource which has a large (and growing) footprint on the site. The members are not necessarily Vincent residents so it would be good to encourage them and give them opportunity to contribute to the community on their doorstep.*
- *Drinking fountain with dog drink bowl*
- *Needs to remain a fun place for kids to play.*

Question 13: Do you see yourself visiting Woodville Reserve more once these improvements have been completed?

The initial survey responses included multiple submission by one respondent. The data has been adjusted to take this into account. The adjusted figures are as follows:

- Yes: 9 respondents = 81.8%
- Maybe: 1 respondent = 9.1%
- No: 1 respondent = 9.1%

These figures are expressed in following pie-chart:



Question 14: Do you have any suggestions to improve the visual appeal of the southern car park area?

Respondents provided the following comments:

- *Landscaping*
- *Yes pave or bitumen the car park with landscaping. At the moment it looks run down and a disgrace.*
- *Ask Rotary to either move their caravan, or allow a community group to use it. More climbing trees on the Farmer Street boundary.*
- *Shrubs along fence line adjacent the Farmer St.
Car park could have recycled road material spread over existing gravel.*
- *Some public art or interactive art that kids and kids at heart could modify*
- *A better surface and more greenery.*
- *Level space, improve drainage and move rotary caravan or a least cut the weeds growing under the caravan. Plant trees or shrubs along fence line facing Farmer St*
- *No*

Question 15: Would you like to see any additional greenery in this area?

The initial survey responses included multiple submission by one respondent. The data has been adjusted to take this into account. The adjusted figures are as follows:

- Yes: 9 respondents = 100%
- No: 0 respondents = 0%
- Other (please specify): 0 respondents = 0%

Question 16: Do you have any further questions or suggestions in relation to the draft Landscape Plan?

- *This area should be such a well used space by the public however at present the car park is a dirt pile, the pop up play is dumping ground of used material while not many people are away that the grass area is public. I have lived around the corner for 10 years and only recently learnt it wasn't part of the tennis court and always felt bad walking between. But with proper path and signage and cleaning up the junk pop up play it can be well utilised.*
- *In the middle of the area sits the vacant community centre formerly occupied by the Multicultural Day Centre. This building is a considerable community resource lying fallow. There were previous queries or applications for it to be a mixed use community facility, however the Council decided to lease it to one organisation under a peppercorn lease arrangement and the plans for its future use and how this involves the community are unclear. The community should have been better consulted over this decision and in lieu of a long term tenant or mixed tenants the space could have been hired out similar to other Vincent facilities such as on Woodville.*
- *Just for the council to be in consultation with adjacent property holders.*
- *Nope*
- *Once landscaped the area needs to be maintained ie rubbish cleanup; replacement of planting that has died.*
- *Built structures such as seating and gazebo be in bright colours or painted with decorative motifs eg indigenous motifs. Don't have boring jarrah picnic table similar to one located at North Perth Commons*
- *"No dogs!!!
Wetland area maybe?"*

Over the Phone Comments

Conversation from 07/09/21

- *Installation of basketball half-court*
- *Supports the improvement of existing pop-up play area*
- *More formalisation of bike track*
- *Installation of shade elements*
- *Install solar lights for passive lighting*

Email Submissions

Written Submission 1

I think I missed the window for feedback on the Woodville upgrade area - but overall I think the landscaping proposal and new path placement looks good.

I do request that you make this a sign posted dog's on leash area though - I have young children and we struggle to use the East end of Woodville Park due the large number of dogs (particularly when kicking a ball!).

Summarised Submission	Administration Response
Request dog 'on leash' sign.	Woodville Reserve is currently a designated approved dog exercise area, so unfortunately this is not a feature the City can apply at this time.

Written Submission 2

- 1. Consideration is given to a waste bin being installed in the park to cater for dog and general waste. The NPTC does not have any bins on site now so park users will not be able to use our bins.*
- 2. Consideration to provide a Water stand for dogs and Park users.*

Summarised Submission	Administration Response
Consider general and dog waste bin.	Noted.
Consider drinking fountain with dog bowl.	Noted.

Written Submission 3

Below are my comments on the draft Woodville Reserve Landscape Plan. As stated below, although I live locally (directly across the road), I did not receive notification of the consultation period and have had considerably less time than the full period to prepare my submission and complete the survey form, hence sending my feedback via email (I have just looked at the survey form and it would take me a while to copy and paste my comments into the relevant sections).

I live less than 50 (fifty) metres away, and most days use the Woodville Reserve area for walking (commuting between home and Angove St) and exercise, and for weekly social gatherings with neighbours.

Consultation process

In providing this submission, I advise that I live directly opposite the affected area but did not receive any notification about consultation on the draft landscape plan. I saw the sign along the Namur St fence line near the pop-up playground, and then by accident saw the Council staff in attendance to discuss the plan on Saturday 28 August. I arrived soon before the City staff were due to finish. The staff were helpful, however it is disappointing that I received no notification and request a response on why this was the case.

Comments on draft plan

I support low-scale landscaping of the area in front of the tennis club, retaining pedestrian access that connects Namur St with Farmer St, and improved integration and maintenance with the adjoining area currently occupied by a pop-up playground. The lawn area and pop-up playground are used throughout the day by residents including school children (on their way to or from school) and retaining an open connectivity

and outlook is important from a community safety perspective, for example, if I am home and in my front garden people enjoying the lawn area including children often wave to me.

My main concerns are about the plant selection (species and size) and their proposed placement and density in relation to a) maintaining a safe community, and b) use of local native species.

While some tree planting would enhance the area, consistent with contemporary planning design principles for visibility of spaces in residential areas, it should be done in such a manner as to retain the safety aspect that is currently afforded through the open outlook between residents and people (often children) using the open lawn area and pop-up playground. Any planting should retain an open view that connects the vicinity of the Norham/Namur St corner with the large glass windows and doors in the centre of the tennis club building, reflecting the Woodville Reserve public reserve status and that facilities such as the tennis club are part of our community. It would also be preferable for the plants to be as local native species as is available, consistent with water-wise design principles.

For the above reasons, I request the following changes to the proposed landscape plan:

- Relocate the large tree *Corymbia eximia* (marked '1') such that it is planted directly opposite an existing verge street tree such as the Camphor laurel in front of 28 (or 26 or 24?) Namur St consistent with retaining safe community design principles and not introduce unnecessary additional restricted line-of-sight connection between the street and reserve. The planting of a large tree across the street would not impact on the residential use of the homes and verges.
- Relocate the macadamia trees marked '4' (or at least one of them) to the opposite (eastern) side of the reserve, that is closer to the lawn area adjacent to the pop-up playground. I appreciate that from a maintenance perspective the precise location of the relocated tree would need to be decided in conjunction with the relocated footpath, but there is sufficient space to accommodate both.
- There should be less dense planting of shrubs or smaller trees along the street frontage to afford some shade but retain line-of-sight safety between the residences and reserve.

Given the extent of local community interest and feedback on the landscape plan, I suggest that it would be appropriate to undergo a further round of consultation on a revised plan before final decisions are made.

Summarised Submission	Administration Response
Community member uses reserve for walking/commuting, exercise, and for weekly social gatherings.	Noted in conjunction with Online Survey Results (Question 3).
Consultation notification not received.	A review is to be undertaken based on this feedback that some immediate residents didn't receive any mail notification.
Supports low-scale landscaping to area in front of tennis club.	Noted.
Retain pedestrian access between Namur and Farmer Streets.	Noted.
Improve integration and maintenance of pop-up playground.	Noted.
Retain open connectivity and outlook.	Noted.
Preference for native, water-wise, plant and tree species that have a low visual-impact.	Noted.
Relocate <i>Corymbia eximia</i> .	Noted.
Relocate Macadamias.	Noted.
Less dense planting along street frontage.	Noted.

Suggest further community consultation.	Consultation has been conducted in line with the City’s policy to provide the best opportunity for people to provide their feedback on the proposed developments at this site.
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Written Submission 4

As a resident living within 200m of Woodville Reserve since 2001 I welcome the upgrade of this zone and thank the City for improving the amenity.

My children have grown in the area and have utilised the Woodville area daily. As a 14 and 11 year olds now their needs and those of our family have changed. Whilst the area still has many little ones, there is also a huge number of kids in their teens or approaching.

This green space is incredibly important to many residents living within walking distance of the reserve.

My suggestions for the area would be –

- *Trees (lots and large) for cooling of the area*
- *Shrink the carpark section adjacent to the mens shed*
- *Half court for netball/basketball/tennis (similar to Kyilla PS) set up*
- *Improved pathway aesthetic to move between Farmer and Norham (tree lined)*
- *The small bump track has been quite popular, the nature and imagination style of the ‘pop-up-play’ is a great idea but sadly has led to dumping of materials and isn’t really integrated into the wider community garden aesthetic*
- *Would be great if the old community centre and tennis club were reimaged and improved...*
- *Would also be wonderful if Woodville Park got a spruce and the amenity stretching from Fitzgerald St through to Mignonette had an integrated plan/style*
- *Somehow slow traffic speed along Norham and Namur (especially cars in peak hour that race down Waugh, Ruby and Mabel St through to Fitzgerald St).*

Thanks for seeking ideas and me and my family look forward to improvements to the area in the not too distant future.

Summarised Submission	Administration Response
Trees.	Noted.
Carpark.	Noted.
Half-court.	Noted.
Pathway between Farmer and Norham St.	Noted.
Pop-up play.	Noted.
Community centre and tennis club.	Noted. This is outside the scope of this project.
Fitzgerald to Mignonette St.	Noted. This is outside the scope of this project.
Traffic calming.	Noted. This is outside the scope of this project.

Written Submission 5

As locals who have used the Woodville reserve site often with our young son, we're looking forward to seeing the proposed changes.

Our suggestion would be a potential space for water play/some sort of water fountain that the kids can play in. This helps to cool them down in summer and creates a lot of fun and occupies the kids for quite some time. Under shade would be great.

Thank you!

Summarised Submission	Administration Response
Water play.	Noted.

Pop-up Engagement Comments

Wednesday 25 August, 3-5pm – Woodville Reserve

Pop-Up Visitor 1

- Believed the overall concept was good
- *Concerned with height of tree species in NW corner of the Landscape Plan*
- *Move large tree from NW corner along to not impact on adjacent properties*
- *Believed City could make this area unique given the amount of shade in this corner through the potential of exotic tree/shrub varieties – could have an informal walking path through this area & include such varieties of ornamental blossoms/frangipanis for colour given high amount of shade in area*
- *Olive trees down the western side of the Plan, noted North Perth Primary School could use these as they press and produce goods with olives*
- *Proposed moving the macadamia trees to the north of the Pop-Up Play area – some concern of their attraction from vermin*

Pop-Up Visitor 2

- *Concern with tree root systems and their underground service plumbing, had previous issues with current tree line adjacent tennis courts as this is where it runs through*
- *Safety issues and concerned with some of the materials in the pop-up play area with kids sometimes playing here unsupervised (pallets with nails/glass bottles and other rubbish sometimes dumped)*
- *Requested no ****
- *Wanting green and lush varieties tree selection, improved maintenance*
- *Use of recycled plastics, or compromise with purpose built pallets with no nails etc)*

Pop-Up Visitor 3

- *Potential for netball or basketball ring*
- *Climbing equipment in the pop-up play area – monkey bars or something to swing on*
- *More permanent bike track around the pop-up play area*

Pop-Up Visitor 4

- *Maintenance/upkeep of area has been poor, look forward to improvement in this area*
- *Install gym bars/low scale monkey bars in pop-up play area*
- *Soccer nets or post to define soccer play area*

Pop-Up Visitor 5

- *More usable space, promotes community led space for youth and young people (ie nerf gun wars)*
- *Support not closing off the area fully, so that is doesn't become dog dominated*
- *Supports multifunctioning area with various usage and community co-existence*
- *Need for more passive spaces in the North Perth area*

Pop-Up Visitor 6

- *Problematic weeds in pop-up play area – African Lovegrass*
- *Suggestion to plant vegetables in pop-up play area to overgrow weeds*
- *Establish edible hedge between pop-up play area and Community Garden*
- *Retention of openness to for the purpose of passive surveillance*
- *Fruit trees along northern frontage*

Pop-Up Visitor 7

- *Happy with concept of more open green space for sports activities*
- *Wants the pop-up play area to remain as is*

Saturday 28 August, 9:30-11am – Woodville Reserve

Pop-Up Visitor 1

- *Concern with what looks like mass planting of trees is that it will inhibit the open outlook that offers a sense of community safety for the area which is one of the main reasons why I moved to the neighbourhood*
- *Appreciated the benefits of tree planting, however suggested in the case of Woodville Reserve that less dense planting of shrubs or smaller trees would be more appropriate including offering greater safety for sight of children playing in the pop-up play area*

- *To be consistent with local authority guidelines for low and/or open walls and fences in residential areas*
- *Would like to see some form of tree symmetry with the proposed and adjacent street trees*

Pop-Up Visitor 2

- *Would like to see the accessway carry straight through the eastern side of the gazebo*
- *Potential for the Community Garden to extend their operations over the pop up play area*
- *Consideration of native fruit trees to be bordering the northern end of the Plan, however have them located 1-2m in to allow for potential wall to be relocated at the time of Master Plan to align with northern Lawn Bowls boundary.*
- *Noted potential to move Knutsford sign to keep accessway as wide as possible*
- *Noted for future planning the installation of accessway all the way along the north western border, current street parking provisions impact on this.*
- *Retain current pedestrian accessway (entry) at the NW end that is proposed to be removed*

Summarised Visitor Comments	Administration Response
Proposed trees in NW corner.	Further consideration will be made regarding tree species selection and locations.
Plant and tree species selection.	The City's 'Tree Selection Tool' will be utilised to provide guidance on species selection. Species will be selected in line with Landscape Architecture 'best practice' methods and will consider factors such as growth habits, environmental requirements, and ongoing care and maintenance.
Location of Macadamia and concern for attracting vermin.	Noted.
Tree root systems and underground services.	Noted.
Dumped hazardous materials in pop-up play.	The City will look to formalise the pop-up play to deter dumping of materials and remove hazardous materials in the process.
Green and lush tree selection, improved maintenance.	Species will be selected in line with Landscape Architecture 'best practice' methods and will consider factors such as growth habits, environmental requirements, and ongoing care and maintenance.
Use of recycled materials and purpose-built elements in the pop-up play area.	Noted.
Netball or basketball ring.	Incorporation of a netball or basketball ring would require extensive community consultation due to the residential setting. This is outside the scope of this project. The City will consider this for the future planning of the wider Woodville Reserve.
Climbing equipment / monkey bars in the pop-up play area.	The City will look to formalise the pop-up play and introduce new features where feasible.
More permanent bike track.	Noted.
Improved maintenance of the area.	Noted.

Gym / monkey bars in pop-up play area.	The City will look to formalise the pop-up play and introduce new features where feasible.
Soccer nets / posts.	The eastern portion of Woodville Reserve is already utilised as a soccer field and includes posts/goals. The north-west portion of the reserve will aim to provide for alternative uses.
More usable space.	Noted.
Keep the space open and not dog dominated.	Noted.
Supports multi-use and community use.	Noted.
More passive spaces in North Perth area.	Noted. The north-west portion of Woodville Reserve will continue to operate as a passive recreational space for public use.
Weeds in pop-up play area.	Noted. Weeds will be removed as part of the landscape works.
Vegetables in pop-up play to combat weeds.	The adjacent community garden already provides vegetables. Weeds will be removed as required. Planting will aim to distinguish the pop-up play area from the community garden.
Retain sight lines for passive surveillance.	Noted.
Fruit trees.	Fruit trees will be contained within the community garden area.
Open space for sport activities.	The north-west portion of Woodville Reserve is the only part of the reserve that is solely passive recreation space. The rest of the site is occupied by various sport activities and clubs.
Pop-up to remain as-is.	The City will look to formalise the pop-up play to deter dumping of materials and remove hazardous materials in the process.
Retain open outlook (planting density).	Noted. Proposed locations of trees, density of planting, and other visual obstructions will be carefully considered.
Open front walls / fences.	Noted.
Proposed trees to align with street trees.	Noted.
Access way.	Noted.
Community garden to extend over pop-up play.	The City recognise the value of the pop-up play and will look to formalise this area to make it more usable, attractive, and safe.
Native fruit trees on northern border.	Noted.
Move Knutsford street sign.	This is outside the scope of this project. The City will look to incorporate this into the future planning for the wider Woodville Reserve.
Current street parking conflict with access way.	Noted.
Retain current access way (entry).	Noted. The City will not decommission the existing entry until such time as a new entry path / access way is established and is properly integrated with the wider path network around the reserve.





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