

TOWN OF COTTESLOE



RESERVES, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAYOR'S PARLOUR, COTTESLOE CIVIC CENTRE
109 BROOME STREET, COTTESLOE
8.00AM, THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2018

MAT HUMFREY
Chief Executive Officer

3 July 2018

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1. DECLARATION OF MEETING OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Cr Boulter declared the meeting open at 8.02am.

2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LANDS

Cr Boulter acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

3. ATTENDANCE**Committee Members Present**

Cr Sandra Boulter	Presiding Member
Cr Rob Thomas	Elected Member
Cr Melissa Harkins	Elected Member
Cr Helen Sadler	Deputy Member
Ms Natalie Kendal	Community Representative
Mr James Atkinson	Community Representative

Officers Present

Mrs Denise Tyler-Hare	Manager of Projects
Ms Elizabeth Nicholls	Senior Administration Officer

Apologies

Mr Mat Humfrey	Chief Executive Officer
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4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Move Cr Boulter, Seconded Mr Atkinson

The Minutes of the meeting of the Reserves, Parks and Playgrounds Committee minutes held 17 May 2018 be confirmed.

Carried 5/0

Move Cr Boulter, Seconded Mr Atkinson

The Minutes of the meeting of the Reserves, Parks and Playgrounds Committee minutes held 13 February 2018 be confirmed.

Carried 5/0

5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Move Cr Thomas, Seconded Ms Kendal

That Cr Sadler attend the meeting in the capacity of Deputy Member.

Carried 5/0

6. OFFICER REPORTS

6.1 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

File Ref:	SUB/2632
Attachments:	Community Consultation Feedback Late Community Consultation Feedback
Responsible Officer:	Mat Humfrey, Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Denise Tyler-Hare, Project Manager
Proposed Meeting Date:	28 June 2018
Author Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

SUMMARY

The Town has undertaken community consultation on the Town of Cottesloe Reserves, Parks and Playgrounds and is requesting the Committee to endorse this feedback.

BACKGROUND

An action item from the Reserves, Parks and Playgrounds Committee was to undertake consultation on the reserves, parks and playgrounds throughout Cottesloe.

The community consultation was subsequently undertaken via newspaper adverts in The Post and The Western Suburbs Weekly, on the Council website, as well as the Cottesloe Facebook page and email database.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no perceived strategic implications arising from the officer's recommendation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no perceived policy implications arising from the officer's recommendation.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Local Government Regulations 1996

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no perceived policy implications arising from the officer's recommendation.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

There are no perceived staffing implications arising from the officer's recommendation.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The feedback will be helpful in assisting the Reserves, Parks and Playgrounds implement sustainable upgrades to the respective reserves, parks and playgrounds in time.

CONSULTATION

Town of Cottesloe Staff

Community

STAFF COMMENT

In total, 57 submissions were received, with 52 before the closing date, and five after the closing date. The late submission has been provided as a separate attachment.

Of the submissions received before the closing date, the following is a breakdown of the numbers using each different location:

- Andrews Place – 4
- Cottesloe Civic Centre – 18
- Cottesloe Oval – 15
- Purple Dinosaur Playground – 6
- Grant Marine Park – 17
- Harvey Field – 16
- Jasper Green Reserve – 13
- Other – 10

The following is a summary of key issues raised during the consultation.

Andrews Place

1. Always clean and tidy and well kept.

Cottesloe Civic Centre

1. Wonderful number of beautifully maintained parks and areas in our suburb. We very much appreciate the off leash areas for dogs however it is shame that the Civic Centre no longer provides any dog exercise areas. It would be good if one of lawns could be allocated for dog exercise either all the time or morning and evening.
2. Would like to see some sport equipment like basketball hoops, some shade in summer and equipment suitable for toddlers.
3. Good size and well maintained.
4. A picnic table and seating on the upper lawn near the northern barbecue at the Cottesloe Civic Centre.

Cottesloe Oval

1. Great dog play area. Nice benches up the top to sit and take in view. Great that rugby club was able to open Nest Café. Great kids playground.
2. Cottesloe Oval Anderson Pavilion/playground should have provision of café/sitting area with ocean views.

Purple Dinosaur Playground

1. Surprise that this has not been replaced. It was a wonderful community facility and is sorely missed by many.
2. Reinstatement of the play equipment at the playground on the Railway Street verge near Napier Street. This was previously well used by young children.

Grant Marine Park

1. Lawns are always maintained well. Love the basketball hoop and concrete court, and footy goals.
2. Happy with equipment, but there haven't been upgrades in a while, and some of the playground gets damaged on a regular basis.
3. Grant Marine has a lovely play space for young children and a nice space for kicking the ball but could do so much more for our older children. There is just no place for our older children to play and be active. The basketball area for example is too small at Grant Marine. Often my children will go down to play and there are already people there. A bigger, double court would be great. My son recently stood in front of the Cottesloe Council with a plan to install a skate park in Cottesloe. This has got to happen! These kids are being harassed out of Fremantle Skate Park and crowded out of Perry Lakes skate park. We recently visited the newly installed Scarborough beach front and couldn't believe how family friendly for all ages it was. Why can't we have something like that in Cottesloe? It is beyond frustrating for our kids and for us. It would be so nice if our older kids had a place to hang out together, closer to home where they feel safe.
4. Good size and well maintained.
5. The Grant St Park is a good example of what works well. The western lower playground, not fenced off from dogs is always in use with families with young kids. The upper lawn has an tree free grass area used by older kids for unstructured football, cricket, and basketball with the treed grass area to the north and west used for picnics, kids/adults parties, and lying around. I recommend the Grant St Park as a very good model to follow for any park. A shady area for more passive pursuits with a grassed area without trees for unstructured sport. A grassed area with a playground for young kids and family use with a few benches. Dogs should be free to roam all the area with their family.

Harvey Field

1. Would like to see some sport equipment like basketball hoops, some shade in summer and equipment suitable for toddlers.
2. The retention of Harvey field as is. It is open, uncluttered and is literally a breath of fresh air when one walks within the park or drive past. Cottesloe Civic Centre is a jewel. Such a shame that the magnificent view has been obliterated.
3. Harvey Oval should be explored as a location for an adventure playground / pump track / skate park or zip line and greater diversity of recreation uses such a hockey, lawns bowls etc explored
4. Seaview Golf Course consumes the largest open spaces in Cottesloe, yet is not widely used or accessibly by the community. It's heritage listing is based on its value to the community, and yet it is questionable if a golf course is the best use for this space. More creative community uses should be explored for this space.

Jasper Green Reserve

1. Great mix of equipment for all ages of children, including the basketball ring and the tennis wall, as well as space for kicking balls.
2. Would like to see some sport equipment like basketball hoops, some shade in summer and equipment suitable for toddlers.
3. Love being able to let my dogs off the lead but this does not work well for people with small children. At Jasper Green these two things are together, so there MUST be fencing

around the playground so parents can let their children play on the equipment without worrying about dogs running in and scaring them or pooping when owners might not notice. Fencing needs to go around table and some grass, so people can sit on the grass and dogs not eat their picnics. But please don't make this park dog free, it is such an important community meeting point and loved place for dog owners.

4. Jasper Green is well looked after and very well used.
5. One improvement would be better control of the Bindy eye weeds!
6. It is used for children's parties, adult gatherings, daily for exercising dogs, and the range of facilities and equipment is in constant use.
7. Improvements to Jasper Green Reserve have been significant over the last 10-20 years.
8. It meets the needs of people far and wide as well as locals.
9. No more sculptures/furniture/equipment. There is enough already.

Other

1. On several occasions I have taken my grandsons to play on the playground at the bottom of Beach Street, near the Dutch Inn Groin. My grandsons really enjoy the equipment available but unfortunately if it is in the late afternoon and reasonably windy Windsurfers start to put up masts and attach sails amongst the play equipment and I consider it a safety risk and have to remove my grandchildren. Can I suggest an East West fence be erected to the south of the play equipment and Windsurfers restricted to the grassed area south of the fence so that the playground can be used for its intended purpose.
2. Corner of Grant St and Marine Parade is well maintained, and plenty of bins and dog areas to bring the community together.
3. Obviously the road reserve separating Macarthur St (previously Curtin Ave) from Curtin Ave just before it reaches the Victoria St station crossing, isn't a playground or a park - however... It was well covered by low native shrubs & bushes which gave a reasonable barrier between homes & heavy traffic noise, fumes & privacy. This cover has been destroyed by (I assume) spraying to eradicate weeds & (perhaps) unauthorised plantings. Even lower branches of original trees have been effected, have died & fallen. What is left is an open, sandy bank which is being used randomly by foot traffic to cross the busy road, rather than use a pedestrian island opposite the railway station. Request that this be rectified.
4. Would like to see some sport equipment like basketball hoops, some shade in summer and equipment suitable for toddlers.
5. Increase the planting along the Railway St side of the Railway line, in particular between Eric and Forrest St. The planting of native trees and shrubs which provide food for the black cockatoos and any other native birds and which don't require lots of water would be wonderful.
6. Is it possible to find out from council what plans may exist for possible increase or decrease of traffic on the above section of Railway St? As I'm sure you're aware many people use this section of the street as a way to access West Coast Highway and Scotch College and avoid the Eric St lights. The houses like ours on the eastern side of the street have no verge and with the increase in traffic and speed of traffic it is becoming quite dangerous to come out of our driveway and/or cross the road.
7. I don't have a particular space in mind but when you are considering landscaping and planting I would like to make an impassioned plea to plant species which would provide

food for Carnaby and red tailed black-cockatoos. Depending on the area perhaps appropriate banksias or nut trees. Please also retain eucalyptus species as a food source.

8. Many years ago, Mary Edwards and a few elderly people from Cottesloe Tennis Club, planted, nurtured and tended for years a lovely Native Garden next to the Seaview Kindergarten. It was named the Mary Edwards Garden by the Cottesloe Council in honour of Mary and a very nice plaque in Brown natural wood and gold letters was dedicated to her. She and others tended it, weeded it and loved it and we all walk through it to Jarrad Street every day as a Bush walk, Birds prevail and other native species. And it is now thick with wonderful native trees and flowers. Mary was honoured but she later died. What will happen to hers and the other toilers legacy? Has it been taken into account in this grand plan? Please send this on to all Councillors for me. Surely it will be named and considered for future municipal pleasure as Mary's hard worked legacy.....?
9. The people of Cottesloe love the parks and bushland we have available to us - I know this from doorknocking for candidates for local council. I use parklands, including the perimeter of the golf course, for jogging and walking a dog with my partner. I walk or jog along Marine Parade almost every day. The more bushland we keep there, including the connection to bush at Vlamingh Memorial, the better for our emotional and physical health as a community.
10. Install barbeques.
11. Replace arch at Southern entrance with a new structure, and use the roundabout as an entry point statement.
12. Snorkel trail similar to Rottnest.
13. Lookout southern end with telescope should have more interesting features.
14. The sandy park in North Cott made into more floral one with benches.
15. Make Car Park 2 into a green reserve area as per attached plans.
16. For a relatively high density suburb, Cottesloe doesn't have many reserves, parks and playgrounds so what we have should be protected and improved.
17. I support fencing to exclude dogs from dedicated children's playgrounds not only to protect small children from potential dog attacks but also for hygiene reasons.
18. I often ride past the reserve on the south west corner of the Eric St/Curtin Avenue intersection. This reserve has large shady trees and attractive environs. It is, however, dangerous for small children and animals due to its proximity to Curtin Avenue. Fencing of this reserve, especially on the eastern boundary, would make it a safe, usable space.
19. Parks and reserves should have public drinking fountains to eliminate the need for people to carry plastic bottles of water.
20. Where there is no traffic hazard, common sense play equipment on street verges should be allowed especially considering small block sizes with ever increasing urban infill.
21. Greenspace is precious in an overbuilt city. Keep all current green space - we will need it as the Govt pushes toward Directions 2031 (or 2051?). Greenspace should be useable. Don't go overboard for native bush. Grass with shade trees works better than low scrub. Scrub can be looked at but not walked on i.e. used.
22. Don't fence off dogs from playgrounds or in parks. As is demonstrated at Grant Marine Park kids and dogs interact all the time. Families walk their dog and take their kids to

- the park where they all play together. At Allen Pk where the dogs are fenced out many kids bypass the playground to play outside with their dog.
23. Playgrounds only need maintenance as per current practice with perhaps some more adventurous facilities balanced against safety concerns.
 24. Sea View should be supported. It is basically a Park maintained by the golf club at little cost to the T o C. It is used by kids playing cricket and football, by dog walkers, as access to the beach, and for passive recreation with a bottle of wine and the sunset as well as by golfers. It is an attractive piece of widely used green open space. I can't think of another golf course in Perth with unrestricted public access even though they are all (but for 2 or 3) on public owned A class reserves.
 25. In the reserve on the corner of Marine Pde and Grant street provide spaces with shelter from wind and sun, along with tables seating and barbecues.
 26. It would be great to have an entry statement to Cottesloe by planting trees along the walkway from the railway station westwards to Curtin Ave. Maps would also be of assistance to visitors. For instance very few would ever discover the Civic Centre Gardens.
 27. Would like to see a broad diversity of equipment and play offerings across the town encouraging physical activity and play:
 - adventure and nature play (including some water play) - many examples of the latest equipment
 - informal sporting options - eg. basketball hoops, tennis hit up walls, cricket wickets
 - catering for variety of ages including older kids (10-14 year olds) with more challenging play offerings - eg. Flying foxes, climbing walls, higher equipment with challenging climbing, gym rings and bars
 - exercise equipment stations
 - bike trails and walking trails
 - some variety in landscaping that provides for informal fun play like hill embankments, tunnels, bush areas, tree climbing etc
 - enhancing connection with beach if coastal
 - skatepark
 - bike pump track
 28. I would like basic facilities upgraded including toilet facilities at many of the parks sites.
 29. I would like good seating and shading to encourage a broader range of people to use the parks (not just young people)
 30. I would like a new recreation/community building that brings all sections of the community together. Eg. new multi-purpose building on the northwest corner of Seaview golf course that has room for the golf members, but then has anew function centre, cafe, gym, exercise classes (eg. yoga, pilates), multi-purpose rooms for seniors to gather and/or other community gatherings. Would enhance the community offering and incorporate commercial to help fund the new initiative.
 31. I would like to see activation of the Cottesloe Civic Centre, Harvey Field and the foreshore outdoor spaces for community events and gathering on a more regular basis.
 32. Some signage/notice boards re the Wardun Beelier Bidi walking trail which lies on Whadjuk Noongar land, connecting the Indian Ocean with the Swan River, forming the southernmost section of the Whadjuk network of trails. In Cottesloe, this starts at Grant St at the northern end following the foreshore to Mudurup Rocks, an important Noongar site. From there the trail continues on along the coast to the S end of

- Cottesloe township. Cottesloe Coastcare might wish to be involved in this improvement. This information should also be on the ToC website.
33. Universally accessible playground equipment to be installed in all parks. This equipment to be indicated beside each park & on ToC website
 34. Shade cloth sails over playgrounds wherever possible all year round
 35. Gate or railway crossing-style fence should be installed on S side of path beside Old Cottesloe Flour Mill apartment building near the corner of Athelstan/Curtin Ave
 36. Provide universal access to park beside railway on Railway St, N & E of Cottesloe railway station
 37. Some part of the public open space upon which the Sea View Golf Club is located should be made universally accessible
 38. Dog bags Extending native planting where possible. Maintenance of plants, trees, bushes. Rubbish collection Vermin control Parking /traffic controls Responsiveness of rangers when necessary
 39. All ages nature based play equipment should replace existing plastic equipment as it ages, with a view to updating the main playground within the Foreshore Precinct as a priority (opposite beaches cafe)
 40. A multi-purpose skate / scoot component should be integrated within the foreshore Redevelopment for locals and tourists
 41. Cottesloe Train Station is the main entry point to Cottesloe for thousands of visitors a year. This reserve is in desperate need of beautification with landscaping and signage.
 42. A style guide should be created for the Town of Cottesloe to create consistent materials across the Town and a budget prepared for additional barbecues (not nearly enough throughout the suburb), water fountains, bike racks, picnic tables and where appropriate additional public toilets
 43. Greater consideration should be given to how public spaces are used and what community events can be held. I would love to see summer markets, food trucks, festivals and the like.
 44. Lastly, as a general comment I fully support the creation of Town of Cottesloe Masterplan to create a more cohesive and strategic plan for the Town rather than a piecemeal approach to design and planning by different committees using numerous design consultants with competing priorities. I hope the administration and Councillors are aware of the newly released “Green Paper” which identifies strategic planning as the cornerstone of planning reform. I once again urge the Town of Cottesloe to make resources available for a review of our outdated Local Planning Strategy which can then guide all other strategies and initiatives within Cottesloe.

General

1. Install a beachside toilet.
2. It's all done pretty well.
3. The council does a very good job in mowing the sports fields.
4. Always clean and tidy and well kept.

The Committee is asked to review the above feedback and attachments, and acknowledge that this information will be useful in the preparation and prioritization of upgrades to the Town's open spaces.

VOTING

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Move Cr Harkins, Seconded Cr Thomas

That the Reserves, Parks and Playgrounds Committee recommend that Council:

- 1. Thank the community for their submissions.**
- 2. Note the community consultation feedback submitted to consider for incorporation into the future strategic plan.**
- 3. That the Reserves, Parks and Playgrounds Presiding Member circulate a list of immediate works and maintenance and suggestions by email for committee discussion/input and then for the administration to undertake preliminary costings (including maintenance) and prioritisation.**

Carried 5/0

7. OTHER BUSINESS**7.1 Feedback Received Regarding Playgrounds in Cottesloe**

Email received 23 May 2018 from Mrs Rosie Walsh.

Defer to next meeting due to time constraints.

7.2 Cockatoo Food Garden

Cr Boulter requested this item be included in the Agenda.

Defer to next meeting due to time constraints.

7.3 Reserves, Parks and Playgrounds Strategy Brief

Committee to discuss what problems are to be solved in the brief.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Move Cr Boulter, seconded Cr Harkins

That the Reserves, Parks and Playgrounds Committee recommend that Council amend the 2018/19 budget to include \$70,000 provision for a Public Open Space (Reserves and Playgrounds) Master Plan.

**Carried 4/1
Against: Cr Thomas**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Move Cr Boulter, Seconded Cr Harkins

That the Reserves, Parks and Playgrounds Committee present the above resolution to Council along with the proposed brief after the tenders have been received.

**Carried 4/1
Against: Mr Atkinson**

7.4 Foreshore Principles

Mrs Tyler-Hare provided information to the Committee.

Foreshore Principles provided by the RPP Committee:

1. Strategic Master Planning with close engagement of the community integrates sustainable affordable design and maintenance for all Town of Cottesloe reserves (including even the humble street verge), parks and playgrounds, with the recognition that small changes such as a tree canopy, drinking water, a table, a light, a fence or even a gate can make a big difference to the way public open space is used and enjoyed safely.
2. A broad offering of facilities, equipment and space will encourage all ages and abilities into Cottesloe's public open space, recognising the

- importance of interaction with nature and children being able to take risk in play, and including the identification of any remnant bushland settings.
3. Safe movement to and from playgrounds, parks and reserves by bike and foot should be fostered in any design, including the importance of tree canopy shade in the bike and foot corridors as well as over the RPP destination.
 4. Recreational areas have appropriately scaled seating/viewing/picnic areas integrated into the design and ongoing maintenance of the Reserves, Parks and Playgrounds that will foster active play, and community gatherings and events.

7.5 Consultation Summary

Information has been included in the Officer report.

7.6 Site Tour Summary

Information provided by Mrs Tyler-Hare.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Move Cr Boulter, Seconded Cr Thomas

That the Reserves, Parks and Playgrounds Committee note the site tour summary and that the points from the summary be included for consideration for the brief for the strategic master plan.

Carried 5/0

7.7 Planting Priorities

Mrs Tyler-Hare provided information to the Committee regarding street tree planting and suggested focussing on the strategic plan.

7.8 Dog on Lead Signage

Mrs Tyler-Hare provided information to the Committee regarding the *Dog Act 1976* and *Dog Local Law 2011* and new signage to be installed in accordance with existing laws.

7.9 Charter Amendments

Cr Sadler provided the Committee with an overview of her suggested charter amendments.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Move Cr Thomas, Cr Boulter

That the Reserves, Parks and Playgrounds Committee defer consideration of the Charter pending Committee discussion via email for reconsideration at the next Committee meeting.

Carried 5/0

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 26 July 2018 at 8.00am.

10. MEETING CLOSURE

Cr Boulter declared the meeting closed at 9.30am.