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1 Introduction

In September 2017 the City of Greater Dandenong engaged the consultant team led by Michael Smith and Associates to prepare a Master Plan for Burden Park, Springvale South. One of the key aims of the master planning process was;

To develop a Master Plan that will retain Burden Park's role as a district multi-purpose park that provides for a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits, that is well utilised and meets the recreational, growing population and social needs of the diverse Springvale South community.

1.1 Key Issues

Council identified the following key issues to be addressed in the preparation of the Master Plan. These are:

- Large areas of the park are underutilised and require a complete review of the spatial planning and functional layout of the reserve.
- Balancing passive and informal recreation versus opportunities for new active recreation facilities or grounds.
- How can the Master Plan assist in developing recreation options for the future requirements of sports and leisure and increasing demand for female and junior sport?
- The options for the Burden Park Bowling Club and the Burden Park Tennis Club in terms of competition and social sports uses and the club infrastructure within the reserve.
- Car parking – very poor and ad hoc layout associated with former uses.
- Vehicle access has limitations in its current location and relationship to the existing car parking arrangements.
- Existing provision and future requirements of on-site car parking and the vehicle circulation within the reserve.
- Identified corner gateway – park currently does not engage with the precinct.
- The required supporting infrastructure to support future provision of facilities.
- Integrating the multipurpose courts into the broader park layout.
- The capacity of the Burden Park Tennis Club and options for expansion and / or provision of multi-use court facilities.
- The role and future options for the existing building infrastructure.
- Completing the final stages of the playground upgrade.
- The retarding basin - existing drainage and retarding issues and further opportunities for environmentally sustainable design opportunities.
- Provision of open space that meets the future demands of population growth and changes in demographics and cultural groups.
- Strengthening integration of existing uses.
- Provision of amenities –picnic and BBQ areas etc. is very limited.
- Canopy tree coverage is poor across the reserve.
- Removing obsolete infrastructure

1.2 Master Plan Objectives

Objective 1 - General Master Plan

- The design vision should integrate the recreation, sports, facilities, leisure, environmental, economic, cultural, and community activities.
- Retain its role as a district multi-purpose park that provides for a broad range of passive and active recreational pursuits.
- The vision should be rigorous but shall also provide sufficient flexibility to cater for a range of actions and uses depending on circumstances and opportunities as they arise.
- Development of a park that respects the 'qualities' of the reserve but provides nodes that work hard to provide a higher level of activity and multi-purpose facilities to service the diverse community needs and growing population.
- It will be recognised as a high quality park with an emphasis on design excellence in terms of landscape, sports provision, informal recreation and integrated environmental design solutions.
- Reflects the local community ideas and aspirations, as an outcome of the community consultation process.
- To promote youth friendly design catering for emerging children's and teenage activities, as well as the needs of diverse age groups.
- To design solutions using "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Principles" (CPTED) to improve public safety and visibility.

Objective 2 - Sports Clubs and Grounds, Buildings and Community Facilities

- Review and provide recommendations for the Burden Park Tennis Club and Burden Park Bowling Club and interfaces with the park etc.
- Prepare a summary of the existing reserve building uses, their role and a high level assessment of the building's suitability for demolition, refurbishment or integration in association with the Master Plan strategy.
- To provide for integrated amenities and services such as a public amenities block (including disabled and baby change).
- Provide recommendations on suitable locations for supporting infrastructure, i.e. power supply and water.
- Undertake a capacity analysis of Burden Park to introduce a new sports facility or sporting code(s) / activities which have an identified demand.
- Provide recommendations on options for sports ground lighting to enable use for night time competition and training.
- Areas for smaller scale community or cultural sports / games, informal passive recreational areas.
- Provide recommendations on boundary fencing, rationalising infrastructure such as signage and bollards.

Objective 3 - Passive Recreation, Community Events and Other Facilities

- Areas suitable for larger community gatherings such as BBQ and picnic areas and their integration with playground and other activity node opportunities.
- Opportunities for the circuit walking path, such as fitness stations and distance markers etc.

Objective 4 - Movement, Access and Car Parking

- To identify the key issues and develop options relating to vehicle movement and access and parking to and from the reserve.
- To develop a car park precinct(s) design for Burden Park that considers both existing and future development options and future demand.
- To provide for an integrated pedestrian and shared bicycle path network.

Objective 5 - Flooding and Drainage

- Strongly consider the retarding basin and its role in flood retardation and where practical how can the park incorporate and take advantage of natural / drainage features in the development of the Master Plan.

Objective 6 - Environment, Landscape Design and Sustainability

- To protect and enhance any existing natural values within the site.
- To identify and highlight existing mature trees and significant vegetation that should be retained where possible.
- To substantially increase the tree canopy cover across the park.

Objective 7 - Implementation Plan

- To develop an implementation strategy, with opinion of probable costs which allows for the park to be upgraded or redeveloped in coordinated stages over the next 15 years.
- To provide initiatives which are achievable in the short, medium and longer term.
- To ensure that the Master Plan is comprehensive and able to be easily used for funding submissions from external authorities.
- To develop a park design that is sensitive to the limited ongoing resources of Council's capital, operations and park maintenance budgets.

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1.3 Study Process

The table below outlines the steps involved in the development of the Burden Park Master Plan.

<i>Sep. – Dec. 2017</i>	<u>Research and Analysis</u> Site investigation and analysis. Background / demographic and leisure trends, research and analysis. Michael Smith (MSA) and Martin Butcher attended a night time inspection of both reserves.
<i>Dec.2017 – Mar. 2018</i>	<u>Consultation with Key Stakeholders</u> Meetings with Greater Dandenong Council officers, the Ward Councillors, the Project Control Group established for the Master Plan and other key stakeholders. Meeting with the Burden Park Sports Clubs including Burden Park Bowling Club and the Burden Park Tennis Club. Notification to the sports clubs regarding the community consultation process in February 2018.
<i>Dec.2017 – Mar. 2018</i>	<u>Community Consultation (Stage 1 and Stage 2)</u> “Our Say” online engagement platform - Stage 1 (Future of Parks - Generic) “Our Say” online engagement platform - Stage 2 (Burden Park) Drop-in session held on Sat. 17 Feb.18; 9am-12pm

<i>Apr. 2018</i>	<u>Assessment of Merit</u> An Assessment of Merit was developed to provide direction on the development of the preliminary concept layouts, particularly regarding infrastructure, the future provision of additional sporting facilities, improvements to existing sporting facilities in regards to existing and future demands, the multi-activity space, new basketball courts and increasing public toilet facilities.
<i>May 2018</i>	<u>Preliminary Concept Layout Plan</u> Preparation of preliminary concept layouts, exploring sport allocation, community uses, infrastructure and asset improvements to buildings and sporting grounds, desirable uses and their functional arrangements on the site.
<i>June 2018</i>	<u>Draft Master Plan</u> The Draft Master Plan was prepared following review and comment on the Preliminary Concept Layout Plan.
<i>Jul. – Aug. 2018</i>	<u>Stage 3 - Public Exhibition of Draft Master Plan</u> The Draft Master Plan was exhibited for the period 11 July – 17 August, seeking comment from reserve user clubs and groups, the local community, agencies and authorities and other key stakeholders.

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<i>Sep. – Dec. 2018</i>	<u><i>Refinement of the Draft Master Plan</i></u> Refinement of the Draft Master Plan into a staged Final Master Plan based upon feedback received during and after the exhibition of the draft Master Plan.
<i>Dec. 2018 – Jan 2019</i>	<u><i>Final Master Plan</i></u> Final Master Plan and report completed.

2 Site Context

Burden Park is located in a prominent position on the south eastern corner of Springvale and Heatherton Roads. The busy Springvale Activity Centre and civic precinct is approximately one kilometre to the north. Burden Park is identified by the City of Greater Dandenong as a gateway location within Council's Gateway Strategy, however the current layout does not respond to the opportunities expected in the Gateway Strategy.

Burden Park is approximately 7.7 Hectares in area and is classified in the City of Greater Dandenong's Open Space Strategy (2009) as a District Level Park, in providing multi-use sports and community facilities that will meet the long term requirements of the broader community. The recently upgraded large district level playground is a major attraction for families as a destination visit, often extending their visitation time to enjoy the picnic and barbecue facilities adjacent to the district playground.

Burden Park currently provides a balance between sports and community uses, with family groups being large users of the park. The Burden Park Tennis Club, the district playground and picnic area and the Burden Park Bowling Club are the main attractors. There is also a large central grass kick-about area.



Legend

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| ① Burden Park Tennis Club | ⑥ Main picnic area and multi purpose court | ⑪ Heatherton Road car park |
| ② Burden Park Bowling Club | ⑦ Public amenities block | ⑫ Car park - bowling club and overflow |
| ③ Former Croquet Club | ⑧ Walking path circuit | ⑬ Olympic Avenue car parking |
| ④ Grass kickabout (events area) | ⑨ Former Marching Girls building (storage) | ⑭ Small picnic area |
| ⑤ District playground | ⑩ Retarding basin | ➡ Carpark entry |

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There are some scattered mature trees around the perimeter of the park and there are some groups of mature trees along the southern perimeter and the northeast corner of the park. Burden Park has a number of existing mature gum trees, in this case Mahogany Gums. However the canopy coverage for the overall areas of the park is generally low.



Existing seating near the playground



Existing playground



Existing playground

The district playground is a feature of the Heatherton Road frontage to Burden Park with its timber structure and orange turrets. The original timber playground was inspired by the community in 1994. From 2013-16 Council has upgraded and enlarged the playground with new play facilities. There is a toilet block located to the east of the playground.



Burden Park Bowling Club



Fencing to the west of the park

The Burden Park Bowling Club is located on the north-west corner of the site. Currently, the fence lines and building have a high visual exposure to the Springvale Road and Heatherton Road intersection. The disused croquet green abuts the bowling club.



Car parking adjacent to the Bowls Club



Car parking adjacent to the Bowls Club

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Existing tennis courts and pavilion



Existing tennis courts and pavilion

contributing advanced programs and processes to engage with the multi-cultural community.

The Burden Park Tennis Club has been identified as a facility to review in terms of potential provision of multi-purpose facilities. We noted a car parked close to the club house even though there is no formal carpark for the tennis club within the park. The Master Plan has identified the opportunity for vehicle access and car parking near the club house.

There is angled car parking on Olympic Avenue however there is no specific car parking for tennis club members within the reserve. There are several clusters of established Manna Gums associated with the tennis club area. The retarding basin at the north-east corner of the reserve has litter and barrier traps at the inflow and outflow ends.

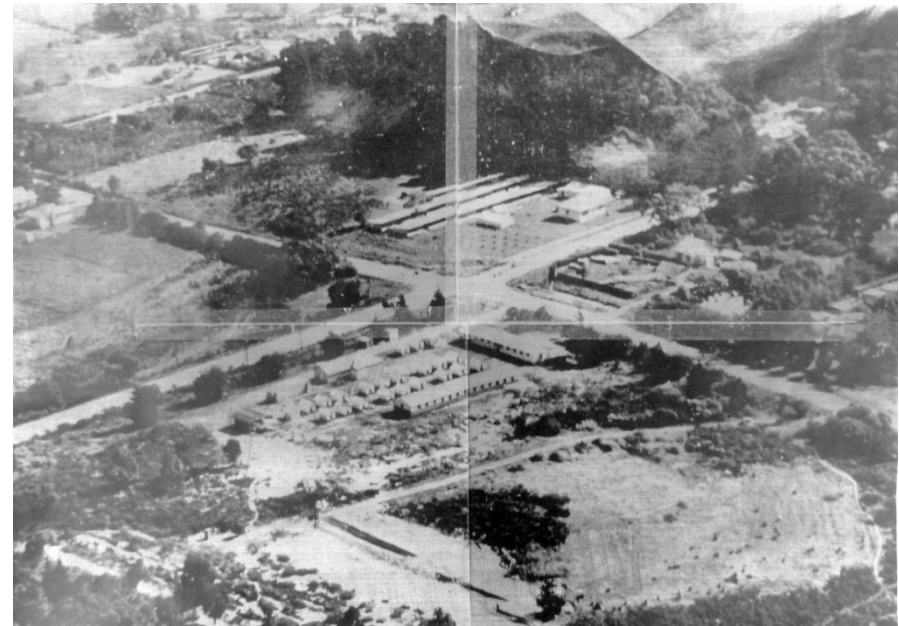
Council established a comprehensive community and stakeholder consultation and engagement process with major planning and organizational input from Council's communications team,

3 History of Burden Park

The park consisted of coastal woodland and prior to the first World War, was privately owned. Rates were unpaid for many years and around 1937 or 1938 the Springvale Progress Association recommended the then Council, Shire of Dandenong, take on ownership and develop it for public use. At the time, Councillor George Burden advised that Council could not legally take over the land. The alternative was to sell the land to assist in paying over twenty years of unpaid rates, at the risk that potential purchasers would outbid the Shire of Dandenong.

The Progress Association was about to make a Deputation to the appropriate Minister when Mr Colless, a local glass merchant and builder paid the rate arrears and claimed of adverse possession. A counter claim was made to Council and Judge Winneke (father of Sir Henry Winneke, State Southern General and Governor) made the decision that the owner of the land, a German merchant navy sea captain retain his ownership rights for a further twenty years, and if not claimed by 1958, the title would be transferred to the Shire of Dandenong. No claim was ever made by the registered owner however, during the twenty year period it was universally assumed and accepted that the land belonged to the Council.

The assumption was reinforced by Council allowing the State Rivers and Water Commission permission to construct dormitory facilities for Ukrainian workers engaged in the draining of the Carrum swamps. A future district hospital was mooted for the north



The Ukrainian workers camp, north-west corner of Burden Park, circa late 1940s Source: Springvale and District Historical Society

east corner of the park where the retarding basin is located. Between 1953 and 1955, Council ran out of tip sites and the semi cleared area of Burden Park became a tipping site¹. Trenches were dug to tip rubbish which affected the construction of tennis courts and the bowling club rooms.

By 1958 Council held title of the land, however Council had limited funds to establish recreation and community facilities. Council

¹ Hibbins, G.M, *A History of the City of Springvale*, (Lothian Publishing Pty Ltd, Port Melbourne 3207, 1936) 212

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granted a thirty year term improvement lease to clubs or organisations, which were prepared to develop the land for community benefit.

In 1959, a bowling club was formed and funds from various private sources enabled two bowling greens to be constructed. A tennis club was also formed and six tennis courts were constructed to the Springvale Road frontage², however due to subsidence of garbage filled trenches, the courts had to be relocated to the Olympic Avenue side of the park.

Burden Park Playground

The Burden Park playground was strongly driven by the community. It was constructed in 1994 with a “Space and Exploration” Theme. It offers a unique adventure play experience in the Municipality and is one of the few playgrounds not dominated by off-the-shelf, standardised play equipment. The playground is predominantly an expansive timber structure with a high number of facilities built into the experience.

In August 1994, after 18 months of planning and \$100,000 of fundraising, over 1200 volunteers, including council workers and army reservists, spent five consecutive days building the massive wooden structure which resembles a children’s castle. The construction of the playground was based on the Leathers

playground concept. The playground is a great achievement and it also represents something that is special and quite unique to Springvale.

During 2012, Council prepared a concept plan to guide the future redevelopment of the Burden Park playground. To harness the energy that went into creating the original playground, Council sought to include the community in the process of re-visioning the Burden Park play space which will enable the playground to continue to be a great facility for children of varied ages and abilities and the community to use.

Burden Park Playground’s existing playground is loved and treasured by the community for the following reasons:

- The range of play activities available
- The size and scale of the playground
- It’s unique castle structure – creates a “fantasy world”
- It was a community driven project and has a strong legacy
- It is a social hub and gathering space for the community.

² Hibbins, G.M, *A History of the City of Springvale*, (Lothian Publishing Pty Ltd, Port Melbourne 3207, 1936) 213

4 Reserve Analysis

4.1 Sports Spaces and Facilities

The two major sporting clubs; the Burden Park Bowling Club and the Burden Park Tennis Club are located at opposite corners of the park. The Tennis Club is located in the south east corner of the park and contains 6 en-tout-cas courts with an existing pavilion situated between the courts. The current courts are not compliant with Australian Standards in their north – south dimension and are enclosed by a chain wire fence that is in poor condition. There are opportunities to enhance the tennis courts, upgrade the existing pavilion and provide a better connection to the northern passive recreation area of the park.

Existing angled car parking along the west side of Olympic Avenue currently services the Tennis Club and vehicles are sometimes parked closer to the pavilion, on the grassed area south of the courts. There are a number of significant large Manna Gums in the area south of the courts which may restrict formal car parking arrangements in this area.

The Burden Park Bowling Club building is located in the western area of the park and is serviced by an asphalt car park that has room for approximately 20 cars. The Bowling Club has three bowling greens and the presentation of the club in relation to the Heatherton Road and Springvale Road intersection is poor as the building and fence lines are mostly exposed.

A disused croquet green approximately 30 x 50 metres in size currently lies east of the bowling greens. There is a sealed access road that runs parallel to the boundary of the croquet green, leading to the Bowling Club building and sealed carpark.

Implications for the Master Plan:

- *Removal of the disused croquet green will provide additional parkland space for additional carparking to meet current demands or provide space for additional sporting facilities.*
- *The Master Plan needs to consider the increase in car parking demand if any additional sporting fields are proposed.*
- *Increase car parking spaces to service the Tennis Club and upgraded pavilion and courts.*

4.2 Landscape Character

Burden Park has a number of zones of existing mature gum trees such as Mahogany Gums and Manna Gums which add character to the park. Although there are a number of scattered 'pockets' of mature gum trees the canopy coverage for the overall areas of the park is generally low. There is a large English Oak located south of the former marching girls building which has the opportunity to be integrated into the playground area. There is a retarding basin in the north east corner of the park which contains a number of pits and outlets that are an eyesore.

Implications for the Master Plan:

- *Substantially increase the tree canopy cover across the park by planting suitable evergreen and deciduous trees.*
- *The English Oak provides opportunities to create a seating area and associated with the playground.*
- *Provide infill planting of tufting plants to the retarding basin area, particularly around the drainage outlets to enhance the landscape character of the park.*

4.3 Existing Buildings

There are five main buildings and one minor building that currently exist in Burden Park. They are:

- Tennis Club Pavilion
- Bowling Club Building
- Toilet Block
- Dandenong Band Room
- Former Marching Girls Pavilion
- Grounds Storage Shed

4.3.1. Tennis Club Pavilion

The Tennis Pavilion is at the end of its service life and requires an upgrade. The fencing is in poor condition which decreases the safety to both the courts and pavilion. The facility is under lease to the Burden Park Tennis Club. It has one regular hirer, a group from the Cambodian community conducting a computer course. This is in addition to other casual hirers, including family groups and schools.

4.3.2. Bowling Club Building

The Bowling Club Building, situated on the west side of the park needs to be assessed and investigated whether a new building is required or an upgrade is suitable.

4.3.3. Toilet Block

There is an existing public toilet amenity containing 3 cubicles located to the east of the existing playground.

4.3.4. Croquet Club Building

The Dandenong Band currently lease the Croquet Club building which is located to the east of the existing Bowling Club. The Croquet Club building is a small cream brick building that aside from the use by the band is now a defunct building. There is a separate storage shed to the west, which is also no longer required as a building asset.

4.3.5. Former Marching Girls Pavilion

This building formerly used as the Marching Girl's Pavilion is located on top of an embankment to the south east of the existing playground. There is a timber switchback ramp leading up to the building. It is currently being used as storage.

Implications for the Master Plan:

- *The upgrade or development of a new Tennis Club pavilion will meet present day standards and better integrate the tennis club into the surrounding park land.*
- *The toilet block needs to be expanded to meet demands*

- *Removal of the small grounds storage shed to the west of the tennis courts will provide space for the development of further active recreation opportunities within the park.*
- *The Marching Girls Building, if removed will provide space for the existing playground to expand as well as provide an opportunity to develop a picnic and seating area with views overlooking the playground to the west.*

4.4 Playground

The existing district level playground is a feature of the Heatherton Road frontage to Burden Park. The initial playground was inspired by the community in 1994 and since then it has been upgraded with regional scale play facilities. It is lacking in the provision of shade and there is an opportunity to provide additional shade, shelter and picnic facilities close to the playground.

Implications for the Master Plan:

- *The amenity of the playground may be increased through the provision of additional shade, shelter and picnic facilities in close proximity to the playground.*
- *There are opportunities to integrate the playground area with the site of the Marching Girls Pavilion and increase play opportunities near the embankment to the east of the playground.*
- *Increase tree coverage to the playground to provide shade, particular near any proposed picnic facilities.*

4.5 Movement and Access

4.5.1. Vehicle Circulation and Parking

There is an existing sealed car park on the Heatherton Road frontage of the reserve that services the playground, catering for approximately 37 car spaces. There is another sealed car park located south of the Bowling Club that caters for approximately 20 cars. Bowling Club patrons currently access this car park from the Heatherton Road entrance via a sealed north – south access road. There are also a few sealed car spaces adjacent to the Bowling Club. Parking for the Tennis Club is provided on Olympic Avenue as on-street angled parking spaces.

4.5.2. Pedestrian Cycle Movement

There are multiple path networks within the park. A Lilydale Topping circuit path meanders through the southern portion of the park, in between large established gum trees. From the eastern entrance, the path splits into two paths near the tennis pavilion and continues west as two separate path ways until merging at the western entrance point to the park. A concrete path network links portions of the eastern half of the reserve together. Overall, the pedestrian path network can be improved through the provision of ‘path linkages’ between the existing pathway network, particularly to provide safe access to the bowls club. There is a major opportunity to provide an accessible link from the existing croquet green, particularly if the space is developed to provide passive and active recreation opportunities, to the grassed open area. Opportunities exist to enhance the walking experience by the provision of fitness equipment around a circuit path.

Implications for the Master Plan:

- *The introduction of informal active recreational facilities such as fitness equipment is an important consideration.*
- *Improving access within and around the park will support greater participation in informal recreation and community participation. The provision of pathway linkages and circuit path systems that caters for all ages and abilities is a major consideration in the development of the Master Plan.*
- *The tennis club will benefit from a DDA compliant access path that links to the existing east – west concrete path to the north of the courts.*
- *Improvement to access between the grassed open area in the centre of the park to the east portion of the reserve, particularly if it is developed into a passive and active recreation zone.*
- *The draft Master Plan must plan for the increased demand in car parking to the park following development of additional sporting and active recreational facilities.*

4.6 Drainage Infrastructure

There is a large retarding basin located in the north east corner of the reserve. There are several large pits and outlets located on the Olympic Avenue frontage which are visible from the footpath.

Implications for the Master Plan:

- *The Master Plan will need to investigate the potential for incorporating WSUD opportunities into new works to treat stormwater run-off from impervious surfaces (i.e. rain gardens, tree pits, ‘smart soakers’ and permeable pavement).*
- *Any impact of earthworks done on site must be managed to ensure it does not affect the current drainage function of the retarding basin to the north east corner of the park.*

4.7 Existing Park Infrastructure

4.7.1. Park Lighting

Inspection of the lighting at night revealed that the south pathway is lit generally around 50 metre spacing. The existing greens are partly lit at night (eastern green is lit.) There are opportunities for providing lighting to the path arching around the tennis club to the north side.

4.7.2. Informal Recreation Facilities

The park has a lack of fitness equipment and there are opportunities to increase the passive recreation / social gathering areas within the reserve. It was noted in previous consultation undertaken by Council that there is demand for a full size basketball court to be located within the reserve. The reserve is large enough to provide for several new areas dedicated to informal recreation.

5 Policy Context

5.1 Open Space in the City of Greater Dandenong

The City of Greater Dandenong has over 100 parks, sports reserves and playgrounds, as well as four bushland areas and open space corridors, totalling over 600 hectares. Owned and managed by Council, these open spaces offer a wide range of activities and things to see and do, including bushwalking, playgrounds, cycling, recreational areas, picnic and BBQ areas, local flora and fauna and more.

The City has several areas of significant ecological value including wetlands and remnant woodland communities. There are also significant areas of privately owned open space located in the region, such as the Springvale South Botanical Cemetery.

There are five main waterways in Greater Dandenong: Dandenong Creek (15.5 km), Mile Creek (9 km), Eumemmerring Creek (13.5 km), Mordialloc Creek (5 km) and Patterson River (4 km). Water quality issues in these creeks are common as with many of Melbourne's urban streams.

Significant areas of public open space include the Dandenong Creek and its tributaries; Greaves Reserve; Spring Valley Reserve;

Ross Reserve; Burden Park and Tattersson Park, all being larger than 7 hectares in area.

Burden Park is an important district park, highlighted by the timber adventure playground which has a rich community history. Council has recently upgraded the playground with new equipment and activities. Burden Park also provides sheltered BBQ and picnic facilities, tennis and lawn bowls clubs. However, Burden Park is currently not designated as a sports ground.

5.2 Reference Documents

There are a number of important strategies, plans and policies as well as reference documents that are pertinent to Burden Park and have informed the development of the Master Plan.

The key external and internal documents and relevant details on how they have helped inform the development of the Master Plan are outlined below.

5.2.1. VPA Metropolitan Open Space Network

The Victorian Planning Authority has identified a series of fundamental network planning principles to guide assessment of open space provision across the metropolitan region, and to assist in identifying and prioritising potential interventions. The principles / pillars rest on the foundation objective of optimising access to, and use of, all practically available publicly owned land (inclusive of Restricted Public Land) for net community benefit.

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The principles are based on the contention that no one element or factor in isolation can deliver a high quality open space network. Instead there are a range of universal “ingredients” that can be mixed and matched and used in different proportions to underpin spatial planning solutions that are responsive to local or regional circumstances.

The principles have been crafted to:

- Provide direction and strategic planning for the metropolitan open space network as a whole.
- Provide a framework for local governments as they review and revise their existing open space strategies.

The overarching goal of the network planning principles is to achieve an integrated and accessible open space network that facilitates high quality and affordable communities, maximises the community benefit of all available public land and underpins and strengthens Melbourne’s liveability, resilience and biodiversity.

The six principles (or the ‘6 Pillars’) are as follows.

Equitable Distribution

Deliver a network of open spaces that are located to ensure community access within a safe 5-minute walk (approximately 400m) of 95% of residents.

Access and Connectivity

Create a network of open spaces that are accessible to all, free of charge and connected by safe pedestrian and cycle links, public transport options and where practicable co-located with community infrastructure.

Quality

Design, build and maintain open spaces to optimise their capacity and resilience and to enhance community appreciation.

Quantity

Provide an appropriate amount of open space to cater for a range of community uses.

Diversity

Deliver a network of open space types (pocket, neighbourhood, community, district, municipal and regional parks) that provide for a range of uses, functions and differing levels of amenity.

Sustainability

Create a network that is planned and managed to support biodiversity and city amenity which is also fit for purpose, fiscally responsible and resource efficient.

Below is a summary of the key Council documents that have guided the development of the Burden Park Master Plan.

5.2.2. Open Space Strategy 2009

The objectives of the Open Space Strategy are to achieve a quality public park and reserve network, to meet the recreational and social needs of the existing and future Greater Dandenong community, over the next 20 years.

The goals of the strategy are to provide:

- A range of public parks and reserves within walking distance from most residents that are attractive, interesting, safe, readily accessible and comfortable places to be.
- A comprehensive open space network that delivers environmental, social, health and well-being, and economic benefits to the community.

The Open Space Strategy outlines broad principles for the open space network, goals for open space provision, park development standards, strengths and issues regarding open space within the municipality.

Council's Open Space Strategy has identified Burden Park as a key priority area for detailed Master Plan development.

5.2.3. Playground Strategy and Action Plan 2013-2023

The Playground Strategy and Action Plan 2013-23 provide a balanced approach with an emphasis on play value as well as maintenance and asset upgrading. It provides clear design guidelines to improve design standards, around play value, accessibility, integration within the park, artwork integration, community safety and environmental considerations.

The Playground Development Action Plan outlines the priority number for each playground's upgrade. Burden Park's district playground was identified as priority number 1 in the Action Plan. The playground was updated and expanded from 2013-16 after the completion of a master plan for the district playground in 2012.

5.2.4. Sport and Recreation Participation Study 2015

Sport and active recreation is recognised by the City of Greater Dandenong for its vital role in improving health and wellbeing, encouraging social interaction and creating healthier and more inclusive communities.

The 2015 Sport and Active Recreation Participation Study has been developed to provide a comprehensive understanding of participation trends in Greater Dandenong, to help Council and key stakeholders develop strategies to minimise barriers and increase participation in sport and recreation activities.

The consultation outcomes report provides a comprehensive analysis of the top ten most popular sport and active recreation activities in Greater Dandenong. Children's top ten organised sport and active recreation activities (outside of school hours) are also outlined.

- This study builds on the previous 2011 participation study by re-examining sport and recreation preferences and barriers to participation, in addition to seeking information about physical activity levels of residents, walking frequency and children's participation trends.

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- The Study involved a total of 669 respondents and revealed the following key findings about sport and recreation participation in Greater Dandenong:
 - ✓ Half of Greater Dandenong residents do not engage in the recommended levels of physical activity (being 30 minutes of moderate intensity activity on most, preferably all days of the week);
 - ✓ Over half (54%) of residents spend less than 2.5 hours participating in physical activity per week.
 - ✓ Males have higher levels of physical activity than females, whilst lower levels of physical activity were noted amongst people with a disability and people aged 25 to 34 and 45 to 54 years.

The key implications for Burden Park include:

- *The development of a suitable path network throughout the park to cater for those who use the park for walking.*
- *Walking (including walking the dog) is the most popular activity, undertaken by 61% of survey respondents. Females were more likely to participate in this activity than males.*
- *Walking is the most popular activity across all cohorts, with the exception of young people aged 15- 17 years.*

5.2.5. Sports Facilities Plan – Implementation Plan 2018

The Sports Facilities Plan - Implementation Plan 2018 guides the planning and strategic delivery of new and improved sporting facilities throughout the City of Greater Dandenong.

- Sport provides significant benefits for individuals and communities both directly and indirectly. The benefits include:
 - ✓ Individual health and well-being;
 - ✓ Satisfaction and engagement in community life;
 - ✓ Community pride in volunteering;
 - ✓ Efficient use of economic and government resources with reduced poor health, absenteeism and anti-social behaviour.
- The City of Greater Dandenong currently provides 25 sporting reserves throughout the municipality, and supports the community use of five (5) school sites.
- The extensive range of facilities within Greater Dandenong requires ongoing improvements to address ageing infrastructure, compliance with modern standards and to enable multi-purpose and maximum use
- New facilities are also required to cater for the growing population and respond to increasing participation levels and community demand.

Since the development of the previous Sports Facilities Plan, Council has invested over \$6 million towards the implementation of priority capital projects to improve the provision of outdoor sporting facilities in Greater Dandenong.

Six out of the nine selected sports for inclusion in the Sports Facilities Plan have shown strong growth:

- ✓ Rugby league - New club
- ✓ Baseball – 70.1%

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- ✓ Netball - 27.3%
- ✓ Cricket - 23.7%
- ✓ Softball – 18.1%
- ✓ Soccer - 4.2% (Soccer participation numbers are based on FFV player registrations and do not include social / casual participation)

Implementation Priorities

Implementation Priorities identified in the strategy are:

- Tennis pavilion upgrade – high
- Replacement of the clay tennis courts with synthetic – high
- Lighting upgrade for tennis (competition) – medium

These priorities will be tested in the Master Plan process.

5.2.6. Tennis Plan 2015

The Tennis Plan 2015 provides a snapshot of the existing situation with respect to tennis in the City of Greater Dandenong (CGD) and provides future direction for how Council will develop and manage facilities in the future to ensure facilities are sustainable in the long term.

Directions Key directions of this plan include:

- Continue to improve facilities, especially courts, lighting and fencing.
- Significantly promote the public access facilities in the area with web, brochures and park signage, and through cultural and community groups and schools.
- Promote club tennis facilities frequently and highlight facility and service offerings.

- Through consultation and engagement with clubs and Tennis Victoria's 'Opening up Tennis' program or similar, investigate the concept of online booking, payment and code access to courts.
- Continue to engage with local schools and offer opportunities for them to play regular tennis.
- Assist clubs to become as self-sufficient as possible and to plan for the future funding of asset replacement.
- Promote the bringing together of ideas from all tennis clubs in the City and Tennis Victoria in order to promote the sport within the region.
- Encourage additional use of clubrooms and courts through a review of occupancy agreements, in conjunction with marketing efforts.
- Enhance asset management – upgrading of lights, fences, court surfaces and clubrooms, including lights and fences on public access facilities.

The Tennis Plan provides a detailed analysis of the Burden Park Tennis Club, including membership numbers, projected demand for tennis, infrastructure improvements and investigation of other uses for courts.

In relation to Burden Park, the Tennis strategy reports that the total membership numbers have increased at the Burden Park Tennis Club which is located within the reserve. It was reported that there are 10 less junior members in 2015 compared to 2008 and 19 more senior members in 2015 compared to 2008. The total number of members is 140.

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The Tennis Plan identified that the Burden Park Tennis Club has severe fencing issues that affect the game of tennis as well as the security of the courts and clubroom. Burden Park clubhouse facilities require men's toilet upgrade in the short to medium term to improve their operation, functionality and social sustainability into the future

Identified in the report is that the Burden Park Tennis Club's priority capital works and facility maintenance are:

- Fencing repair and replacement , particularly the northern fence line – High

The Tennis Plan references the *Multi-Purpose Use of Community Facilities Policy* in the future planning of infrastructure.

5.2.7. Football Soccer Development Plan 2015

The overall purpose of the Football Soccer Development Plan is to provide a strategic direction for the future provision of soccer in the CGD.

More specific objectives for the CGD include:

- Provide strategic direction on the likely future facility and infrastructure requirements to service soccer needs within the municipality.
- Provide direction on possible locations for the provision of synthetic surfaces to service the needs of the soccer community.

- Identify issues, needs and roles in supporting the development and operation of sustainable clubs in the municipality.
- Provide opportunities for bringing together more community cohesion through involvement people in this popular and growing sport.

5.2.8. Activate Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2014-19

Vision: Council's vision is to build active, healthy and successful communities in the City of Greater Dandenong through increased participation in sport and recreation and the provision of well planned, accessible, affordable and sustainable facilities. This can be summarised as: more people – more active – more often.

Key themes

In order to achieve this vision, a number of strategic actions have been developed that have been grouped under the following key themes that are relevant for the Burden Park Master Plan:

- Creating active and engaged communities.
- Providing improved access to indoor recreation facilities.
- Maintaining access to outdoor sporting facilities.
- Providing informal recreation opportunities.
- Supporting structured sporting opportunities and club viability.

Included in the Action Plan are the following relevant actions:
Objective 3 – Maintaining the distribution and access to quality outdoor structured sporting facilities.

- 3.34 - Encourage clubs to affiliate with Tennis Victoria. Support CGD clubs to be more active in implementing Tennis Victoria programs and services.
- 3.36 - Work with tennis clubs to encourage more open days, casual / social play opportunities to increase tennis participation and membership.

5.2.9. Cycling Strategy 2017-24

When considering cycling infrastructure, Council seeks to ensure that provision is made for the various types of cyclists using the municipality and improve the cycling experience for these users. Leisure and recreational cyclists are the largest area of growth in terms of cycling within the municipality and infrastructure for these cyclists continues to be delivered. An example of new cycling infrastructure within the municipality is the new 17 kilometre Caulfield to Dandenong shared bike path, which provides connections to many open spaces and other regional cycling trails within the municipality.

5.2.10. Multi-Purpose Use of Community Facilities Policy

This policy outlines Council's commitment to the development and/or operation of community facilities on a multi-purpose use basis. In relation to proposed community facilities at Burden Park, this policy will provide clear guidance for Council in making decisions about:

- Service planning for new facilities;
- Investment in community infrastructure;
- Allocation; and/or
- Use and consolidation of community facilities.

5.2.11. Sports Ground Floodlighting Policy 2015

The following informs the level of sports ground floodlighting to be considered in the development of sports lighting for Burden Park Reserve.

- *Council Policy 7.1 Floodlighting* - Council will provide and maintain sports lighting infrastructure at sports reserves to the appropriate standard and in line with the priorities for the provision of floodlighting as practically possible within financial budgeting and within the constraints of the existing infrastructure.
- *Council Policy 7.5 Floodlighting Suitable for Competition* – The cost of providing sports ground floodlighting suitable for competition purposes is much higher than the cost of training lights. Preference is given to the provision of training lights in order to benefit the largest possible number of local sports participants. Council recognises that it is necessary to have some selected facilities that are suitable for use at higher levels of competition. These will be informed by the priorities and recommendations contained within the Sports Facilities Plan.

5.2.12. Sports Pavilion Management Policy 2017

The aim of the Sports Pavilion Management Policy is to:

- Maximise shared use of pavilions to ensure minimum unnecessary wear and damage to pavilions and to ensure the pavilions are presented in the best possible condition.
- Provide a framework for the allocation of sports pavilions to ensure that maximum utilisation of Council infrastructure can

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be facilitated. This will ensure that sports clubs will be allocated adequately depending on the composition and needs of the club participants (senior, junior and female teams).

- Clarify the responsibility of maintenance and improvement works to ensure facilities are maintained to Council's standards.

The implications of the Sports Pavilion Management Policy does not affect Burden Park directly as the Tennis Club and Bowls Club located within the reserve are under separate lease agreements outside of this policy.

5.2.13. Dog Off-Leash Strategy 2010

Dog Off-leash areas were first introduced in the City of Greater Dandenong in 2001. Since their inception, they have proved extremely popular with dog owners as they provide a great outlet for dogs to get regular exercise and increase their socialisation skills.

The key outcomes of this Strategy include:

- A Dog Off-Leash Network Development Plan which will facilitate the expansion of the dog off leash network from seven parks to thirteen parks;
- The closure of the Police Paddocks Dog Off-leash area;
- The introduction of Dog Off-Leash Development Standards to guide the provision of ancillary infrastructure (such as bins, signage and fencing) in Off-Leash areas;
- A Dog Off-Leash Promotion and Education Program to promote responsible dog ownership and advise residents and park users of changes to the Off-Leash network;

- Incorporating the monitoring of Dog Off-Leash areas and the periodic review of the Dog Off-Leash Strategy into Council's Domestic Animal Management Plan planning process; and
- Provision for adequate ongoing capital funding for the establishment and ongoing operation of Dog Off-Leash areas.

The key implications for Burden Park include:

- *Dog's Off-Leash must not be within 20 metres of a playground at any time.*
- *Burden Park has not been identified as one of the 6 additional parks for a proposed Dog Off-Leash area in the Dog Off-Leash Strategy however there is space available within the reserve, particularly in the existing retarding basin area.*
- *The closest area with a proposed Dog Off-Leash area is Spring Valley Reserve which is approximately 1 kilometre south of Burden Park.*

5.2.14. Sustainability Strategy 2016-2030

Vision – Making The City of Greater Dandenong is one of the most sustainable cities in Australia by 2030. This Strategy will help integrate sustainability into Council's operations, its programs and its services, at both a corporate and community level.

The table below outlines the ten specific themes and their goals which will be implemented through various Council strategies, plans and policies relating to each of the ten themes. Reporting of Council's and the community's progress towards the objectives and

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targets identified in this strategy will form the basis of future Annual Sustainability Reports.

<u>Themes:</u>	<u>Our Goals:</u>
Biodiversity and Open Space	A Greener City
Water and Stormwater	A Water Sensitive City
Waste and Resources	A Waste Wise City
Transport and Movement	A Well Connected City
Climate and Energy	A Low Carbon City
Buildings and Places	A City Planned for the Future
Environmental Pollution	A Clean and Healthy City
Local and Sustainable Food	A City Connected by Food
Local Community and Culture	A Liveable City
Local Business and Economy	A City of Opportunity

The key implications for Burden Park include:

- *The Sustainability Strategy will continue to achieve its vision through the implementation of Council strategies relevant to the Burden Park Master Plan. For example, an objective of the Master Plan is to substantially increase the tree canopy cover across the park, enhancing ecological value.*
- *The already established use of the park for walking, exercising and informal recreation reinforces the values of maintaining and enhancing the park for the benefit of the local community.*

5.2.15. Council Plan 2017 – 2021 (Revised 2018)

The City of Greater Dandenong undertook an extensive consultation program for the Council Plan 2017-21 from July 2016 until June 2017. The program included a number of activities with the community, key stakeholders, Councillors and staff which have influenced the final priorities set for the next four years.

The key priorities which were highlighted through the consultation activities included:

- Streetscapes and public places
- Trees and our natural environment
- Roads, traffic and transport
- Arts and cultural heritage
- Attracting business
- Sustainability
- Physical activity
- Community participation
- Safety
- Parks and reserves
- Community hubs
- Youth unemployment and education
- Urban planning
- Marketing and promotion of businesses
- Jobs and innovation

5.2.16. Imagine 2030 Community Plan

In 2009 the outcomes of the consultation project were used to create the new Community Plan – Imagine 2030.

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In 2017 a review of the plan was undertaken as part of the development of the new Council Plan. This review confirmed that the key themes expressed by the Greater Dandenong community in 2009 are still of high importance along with an additional priority focused on tourism and attracting visitors to the city.

The top shared community priorities identified in the 2030 Community Plan are:

- Livelihood – Employment, business opportunities and pathways to each.
- Travel and transport – Local travel choices and travel to outside Greater Dandenong.
- Feeling and being safe – Safety in streets and public places and improving perceptions of safety.
- Education and information – Pathways to jobs, information for personal and community well-being and for literacy.
- Friendly and helpful people.

The key implications for Burden Park include:

The strategy identified priorities among young people as “reaching one’s potential” and “outdoor activity and sports”. The following goals in the strategy support these priorities and are important factors to consider in the development of the Burden Park Master Plan:

- *Sport and recreation opportunities will be affordable, diverse and accessible to all, especially for young people, families and those less well off than others. There will be opportunities for people of all backgrounds and ages to take part.*

- *Local sports and recreation clubs will be thriving centres of social activity and gathering across all cultures and generations.*
- *Everyone in Greater Dandenong will have access to parks and open spaces in their localities to enjoy and recreate in.*

5.2.17. Municipal Early Years Plan 2010 - 2014

Victorian local government has a key legislated leadership role in working with local stakeholders to plan for their municipality. Its planning role in the early years is of particular importance, and is recognised by state and federal government. Local Municipal Early Years Plans (MEYPs) are one of a range of plans that a council develops in partnership with its community to support enhancement of the well-being of its community.

The early childhood literature provides substantial evidence that the early years are crucial in setting the stage for later life. Young children develop through their relationships with others. Children’s development is shaped by the balance between risk and protective factors.

Supporting families effectively requires a comprehensive, coordinated family-centred service system. Addressing disadvantage in the early years can end generations of disengagement for families and whole communities, and provide children with the opportunity of breaking the cycle of disadvantage

The key implications for Burden Park include:

- *Enhancements to the existing playground, new informal sporting opportunities and proposed seating areas would*

create opportunities for play, learning and development of social skills in a family friendly environment.

5.2.18. Youth Strategy 2016-2019

The Strategy has been developed within the context of the Council Plan and Community Well-being Plan, and aligns with the directions of these strategic documents. Its priority areas are:

- Leading collaborative service provision for young people;
- Opportunities to work, learn and engage;
- Support health and well-being of young people;
- Recognising the strengths of young people as engaged citizens.

Young people are those aged between 12-25 years who live, work, and study, socialise or are significantly attached to the municipality. This is in accord with the national and state definitions of young people.

The key implications for Burden Park include:

- *An objective in the Burden Park Master Plan is to promote youth friendly design catering for emerging children's and teenage activities, as well as the needs of diverse age groups.*
- *This has been brought out in the proposed full-size basketball court, multi-activity surface and as well as other facilities for passive and active recreation.*

5.2.19. CGD Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS)

The Greater Dandenong Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) is a concise statement of the Greater Dandenong Council's objectives and strategies in regard to land use and development.

The objectives and strategies are set out under four themes:

- Land Use;
- Built Form;
- Open Space and Natural Environment;
- Infrastructure and Transportation.

The four key themes will provide broad guidance for future development at Burden Park.

5.2.20. Springvale Activity Centre Structure Plan 2017

The Springvale Activity Centre is a popular and vibrant multi-cultural retail and commercial centre in Melbourne's south-east. It is well serviced with food, groceries and produce, restaurants and bakeries and has a growing health service precinct.

The purpose of the Structure Plan is to outline a 20 year vision and plan for the renewal and revitalisation of the Springvale Activity Centre. The Structure Plan aims to:

- Manage land use and encourage economic activity;
- Achieve excellence in built form and urban design for new developments;
- Encourage and promote alternative transport and movement options to the car;
- Improve and increase its open space and public realm provisions.

This Structure Plan's vision recommends that:

- Springvale will build on its current unique cultural and Asian food retailing strengths to become a place of business growth and local employment opportunities.
- Springvale will have greater housing choices and safer and more attractive streets.
- Springvale will ensure the design of new buildings is site responsive, innovative and achieves environmentally sustainable design outcomes.
- Springvale will have a high degree of connectivity and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Springvale will have distinctive and safe green open spaces for residents and visitors to enjoy.

The key implications for Burden Park include:

- *The enhancement and provision of a diverse range of recreation experiences.*
- *Although Burden Park is outside of the study zone of the Structure Plan, the development of the Master Plan should support common objectives in terms of:*
 - ✓ *Promoting places and activities for young people to engage them with community space.*
 - ✓ *Enhancing open space, recreation and leisure opportunities for residents, workers and visitors.*
 - ✓ *Promoting sustainable building practices.*
 - ✓ *Improving efficiency of movement and increase opportunities for pedestrian and cyclist activity.*

5.2.21. Community Well-being Plan 2017-21

The Community Well-being Plan has been developed in parallel with the Council Plan 2013-17, to ensure the alignment of principles and actions to promote a healthy, active and safe community. The Community Well-being Plan acknowledges the importance of physical activity, leisure and recreational opportunities in improving health and well-being, encouraging social interaction and creating healthier and a more inclusive community.

The Community Well-being Plan 2017-21 draws on research and evidence of social and health outcomes, as well as consultation with children and young people, service agencies, organisations and Council staff. The four main priorities identified as part of the Community Well-being Plan. They are:

- Community, infrastructure, transport and environment;
- Learning and employment;
- Mental and physical health;
- Engagement, social cohesion and safety.

The key implications of the Community Well-being Plan for the Burden Park Master Plan are the emphasis on place, people and opportunity, in particular adhering to the following key objectives:

- *Create places for people to enjoy and actively participate in their local community, including open spaces and recreational opportunities.*
- *Increase engagement in and strengthen the benefits of education and employment for residents.*
- *Improve the health and well-being of all residents through collaborative planning and enhancing health promoting services and opportunities.*

- *Improve levels of social cohesion and actual and perceived levels of safety for all residents.*

5.2.22. Community Safety Plan 2015-2022

The vision identified in the Community Safety Plan is that “The City of Greater Dandenong is a diverse, safe and harmonious community where all people feel included and respected.”

The Community Safety Plan for Greater Dandenong 2015-22 aims to improve community perceptions of safety and reduce the risk of crime and anti-social behaviour. The plan will work toward these aims by:

- Enabling all residents to enjoy and contribute to well-designed and accessible public spaces.
- Supporting respectful relationships and positive interactions between communities and individuals, so that all residents are safe in public and within their homes.
- Designing and maintaining public and private transport infrastructure for the safe movement of all residents.
- Addressing the causes and impacts of alcohol and other drugs through community education, regulation and designing harm minimising environments.
- Encouraging on-line safety while maximising the benefits of web based communications.

The Community Safety Plan addresses the following six priority areas:

- Supporting Diversity and Promoting Harmony;
- Preventing Family Violence;
- Creating Safer Public Places;

- Safety for Road Users, Pedestrians and Commuters;
- Addressing Alcohol and Other Drug Harms;
- Emerging Technology and Safety.

The key implications of the Community Safety Plan for the Burden Park Master Plan are the emphasis on creating safer public spaces, particularly the design, maintenance and activation to improve safety and perceptions of safety, safety for road users, pedestrians and commuters and supporting diversity and promoting harmony.

5.2.23. City of Greater Dandenong Gateway Strategy 2013

The Gateway Strategy aims to produce a strategic framework for gateways that will:

- Change and/or improve perceptions of Greater Dandenong and its activity centres; and
- Engage, challenge and inspire the community.

Gateways should strengthen cultural identity, enhance the urban environment, and contribute to the quality of public and private open spaces in the City of Greater Dandenong.

The objectives of the strategy are to:

- Position gateways as an important urban design tool for increasing cultural identity and diversity, enhancing the urban environment, improving pedestrian access and contributing to the quality of public and private open spaces in the City;
- Develop gateways that engage, challenge and inspire the community;
- Change and/or improve perceptions of Greater Dandenong and its activity centres;

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- Provide certainty as to how gateway locations will look, feel and function into the future;
- Construct a process for finding the most appropriate gateway types and consider possible sites;
- Provide Council with a strategic basis for assessing development applications within gateway sites; and
- Support internal Council proposals for capital works bids.

Gateway 11 is a linear gateway that centres on Springvale Road between Burden Park and the Springvale Major Activity Centre boundary located to the north of Heather Grove.

The objectives for this gateway are:

- To provide a positive gateway experience into the Springvale Major Activity Centre on approach from the south.
- To strengthen existing landscape themes along Springvale Road
- To facilitate the development of high-quality built form that contributes to the sense of arrival

5.2.24. Greater Dandenong Walking Strategy 2015 - 2023

As one of Council's most used parks, Burden Park is used for walking by a significant number of residents and visitors. Burden Park has been labelled as an 'idea spot' in the Walking Strategy with suggestions for walking groups and wayfinding signage by the community.

The Vision:

Greater Dandenong is a safe, lively, attractive city that has a culture of walking for both recreation and transport purposes.

Aim:

Greater Dandenong aims to increase the number of people walking by offering more opportunities to do so, better access to places and spaces that encourage the health, social and community benefits of walking.

The key implications for Burden Park include:

As mentioned in 5.2.4, the development of a suitable path network throughout the park is important to cater for those who use the park for walking.

5.2.25. Lawn Bowls/Croquet Plan 2015

The following items have been identified for Burden Park within the Action and Implementation Plan which are the same as those identified in the Activate - Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2014-19

Playing surface: Investigate either the replacement of Burden Park Bowling Club's number 2 green with synthetic or drought tolerant grass, or closure of the green. High-priority

Fencing: Address fencing on croquet club side of facility, which causes issues with facility security. Medium-priority

Irrigation: Burden Park Bowling Club to consider replacement of irrigation system. High-priority

Site subsurface: Monitor ground movement associated with Club's location on former tip site. Medium-priority

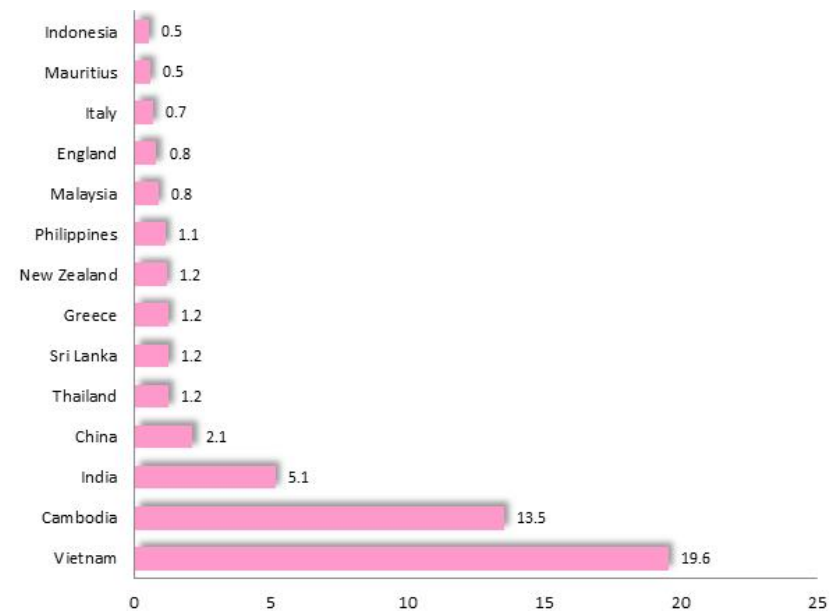
6 The Demographics of the Springvale South Community and their impact on Recreation Demand

6.1 The Demographics of the Springvale South Community

In 2016, Springvale South had a population of 12,800 residents. These residents have similar levels of cultural diversity and rates of migrant settlement to Greater Dandenong, coupled with lower levels of early school leaving and incomes than Greater Dandenong and a high proportion of Buddhist residents. There is a lesser proportion of flats in Springvale South than for Greater Dandenong and higher levels of home ownership.

The 2016 Census found that 64% of Springvale South residents were born overseas, the same as for Greater Dandenong and substantially more than the metropolitan level of 40.5%. Among the 82 birthplaces of its residents were Vietnam (19.6%), Cambodia (13.5%), India (5.1%) and China (2.1%).

A selection of birthplaces is illustrated in the accompanying diagram.



Selected Birthplaces: Springvale South, 2016

Rates of migrant settlement are relatively low, with 2.4% of residents having arrived in Australia within the previous 18 months – less than the corresponding figure for Greater Dandenong, of 3.9%.

Languages other than English are spoken by 77% of residents – compared with 70% for Greater Dandenong. Twenty-five per cent of Springvale South residents have limited fluency in the use of spoken English, more than the municipal level of 18% and over four times the metropolitan level, of 6%.

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Among the major religious faiths, aside from Christianity, are Buddhism, adhered to by 36% of residents, Islam (3%) and Hinduism (2%).

Seven per cent of young adults (20-24 years) had left school before completing year 11 – lower than either the municipal average of 13% and the metropolitan level of 8.3%

Median individual gross incomes of \$449 p.w., recorded in the 2016 Census, are lower than the Greater Dandenong figure of \$476 and about two-thirds (67%) of metropolitan levels.

Of the 4,100 homes in Springvale South, just 3% are flats, less than the Greater Dandenong level of 11.4%, and metropolitan level of 16%. Nearly three-quarters (73%) of homes in the suburb are owned or being purchased by their occupants – higher than the metropolitan proportion of 57%.

	Springvale South	Greater Dandenong	Metropolitan Melbourne
% Born overseas	63.6	61.7	40.5
% Speak languages other than English at home	76.8	70.2	38.4
% Population with limited English fluency	25.1	17.8	6
% 20-24 year-olds who completed year 10 or less	7.4	13.0	8.3
Median weekly individual income	\$449	\$476	\$673
% Private dwellings that are flats	2.9	11.4	16.3

6.2 General Leisure Trends Impacting on Sport and Recreation Participation and Facilities

6.2.1. General Leisure Trends

The following section highlights the range of general sport and recreation trends that are likely to impact on the development and future sport and recreation provision for Greater Dandenong Council.

- ***A gradual ageing of the population.*** As life expectancy increases, birth rates stay low and the “baby boomers” of the 1950s and 1960s grow older. This is placing a new demand on providing specific older persons programs.
- ***Flexibility in the times when people recreate.*** As demands on people’s time increases and work practices change, people are seeking to take their sport and recreation at different times, over a broad spread of hours and at facilities that offer a lot of activities under the one roof.
- ***Increased variety in sport and recreation options.*** People’s sport and recreation options are changing towards newer more varied activities offered over a greater range of timeframes compared to previous decades where limited variety in activities and scheduling occurred. This has supported the trend to more multi-use facilities to attract a broader range of users as well as multiple programs to meet different needs at the one centre.
- ***Constraints to sport and recreation participation.*** Lack of time, lack of facilities close by, family and work constraints, health problems and cost of service or use of facilities are the main constraints to many Victorians sport and recreation participation.
- ***Changing employment structures, trading and work hours.*** These trends often make participation in traditional sport and recreation activities difficult and therefore people are looking for facilities that are open longer hours and have a lot of activity options at the one site. This makes opportunities such as indoor pools and health and fitness centres and indoor sports courts attractive as their long opening hours and days open per year means usage can be made in a wide range of social, training, competition and educational settings.
- ***Different people want different activities.*** The different cultural, age, gender of the population sees the need for facilities to offer potential users a much more varied range of programs and services than previously offered. All year round available indoor and outdoor sport and recreation facilities also provide the greatest diversity of activities throughout the different seasons impacted by Victoria’s weather.
- ***Provision of high standards and quality of facilities and services.*** People are looking for high standard, high quality facilities and services to meet their sport and recreation needs. This has also seen the trend for indoor facilities becoming very popular as they allow activity in safe and secure spaces in all weather and environmental conditions.

- ***Desire for activities to be affordable.*** The development of multi-purpose aquatic, fitness and indoor sport centres has enabled the high operating cost activities, such as aquatics, to be cross-subsidised by more profitable activity areas such as health and fitness, food and beverage and entertainment areas. This has enabled many facilities to keep general entry fees low to encourage use whilst seeking users who want special services to contribute at a greater level to the cost of such activities. In general, there is a greater reliance on locally accessed and lower cost opportunities by those without the resources to travel and pay for more expensive activities.
- ***Recognition of strong links between physical activity and health.*** Preventative health care and active lifestyles are very important to many Victorians and aquatic and health and fitness and indoor and outdoor sport activities are becoming a large part of people's activity choices. There is increased recognition of the strong links between involvement in recreational activity and good health, and the development of appropriate activities and services, which support this.
- ***Expectations of equity and access.*** Today's society expects people with special needs to be catered for in public facilities. This has seen improved design features to increase accessibility to and within such facilities. Added to this is the growing array of programs and activities offered to people of all different abilities, physical condition and skill levels.
- ***Sustainable Development.*** In addition to the trends above there are specific trends relating to leisure and sporting facility

development such as sport facility planners and operators need to respond to community demand for more sustainable and eco-friendlier infrastructure.

- ***Multi-use Facilities*** are replacing single purpose buildings particularly in the area of pavilion and community centre development to maximise the use of Council resources and to provide more opportunities to the community within existing facility provision.

6.2.2. Impact on the Sports Participation and Facilities

All sports and recreation providers are operating in an environment of change. There are many challenges that will need to be dealt with including:

- ***Consumer Expectations:*** As a result of consumers being exposed to high quality programs, events and services through the media and other leisure industry providers they are expecting more and more from their sport and recreation programs. This includes quality of facilities, support amenity, player and spectator comfort, quality of service, coaching and expecting the service to be provided when they want it. However this has meant that significantly less program space can be achieved per investment dollar.
- ***Changing population demographics:*** Australia's population is ageing. The percentage of population of 5 to 14 year olds will continue to decrease with the greatest growth in the 55+ age group. This will create a demand for programs and services in sport that go well beyond a focus on junior sport.

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- **Competition for participants:** All Australia's sporting codes have recognised the need to recruit young players into their sport at an early age. Many of the sports face competition from large, well-funded junior programs and high profile sports as well as other forms of entertainment competing for the time and interest of young people. A key challenge for many sports and recreational activities is the retention of those recruits beyond their mid-teen years.
- **Facilities:** Maintaining and developing new facilities is a major challenge for the sport and recreation industry. The future may require sporting and recreation providers to partner in multi-sport/recreational developments either in local government or commercially built complexes.
- **Well-trained personnel:** volunteers predominantly service most sports. Recruiting and retaining paid staff and volunteers are critical to operations. In an increasingly regulated world, volunteers need and demand access to training and education in a flexible delivery model that responds to their busy lives. Coaches, officials and administrators must be supported to ensure the delivery of quality programs and competitions. Supporting and recognising volunteers is a task not to be underestimated.

The 2009 Crawford Report on the Future of Sport in Australia identified a range of challenges for all sports including stating that:

- The infrastructure of community sport, made up of both people and facilities, is under threat. The supply of volunteers, often the

lifeblood of any club or association is under pressure. There is no coherent approach to building community sports and the physical facilities they need.

- If participation levels are to grow or even be sustained, policy makers and sports administrators must find new ways to encourage and support volunteerism. Governments at all levels will have to increase their investment in community facilities if grass roots sport is to flourish.
- The tradition of volunteering is a competitive advantage for Australia, and is not replicated in many other countries. But sports organisations report increasing difficulties in securing enough volunteers. Modern lifestyles and flexible working hours do not fit easily into the schedules for community sport.

6.2.3. Sport Participation Rates 2016

This report provides the results of an analysis of participation in Victorian club-based sport across the lifespan. It combines data from Victorian State Sporting Associations (SSAs) for 12 major sports: Australian Football League, Basketball, Bowls, Cricket, Football (Soccer), Golf, Gymnastics, Hockey, Netball, Sailing, Swimming, and Tennis.

This report shows that the local government area of Greater Dandenong has a participation rate of 6.2 player registrations per 100 residents. This is the second lowest figure across the state after the City of Melbourne with 6.05. By comparison the Shire of Buloke had the highest levels of participation per head of population with 39.94 registrations per 100 residents.

Key Finding

The key findings for 2016 were the same as those for 2015:

- The rate of overall participation in organised community sport increased from 2015 to 2016. This was driven by increases in male and female participation rates, with male growth much higher than female growth.
- Sport participation is highest among young children (aged 5–14 years).
- Sport participation rates drop significantly during adolescence.
- Sport participation rates among females (11%) are almost half of those among males (21%).
- Sport participation rates are higher in regional Victoria compared to metropolitan Melbourne.

6.3 Burden Park Sports Club Participation

This section outlines the participation trends of the sporting clubs based at Burden Park.

Burden Park Bowling Club

- Membership over the last three years has been in decline with the following membership recorded.
- 2015 – 87 playing members, 25-30 social members
- 2016 – 85 playing members, 25-30 social members
- 2017 - 80 playing members, 25-30 social members
- The club identified the ageing population and the cultural demographics of the area as contributing factors to declining membership.

Burden Park Tennis Club

- Membership is currently 150 and has been stable over the last ten years fluctuating between 145-160 members. There are approximately 40 junior members and 35+ senior members.

7 Community Consultation and Engagement

Council and the Consultant Team undertook a range of mediums to engage with as many local users as possible. The detailed consultation process and outcomes are documented within the separate report “Burden Park Master Plan Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report” (refer to Appendix 3).

A summary of the stages of engagement and the key outcomes from the community and stakeholder engagement is presented below.

7.1 Stage 1 – Future of Park (Generic) Consultation

The Future of Parks community consultation was undertaken as part of Stage 1 and occurred between 14 December 2017 and 15 January 2018. This consultation was a general consultation regarding the future of parks in the municipality, not a specific park. Using the “Our Say” online engagement platform, the consultation was built around two questions, ‘How [do] you currently use parks?’ and ‘What would make you want to visit them more?’

The consultation was promoted on Council’s website, inviting the community to participate in the Our Say online engagement forum. An article, titled ‘Future plans for local parks’ was also placed in The City Magazine – Dec 2017-Jan 2018 Edition. The article informed the community that the first stage of the Master Plan process would

focus on researching how the parks are currently used and the community’s aspirations for the future and the opportunity for face to face consultation in February 2018.

Thirty eight members of the community responded to the ‘Our Say’- Stage 1 online engagement survey with the majority of respondents requesting play spaces, cafes in parks, additional trees, adult fitness stations, provision of public toilets, seating and tables, shade and paths.

7.2 User Group Consultation with Existing Sport Clubs

7.2.1. Burden Park Bowling Club

At a meeting with the Burden Park Bowling Club, the club acknowledged that two greens are adequate for their needs. The third green has provided flexibility when either of the greens requires renovation or works and is rarely used. Membership has declined over the past several years. The courts are used for competition on Tuesday and Saturday with occasional tournaments on Thursdays and Sundays. The clubhouse is hired for functions and events, significantly contributing to the financial viability to the club.

In relation to the Burden Park Master Plan, the club advised:

- The overflow car parking is used mostly on bowling days
- A suggestion was made that a roadway be installed between Olympic Avenue and the Bowling Club carpark so that it could be used by the Tennis Club and others.

7.2.2. Burden Park Tennis Club

The Tennis Club comprises a clubhouse and six en-tout-cas tennis courts. The membership number is currently at 150 members and has remained stable over the last ten years. The facilities are used by a range of community groups including schools, a Cambodian group and Vietnamese group who hold tournaments at the courts. The six courts are adequate for current use and are used every day apart from Thursday. Due to the demand on Wednesday nights, the club hires a court from another club. The club does not have a strong need for additional courts. During the consultation process the club suggested some issues, observation and ideas for improvements including:

- A desire to replace the courts with a synthetic surface, requiring less maintenance and water than the current surface;
- Car parking is an issue as the club competes with the local church across the road, particularly on a Sunday;
- A circuit path in the park is desirable;
- More shelters and picnic tables;
- Consider fencing between the playground and car parks and roads;
- More lighting and CCTV cameras;
- Not supportive of dog off-leash in the reserve;
- Safety concerns for pedestrians and children regarding cars parking along the former croquet roadway on a Saturday.

7.3 Stage 2 – Burden Park Community Consultation

Stage 2 of the community consultation was undertaken between 22 January 2018 and 18 March 2018. This consultation was specific to Burden Park. The Stage 2 consultation was used to gain as much community input early in the Master Plan process to provide guidance on the development of the draft Master Plan.

The consultation also included an article in The City February 2018, the distribution of a postcard (11,630 in number) within 1km radius of the park; three posters displayed in the park; the sports club buildings; Council's libraries and customer service counters. A drop-in community consultation session in the park was held on Saturday 17th February 9am-12pm to enable residents to have a face to face conversation in the park.

The consultation on the "Our Say" online engagement platform was built around the same two questions as stage 1; 'How [do] you currently use parks?' and 'What would make you want to visit them more?' This consultation invited the community to provide comments on Our Say, or provide an email response to Council's 'futureofparks' email or phone a Council officer.

The key themes derived from the 'Our Say' – Stage 2 consultation was develop a music hub, create a dog off-leash area, food trucks and provision of walking and bike paths.

On the 17th of February 2018, a three hour Drop-in Session was held at the reserve by the Consultant Team and attended by two Council officers and a Ward Councillor. The Drop-in Session

happened to coincide with the Lions Club's annual Summer Festival. Three sports / social club members and 19 residents made comments. The key themes from respondents attending the Drop-in session were:

- Provide shade near the playground;
- Provide exercise stations;
- More barbeques and more shelters;
- A circuit path.

7.4 Stage 3 – Consultation and Engagement on the Draft Master Plan (Exhibited Version)

The draft Master Plan was presented to the Ward Councillors on the 7th June prior to undertaking the public exhibition of the draft Master Plan from 11th July 2018 – 17th August 2018.

The consultation was built around the questions; 'Tell us if you support the plan? If not, why not?', and 'If you do, what are your three top priorities from the ideas listed on the plan?' This consultation invited the community to provide comments on the Our Say engagement platform, or provide an email response to Council's 'futureofparks' email or phone a Council officer. In addition, an email notification with the link to the Our Say Stage 3 survey and 'futureofparks' email was sent to all respondents who had participated in stages 1 and 2 of the process.

The Draft Master Plan poster was displayed at the reserve Council's customer office counters and libraries.

During the Stage 3 'Our Say' engagement forum -, twenty people were engaged and raised 6 ideas (of which 4 of them were the same person), 2 comments and 18 votes. During the consultation period, 2 emails were received, including one from the Bowling Club.

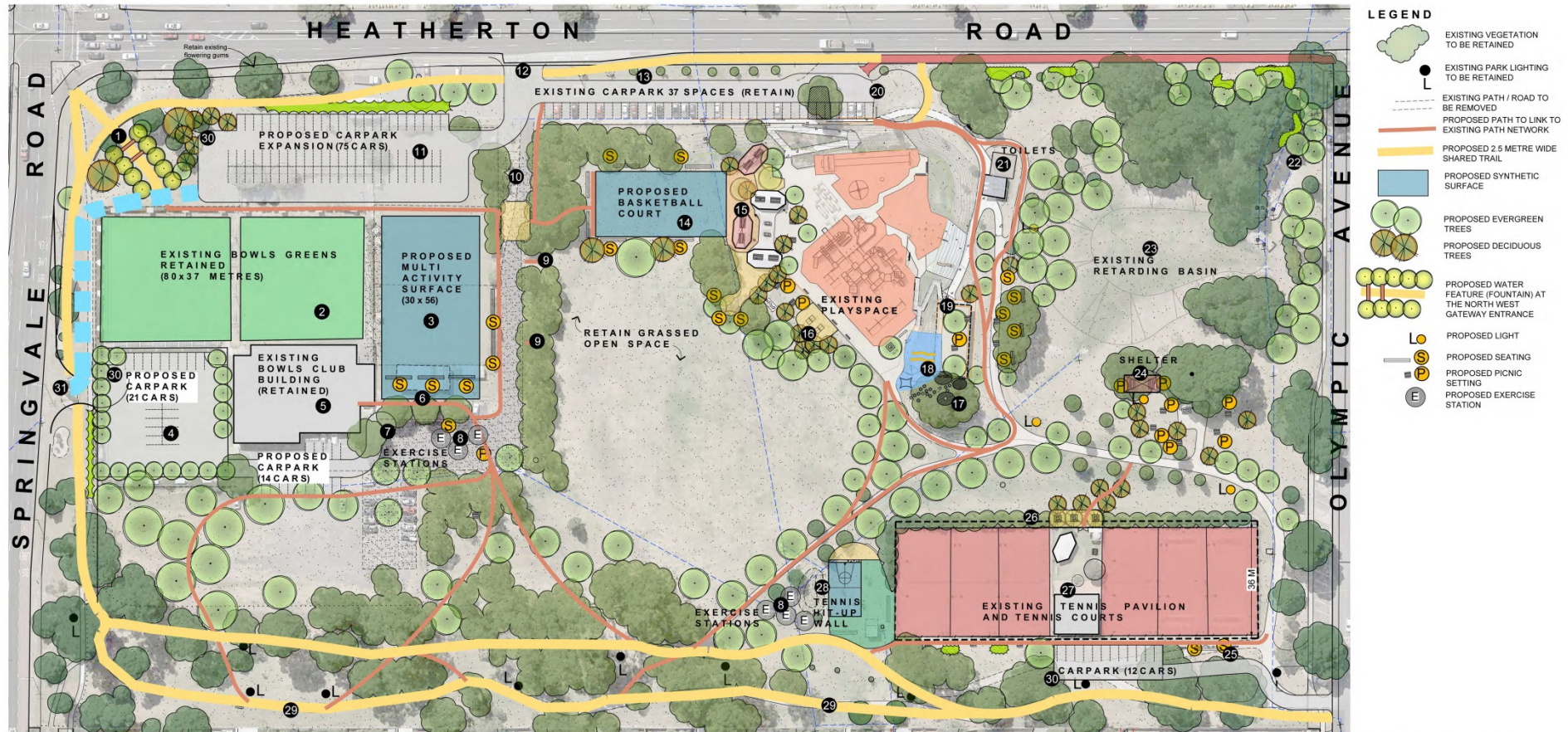
The key themes derived from the 'Our Say' – Stage 3 consultation was a high level of support for the brass band which had a total of 20 combined comments and votes. 2 people commenting requested to include a futsal field while 1 comment each was made in relation to retaining the trees to the north side of the tennis courts, the impact of the additional car park proposed to the south of the tennis courts in regards to the existing mature trees, the inclusion of volleyball and badminton courts within the multi-purpose area, including a Dog Off-Leash area and improved access to the Bowling Club's car park.

8 Development of the Draft Master Plan

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- Proposed seating deck around the existing English Oak tree with mudstone rock boulders and smaller decks at various levels for seating and play.
- Expansion of the playground area including 2 proposed mound slides and climbing net to further integrate with the embankment and improve access.
- Demolish the existing marching girls building and re-align the existing path. To create a new picnic and seating area and viewing platform on the existing mound.
- Extend the carpark to the east and create a turn-around bowl. Connect the proposed perimeter circuit to the existing concrete shared path.
- Increase the number of public toilets from 3 to 6 cubicles.
- Establish appropriate tufting plants to the area of the exposed pits in the north east corner of the site.
- Enhance the existing retaining basin through improvements to the outlets and re-profiling of the base area.
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- Proposed 2.5 metre wide shared trail.
- Investigate the potential for incorporating WSUD opportunities into new works to treat stormwater run-off from impervious surfaces. i.e. rain gardens, tree pits and 'smart soakers' and permeable pavement.
- Investigate left in, (with slip lane) left out to Springvale Road and access road with speed humps to northern carpark.

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8.1 Key Directions of the Draft Master Plan (Exhibited Version)

Following the three stages of community and stakeholder consultation and engagement, the following key directions were prepared for the Draft Master Plan (Exhibited Version):

8.1.1. Artwork / Gateway Entrance

- Provide public artwork and feature tree and shrub planting at the northwest gateway at the corner of Springvale and Heatherton Roads.
- The intersection carries a substantial volume of traffic throughout weekdays and weekends. The corner of the reserve is highly visible from the intersection and apart from several Flowering Gum trees, is barren and devoid of interest. The corner fence line of the bowls club presents poorly and exacerbates the poor quality amenity to this section of the park which is in contrast to the high amenity of the remaining park.

8.1.2. Bowling Greens & Former Croquet Green

- Retain two of the three bowls greens, with the southern green converted to a car park adjacent to the bowls club's social rooms. The car park is to be accessed from both Springvale Road and from the northern carpark linking vehicle access to and from Heatherton Road.
- The bowls club membership has gradually declined and the need for the third bowling green has diminished. There is

high demand for additional car parking within the reserve to address parking capacity during events and festivals.

- Construct a multi-activity space with various sports courts and social seating areas to the site of the former croquet green and band room to the east side of the bowls club social rooms.
- Construct a turning loop to allow for deliveries to the bowls club. The turning loop for the bowls club will require the review of existing trees on site – layout adjustments may be required.
- Council's Open Space Strategy (2009) recommends additional active recreation activities are required in many of the municipal parks and reserves managed by Council. Burden Park is listed as under-utilised and the establishment of usable all year round surface and multi-purpose surface will assist in meeting council's strategic objectives.
- The existing bowls club building is to be retained for the purpose of this Master Plan.

8.1.3. Fitness Exercise Stations

- Provide exercise stations at several sections of the reserve.
- During the consultation and engagement process in the preparation of the Master Plan, locals valued the opportunity to exercise in the reserve and envisaged that exercise stations would be of benefit to them.

8.1.4. Pedestrian Access

- Provide a visual and physical connection between the proposed multi-activity surface and the existing open grassed area presently used as a kick-about area (i.e. terrace steps / switch back ramp).
- Establishment of an easily accessed east-west cross connection between the multi-purpose activity surface, the proposed basketball court and grass is critical to the integration and function of the facilities.
- Construct a reinforced 2.5m wide coloured concrete shared pathway parallel to both Heatherton Road and Springvale Road and along the south side of the park.
- Throughout the community consultation and engagement process conducted for the Master Plan there was strong demand to provide exercise opportunities for locals and to enhance the pathway systems, particularly the connection from the recently constructed coloured concrete path on Heatherton Road to a path parallel to Springvale Road, then linking the existing paths to the southern side of the park.

8.1.5. Car Parking and Vehicle Access

- There is high demand for vehicle parking throughout the park. Through the provision of access and vehicle parking areas to the north east quarter of the park there is significant net gain of formalised sealed surface carpark spaces.
- Revert the existing north-south sealed access road east of the proposed multi-activity space to a reinforced grassed

surface comprising of layers of scoria and quality topsoil planted with warm and cool season grasses to allow occasional overflow car parking at times of high demand.

- Realignment and expansion of the existing carpark area north of the former croquet green (75 cars).
- A sealed access link will connect to the proposed carpark to the south west of the bowls club and connect to Springvale Road.
- A modified entry and exit on Heatherton Road as one lane in and two lanes out will be required.
- The current entrance point is confusing, given the high traffic volume along Heatherton Road and particularly for first time visitors to the park.
- With the intended increased parking capacity and the link to the proposed car park on the third bowling green, considerable additional vehicle movements on Heatherton Road will occur. Making the intersection more legible and accessible is important.
- Extend the existing car park to the east parallel to Heatherton Road and create a turn-around bowl. The carpark is generally used by visitors to the regional play space and facilities.
- Investigate left in, (with slip lane) left out to Springvale Road and access road with speed humps to the northern carpark.
- There is demand for a vehicle entry point to the proposed western entrance of Burden Park. The access road provides access between the northern and western car parks.

8.1.6. Basketball Court

- Construct a full-sized basketball court (east – west orientation) with futsal and basketball goals and line markings to the west of the existing picnic area with seating, grassed mounding and integration (reshaping) to the existing embankment to the west.
- Council had the proposal for construction of a full-sized basketball court prior to the Master Plan process. This extension is part of the Burden Park District Playground Design commenced in 2012 for design and staged development and implementation. The basketball court project was funded in the 2017/18 Council CIP Budget. And at the time of writing this report it has been constructed.
- Provide additional picnic shelters and associated seating close to the existing picnic shelters and proposed basketball court.
- Burden Park is classified as a District Level Park and has a district level playground. The existing two shelters and several barbecue units and long table seating are in high demand and cannot cope with even moderate intensity of use of the park. Additional shelters, tables, seats and barbecue units are required to meet the demand.

8.1.7. Table Tennis Tables

- Provide two table tennis tables near the picnic area.
- Popp table tennis tables have become a popular leisure item in contemporary parks. Their location is close to the existing

picnic facilities and the playground and the tennis tables will provide further recreation diversity in meeting Council's objectives of the Open Space Strategy (2009).

8.1.8. Playground

- Provide seating underneath the large English Oak tree and several small timber decks for seating and play. The multi-level timber decks, inclusion of possible sculpture works such as carved timber animals and appropriate play apparatus (to the theme) will stimulate imaginative play activity for children as a logical extension of the district play space.
- The large English Oak tree is a major feature immediately south of the former marching girls building. The deciduous nature of the tree allows for solar access in winter and in summer, shade.
- Extend the existing district playground with additional equipment such as two mound slides and a climbing net to the eastern edge of the regional play space.



The existing district playground

- The existing district playground is of flat terrain with sloping embankment sides to the east and north edges. The west facing slope lends itself to the installation of slides. This opportunity integrates to the proposed seating and decking for play activity at the large English Oak tree and mounded slides.

8.1.9. Former Marching Girls Building

- Demolish the former marching girls building and re-align the path.
- The former marching-girls building is only used for storage of various items of equipment, but is not used to capacity. Council will investigate an alternative suitable location and in the future, depending on feasibility the removal of the building will provide a wonderful opportunity to physically

and visually link the retarding basin to the east with the district playground activities including the new play elements around the English Oak tree and the mounded slides as an extension of the playground.

8.1.10. Public Toilets

- Increase the number of public toilets from three to six cubicles.
- During the consultant team visits to Burden Park at peak use periods, the queue of people waiting to use the public toilets was evident and additional toilets should be provided next to the existing facility that is located to the east of the regional playground.



Existing toilet facilities with dis-used marching girls' building (rear of photo)

8.1.11. Retarding Basin

- Provide appropriate planting to the north east corner of the storm water retarding basin and re-profile the grassed base area to make the grassed area a more usable informal activity space. The floodwater storage capacity volume must remain.
- The north east corner presents poorly. While ten or so drainage outflows, pits and protective gratings are functional and the reason for the retarding basin's existence, they could be partly hidden through appropriate tufting plants such as; Lomandra and Dianella.
- The concrete spillways can be replaced with rockwork with vegetation to reduce the imperviousness and improve the aesthetics. Dog walking is a popular activity within Burden Park and a designated Dog-Off-Leash area would benefit the community.



Barbecue facilities and shelter

8.1.12. Tennis Courts and Pavilion

- Upgrade the existing tennis pavilion and create a pedestrian entrance with a gate to provide access to the north side of the pavilion into the park. Access to the north fence line will assist in activating this section of the park, linking to the existing pathways and proposed picnic shelter.
- The tennis club requested their pavilion be upgraded and extended, to include a storage room.
- Construct a shelter and provide additional seating and picnic tables to the existing barbecue site immediately north of the tennis courts.
- Construction of a shelter and additional picnic tables will assist in distributing the demand on the barbecues and shelters close to the district play space.
- Subject to the retention of existing mature trees, investigate the option of car park to the south side of the tennis courts to service the tennis courts and pavilion. Entry and Exit is from Olympic Avenue via the existing access track.
- The tennis club is an active contributor to the park's social and recreational dynamics and there is demand for formalising access to a small car parking area accessed from Olympic Avenue. Great care must be taken in the formation of the parking area not to damage root systems of the groups of large Manna Gum trees nearby.



Tennis courts and pathway

- Extend the tennis court footprint 0.5 metres north and 1.2 metres south to meet the 34.77m length for tennis courts to comply with current run off standards.
- Some of the run off distances are below the standard for competition tennis level. The existing fencing and some vegetation may need to be removed and fencing realigned. This will necessitate the erection of new fencing and support poles.

8.1.13. Hit-up Wall

- To the west side of the tennis courts, construct a masonry tennis hit-up wall, basketball hoop, cricket wicket line markings and rock climbing. The existing storage shed is to be demolished with storage to be relocated to the upgraded tennis pavilion.

- During the community and stakeholder consultation and engagement process there was strong support for the provision of a tennis hit-up wall/ rebound wall, inclusive with a basketball ring and key, cricket wicket line markings and climbing grips to the wall. This facility requires further design refinement.

8.1.14. Water Sensitive Urban Design

- As a guiding principle, incorporate Water Sensitive Urban Design solutions into all the new works within the park.
- The extent of new carpark surfaces, the existing and new pathways lend themselves to the formation of rain garden and passive irrigation to the immediate adjoining grassed areas, garden beds and trees.



Retarding basin

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Inflow drainage pit – retarding basin



Bowls Club parking area



Overflow parking



Former Croquet Clubrooms

9 Development of the Draft Master Plan Post Stage 3 Community Engagement

9.1 Council's and Design Team Response

The Burden Park Master Plan was revised following feedback received as part of the Stage 3 Community Consultation period.

The letter received from The Burden Park Bowling Club was reviewed and assessed by Council and the Consultant team. In summary, Council advised there were a number of issues associated with the BPBC's suggested alternative location of the basketball and multi-purpose courts from the point of view of:

- 1) Unsafe perception/ lack of visibility from Heatherton Road/ lack of casual surveillance,
- 2) Building a stronger connection to the existing location of the playground, and
- 3) Keeping the existing mature trees around the southern side of the park.

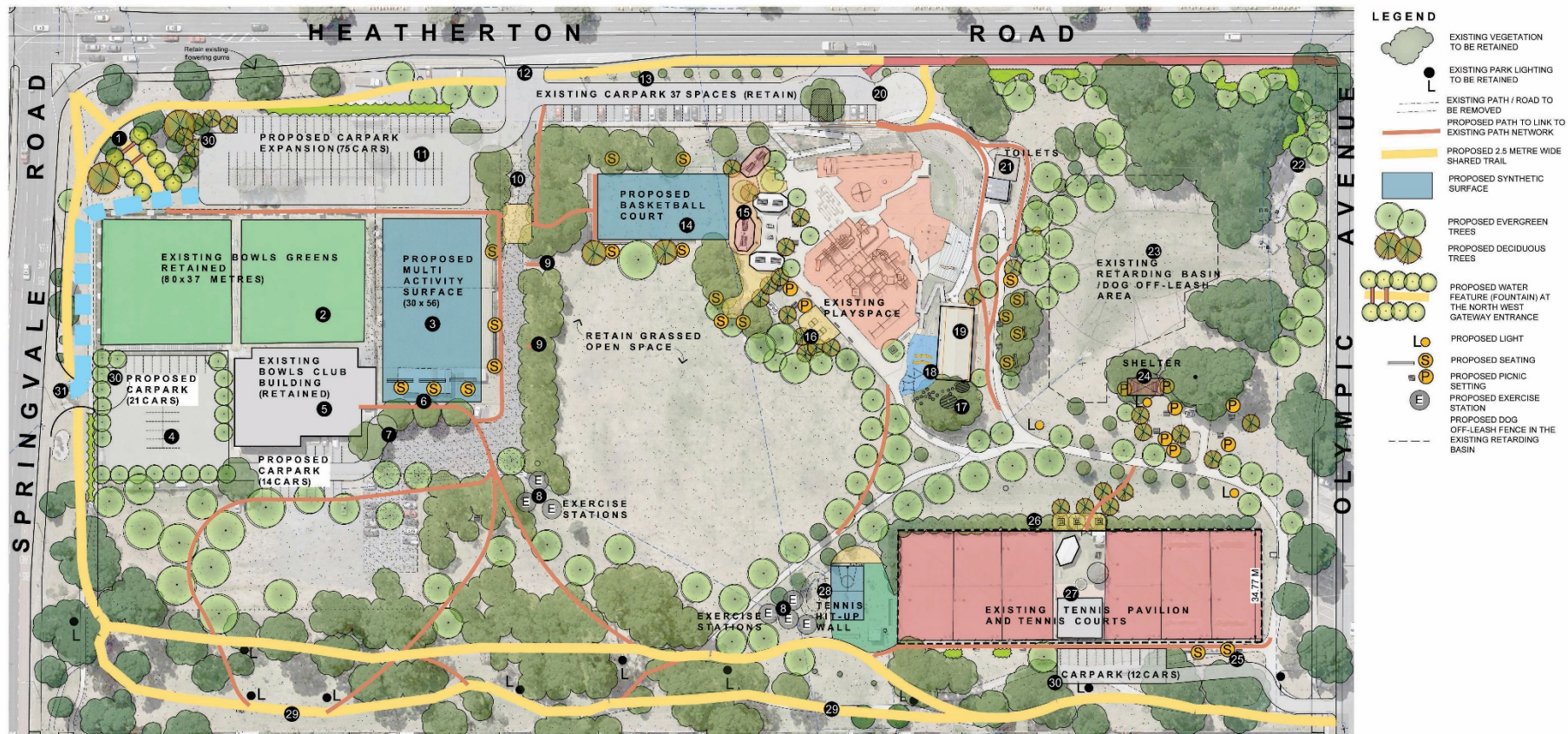
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Following the Stage 3 Community Consultation period the following revisions to the Burden Park Master Plan were addressed:

- Provide for a Dog Off-Leash area within the retarding basin area.
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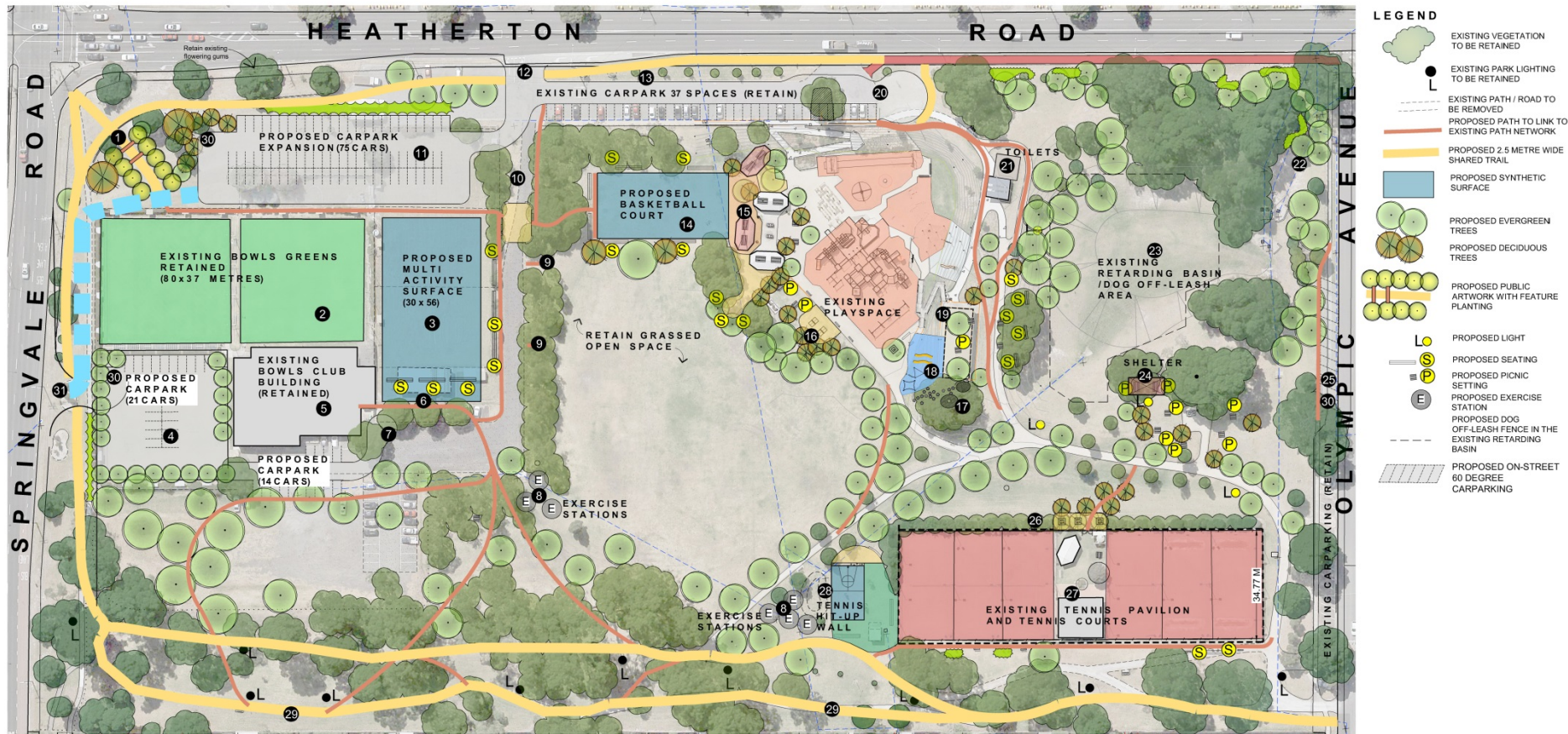
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10 Final Master Plan

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- ### LEGEND
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 - PROPOSED PICNIC SETTING
 - PROPOSED EXERCISE STATION
 - PROPOSED DOG OFF-LEASH FENCE IN THE EXISTING RETARDING BASIN
 - PROPOSED ON-STREET 60 DEGREE CARPARKING

- Proposed public artwork with feature planting as the north west gateway.
- Existing two bowls greens retained.
- Proposed multi-activity space with various sports courts and social seating areas.
- Proposed carpark for 21 cars (asphalt surface). Left in, left out entry onto Springvale Road. Provide a sealed road for delivery access to the Bowls club.
- Existing bowls club building to be assessed and investigated if a new building is required or an upgrade is suitable.
- Retain the existing band room until the Dandenong Band can find a suitable alternative location.
- Turning circle for the bowls club. Review existing trees on site - layout adjustments may be required.
- Proposed exercise stations
- Provide a visual and physical connection between the multi - activity surface and the open grass area. ie. terrace steps / switch back ramp.
- Existing north - south access road converted to a reinforced grassed area (potential occasional parking / access) at peak use times. Hard surface pedestrian node / meeting area with seating at intersection of paths.
- Proposed car park for 75 cars (asphalt surface).
- Modified entry / exit from Heatherton Road with new kerb lines. One lane in, two lanes out.
- Proposed shared path 2.5 metres wide. Connect path to existing concrete path along Heatherton Road.
- Proposed full-sized basketball court (east-west orientation) with seating and grassed mounding. Connection to the shelter area to the east.
- Provide additional picnic shelters between the existing playspace and proposed basketball court.
- Proposed Popp table tennis tables on a granitic gravel surface.
- Proposed seating deck around the existing English Oak tree with mudstone rock boulders and smaller decks at various levels for seating and play.
- Expansion of the playground area including 2 proposed mound slides and climbing net to further integrate with the embankment and improve access.
- Demolish the existing marching girls building and re-align the existing path to create a new picnic and seating area and viewing platform on the existing mound.
- Extend the carpark to the east and create a turn-around bowl. Connect the proposed perimeter circuit to the existing concrete shared path.
- Increase the number of public toilets from 3 to 6 cubicles.
- Establish appropriate tufting plants to the area of the exposed pits in the north east corner of the site.
- Enhance the existing retarding basin through improvements to the outlets and re-profiling of the base area. Provide for a dog off leash area within the retarding basin.
- Proposed shelter for the existing barbeque area with additional seating and tables.
- Extend the existing on-street car park along Olympic Avenue by approximately 40 metres to create 13 new 60 degree parking spaces.
- Extend the tennis court footprint 0.5 metres north and 1.2 metre south to meet the standard 34.77m length for tennis courts.
- Upgrade the existing tennis pavilion and create a pedestrian entrance with a gate to provide access to the northern shelter area.
- Tennis hit-up wall with basketball hoop, cricket wicket line markings and rock climbing. Existing storage shed to be removed and integrated into the proposed tennis pavilion.
- Proposed 2.5 metre wide shared trail.
- Investigate the potential for incorporating WSUD opportunities into new works to treat stormwater run-off from impervious surfaces. i.e. rain gardens, tree pits and 'smart soakers' and permeable pavement.
- Investigate left in, (with slip lane) left out to Springvale Road and access road with speed humps to northern carpark.

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10.1 Objectives of the Master Plan

The Burden Park Master Plan has been developed to balance five key themes:

- Increasing community participation by developing multi-purpose facilities and active recreation opportunities that will support population growth, future recreational trends and the health and wellbeing of the community.
- Asset improvements to the sports, leisure and building facilities.
- Increasing sports development and participation levels across all age groups and genders.
- Informal passive recreational use that appeals to a broader cross section of the community.
- Environmental improvements.

The Master Plan provides a clear direction on how the proposed land uses should be developed, infrastructure, movement and access objectives, built form and environmental initiatives can be developed and implemented to support and balance existing and future park infrastructure and park improvements.

Incorporation of the following objectives was considered an important outcome of the Final Master Plan:

- Support and increase the provision of sports facilities including areas for community & cultural sports activities.
- Increase the broader community uses for passive recreation and social activities.

- Provide a shared path network for bicycle and pedestrian circulation that can be used by people of all abilities.
- Increase the informal recreational options for play, exercise and social gatherings.
- Rationalise vehicle access and parking to maximise the available space for open space purposes.
- Enhance the environmental attributes through increased tree canopy coverage.
- Improve the park infrastructure and address the flood mitigation within the reserve.

10.2 Master Plan Features

The overall Master Plan provides detailed direction in relation to the following elements as well as an implementation plan to guide the capital works program. For the purposes of this report the key elements have been summarised to demonstrate the Master Plan intent.

10.2.1. The Tennis Courts, Basketball Court and Multi-Activity Surface

- Extension of the existing six tennis court's footprint by 0.5 metres north and 1.2 metres south to meet the standard 34.77 metre length for tennis courts. The extension of the courts will ensure they are compliant to Australian Standards.
- A full size basketball court 20 x 40 metres is provided to the north of the park. Its integration into the shelter area west of

the play space enhances the social gathering space through the provision of seating, grassed mounding and two additional picnic shelters. (Already constructed.)

- A multi-activity space with various sports courts and social seating areas to the site of the former croquet green. The multi-purpose space is large enough to include two Chinlone / Sepak Takraw courts (13.4 x 6.1 metres) and a circular practice area. Note that the existing Dandenong Band room to the east side of the bowls club social rooms will be retained until a suitable replacement location is found.

10.2.2. Buildings and Facilities

- Upgrade of the Tennis Club pavilion and creation of a pedestrian entrance and gate to the north. This enhances the interface with the park, providing a passive recreation area in association with the new pavilion.
- The existing Bowls Club building is to be assessed and investigated if a new building is required or an upgrade is suitable.
- The existing Dandenong Band room located east of the Bowls Club pavilion is to be retained until a suitable replacement location is found. Removing this building in the future will increase the space available for active recreation in the Multi-Activity Zone.
- Demolition of the Marching Girls Pavilion. This will facilitate the expansion of the play space area and create a new picnic, seating and viewing platform area on top of the existing mound.

- Increase the number of public toilets east of the play space from 3 to 6 cubicles.

10.2.3. Vehicle Circulation and Parking

- Retain overflow car parking for times of high demand (along the grassed north – south access track).
- Realignment and expansion of the existing car park area north of the former croquet green to provide 75 car spaces.
- Extend the existing northern car park to the east and create a turn-around circle.
- Provision of access from Springvale Road to the northern carpark via a sealed access road with speed humps. Investigate left in (with slip lane), left out to Springvale Road.
- One lane in, two lanes out modified entrance with new kerb lines to Heatherton Road.
- Increased car parking opportunities to the south (14 cars) and west (21 cars) of the Bowls Club. A turn around circle will service delivery vehicles to the bowls club. The existing carpark south of the Bowls Club Building will be reverted back to grass to enhance the path area
- Extend the on-street car parking on the west side of Olympic Avenue by approximately 40 metres to the north, creating an additional 13 car spaces.

10.2.4. Infrastructure – Pedestrian and Cycle Paths

- A new shared 2.5 metre wide flat concrete walking / cycling track to allow children and adults of all abilities to exercise around a path circuit within the park.

- Terraced steps and / or switchback ramps between the multi-activity surface and the open grass area will provide a visual and physical connection between the two spaces.

10.2.5. Informal Recreation and Landscape Spaces

- Expansion of the playground to include two mound slides and climbing net which is integrated into the embankment.
- Provide a hit up wall with a basketball hoop, cricket wicket line markings and rock climbing to support its popularity and provide opportunities for non-organised sport.
- An area dedicated to outdoor table tennis featuring two table tennis tables on a granitic gravel surface.
- New fitness stations around the circuit path to increase active participation and promote physical that is free for the community to use.
- New picnic and barbeque areas and informal park seating.
- A new shelter with additional picnic tables will enhance the existing barbeque and picnic area north of the existing tennis courts, providing opportunities for passive recreation in a quiet area of the park.
- A new seating deck around the existing English Oak tree and the installation of mudstone rock boulders and smaller decks at various heights caters for informal play and passive recreation.

- A dedicated fenced Dog Off-Leash area will be provided in the retarding basin.

10.2.6. Artwork / Gateway Entrance / Cultural Heritage Interpretation

- A public artwork with feature planting will enhance park's north western gateway. There are opportunities to consult and engage with local artists and the Springvale South community in the design of the gateway entrance.

10.2.7. Landscape Character and Environmental Improvements

- Protecting the existing trees and increasing the tree canopy cover across the reserve will create a more diverse landscape park experience as well as providing shade.
- Enhancing the existing retarding basin area, particularly near the north east corner of the site near the exposed pits by planting appropriate tufting species.

11 Implementation

(To be confirmed through Council programming and budgets)

The Implementation Plan provides the guidance on both the design and construction sequence that will need to be undertaken to implement the Master Plan. The implementation of the Master Plan is subject to the support and funding of capital works bids as part of Council's annual budget process.

The actions outlined below are numbered according to the sequential order required to implement the Master Plan.

Opinion of Probable Costs and Proposed Burden Park Master Plan Implementation (January 2019)

An Opinion of Probable Costs was prepared by Wilde and Woollard and Michael Smith and Associates Landscape Architecture and Urban Design with the input from Council.

Year 1 2018/19:

Project Title	Supporting Strategy/ Service Plan	Category	Cost
Implementation of initial recommendations of Master Plan at Burden Reserve	Master Plan	Upgrade	\$100,000
		Total	\$100,000

Year 2:

Project Title	Supporting Strategy/ Service Plan	Category	Cost
Construction North West Carpark	Master Plan	Upgrade	\$400,000
General Landscape Improvements	Master Plan	Upgrade	\$30,000
		Total	\$430,000

Year 3:

Project Title	Supporting Strategy/ Service Plan	Category	Cost
Tennis Club Lights, Fencing and Resurface (6 courts) upgrade - design	Master Plan, Sports Facilities Plan 2018	Upgrade	\$20,000
General Landscape Improvements	Master Plan	Upgrade	\$30,000
Disposal Central Building (Lions)	Master Plan, Building Disposal Program	Disposal	\$80,000
		Total	\$130,000

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Year 4:

Project Title	Supporting Strategy/ Service Plan	Category	Cost
Tennis Club Lights, Fencing and Resurface (3 courts) upgrade – Construction (Stage 1)	Master Plan, Sports Facilities Plan 2018	Upgrade	\$500,000
General Landscape Improvements	Master Plan	Upgrade	\$30,000
Eastern Carpark Design	Master Plan	Upgrade	\$30,000
Decommissioning of Green and removal of Structures	Master Plan	Disposal	\$25,000
Supply and install exercise stations and two table tennis tables	Master Plan	Upgrade	\$150,000
Tennis Book a Court Installation and Trenching	Master Plan	New	\$30,000
		Total	\$765,000

Year 5:

Project Title	Supporting Strategy/ Service Plan	Category	Cost
Eastern Carpark Construction	Master Plan	Renewal	\$330,000
Retarding basin improvements	Master Plan	Renewal	\$150,000
Precinct Design for Bowls area	Master Plan	Upgrade	\$60,000
Tennis Club Lights, Fencing and Resurface (3 courts) upgrade – Construction (Stage 2)	Master Plan, Sports Facilities Plan 2018	Upgrade	\$500,000
Construct a tennis hit up wall and basketball hoop in west side of the existing tennis courts	Master Plan	Update	\$20,000
General Landscape Improvements	Master Plan	Upgrade	\$30,000
		Total	\$1.09M

Year 6:

Project Title	Supporting Strategy/ Service Plan	Category	Cost
Bowls Club Precinct Redevelopment - Construction	Master Plan	Upgrade	\$1.2M
General Landscape Improvements	Master Plan	Upgrade	\$30,000
		Total	\$1.23M

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Year 7:

Project Title	Supporting Strategy/ Service Plan	Category	Cost
Springvale Road Accessway	Master Plan	Upgrade	\$400,000
General Landscape Improvements	Master Plan	Upgrade	\$30,000
		Total	\$430,000

Year 8:

Project Title	Supporting Strategy/ Service Plan	Category	Cost
General Landscape Improvements	Master Plan	Upgrade	\$30,000
		Total	\$30,000

Year 9:

Project Title	Supporting Strategy/ Service Plan	Category	Cost
General Landscape Improvements	Master Plan	Upgrade	\$30,000
		Total	\$30,000

TOTAL COST	Subtotal Excluding GST	\$4,235,000
	Contingency Sum 10%	\$423,500
	Total (Excluding GST)	\$4,658,500

12 Appendices

- **Appendix 1** - Lighting Notes prepared by Martin Butcher Lighting Design
- **Appendix 2** - Sport Code Requirements
- **Appendix 3** – Burden Park Master Plan Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

13 Appendix 1- Lighting Notes

Prepared by Martin Butcher Lighting Design

Notes: of Nighttime Inspection Tuesday 28th November 2017

13.1 General Observation

- Mentioned there may be the prospect of the bowls club relocating.
- Only the eastern green is lit.
- The eastern green has high levels of glare associated with side lighting via floodlighting of one green between clubrooms and Heatherton Road. Elevation is out 15 m for every 1.5m down – high elevation well > 65def hence high amount of spill and noted as causing disability glare on approach to the bowls club in line with lights i.e. traversing park. Extent is border line for issue to traffic on Springvale Road and is spilling large amounts of light into the surrounding areas.
- To the right of bowls greens is a disused croquet green. Possibility this may become used as a carpark.
- No plans to establish ovals or other formal play areas.
- Public toilets lit with local 2 x 18W fluorescent luminaires but only on the playground side. Recommend entire perimeter be lit as dark area behind which adjacent to night lit playground is a concern.
- Existing bowling club obtains supply off aerial line in off Springvale Road to Pole 34012 which transfers underground to a lead-in Pole (Supply No 1)
- There appears to be United Energy (UE), fed separate pathway poles mainly urban residential development (URD) style 80 Watt Mercury Vapour at 5-5.5 m in form lighting the path remote from roadway along the Springvale Road Frontage.
- There is a supply pillar with the public lighting photocell controls in the form of a 'Current Industries' supply pillar right at the SW corner of property. This is fed via a service pit in footpath and is adjacent to the residential property line. (Supply No 2). Location is not close to any centre of load and likely a response to a scheme to install public lighting at the cut through along the residential fence line.
- South path between Springvale Road and Olympic Avenue is lit generally around 50 metre spacing and likely lit to P5 or even P4.
- Bowls club carpark is also lit using Mercury Vapour (MV), equivalent to 'Sylvania B2224' bowl style refractor luminaires typical of minor road lighting. This is not adequate to light the carpark.
- Bowls club building has separate on building floodlights clearly prompted by a need to more brightly light the adjacent carpark.
- The tennis club is supplied off Olympic Avenue via a meter panel and MSB service UE pole mounted (Pole No 9865127 (Supply No 3)
- MSLA to obtain property titles to confirm basis for having multiple supplies to the site in future.
- Path arcing around the tennis club to the north side is unlit. Path to the west of the marching girls hall is also unlit.

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- The playground is a major feature. It is also floodlit at night with 3 No Poles. Each with 1 No 250W, estimated, metal halide floodlight and with poles having capacity via a straight cross arm to accommodate a 2nd floodlight per pole.
- The marching girls hall appears to have separate supply (Supply No 4) in from Heatherton Road and looks to come from a pole on the opposite side of road. This would need to be confirmed a part of any future design.
- The playground adjacent shelters are unlit and appeared uncomfortably dark by comparison with the nearby lit playground.
- The adjacent toilet block to the east of the playground is lit.
- The road between the bowls club to Heatherton Road has no roadway lighting and appeared manifestly dark.
- Heatherton Road and Springvale Road are each lit as major roads and use 250W High Pressure Sodium (HPS) typically.
- The MV path lighting is a mix of B2224 and 'Sylvania Urban' style luminaires.
- The tennis club has all courts lit using 6 No 1000W MH 'Shoe-Box' style lights per court which are expected to be to 'Club & Commercial' Tennis Level per AS2560.2.1.
- The unlit section north of the courts contains a BBQ Shelter.
- No reported security related issues.
- The poles have a series of 'M' numbers on them indicating they are likely Municipal.
- Poles but maintenance arrangements may occur through UE. In any case quite a variance in light outputs from luminaires along paths was noted at inspection.

- Noted that several luminaires fronting Springvale Road were out.
- Important to obtain titles to confirm right to retain separate supplies and reduce exposure to site electrical consolidation costs.

13.2 Supplementary Note – Property Titles

- Further to the above inspection, Council forwarded details of titles. The information contained in email advice 14 December 2017 shows the reserve exists across a single title described as Lot 1 = Crown Allotment A (PT) Section 23.
- On this basis United Energy can be expected to require the existing multiple electricity supplies be consolidated back to one (or 2 supplies, as part of any future electrical supply upgrading requests.
- The basis under which any United Energy unmetered public lighting supply may continue to service public lighting within the park also needs to be questioned. The existing supply arrangement is likely a legacy of previous utility permitted arrangements.
- Future plans should instead anticipate the need to assume all future public lighting within the park will be supplied instead as Council metered public lighting i.e. off Council's own electrical supply.

14 Appendix 2 – Sports Code Requirements

14.1 Tennis Court Technical Specifications

The following technical specifications for tennis have been taken from the following website on 21st November 2018
[https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Court-and-](https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Court-and-Enclosure-Dimensions-2012.pdf)

Enclosure-Dimensions-2012.pdf and from
<https://www.sportscourtdimensions.com/cricket/>

The dimensions of a tennis court are defined in the Rules of Tennis by the International Tennis Federation (ITF). Rule 1 defines the dimensions of a singles tennis court. Rule 34 defines the dimensions of the doubles tennis court.

- For practical purposes the vast majority of tennis courts are built to doubles dimensions, which allows for both singles and doubles.
- The ITF Rules also define that the width of all lines on the tennis court shall be a minimum of 2.5cm and a maximum of 5cm except the baseline, which may be 10cm, and the centre service lines and centre mark, which shall be 5cm.

- Courts should be oriented so that the sun inconveniences players as little as possible, with a north-south orientation preferred.
- For international standard tournaments the overall area required is defined, dependent upon the event. However, at club or recreational level, some suggested dimensions are given. As a guide the recommended minimum distances should be: the space behind each baseline 5.48 metres (18ft) and the space at the sides 3.05 metres (10ft).

Service lines on both halves of the courts should be drawn 21 feet (6.40 metres) from the net. These lines should be parallel with the net. Getting the midpoint of the service line, a line is drawn across the net until it reaches the service line midpoint on the other side of the court, and this line signifies the centre service lines

- Each baseline is divided into two and marked by a centre mark, a 4-inches (10-centimetre) long line drawn from the baseline. Its width should be 2 inches (5 centimetre)
- The other lines of the court shall be between 1 inch (2.5 cm) and 2 inches (5 cm) wide, except that the baselines may be up to 4 inches (10 cm) wide.
- All court measurements should be made outside of the lines

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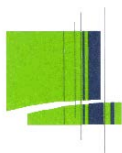
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Court Dimensions	Club / Recreation	ITF (e.g. Pro Tour, Davis/Fed Cup Zonal ties)*	Stadium Court (e.g. Davis/Fed Cup World Group ties)*
Total Area	34.77m x 17.07m	36.6m x 18.3m	40.23m x 20.11m
Run-off at back of court	5.48m	6.4m	8.23m
Run off at side of court to fence	3.05m	3.66m	4.57m
Minimum distance between two courts (unfenced)	3.66m	5.48m	n/a
Recommended distance between two courts	4.27m	n/a	n/a

15 Appendix 3 – Community and Stakeholders Engagement Report

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1 INTRODUCTION

This report provides a detailed summary of the community engagement process undertaken and the community feedback in the preparation of the draft Burden Park Master Plan. The consultation process was informed by Council's Community Engagement Policy and Framework.

Council has a park master plan programme which is a rolling program where master plans are prepared for identified parks and reserves across the municipality. In 2017/2018 four master plans are being developed of which the Burden Park master plan is one. The master plans guide the future development of the reserve over at least a 10 year period and inform Council's capital works and maintenance programs. Genuine and effective community engagement is a critical component in the preparation of the master plans to ensure the development and priorities identified through the master plans are reflective of the community needs and desires.

A range of methods were used to engage the community in the future planning of Burden Park. The engagement process and outcomes are outlined in Section 4 this report.

2 SITE DESCRIPTION

Burden Park is approximately 77,990m² and located at 880 - 924 Heatherton Road, Springvale South. The park is located in a prominent position on the south eastern corner of Springvale Road and Heatherton Road. It is referred to as the southern boundary to gateway 11, Springvale Activity Centre (southern boundary) with CGD's Gateways Strategy. The land use that surrounds the immediate reserve is predominantly Residential (GRZ1), with commercial uses on the south western and north eastern corners of the Springvale Road and Heatherton Road intersection. Burden Park is approximately 700 metres south of the Springvale Activity Centre Civic precinct.

The City of Greater Dandenong's Open Space Strategy 2009 identifies Burden Park as a district park that provides multi use sports and community facilities that will meet the long-term requirements of the broader community. District Parks are large sized open spaces, individually designed, which provide opportunities for a range of activities, comprising both passive and active recreation, and organised and informal play. The park is currently not classified as a Sports Reserve.

Burden Park currently provides a balance between sports and community uses, with family groups being large users of the park. The Springvale Tennis Club, the district playground and picnic area and the bowling club are the main attractors. There is also a large central grass kick-about area. There are some scattered mature trees around the perimeter of the park. And there are some groups of mature trees along the southern perimeter and the northeast corner of the park. However the canopy coverage for the overall areas of the park is generally low.

3 MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES

The preparation of the master plan had the following objectives which have been taken from the project brief.

3.1. General Master Plan Objectives

- The design vision should integrate the recreation, sports, facilities, leisure, environmental, economic, cultural, and community activities.

- Retain its role as a district multi-purpose park that provides for a broad range of passive and active recreational pursuits.
- The vision should be rigorous but shall also provide sufficient flexibility to cater for a range of actions and uses depending on circumstances and opportunities as they arise.
- Development of a park that respects the 'qualities' of the reserve but provides nodes that work hard to provide a higher level of activity and multi-purpose facilities to service the diverse community needs and growing population.
- It will be recognised as a high quality park with an emphasis on design excellence in terms of landscape, sports provision, informal recreation and integrated environmental design solutions.
- Reflects the local community ideas and aspirations, as an outcome of the community consultation process.
- To promote youth friendly design catering for emerging children's and teenage activities, as well as the needs of diverse age groups.
- To design solutions using "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Principles" (CPTED) to improve public safety and visibility.

3.2. Sports Clubs and Grounds, Buildings and Community Facilities

- Review and provide recommendations for the Springvale South Tennis Club, the Burden Park Bowling Club and interfaces with the park etc.
- Prepare a summary of the existing reserve building uses, their role and a high-level assessment of the building's suitability for demolition, refurbishment or integration in association with the master plan strategy.
- To provide for integrated amenities and services such as public amenities block (including disabled and baby change).
- Provide recommendations on suitable locations for supporting infrastructure, i.e. power supply and water.
- Undertake a capacity analysis of Burden Park to introduce a new sports facility or sporting code(s) / activities which have an identified demand.
- Provide recommendations on options for sports ground lighting to enable use for night time competition and training.
- Areas for smaller scale community or cultural sports/ games, informal passive recreational areas.
- Provide recommendations on boundary fencing, rationalising infrastructure such as signage and bollards.

3.3. Passive Recreation, Community Events and Other Facilities

- Areas suitable for larger community gatherings such as BBQ and picnic areas and their integration with playground and other activity node opportunities.
- Opportunities for the circuit walking path, such as fitness stations, distance markers etc.

3.4. Movement, Access and Car Parking

- To identify the key issues and develop options relating to vehicle movement, access and parking to and from the reserve.
- To develop a car park precinct(s) design for Burden Park that considers both existing and future development options and future demand.
- To provide for an integrated pedestrian and shared bicycle path network.

3.5. Flooding and Drainage

- Strongly consider the retarding basin and its role in flood retardation and where practical how can the park incorporate and take advantage of natural / drainage features in the development of the masterplan.

3.6. Environment, Landscape Design and Sustainability

- To protect and enhance any existing natural values within the site.
- To identify and highlight existing mature trees and significant vegetation that should be retained where possible.
- To substantially increase the tree canopy cover across the park.

3.7. Implementation Plan

- To develop an implementation strategy, with opinion of probable costs which allows for the park to be upgraded or redeveloped in coordinated stages over the next 15 years.
- To provide initiatives which are achievable in the short, medium and longer term.
- To ensure that the master plan is comprehensive and able to be easily used for funding submissions from external authorities.
- To develop a park design that is sensitive to the limited ongoing resources of Council's capital, operations and park maintenance budgets.

4 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS AND OUTCOMES

A range of methods were used to engage with the community in relation to the future development of Burden Park including:

- The City Magazine Article (Dec2017 – Jan2018 Edition)
- OurSay Online Engagement Platform – Stage 1 and Email submission
- Engagement with the Sporting Clubs
- Postcards and Posters (prior to the draft masterplan)
- OurSay Online Engagement Platform – Stage 2 and Email submission
- The City Magazine Article (Feb 2018 Edition)
- The Drop-in Session at the park – Saturday 17/02/2018; 9am-12pm
- Posters and Display of the Draft Masterplan
- OurSay Online Engagement Platform– Stage3 and Email submission
- Consultation with Bicycle Organisation

4.1. The City Magazine Article (Dec 2017- Jan 2018 Edition) and Social Media

The promotion of this project started with a general article explaining about how Council valued the importance of parks and open spaces and why Council was about to undertake the park masterplan project. This article was featured in The City magazine (Dec 17-Jan18 edition) that went out to all residents in the municipality with 'watch the space' message for the upcoming park masterplan consultation. This was also followed by Council's social media posts.

4.2. Our Say Online Engagement Platform – Stage 1

Council provided an opportunity for the community to comment on the parks and open space in the City of Greater Dandenong (CGD) in general through the online forum; Our Say – Stage1 that was open for general public comments during 15 Dec 2017 until 15 Jan 2018.

The OurSay online engagement forum – Stage 1 was built around two main general questions including “How you currently use our park?” and “What would make you want to visit them more?” This was deliberately targeted to a broader audience to provide a broad database that could be used to establish a general design and ideas framework when commencing consultation on each of the four park master plans.

Number of responses

The table below identifies the number of people engaged, the number of ideas presented and the number of comments and votes for the ideas people presented through this OurSay online engagement forum– Stage 1.

Number of engaged	Number of ideas	Number of comments	Number of votes	Idea views
38	32	8	60	438

Email submission	1 email
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As can be seen, 38 people engaged in the consultation, with 32 ideas put forward with 8 comments and 60 votes received on those ideas. The ideas were viewed 438 times . During this period of time 1 person submit an email submission.

Our Say Online Engagement Forum– Stage 1 key theme

The key themes coming from the broad consultation undertaken through OurSay online engagement forum- Stage 1 are summarised in the table below:

Theme	No of combined comments and or votes
Playgrounds – including all ages, sensory, adventure	22
Café in parks	18
More trees	18
Adult Fitness Station	11
Provision of toilets	11
Tables/seating	5
Passive recreation	4
Shade	4
Paths	4
Map of parks	2
Artwork	2
Visitor book	2
Update velodrome	2
Parking	2
Wild areas	2
Possum nesting boxes	2

As can be seen the quality and diversity of playground experiences were the area commented on most with combined 22 comments and votes received about this. The next most combined commented on themes were having cafés in parks and more trees each with 18, fitness stations and toilets each with 11, tables/seating with 5, passive recreation, shade and paths each with 4 with all other themes receiving combined 2 comments or votes.

As this consultation was broad, only the general comments applicable or related to Burden Park have been included into Appendix 1.

4.3. User Group Consultation with the existing Sport Clubs

A consultation meeting was held on Tuesday 12 December 2017 with representatives from the Burden Park Bowling Club and Burden Park Tennis Club.

Burden Park Bowling Club (BPBC)

Burden Park Bowling Club has a large clubroom and three natural turf greens.

Membership

Membership over the last three years has been in decline with the following membership recorded.

- 2015 – 87 playing members, 25-30 social members
- 2016 – 85 playing members, 25-30 social members
- 2017 - 80 playing members, 25-30 social members

The club identified the ageing population and the cultural demographics of the area as contributing factors to declining membership.

Facilities Use

- The facility is used for competition on Tuesday and Saturday with occasional tournaments on Thursdays and Sundays.
- The club acknowledged that two greens are adequate for their needs. The third green has provided flexibility when either of the other greens requires renovation or works, however the third is rarely used
- The clubhouse is hired for functions and events which contribute substantially to the financial viability of the club. A Ballroom Dancing group use the facility every Monday night.
- The club employ a greens keeper to maintain the three greens. One of the greens has subsidence issues as it was constructed over a previous tip site.

Future of the Club

- Seven years ago, there was discussion re a possible merger with Keysborough Bowling Club who are a similar size and in a similar position regarding declining membership. The club are not opposed to a merger and recognise it is likely the only way the clubs will survive, however caution that it is likely that 25% of members are unlikely to join the new entity.
- The suggestion was put forward that Council consider the development of a regional bowls club servicing the whole municipality which would comprise two indoor synthetic greens and a licenced club house.

Other comments from the Bowling Club

- The overflow car parking is used mostly on bowling days. The suggestion was made that a roadway was installed between Olympic Street and the Bowling Club carpark so that it could be used by the tennis club and others.

Burden Park Tennis Club

The Burden Park Tennis Club comprises a clubhouse and six en-tout-cas (clay) tennis courts.

Membership

- Membership is currently 150 and has been stable over the last ten years fluctuating between 145-160 members. There are approximately 40 junior members and 35+ senior members.
- Comment was made that membership is in decline at Springvale South Tennis Club and that there may be some benefit for the clubs to merge.

Facility Use

- The Asian community supports the club. A Cambodian group regularly hires the courts and a Vietnamese group holds tournaments and championships at the courts.
- The courts are used for competition (social and interclub) every day except Thursday. Schools also hire the courts. Casual court hire is also available.
- The current six courts are adequate for current use with the exception of Wednesday's demand where the club hire a court from another club. The club do not have a strong need for additional courts.

Facility Issues

- The courts were laid in 1961 and had major repairs 15 years ago. There is a desire to replace the courts with a synthetic surface which requires less maintenance and water than the current surface.
- Car parking is an issue. They compete with the church across the road, particularly on a Sunday.

Other comments from the Tennis Club

- A circuit path in the park would be good.
- The park is heavily used particularly on weekends. More shelters and picnic tables are needed.
- Consider fencing between the playground and carparks and roads.
- On Saturday people park along the former croquet club roadway making it very difficult for the bowlers to get in and out. Safety concerns re pedestrians and children moving in this area.
- More lighting and CCTV cameras.
- Not supportive of dog off leash reserve.

4.4. Postcards and Posters (prior to the draft masterplan)

Council prepared generic and specific consultation posters and postcards inviting people to attend the Drop-in Session and/ or to have their say about the four district parks subject to this master planning process. If the community could not attend the drop in session, then their comments could also be provided through OurSay – Stage2 survey, email or phone. These generic and specific posters and postcards were promoted to the public and residents during late Jan- mid March 2018.

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The generic postcards were placed or made available at the following event/ locations:

- Australia Day event on 26 Jan 2018 at the Dandenong Park.
- Posters and postcards were placed at the Dandenong Library and Dandenong Civic Centre.

The specific Burden Park poster and postcard were promoted via the following means or made available at the following locations:

- Letter drop box to properties within the 1km catchment of the corresponding park occurred during late Jan- early Feb 2018 (2 weeks prior to the Drop-in Session)
- The Burden Park poster and postcard were placed at the Springvale library and Council's customer office counter and Burden Park's sport club rooms (Tennis and Bowling Club's pavilion)
- 3x A1 sized posters displayed at multiple entry points of the park.

4.5 OurSay Online Engagement Forum – Stage 2 and Email submission

The OurSay online engagement forum – Stage 2 forum was on Council's website from 22 January – 18 March 2018. Like in the OurSay online engagement forum– Stage 1, the consultation was built around the same two broad questions like Stage 1 including "How you currently use our park?" and "What would make you want to visit them more?" However, this time it was asked in the context that related to the specific attributes of Burden Park for which the masterplan was being prepared.

Number of responses

The table below identifies the number of people engaged, the number of ideas presented and the number of comments and votes received for those ideas presented through this OurSay – Stage 2 forum as well as the number of email submission received through the 'futureofparks' email inbox during the same period of time.

Number of engaged	Number of ideas	Number of comments	Number of votes	Idea views
38	14	3	46	297

Email submission	8 emails including 2 emails from members of the Bowling Club
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As can be seen, 38 people engaged in the consultation, with 14 ideas put forward with 3 people put a further comment on those ideas and 46 votes received on those ideas. The forum pages were viewed 297 times. During this period of time 8 groups submitted an email submission.

OurSay Online Engagement Forum – Stage2 key themes

The key themes coming from the consultation undertaken in Our Say - Stage 2 are summarised in the table below with the full comments in Appendix 2.

Theme	No of combined comments and votes
Music hub	22
Dog Off Leash area	7
Food Trucks	7
Walking and Bike Paths	7
Activities for older kids	6
Festival and community events	6
Fitness Stations	5

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Shade	4
Soccer goals	4
Improve tennis facilities	2
Improve Bowling Club	2
More trees	2
Tennis car park	1
Tennis rebound wall	1
Friends of Burden Park	1
Café shop	1

Of the ideas, comments and votes that were received during OurSay online engagement forum - Stage 2 and Email submission,

- 22 combined comments and votes expressing an interest in creating a music hub,
- 7 combined comments and votes each for an interest in developing a dog off-leash area, food trucks, walking and bike paths,
- 6 combined comments and votes each for the provision of activities for older kids, and having more festivals/ events,
- 5 combined comments and votes for installing fitness stations,
- 4 combined comments and votes each for creating more shade over the playground areas, and soccer goals,
- 2 combined comments and votes each for upgrading of the sporting facilities both tennis and bowling club, and for planting more trees, and
- 1 comment for improving the tennis club carpark, providing a tennis rebound wall, creating a Friends of Burden Park group and providing a café shop.

4.6. The City Magazine Article (Feb 2018 Edition) and Social Media

The second article in the City magazine was featured in the February edition to promote the OurSay online engagement forum – Stage 2 survey as well as to invite people to the Drop-in sessions at the park. This was also followed by Council's social media posts.

4.7. The Drop-in Session at the park

The drop-in session was held on Saturday 17 February 2018 between 9.00am-12pm at Burden Park to provide an opportunity for any residents to comment and guide the future development of the master plan. This drop-in session happened to coincide with the Lions Club's annual Summer Festival. 3 sports/ social club members and 19 residents made comments.

Detailed Themes during the Drop-in Session

President of the Lions Club

- Lions Club puts money back into the community.
- Likes the play space. Likes the activity when you drive past. Performance spaces. One of the few open areas and easily accessed. Multi-cultural area. Asian influence, large open gathering spaces. Carpark not large enough at peak times. Would not like a soccer pitch. Ross Reserve is close by and has a soccer pitch.
- 21st year of the Lions Club's 3 day festival. Wouldn't like too much more infrastructure.
- Presentation of the north west corner, what about safety? Concerned about children running across the road, busy road corner.
- Possibly more shelters i.e. Even on week nights the barbecues are being used
- Additional rubbish bins with additional shelters.

Lions Club member

- Enjoys festival activity. He sees people using the park during the week, it presents well. Open space is precious. Children use the open space to enjoy. Council has done a good job in maintenance and development.

Bowling Club Member

- Wondering if the bowls club is relocating? 50 members currently.

Resident 1

- Exercise stations would be good.

Resident 2

- Has lived in Olympic Avenue 47 years, knows the park well.
- Suggested exercise stations to the jogging track and
- Provide dog poo bags as many people don't bring dog bags with them.
- The play space is too near to the retarding basin, children may wander into the water. Some occasions the water doesn't fully drain away, therefore there is a danger.
- He runs a dance at the bowling club, people get wet feet getting from cars to the bowling club as the bowling club car park is poorly maintained with uneven surface and potholes.
- Council plants gum trees too close to residential properties, leaves, litter etc. Street sweeper is now less frequent.

Resident 2

- One of the best play spaces, keeps children occupied.

Resident 3

- More shade sails, placement of seats, comes to play space a lot, parties in open space, spray play, tip water from a bucket etc.

Resident 4

- Skate circuit. More shade to some of the play space.

Resident 5

- Park is good.

Resident 6

- Exercise equipment is healthy.

Resident 7

- Good improvements, park is good at present.

Resident 8

- More seating. More barbecues. Good trees. Often uses play space.

Resident 9

- Exercise/ fitness equipment. Don't cut down any more trees. Trucks park in the carpark. Some people do walk around the park, observed jogging. Multi-cultural, friendly, no personal safety fears.

Resident 10

- Has known the park a long time. New upgrade. Different ages. More shade to the new space. Would bring children more if more shade. More barbecue areas.

Resident 11

- More shade.

Resident 13

- More swings.

Resident 14

- More barbecue units.

Resident 15

- The toilets are located up a hill which is difficult for older people or those with mobility issues.

Resident 16

- A circuit path would be desirable.
- More shade trees are needed and rubbish bins are required next to the Bowling Club carpark. Sometimes there are people who sleep in their cars in the Bowling Club car park.

Resident 17

- Exercise stations would be good.

Resident 18

- More barbecues and shelters are needed.

Resident 19

- Playground is great. Lots of diversity for a range of ages.

Summary of Drop-in Session key themes

The key themes from residents attending the pop up event are outlined below:

- Shade near the play space (x6)
- Like the play spaces (x5)
- Exercise stations (x5)
- More barbecues and shelters (x5)
- A circuit path (x2)

4.8. Development of the Draft Masterplan

The consultation feedback up until this point was used to prepare the assessment of merit paper (shown in the Appendix 4) which outlines all of the key ideas to be considered prior to the preparation of the draft masterplan. This assessment merit table was used by the design team to further inform the development of the draft masterplan that was subject to the following OurSay – Stage 3 consultation.

This exhibited draft of Burden Park masterplan is included in Appendix 5.

4.9. Posters and Display of the Draft Masterplans

Following the preparation of the draft master plan, a series of posters of the draft master plan were exhibited from 11 July – 17 Aug 2018 to seek community comment and feedback on the draft master plan.

The posters and the draft masterplans were displayed as follows:

- 3x A1 posters of the draft Burden Park masterplan were displayed at the multiple entry points and highly trafficked paths of the parks
- A3 size generic posters and the draft masterplan of the four parks were displayed at the Dandenong Library and Springvale Library,
- A3 size posters and draft masterplan of the four parks were displayed at Council's customer service counters at Dandenong Civic Centre, Springvale, Parkmore Shopping Centre (Keysborough) and Paddy O'Donoghue Centre (Noble Park).

4.10. OurSay Online Engagement Forum – Stage 3 and Email submission on the Draft Masterplan

The Greater Dandenong Council provided an opportunity for the community to provide further feedback and comment about the draft master plan for Burden Park through the OurSay online engagement forum – Stage 3, email response, and phone. The consultation was built around the three questions including “Tell us if you support the plan? If not, why not? “, and “If you do, what your top three priorities from the ideas listed on the plan?” This online survey was open for public comments on the OurSay – Stage 3 platform during 11 July – 17 August 2018.

An email notification with the link to the OurSay – Stage 3 forum and Council's 'futureofparks' email address were also sent to all respondents from the OurSay - Stage 1 and Stage2 forum and the previous email submitters. Council officer also contacted representatives of the Sporting Clubs to seek their further feedback on the draft masterplan.

Number of responses

The table below identifies the number of people engaged, the number of ideas presented and the number of votes for the ideas people presented.

Number of engaged	Number of ideas	Number of comments	Number of votes	Idea views
20	6	2	18	111

Email submission	2 emails including from members of the Bowling Club
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During this OurSay online engagement forum - Stage 3, 22 individuals were engaged in the consultation with 3 people submitting 6 ideas (of which 4 of them were from the same person) and 2 comments and 18 votes were received on those raised ideas. The forum pages were viewed 111 times. In addition to that during this period of time 2 persons submitted an email including one from the Bowling Club.

OurSay Online Engagement Forum – Stage 3 key themes

The key themes and number of residents supporting each theme featured on the draft master plan during OurSay online engagement forum - Stage 3 are summarised in the table below.

Themes	No of combined comments and votes
Support for Brass Band	20
Futsal field	2
Retain trees on north side of tennis court	1
No additional car park for tennis	1
Volleyball and badminton court	1
Look after the park	1
Dog off-leash area	1
Access to the Bowling Club carpark	1

Of the comments and / or votes that were received during the OurSay online engagement forum– Stage 3 and Email submission, 20 combined comments and votes of those requesting support for brass band, 2 of those commenting wanted to include a futsal field, 1 comment each was made in relation to retaining the trees on the north side of the tennis courts, the impact of additional carpark to the south of tennis court to the existing mature trees, including volleyball and badminton courts within the multi-purpose area, including dog off-leash area, and improved access to the Bowling Club’s car park, .

A full summary of the relevant comments is included in Appendix 3.

5 SUMMARY AND WAY FORWARD

5.1. Summary of Consultation

Overall number of responses and engagements

Below is a table that summarises the number of people who engaged during the entire consultation process. As can be seen, Stage 1 had the greatest number of people engaged as this was broad consultation about parks in general. Stage 2 had the next highest number engaged which related to specific input prior to the development of the master plan. Stage 3 had the least involvement indicating broad community support for the draft master plan.

Type of Engagement	No of responses	No of Engaged
OurSay – Stage 1 (All Parks) and Email submission	438 views 60 votes 32 ideas 8 comments 1 email	38 engaged 1 engaged
User Group Consultation (Sporting Clubs)	4 representatives from the two clubs	4 engaged
OurSay – Stage 2 and Email submission	297 views 46 votes 14 ideas	

	3 comments 8 emails	38 engaged 8 engaged/ groups
Drop-in Session	19 residents 3 others	22 engaged
OurSay – Stage 3 and Email submission	11 views 19 votes 6 ideas 2 comments 2 emails	20 engaged 2 engaged
Total engaged during the entire process		133 engaged

Overall consultation - key themes

Prior to the development of the draft masterplan (Stage 2), the top five ideas that received the highest support (combined comments and votes) through both the online survey and the drop-in session were the development of music hub (22), the provision of fitness station and shade (10), the provision of walking and bike path (9), the dog off-leash area (7) and the food truck (7). Other ideas that received some medium level of support include providing more activities for older kids/ teens (6), more festivals/ events on the park (6), more barbecue and shade (5), shade above the playground (4) and soccer goals (4).

Post the development of the draft masterplan (Stage 3), there appears to be overall general support of the draft master plan in particular the provision of additional informal active recreation opportunities including the fitness station, the walking and bike path, the provision of activities for older kids/ teens including basketball court and futsal, and the provision of more barbecue, seats and shelters. The key areas requiring a further review based on the Stage 3's community feedback are the removal of the Dandenong Band room challenged by 20 people, the provision of futsal questioned by 2 people, and the provision of a dog off-leash area, the impact of the new driveway and carpark to the south of the tennis courts to the existing mature trees, the connection between the northern carpark and the bowling club carpark, and the request for provision of volley ball and badminton courts.

5.2. Way Forward

In response to the OurSay online engagement forum – Stage 3 and email submission community feedback the design team and the project steering group recommended the following way forward in the development of the Burden Park masterplan and the community engagement response:

- To retain the existing building used by the Dandenong Band to provide space for existing band room until they can find another alternative more suitable home/ facility.
- To accommodate the provision of outdoor soccer/ futsal field activities including line marking and goal nets within the basketball courts as part of response to providing more diverse activities for older kids/ teens.
- To accommodate the dog off-leash area within the existing retarding basin at the northeast corner of the park and to accordingly design the environment and the edges of this retarding basin to suit this additional function.
- To remove the new vehicular access and carpark to the south of the tennis courts and instead to investigate extension of the existing on-street carpark along Olympic Avenue.

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- To ensure that the location of fitness station so that they do not prohibit a maintenance vehicular connection between the northern carpark expansion and the southern carpark of the Bowling Club in case the Springvale Road access becomes not feasible.

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Some editing of comments has been made for grammatical correctness and ease of reading.

Type	Name	Content	Votes	Key Theme
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Barbeque facilities and bench seating.	0	<i>BBQ facilities</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	More trees and perhaps even vegetables patches or fruit trees.	2	<i>More trees</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>CoGD</i>	More shade trees at all parks. This would not only create a more natural environment but would also provide more areas for social gatherings.	10	<i>More trees</i>
<i>comment</i>	<i>Resident</i>	With the newer parks it's going to take a long time for any planted trees to mature to a state that they are actually providing quality shade. This makes shade structures a necessity.	0	<i>Shade structures</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>CoGD</i>	More spaces for passive recreation activities, such as walking paths and open grassed areas. - community feedback provided by user groups	0	<i>Passive recreation/paths</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>CoGD</i>	Local parks are a great place to explore the great outdoors and can be seen as an extension of your backyard. There's a rising popularity of fitness stations and adventure playgrounds in parks across Melbourne. It would be great to see new equipment for a variety of uses popping up in our parks. - community feedback provided by user groups	4	<i>Fitness Stations/adventure play</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Have a park with a cafe attached in Greater Dandenong. For example, Pioneer Park in Berwick.	12	<i>Café</i>
<i>comment</i>	<i>Resident</i>	I agree with suggestion for a café.		<i>Cafe</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	A comprehensive map of where parks are situated within the CGD area and what they include. Encourage sustainable practices in our parks and open spaces. Replace all the river red gums that have been removed because of LXRA works! Use the stored timber as art installations.	0	<i>Map of parks, artwork</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	A park with more shaded areas etc big trees that will provide more suitable areas for picnic.	0	<i>Shade</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Teenagers need to be factored into the strategy. This age group needs are currently missing from current strategy.	0	<i>Provision for teenagers</i>

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Type	Name	Content	Votes	Key Theme
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Teen girls need to be considered. They have different needs to males of the same age. The space needs to integrate the needs of both within close proximity.		<i>Provision for teenagers</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Provision of toilets. Also BBQs to use, climbing and interactive play for kids, along with open space with goals, for footy & soccer. Parks within walking distance to everyone. Concrete pathways for kids to safely learn to cycle their bikes.	3	<i>Toilets, bbq, paths</i>
<i>comment</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Provision of toilets		<i>Toilets</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	More numeracy and literacy elements across our parks. It could be as simple as abc, numbers and measurements stencils on footpaths.		<i>Numeracy & Literacy elements</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	More nature play elements to improve gross motor skills such as balancing, climbing etc.	6	<i>Nature play elements</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Adult exercise equipment	4	<i>Fitness Stations</i>
<i>comment</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Lots of different types in a close proximity. So you don't have to be super fit to be able to run the full course.		<i>Fitness Stations</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Maps digital or sign boards to encourage further active exploration between and within parks.		<i>Maps</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Parks Visit booklet for children. Children download a master list, hunt for rubbing token post, use rubbing token located at park and use pencil to mark off they have visited park. With aim they would receive badges for visiting multiple parks within CGD. Similar to CGD 1,000 books reward program, that provides inexpensive rewards like paper colouring sheets. USA Junior Rangers program use the post rubbing system.	1	<i>Park visitor booklet</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Sensory playground spaces like this one featured in recent article http://mobile.abc.net.au/news/2017-12-29/sensory-friendly-playground-helping-people-with-autism-qld/9292498?pfmredir=sm	2	<i>Sensory play equipment</i>
<i>comment</i>	<i>Resident</i>	A sensory playground. Also, driving through Seville on the weekend, the water play park there is awesome. http://www.melbourneplaygrounds.com.au/melbournplaygrounds-info.php?id=28366		<i>Sensory play equipment</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Senior play equipment http://mobile.abc.net.au/news/2017-12-30/seniors-playgrounds-on-the-cards-for-	3	<i>Senior play equipment</i>

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Type	Name	Content	Votes	Key Theme
		canberra/9253320?pfmredir=sm		
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	A very big park for all ages where families and singles can gather. Bicycling, running, walking, BBQ, theme playgrounds for children of various ages within the park. Park with kiosks selling ice cream, coffee/tea, snacks too. Please ensure ample parking!	1	<i>Large park, bbq, Café, parking</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Parks in Dandenong need more "wild" areas. These are good for children to explore and also help retain some wildlife. Creek and lake areas should be surrounded by as much bushland as possible to improve the water quality and also provide shade.	1	<i>Wild areas</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	More trees. A kiosk at some parks would be great too. Water fountains with water drinking basins near the bottom for dogs and birds. Park benches are a must. Install possum nesting boxes so that they have protection and shelter Also, a pagoda like the one they have at the Dingley Library.	1	<i>More trees, café, seating, possum nesting boxes</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Provision of toilets	2	<i>Toilets</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Playgrounds for all ages; for young children, teens and adults. Shaded areas. Big trees that cover play areas, as well as grassed and seating areas. Accessible and clean toilets. Ensure open spaces do not become places for youth gangs to loiter and vandalise. Having CCTV cameras will discourage unlawful behaviour and be beneficial in times when crimes are committed.	1	<i>Playgrounds for all ages, shade structures, toilets</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	More trees, more native trees in parks, not only trees but 3 levels of flora, groundcovers, shrubs and trees. Planting more trees and shrubs would assist with attaining sustainability. Urban forests assist with lessening the heat island effect. Native plants should be used to attract and maintain habitat for native birds and animals. Toilets in every park with a BBQ.		<i>More trees and toilets</i>

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Type	Name	Content	Votes	Key Theme
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Please do not get rid of trees in any potential park. Circle the seating around the trees. BBQ's are popular. Creative, safe, adventurous covered, play equipment with security cameras. Camping type tables and chairs as popular parks fill up fast. Walkways for those who feel safer in open, well lit, parks with regular water stops. Animal friendly parks. Dog friendly rubbish bins and signs informing animal lovers that it is their responsibility to pick up doggie poop. Water fountains and clean safe toilet cubicles. Nicely placed pieces of stone, marble, and wooden art. Cultural pieces would be a bonus.		<i>Trees, adventure play, bbq's & more tables, artwork</i>
<i>idea</i>	<i>Resident</i>	Burden Park: more seating, remove the gravel and put more of that bouncy rubbery stuff, the BBQs are clean, but the tables and chairs are always sticky, perhaps capitalise more on the bbq on the other side that is used less frequently. Stretch stations are good, cricket setup, soccer goals.		<i>More seating, bbq's, informal sport opportunities.</i>

APPENDIX 2 - OurSay-Stage2 Consolidated Comments

Some editing of comments has been made for grammatical correctness and ease of reading.

Name/ Role	Content	Theme
<i>Burden Park Bowling Club Finance Officer</i>	On behalf of the Burden Park Bowling Club (BPBC) please find attached a submission in respect of the 10 year Master Plan being developed by Council. The Club appreciated the chance to have a meeting with the Council and Consultants in December 2017 and would like to be kept fully informed as this Master Plan is formulated. The Club is happy to provide further information to support our submission if required.	<i>Improving the Bowling Club</i>
<i>Resident</i>	It would be really great to have a tennis wall at Burden park. Even though we already have tennis courts there, a tennis wall allows people to train their strokes on their own in a way that playing with a partner can't give. In fact, the world's greatest tennis players like Federer, Djokovic and Sharapova grew up training on tennis walls so who knows, we could even foster in the next champion.	<i>Tennis Wall</i>
<i>Resident</i>	We love burden park but are restricted by the lack of shade over the playground. This limits accessibility after 10:30am in summer with small children. Otherwise it's a fantastic space!	<i>Shade over playground</i>
<i>Resident</i>	I would like to suggest an off the leash section at Burden Park. I've been living on Olympic Ave for 45 years and am saddened to see there is no local closed off area for our fur babies to play. This would also allow the local dog lovers to be able to meet & build on relationships. There is the Croquet Club that is empty and not used, and in my opinion quite wasted. You would earn creditability as a council if you go ahead with this project.	<i>Dog off leash area</i>
<i>Resident</i>	Regarding the 'Help Shape the Future of Burden Park' concept, sports is a key driver of cultural integration and this is often seen via the community at Springvale North Tennis Club. Given it's been around for many decades now, some of its facilities are starting to show their age and aren't catering adequately for the 21st century. For starters, the clubhouse isn't modern or big enough for members and visitors to use especially on competition days when all the courts are being used. The car park is also dodgy and bumpy and people are having to also park on the grass under the trees - this could do with improving. Finally, there need to be more shaded areas, evidenced especially in this summer's blistering heat. A number of other suburbs/councils have state of the art clubs/tennis centres that are truly impressive and given the growing popularity of the Australian Open at this time of year and the flow-on effect it has on grassroots clubs, upgrading facilities at the area's biggest club would be highly beneficial.	Improved Springvale North Tennis Club courts and building, carparks, shaded areas.

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Two Members of Burden Park Bowling Club	The Park functions a Carnival each year which is always packed to capacity with visiting people enjoying the carnival and other arranged activities. Within the Park is also a Tennis Club which would be just like us at Burden Park Bowls Club, playing for the love of the sport and enjoying outdoor activities. You take that away and what does the area have? What do we have? What do you want us to have? One member said she had heard a person at the meeting on August 17th at Burden Park say we could relocate to another Club. That is not what we want or need to do, it is almost like having a divorce, you lose half of the good friends you have made and known for years and you grieve in your own way for the loss of that closeness with those missed friends. Is this what the world has come to? Rather a cold outlook on life. As a Council, surely people and healthy outdoor activities for the area should be more important than some of the agendas I hear promoted by Councils that involve closing the Park areas and using them for something that is less important. I do not know why or what is thought for the use of our precious Parks other than what they are being used for now, I do hope there is someone with sense prevailing behind the question how we help shape the future of Burden Park.	Retained Lawn Bowls and Club pavilion,
Resident	Let me say so far management of the park has been good. I would like to see a fenced run for dogs off lead. Maybe at the back of the park. I notice a large area within the bowls area that isn't currently being used. Perhaps this could be used for community groups in conjunction with use of the bowls hall. Exercise stations around the park for teenagers and adults. Could more trees be planted please	Dog off leash area, exercise station, more trees
Resident	Perhaps the development of a music hub to form a centralised point for music development in the City. It's away from houses so would work quite well in that sense and may also serve as a performance point if a new soundshell was built? That would also tie in with the suggestion of food trucks as well. The local music scene needs expanding and the "City of Greater Dandenong Band" in particular has grown in recent years and their current home is no longer suitable. The newly formed "Springvale Brass" (aimed as a learner group for musicians) would also locate there enabling parents to bring smaller children to use the playground while their other children learn music. Use of the park in this manner would increase patronage at night and would also enable the band to safely practice marching on the many grassed areas. The band also perform several times a year at the Springvale Town Hall and with the Noble Park RSL so that would locate them more centrally to those groups.	Music Hub Food trucks
Resident	Collude with local foodtruck businesses to settle on a fortnightly or monthly food-truck festival for the local community and the public. This will hopefully attract residents from other	Food trucks

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	<p>municipalities and be a talking point of the council area. (Maybe every Friday in the Summer as it gives everyone time to rest, unwind and enjoy great food with great friends and family. It creates a family friendly atmosphere and I believe this is what Burden Park is missing as it is a soulless open space with very little activity and happenings.</p> <p>The highly rated Yarraville foodtrucks have a 4.5 star rating from over 75 reviewers indicative of its' success within the community. link is provided: https://www.facebook.com/yarravillegardensfoodtrucks/</p> <p>Hopefully we are able to gain traction into this and call is The Burden food-trucks and really put Springvale and CoGD on the foodie map.</p> <p>In addition, speaking from a business point of view; the interest of these food truck business will also drive revenue for the local council (supposed that you charge for real estate and utilities) which will yield a confident and stable form of income to put back into community projects and building. This is will be very helpful for the Springvale community given that funds were diminished due to the unfortunate scrapping of the Springvale parking meters.)</p>	
Resident	A bicycle path for young learners maybe an added feature to keep up with bike education and encourage more outdoor time.	Bike path
Resident	<p>We need all the open space we can get for future generations. Please be mindful that the playground was built by proud volunteers and a lot of sweat and tears went into the original design (it was recently refurbished slightly) It's always a proud moment driving by seeing families using the sheltered area and the playground. Keep the land as open as possible, and maybe get a Friends of Burden Park going with the key stakeholders that are already in the park, bowls, tennis etc. In the past it was used for a Music in the Park day and has hosted the Lions summer festival in February over one weekend. As a council asset it is probably under-utilised for festivals and its proud history maybe needs to be recorded and celebrated with maybe an art installation. A reunion of the volunteers who built the park would be wonderful as well if there is to be any more " openings" or unveiling's!</p>	<p>Friends of Burden Park</p> <p>More festivals</p>
Resident	<p>Install soccer goal posts in the open space area!</p> <p>Over the years when there was a consultation in regard to Burden Park I have stressed several times the importance of the area to cater to the older kids or teenagers. At the moment it is seriously lacking and for a very long time too. The following idea is on behalf of my child and other kids that I have communicated with over the years.</p> <p>Please install soccer goal posts in the open space area which would be very good for all ages. Soccer posts is ideal than football posts as the size of the area is best for soccer posts. It has been planned for the Springvale Activity Centre to include a basketball court I believe. Installing soccer posts at Burden Park would be</p>	Install soccer Goals

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	great too. It is a low cost solution and will cater to all age groups as well as provide kids with the physical exercise while they are doing an activity they like. It is nice to see families have BBQ's there but what will the older kids do there as area only caters for the younger kids. It seems they have missed out. I hope community members vote for this idea and please take into consideration that this was expressed by kids in the community	
Resident	Keep all of the park. Do not sell any of it. What is needed is areas and activities for older children.	Activities for Older Children
Resident	Shaded areas. The wood and the sand get very hot during summer which means I choose elsewhere to go when the weather is hot.	Shade
Resident	Can we have some exercise equipment and leash off area for dogs as per Tirhatuan Park in Dandenong North?	Fitness Equipment Dog off leash area
Resident	The current playground is great - don't touch it!! it would be great to add a splash play area for the summer months for younger kids. Also, some sports areas for older kids would be great; a half basketball court and some football goals and maybe some ramps for scooters, skateboards etc.	Splash Park Activities for Older Children
Resident	Burden Park is a great park that I really love. Only thing is that it doesn't have bike paths or nice walking paths that leads to the park. The park itself can do with like evergreen grass, brighter night lighting for evening use and shelters that allow for winter use. In addition, a community garden that has herbs and lemon trees etc would be awesome to attract use of the park and instil care to the environment and the park. Doesn't hurt to have more swings too! I really like the activities Dandenong council organise at burden park like the fun fairs and fireworks! kudos to you guys. Please make walking access / cycling access to the park easier to help make the journey to the park easier and safer!	Bike/walking paths to Burden Park Playground
Resident	I would like to see a variety of fitness stations dotted around the well-used walking track loop on the southern end of the park.	Fitness station

APPENDIX 3 - OurSay-Stage3 Consolidated Comments

Some editing of comments has been made for grammatical correctness and ease of reading.

Type	Name	Content	Theme
<i>Idea</i>	<i>Resident 1</i>	So, to increase the footprint of the tennis courts you will remove the double row of trees and shrubs on the North side. As these screens the courts from view and wind... that seems a good idea :(<i>Retain trees on North side of tennis courts</i>
<i>Idea</i>	<i>Resident 1</i>	Why are we putting more car parking around the tennis courts at the expense of the established vegetation? Surely there is ample parking adjacent to the courts in the bays on Olympic Ave? Sadly, the club is not thriving, unlike its halcyon days in the '70's. If you omit the car park you can extend the courts footprint back 3 metres and keep the North side vegetation intact.	<i>No to car parking for tennis club</i>
<i>Idea</i>	<i>Resident 1</i>	A volley ball court and badminton court should be a priority in the "multi court " space	<i>Volley ball & badminton court</i>
<i>Comment (vote 17)</i>	<i>Resident 2</i>	Where will the band room be located to? Is a new facility being built or is the band going to be homeless now?	<i>Band facility?</i>
<i>Idea (vote 1)</i>	<i>Resident 3</i>	A small outdoor soccer/futsal field would be amazing.	<i>Futsal field</i>
<i>Comment</i>	<i>Resident 4</i>	I hope this important and long-standing community resource gets looked after.	<i>Look after reserve</i>
<i>Comment</i>	<i>Resident 5</i>	The brass band is an important part of the Dandenong community you might not want to overlook it	<i>Brass Band to be looked after</i>

APPENDIX 4 – Assessment Merit (prior to Draft Masterplan)

Assessment of Merit

The consultation feedback up until the Drop-in Session (Feb 2018) was used by the consultant design team to prepare the assessment of merit table which outlines all of the key ideas to be considered prior to the preparation of the draft masterplan. This merit assessment captures the consultant team and the working group 'in –process' design thinking (Feb 2018) or prior-to the drafting process of the masterplan. However, this does not necessarily reflect the final design thinking on the exhibited draft master plan as per the one being exhibited during the Our Say – Stage 3 and community consultation.

This merit assessment of prior-design community's feedback appears in the table below:

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OPPORTUNITIES	CONSULTANTS ASSESSMENT OF MERIT	
	Yes	No
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Enhance the existing retarding basin through improvements to the outlets and re-profiling of the base area. Consider re-profiling to make approximately half of the basin more usable during 90% of the time.	✓	
<i>Re-profiling could be undertaken to make all or part of basin available to recreational use such as skate bowl and amphitheatre.</i>		
<i>There is potential to increase volume depending on modelling and plan for existing trees and band hall.</i>		
<i>Council to investigate further and MSA will add further stormwater information to the masterplan.</i>		
<i>The 600mm dia inlet has erosion at the headwall that should be addressed.</i>		
<i>There is potential to create an ephemeral wetland and frog habitat, although presence of pollution will detract from the effectiveness.</i>	☐	
Retain the existing former marching girl's pavilion if an appropriate use can be found, otherwise demolish to open up sightlines between the play space area and the retarding basin.	✓	
<i>The former marching girls pavilion is set on a ridge line between the retarding basin and the bowls club access road. The building cuts access across the parkland in connectivity, between the retarding basin, the barbecue units and the regional play space. Removal of the building would allow ground sculpting (excluding the large English oak tree) to create greater visual and physical connectivity.</i>		
Remove most of the existing car parking area south of the bowls club and convert to parkland. Allow delivery access to the bowling club.	✓	

OPPORTUNITIES	CONSULTANTS ASSESSMENT OF MERIT	
<i>Currently, informal car parking encroaches on the grassed area south of the bowls club and alienates the park's function and amenity. Car parking is in demand and may be accommodated by the removal of the south- west bowls green and creation of a carpark on its present location. An additional car parking can be accommodated to the north side of the bowls club providing some screen planting is established to the northern and western sides of the new car park area.</i>		
Continue the concrete path along the northern boundary of Burden Park to link to Springvale Road.	✓	
<i>In late 2017 a coloured concrete footpath was constructed, extending from Olympic Avenue to the east end of the existing car park. A shared use 3 metre width path is necessary to link the entire Heatherton Road boundary, from the corner of Heatherton and Springvale Roads to the midpoint along Heatherton Road.</i>	□	
Widen the existing nature strip in the northern car park area to four metres from the kerb.	✓	
<i>Widening the existing nature strip would facilitate the establishment of a 3 metre wide shared trail parallel to Heatherton Road.</i>		
Investigate the conversion of the former croquet green to car parking with capacity for up to seventy cars or a sports court or construct a multi-purpose informal playing field.	✓	
<i>Potential for the existing access way to the bowls area to be realigned through the former croquet green. The croquet green is redundant and can be removed to allow car parking or the planned basketball court or a synthetic multi-purpose field.</i>		
Investigate the potential for a formalised parking space for the tennis club, within the park area and the removal of one of the two existing gravel pedestrian paths to the south side of the park.	✓	
<i>Whilst car parking would provide convenience to tennis club members and opposition teams, it would be limited in extent, due to the presence of the large Manna Gums and would alienate an important east-west pedestrian link.</i>	□	
Provide additional seating, shelters, shade trees and some shade structures at the regional play space. Add colour to the play space.	✓	
<i>Many respondents commented on the need for some shade structures, shade trees and additional picnic/ barbecue shelters to the area.</i>		
Opportunity to create themed gateway entrances and create a 'sense of arrival' to encourage people into the park.	✓	
<i>The corner of Springvale and Heatherton Roads and the north west corner of the park, including the bowls club is of high visual prominence and is poorly presented, apart from the several Red Flowering Gums on Heatherton Road. The creation of a welcoming landscape and function to the north west corner would be a major enhancement of the park.</i>		

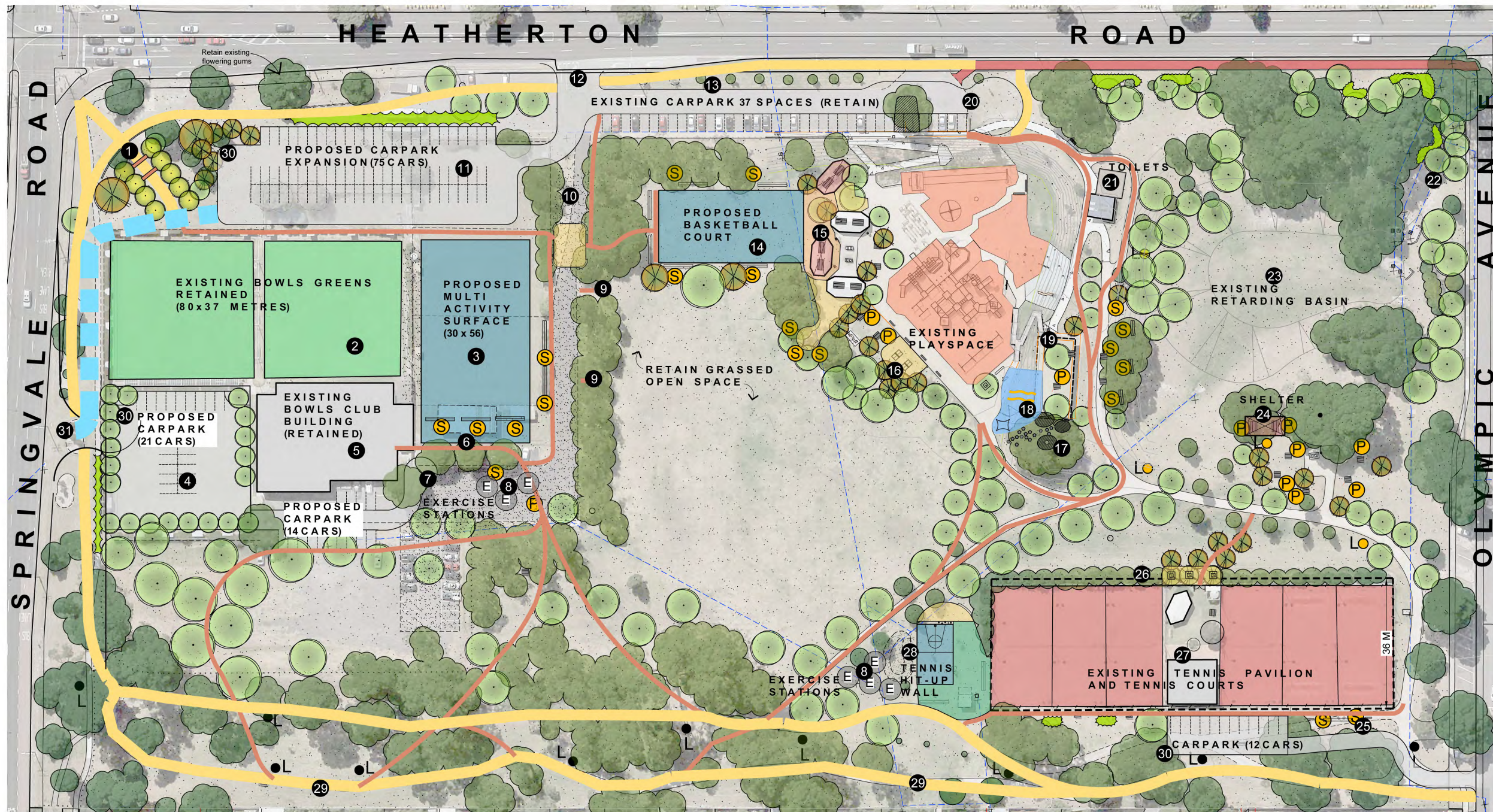
OPPORTUNITIES	CONSULTANTS ASSESSMENT OF MERIT	
Create a 'left in' access at the eastern end of the existing carpark.	✓	
<i>Provision of a left in only at the east end would assist in alleviating vehicle conflicts at the two way access further west.</i>	□	
Remove the southern bowls green and create access into and from Springvale Road.	✓	
<i>The bowls club advised they require only two bowling greens, therefore one bowling green could be removed to facilitate car parking with egress and ingress from Springvale Road.</i>	□	
Within the play space replace some of the gravel surface with rubra rock.	□	✓
<i>Rubra rock soft fall surfaces are best kept to the specific fall zones of play apparatus.</i>	□	□
Provide additional barbecue areas.	✓	
<i>The existing barbecue units and shelters prove very well used and some additional barbecue facilities appear justified.</i>	□	
Provide additional lighting to the east side of the public toilets.	✓	
<i>The west side of the public toilets in in contrast to the east side. Installation of a light would enhance safety and surveillance.</i>		□
The bowls club carpark is inadequately lit.	□	✓
<i>This carpark may be replaced in the broad scheme.</i>	□	
Provide additional lighting to the north-east portion of the park as it is unlit.	✓	□
<i>The north-east portion of the park is dark compared with the southern half and needs to have some additional lighting</i>		□
Consolidate the three land parcels into the one title and investigate unmetered public lighting supply.	✓	
<i>It is likely in the future all future development in the park and associated lighting will be supplied as council metered lighting.</i>	□	
Consider the provision of CCTV cameras within the park.		✓
<i>At this stage CCTV surveillance is not warranted. With increased use of the park passive surveillance takes place.</i>		□
Provide additional public toilets in the park near to or adjacent to the existing public toilets.	✓	
<i>At peak times it has been observed the queue of people waiting to use the toilets. Provision of additional public toilets would assist in the people's enjoyment of the park.</i>	□	
Remove or downgrade the existing north south access road connecting Heatherton Road to the bowls club.	✓	

OPPORTUNITIES	CONSULTANTS ASSESSMENT OF MERIT	
<p><i>The asphalt access road is an intrusion into the park and with enhanced activities taking place in the park consideration needs to be given to converting the road to grassed area and providing access to the bowls club via Springvale Road as a left in, left out turn.</i></p>	□	
POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES AND PRESENTATION		
<p>Provide an additional tennis court to the west of the existing tennis courts.</p>	□	✓
<p><i>This would require the relocation of the existing path and removal of several trees. The recent meeting with the tennis court indicated they didn't need an additional court.</i></p>	□ □	
<p>Construct a tennis hit-up wall.</p>	✓	
<p><i>A tennis hit-up wall located adjacent to the tennis courts would provide another dimension/ activity, including out of hours of the tennis club's operation.</i></p>	□	
<p>Construct a full size basketball court.</p>	✓	
<p><i>The City of Greater Dandenong has planned and scheduled for a basketball court to be located within the open grassed area between the existing access road and the regional play space. This is a prime grass open space suitable for informal ball games (soccer, football, cricket) with the embankment providing a buffer to balls entering Heatherton Road. Spatially this area is one of the best in the park and it is recommended the intended basketball court not be located in this zone, but within the site of the former croquet green.</i></p>	different location	
<p>Provide fitness equipment stations around the perimeter pathway circuit.</p>	✓	
<p><i>Respondents raised the opportunity to include exercise stations with fitness apparatus to exercise areas. The exercise areas should be linked with the pathway circuits, including distance markers.</i></p>		
<p>Create a youth space / skate park.</p>	✓	
<p><i>A skate park would provide activity for youth in the area and would complement the regional status of the park. The location would require careful consideration. Council's policy of the location of skate parks needs to be referred to.</i></p>		
<p>Provide an informal cricket pitch within the park.</p>	✓	
<p><i>A synthetic cricket pitch could be located in the open grassed area between the bowls club access road and the regional play space. The proposed tennis rebound wall could also be marked with a cricket wicket to facilitate casual cricket play.</i></p>	□	
<p>Plant more trees and provide possum nesting boxes.</p>	✓	
<p><i>These elements are consistent with Council's environmental strategies. Trees assist in the definition of congregating and social spaces.</i></p>	□	
<p>Incorporate Burden Park in a Parks Visit Booklet for children to download and hunt for rubbing token posts, with the aim of receiving badges for visiting multiple parks within the CGD. Prepare comprehensive maps of the parks within CGD.</p>	✓	

OPPORTUNITIES	CONSULTANTS ASSESSMENT OF MERIT	
<i>This is a healthy activity which will create interest and enjoyment for families. These actions will assist in visitation.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Provide more nature play elements to improve gross motor skills such as balancing and climbing.	✓	
<i>Provide apparatus to enhance numeracy and literacy skills. These items can be simple ABC, numbers and measurement stencils on footpaths. This will add another dimension to the regional play space status of the park.</i>		
Conduct regular fortnightly/ monthly food truck events, possibly Friday evenings in Summer.	✓	
<i>Link with local business/ produce. Food truck events would assist in activation and promotion of Burden Park and bring the community together.</i>		
Burden Park is underutilised for festivals and events.	✓	
<i>Consider music and arts events. There is a large multi-cultural and ethnic community in the area and the cultural attributes should be embraced. The park is large enough to hold single events and festivals that assist in community participation and promotion of Burden Park.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Install soccer goal posts in the open space area so as to cater for all age groups.	✓	
<i>Soccer goals are easily installed and there is an ideal open space between the current bowls club access road and the regional play space. The single goal to be for informal/ casual use and is to be regularly moved in order to avoid wear patches in front of the goals.</i>		
Consider a café in the park.	✓	
<i>A café would provide another attraction to the park and could be integrated with the idea of the food trucks supporting Burden Park's regional status and multi-cultural community. A full business case/ EOI would need to be prepared to determine the financial viability of this concept.</i>		
Community vegetable garden.	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
<i>Burden Park is primarily a destination park with many active and passive leisure activities taking place in the park. Community gardens are better suited to neighbourhood parks.</i>		
Consider the installation of a circuit path.	✓	
<i>A circuit path would support the many walkers, joggers and dog walkers who already utilise the park. There is potential to provide fitness apparatus along the circuit.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT		
Consider the provision of carefully sited artworks (stone, marble, timber etc) that reflect the multi-cultural communities within the area.	✓	
<i>The inclusion of artworks, particularly through local schools, art groups and local artisans would assist with ownership of the park and provide interest.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

APPENDIX 5 – Exhibited Draft Masterplan

Exhibited Draft Masterplan during OurSay – Stage 3 (11 July – 17 August 2018)



- LEGEND**
- EXISTING VEGETATION TO BE RETAINED
 - EXISTING PARK LIGHTING TO BE RETAINED
 - EXISTING PATH / ROAD TO BE REMOVED
 - PROPOSED PATH TO LINK TO EXISTING PATH NETWORK
 - PROPOSED 2.5 METRE WIDE SHARED TRAIL
 - PROPOSED SYNTHETIC SURFACE
 - PROPOSED EVERGREEN TREES
 - PROPOSED DECIDUOUS TREES
 - PROPOSED WATER FEATURE (FOUNTAIN) AT THE NORTH WEST GATEWAY ENTRANCE
 - PROPOSED LIGHT
 - PROPOSED SEATING
 - PROPOSED PICNIC SETTING
 - PROPOSED EXERCISE STATION

- 1 Proposed public artwork with feature planting as the north west gateway.
- 2 Existing two bowls greens retained.
- 3 Proposed multi-activity space with various sports courts and social seating areas.
- 4 Proposed carpark for 21 cars (asphalt surface). Left in, left out entry onto Springvale Road. Provide a sealed road for delivery access to the Bowls club.
- 5 Existing bowls club building to be assessed and investigated if a new building is required or an upgrade is suitable.
- 6 Existing band room to be removed and replaced with an integrated multi-activity area.
- 7 Turning circle for the bowls club. Review existing trees on site - layout adjustments may be required.
- 8 Proposed exercise stations
- 9 Provide a visual and physical connection between the multi - activity surface and the open grass area. ie. terrace steps / switch back ramp.
- 10 Existing north - south access road converted to a reinforced grassed area (potential occasional parking / access) at peak use times. Hard surface pedestrian node / meeting area with seating at intersection of paths.
- 11 Proposed car park for 75 cars (asphalt surface).
- 12 Modified entry / exit from Heathererton Road with new kerb lines. One lane in, two lanes out.
- 13 Proposed shared path 2.5 metres wide. Connect path to existing concrete path along Heathererton Road.
- 14 Proposed full-sized basketball court (east-west orientation) with seating and grassed mounding. Connection to the shelter area to the east.
- 15 Provide additional picnic shelters between the existing playspace and proposed basketball court.
- 16 Proposed Popp table tennis tables on a granitic gravel surface.
- 17 Proposed seating deck around the existing English Oak tree with mudstone rock boulders and smaller decks at various levels for seating and play.
- 18 Expansion of the playground area including 2 proposed mound slides and climbing net to further integrate with the embankment and improve access.
- 19 Demolish the existing marching girls building and re-align the existing path. To create a new picnic and seating area and viewing platform on the existing mound.
- 20 Extend the carpark to the east and create a turn-around bowl. Connect the proposed perimeter circuit to the existing concrete shared path.
- 21 Increase the number of public toilets from 3 to 6 cubicles.
- 22 Establish appropriate tufting plants to the area of the exposed pits in the north east corner of the site.
- 23 Enhance the existing retarding basin through improvements to the outlets and re-profiling of the base area.
- 24 Proposed shelter for the existing barbeque area with additional seating and tables.
- 25 Proposed carpark for 12 car spaces to service the existing tennis courts and pavilion. Entry and exit from Olympic Avenue via the existing access track. Review existing trees on site, adjustments to the layout may be required.
- 26 Extend the tennis court footprint 2 metres north and 1 metre south to meet the standard 36m length for tennis courts.
- 27 Upgrade the existing tennis pavilion and create a pedestrian entrance with a gate to provide access to the northern shelter area.
- 28 Tennis hit-up wall with basketball hoop, cricket wicket line markings and rock climbing. Existing storage shed to be removed and integrated into the proposed tennis pavilion.
- 29 Proposed 2.5 metre wide shared trail.
- 30 Investigate the potential for incorporating WSUD opportunities into new works to treat stormwater run-off from impervious surfaces. i.e. rain gardens, tree pits and 'smart soakers' and permeable pavement.
- 31 Investigate left in, (with slip lane) left out to Springvale Road and access road with speed humps to northern carpark.

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