



City of
Melville

ENGAGEMENT REPORT



GOOLUGATUP HEATHCOTE LOWER LANDS

7 August to 7 September 2020

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Executive Summary

This report contains the outcomes of community consultation on a draft concept plan intended to increase the amenity and community appreciation of a site with historic Aboriginal and European heritage.

Major Findings

Key stakeholder groups have been involved in the development of the draft concept plan since inception, including inputs from the Aboriginal community. This consultation process provided an additional opportunity for the broader community to contribute, given the importance of this iconic site to the City of Melville.

65 people used the interactive map to leave 187 comments on the features.

On balance there was support and enthusiasm for the plan, but there were also concerns, mostly relating to the access points and the size of the proposed car park. In the event that these concerns are mitigated, more support from the community is to be expected.

Background

The Heathcote Lower Lands are at river level at the base of an historic hill in Applecross.

Heathcote and surrounds are important to the whole community because of their historical and cultural heritage in Perth.

Like most land adjoining the Swan River, this site was used extensively by the Aboriginal people and is still strongly associated with men's lore and is known as Kooyagoordup – the place of Kooya, a type of frog.

The site is also important to the groups who have made use of the space in recent times. This includes the South of Perth Yacht Club, the tenants of the Art Centre, the Perth Makers Markets, families visiting the gardens and the iconic playground, tourists with an interest in the site and its history and an established fine dining restaurant.

This consultation will be open to the whole community, given the importance of the site.

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Key Stakeholders

These are people or groups most like to experience a social impact or benefit as a result of the project. The table below identified key people and what information might be needed from them with respect to the project.

| Stakeholder Group. | How the group be directly impacted +/- | What information is needed from these stakeholders? |
|---|--|--|
| Residents and ratepayers within 400m of site | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased amenity• Decreased amenity | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirmation of social impacts |
| Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander People | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebration of Aboriginal heritage | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supportive of design? |
| Community Groups/Sporting Clubs South Perth Yacht Club Applecross Rotary Club | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to enhanced amenity• Possible loss of parking | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parking requirements to meet members needs• Confirmation of benefits of project |
| Perth Makers Markets vendors and visitors | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Temporary loss of income during construction | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dates of operation likely to be impacted during implementation of project |
| Blue Water Grill | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loss of parking/ custom during construction of the site• Increase visitation from visitors to the new development | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dates of bookings likely to be impacted during implementation of project |
| Tenants of Heathcote CP | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unknown | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planned activities likely to be impacted during implementation of project |

Purpose of engagement

To engage with the community on a concept plan developed for the Heathcote Lower Lands Project prior to the next detailed design phase and to do so in ways that are fair, transparent and which can be linked to the final outcomes of the project.

Engagement Objectives and Response

Inform

To **inform** the community on the background to the project, the cultural history of the site, work done there to date and how they can participate in a consultation on the draft concept plan.

Please see Appendix I for materials used to inform stakeholders about the engagement.

Consult

To **consult** with the community on the features in the concept plan through the use of an interactive map on Melville Talks.

Response

In total 65 people provided 187 comments on the key features of an interactive map of the draft concept plan.



Data Analysis

Methodology

An interactive map was used to capture feedback from the community about the various features on the map.

The information for analysis was captured in a spreadsheet and then analysed on two levels.

- Level 1 generated an overview of features, up-and-down voting, the number of comments, how many people made them and a summary of comments received.
- Level 2 was in-depth qualitative analysis of the commentary to identify key issues, concerns and good ideas to be considered in refining the draft concept plan.

Overview

The table below identifies the number of up-votes/down-votes awarded by feature, the total number of comments received against each feature and the number of people who supplied them, together with a summary of the comments. It should be noted that up-votes are not necessarily indicative of what people really think, as that detail can be found in the commentary of which detailed analysis is provided later in the report.

| Feature | Feature up votes | Feature down Votes | Total Comments | No. people | Comment summary |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------|---|
| Access ramp | 30 | 8 | 5 | 5 | Consideration for other activities requested e.g., flying fox. Suitability as an access ramp queried. |
| Car park | 21 | 23 | 12 | 10 | Queries regarding size of car park, inappropriate use for anti-social behaviours. Sense that current size sufficient. |
| Cycling rest stop | 58 | 2 | 6 | 6 | Supported with some safety reservations |
| Event space | 0 | 0 | 23 | 21 | Some enthusiasm, some concerns about types of activities |
| Existing vegetation 1 | 43 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Information signage |
| Existing vegetation 2 | 35 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Dropping branches hazard. Dirt BMX track |
| Feature stairway | 62 | 6 | 10 | 8 | Resting points, ramp, exercise nodes |
| Healing garden | 63 | 1 | 5 | 5 | Supported |
| Main entrance | 28 | 1 | 5 | 5 | Supported |
| Parkland Area | 51 | 2 | 12 | 10 | Fenced dog area, dog friendly. Indigenous species inclusion |
| Parklets | 35 | 1 | 2 | 2 | Indigenous species inclusion |
| Path intersection node | 40 | 3 | 3 | 3 | Artwork not supported. Consideration of café |
| Riverbank vegetation | 58 | 0 | 2 | 2 | Re-vegetate |

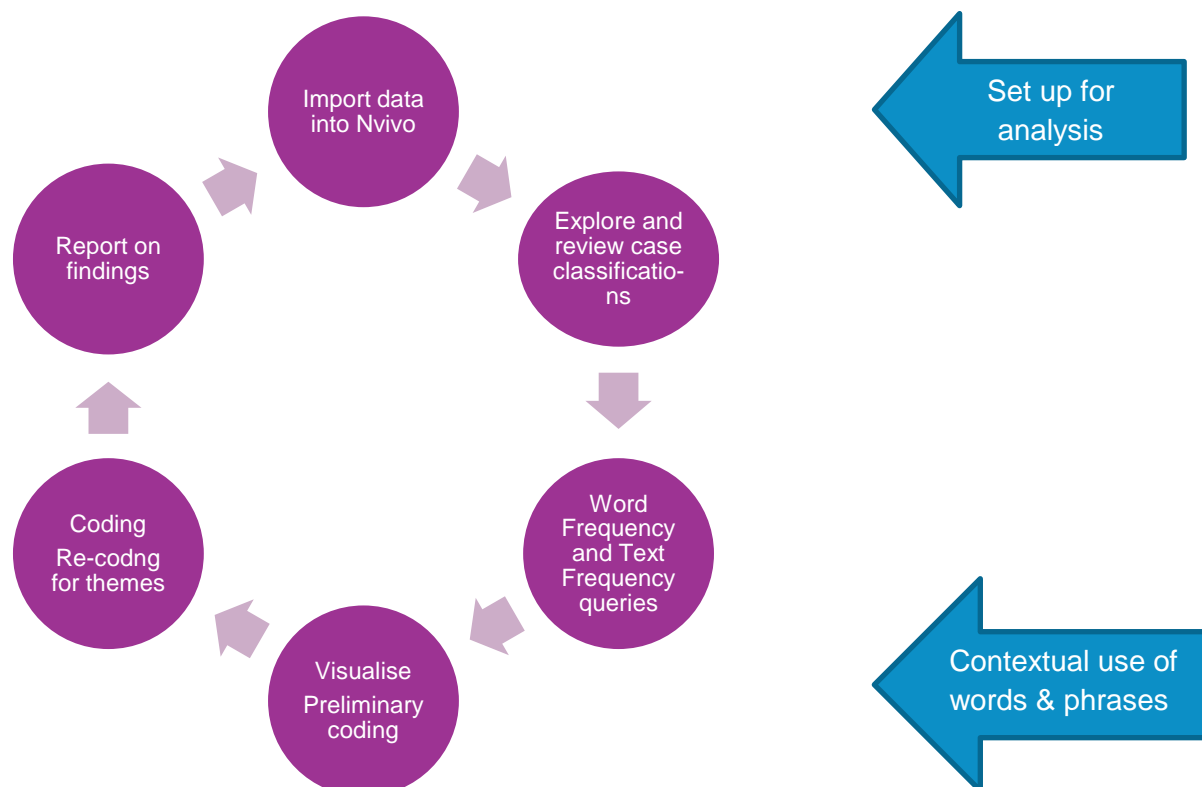
| | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------------------------------|
| Sculptural artwork focal feature | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | Mixed responses |
| Shade shelters/amenity | 62 | 17 | 15 | 13 | Inclusion of toilets queried |
| Skateable artwork nodes | 33 | 31 | 14 | 14 | Mixed responses |
| Vehicle access | 21 | 11 | 4 | 4 | Mixed responses |
| Vehicular access road | 16 | 43 | 25 | 23 | Concerns about safety of location |
| Vehicular entrance – Duncraig Road | 18 | 24 | 18 | 16 | Concerns about safety of location |
| Viewing platform | 61 | 1 | 7 | 7 | Supported |
| Wetland | 62 | 3 | 8 | 6 | Supported – increase in size? |

Qualitative Data Analysis

The raw data was uploaded into Nvivo, software for qualitative data analysis. The outcome of the analytical process was to identify recurrent themes or ideas about the landscape design for the lower lands at Heathcote.

Qualitative data analysis is not about word counting to justify results e.g., X number of people said [word], but to consider what people have said and how they said it. Nuances of language, including the use of idioms, terms or phrases used by diverse cultures or even generations may see the same words being used but with different meanings. Once a theme has been identified, evidence is supplied by direct and unedited quotations from the data.

The process of analysis using Nvivo is described in the diagram below.



Data Upload

Data for upload on this occasion included a spreadsheet generated from the interactive map used for the engagement process. People were able to leave a comment against one of more features identified on the map and also up or down vote each feature as noted above. On this occasion, no information was available about age, gender, lifestyle or location which could provide further evidence about who said what.

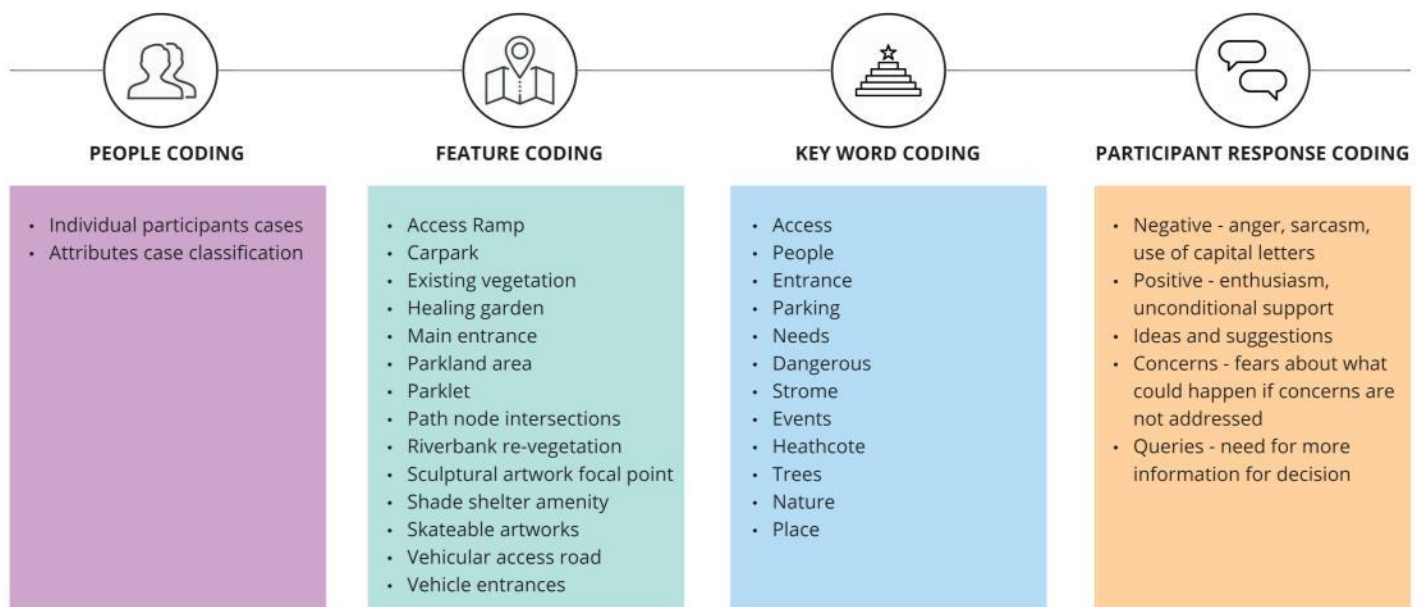
Coding Framework

Analysis of qualitative data is carried out through a process of coding and recoding information until no new ideas emerge.

In this instance the coding framework included codes for each of the individual features in the concept plan to discover what respondents were saying about them.

Codes were also created for:

- the top 10 recurrent words shown in the key word list below
- positive sentiments as expressions of delight, enthusiasm
- negative sentiments expressed in anger (capital letters), tone, sarcasm
- ideas/suggestions about what could be done to enhance or mitigate something in the concept plan
- concerns or fears about what could go wrong
- queries – more information required for clarification



Word Frequency Query (WFQ)

A WFQ was run to identify key words that could be identified from the qualitative information based on the frequency with which they occurred. The outcome of the WFQ was:

- A list of the top 100 words of 5 characters or more. A key word list was created from the top 10 words;
- A word cloud showing key words in larger text;
- A word map showing alignment between words.

Key Word List

| Word order | Word | Length | Count | Weighted Percentage (%) | Similar Words |
|------------|-----------|--------|-------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | access | 6 | 42 | 1.21 | access, accessed, accessibility |
| 2 | entrance | 8 | 36 | 1.04 | entrance, entrances |
| 3 | space | 5 | 25 | 0.72 | space, spaces |
| 4 | needs | 5 | 24 | 0.69 | needed, needs |
| | Strome | 6 | 24 | 0.69 | strome |
| 5 | Heathcote | 9 | 22 | 0.63 | heathcote |
| 6 | nature | 6 | 20 | 0.58 | natural, naturally, nature |
| 7 | people | 6 | 19 | 0.55 | people |
| 8 | parking | 7 | 18 | 0.52 | parked, parking, parks |
| 9 | dangerous | 9 | 17 | 0.49 | danger, dangerous |
| | event | 5 | 17 | 0.49 | event, events |
| | trees | 5 | 17 | 0.49 | trees |
| 10 | place | 5 | 16 | 0.46 | place, places, placing |

Word Cloud



Word Map

WFQ All

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|--------|--------|
| access | strome | parking | vegetation | great | toilets | native | attract | removed | speed | direct | including | views | agree | | |
| | | | | plants | heritage | applecross | gatherings | river | residents | artwork | become | bushlan | exits | family | |
| | | dangerous | carpark | | | | shade | something | local | wetland | significa | another | children | commu | |
| entrance | heathcote | | | suggest | pedestrian | cricket | | | | | | | | | |
| | | event | proposal | | | | around | connect | money | cultural | keeping | little | looks | night | |
| | | | | traffic | small | cyclists | | | pitch | current | passive | safety | unneces | useful | |
| space | nature | trees | roundabout | | | | duncraig | areas | | | | | | | |
| | | | | existing | think | track | | | project | develop | plans | yacht | preser | accid | adder |
| | | | | | | | enough | facility | | providing | drivewa | purpos | create | additi | comin |
| needs | people | place | canning | please | already | upper | picnics | point | vehicle | flying | require | informa | cinem | enjoy | increa |

The table below shows the coded references for each feature linked to the key words for more in-depth review.

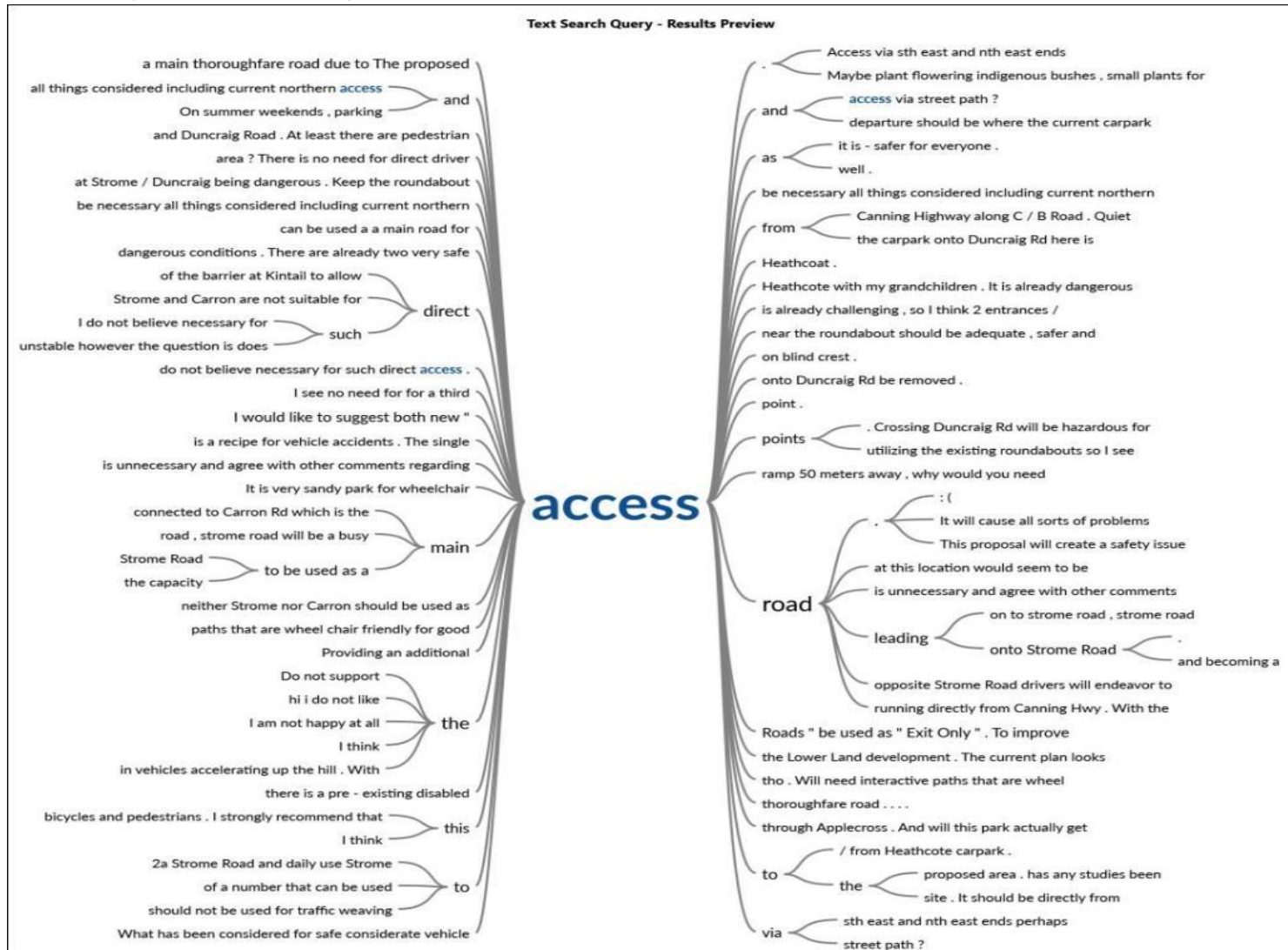
| Feature | Coded References from top 10 words |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 : Healing Garden | 2 |
| 2 : Main Entrance | 4 |
| 3 : Parkland Area | 16 |
| 4 : Parklet | 4 |
| 5 : Path node intersection | 1 |
| 6 : Riverbank Reveg | 1 |
| 7 : Sculptural Artwork Focal | 5 |
| 8 : Shade Shelter Amenity | 12 |
| 9 : Skateable Artworks | 11 |
| 10 : Vehicle Access | 3 |
| 11 : Vehicle Entrance | 37 |
| 12 : Viewing Platform | 1 |
| 13 : Wetland | 5 |

Text Search Queries

Text Search Queries (TSQs) were used to provide a list of references and Word Tree visualizations for coding into the 5 remaining items in the coding framework, namely:.

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TSQ example for Access Key Word



After coding had been completed for the key words, a Matrix Coding Query (MCQ) was run to identify where the remaining coding framework codes occurred.

Matrix Coding Query Features X Coding Framework Responses

| Features | Concern | Idea Suggestion | Query | Positive | Negative | Total CF |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 : Access Ramp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 : Car Park | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 14 |
| 3 : Existing Vegetation | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 4 : Feature Stairway | 0 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 11 |
| 5 : Healing Garden | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 6 : Main Entrance | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 7 |
| 7 : Parkland Area | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| 8 : Parklet | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9 : Path node intersection | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 10 : Riverbank Revegetation | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 11 : Sculptural Artwork Focal | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| 12 : Shade Shelter Amenity | 2 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 17 |
| 13 : Skateable Artworks | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 14 |
| 14 : Vehicle Access | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 15 : Vehicle Entrance | 8 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 22 |
| 16 : Vehicular Access Road | 15 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 29 |
| 17 : Viewing Platform | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 9 |
| 18 : Wetland | 1 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| | 30 | 62 | 6 | 24 | 46 | |

The following section provides direct quotations which best illustrate what participants are saying about the features. Not all features are included as some received little or no attention from respondents.

| Features | Direct quotations |
|------------------|---|
| Car Park | <p><i>To enlarge the car park will certainly give more space for the hoons who already use the existing one. There is certainly no need to spend money on this area as there is adequate parking already</i></p> <p><i>This truly needs to be revised...looking toward a reduction to a maximum of 30 car park spaces. Please choose to preserve the beauty of the land!</i></p> <p><i>The car park needs to be minimalistic, aesthetically pleasing and in keeping with nature and Aboriginal heritage...There needs to be trees planted between road and car park and lots of greenery.</i></p> |
| Feature Stairway | <p><i>Love this idea! It would be great if the stairs were wide enough to accommodate walkers and runners</i></p> <p><i>Consider a stramp or stairs with ramp incorporated for pram use and incorporate art and lighting</i></p> <p><i>There should also be little paths with "resting points" with seating so enjoy the view in the shade.</i></p> <p><i>A fitness stairway for running up and down like Jacobs Ladder and work out equipment at the base I think would be popular.</i></p> |
| Parkland Area | <p><i>A Fenced Dog Play Park would be perfect here. Please make it happen. Local residents who own dogs will be so happy!!! :)</i></p> <p><i>I love the idea of adding kwel - the sound they make in the wind is magical. Would really like an expanded natural area that children are allowed to play in - Rio Tinto Park comes to mind on a smaller scale. No need for play structures - just a bit of bush where they can use their imagination...</i></p> <p><i>I like the decision to plant Tuarts and Moitch and would be happy with She-Oak as well. However, these trees will need mulch / understory so as to thrive, and a barrier to prevent grasses from growing up to their trunks, which would damage the biota in the ground that the trees need to survive.</i></p> |

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|-----------------------|---|
| Shade Shelter Amenity | <p><i>Looks good, very dry area tho. Would need irrigation added. Would be good to add an historical information stand weatherproof and given it is named as a childrens park, good opportunity to teach some important history of the area</i></p> <p><i>I love the project! There are great intent to activate and honour this valuable site! Exciting first stages!!</i></p> <p><i>toilets and bbq's are not required , these amenities already exit in upper heathcoate and on the strand for people to use... it will lead to more antisocial behaviour... encourage more campers in the car park and in the surrounding bush which is already a problem residents have to endure</i></p> |
| Skateable Artworks | <p><i>I don't fully understand what is met by skateable nodes - but why would you place such a facility close to a cultural garden setting. I expect that such a facility to be very noisy and add to the already dangerous situation we have now with the pedestrian/bike mix. The bikes travel at speed down from the Heathcote hill</i></p> <p><i>A pump track is an excellent idea the "pirate ship" area covers activities for little kids but when your kids get to high school they become disinterested in family gatherings at heathcote. A Pump Track would be a point of differentiation and actually provide something for our +12 year olds to do! the area is practically made for it.</i></p> |
| Vehicle Access Road | <p><i>It is obviously not an informed decision to make Strome Road the main artery for entrance to the top level. Has anyone bothered to assess Strome Road? There are no pedestrian walkways. Walking with children or pets in this road will become extremely dangerous should it become the main artery to the new development. please reconsider? The obvious choice would be the entrance at the roundabout at Canning Beach Road and Duncraig Road. At least there are pedestrian access as well.</i></p> <p><i>The intersection of Strome and Duncraig Rd is a blind crest. This cannot be safely used as a new entrance or exit. The City is on notice of the danger this represents.</i></p> <p><i>Why not keep Carron as the thoroughfare as it is now? Strome Rd is too narrow and difficult to navigate with cars parking along the road. There are no footpaths along this road leading to a very dangerous situation for walkers (of which there are many...of all ages). I agree with the blind intersection at Strome/Duncraig being dangerous. Keep the roundabout access as it is - safer for everyone.</i></p> |

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| Vehicle Entrance | <p><i>...The single access near the roundabout should be adequate, safer and easier to control when there are functions.</i></p> <p><i>This entrance is not only inconvenient for the existing residential driveways, it is incredibly dangerous for both cyclists, pedestrians and other cars that travel at speed down the hill and those turning at the roundabout. It needs to be removed!</i></p> <p><i>While this is the best entrance option the council must UNBLOCK THE ENTRY FROM CANNING BEACH RD -- RAFFLES -- CANNING HWY. Replace the new blocked/detour with a ROUNDABOUT so incomers can go STRAIGHT to the Heathcote area WITHOUT DRIVING THROUGH OUR STREETS. While the previous CANNING BRIDGE - CANNING BEACH entry was dangerous its INSANE to block it and push the risk into the streets where we live/kids play. Roadabout or better option please</i></p> |

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Appendix I – Engagement Materials

Melville Talks Engagement Page

Goolugatup Heathcote Lower Lands

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Open

We have a plan to realise the potential of this significant cultural and heritage place, to rejuvenate the environment, to create a passive recreational space and to reconnect the Heathcote precinct.

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About the Engagement

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All images are artistic impressions only





Design Intent

The City has carried out consultation and assessment over the last decade to develop plans to upgrade the existing parkland without losing its current character and history.

The size of this project will require us to stage the works over multiple years but to realise this vision we anticipate starting some work in 2021.

Elements of the concept plan include:

- A passive use area with minimal, low key facilities;
- Accessible shelters, toilet, drinking fountain;
- Recognition of Aboriginal, European and environmental values with associated interpretative content, linking across upper Heathcote;
- Referencing historic elements such as old buildings and fresh water wells;
- A healing garden;
- Revitalisation of the wetland in the southeast corner, and connecting it through landscape to the river;
- Stabilizing of the escarpment with endemic vegetation;
- Creation of physical links with upper Heathcote (staircase, ramp, road);
- Parking and access provisions for increased numbers of users;
- Opportunities for holistic participation and management.

Get Involved

Welcome to our interactive map for the Goolugatup Heathcote Lower Lands engagement. We would like to know what you think of the features in the concept plan.

Your feedback from this phase of engagement will inform the final concept plan prior to detailed design and costing.

Using the interactive map below, tell us what you think about the features in the concept plan.

1. Click on a feature icon on the concept plan below
2. You may 'Like' or 'Dislike' the feature by clicking on the thumbs-up or thumbs-down icon in the dialogue box
3. Click 'View discussion' and tell us what you think of the feature
4. To comment on another feature of the concept plan, close out of the dialogue box and click on a feature icon
5. Please tell us about yourself in the survey below.

Can't see the interactive map below? [Click here](#) to open it in a web browser.




Goolugatup Heathcote Lower Lands

All About You

1. Please tell us how you received the link to this engagement.

- ☐ My Elected Member gave me the link to the engagement
- ☐ I saw a sign at Heathcote Cultural Precinct
- ☐ I received a letter from the City of Melville
- ☐ I picked up a promo card about the engagement

0 of 5 answered

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Parkland area





Parkland area by the South of Perth Yacht Club



Interpretation node



The Healing Garden



Timeline

June 2007

Community Stakeholder Workshop

November 2007 to May 2009
Site Surveys and Assessments

June 2008

Aboriginal Heritage Survey

19 January 2010

City of Melville Agenda Item P10/3107

March 2010

External Summary Report

March 2010

Initial Concept Plan

Initial Concept Plan - GHD

April 2014

Marli Riverpark Interpretation Plan 2014

Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

2014

Heathcote Strategic Environmental Management Plan
2014-2019 (Environment)

2016

Heathcote Vision and Place Plan

Stakeholder Engagement Findings and Place Making Strategies

July 2017

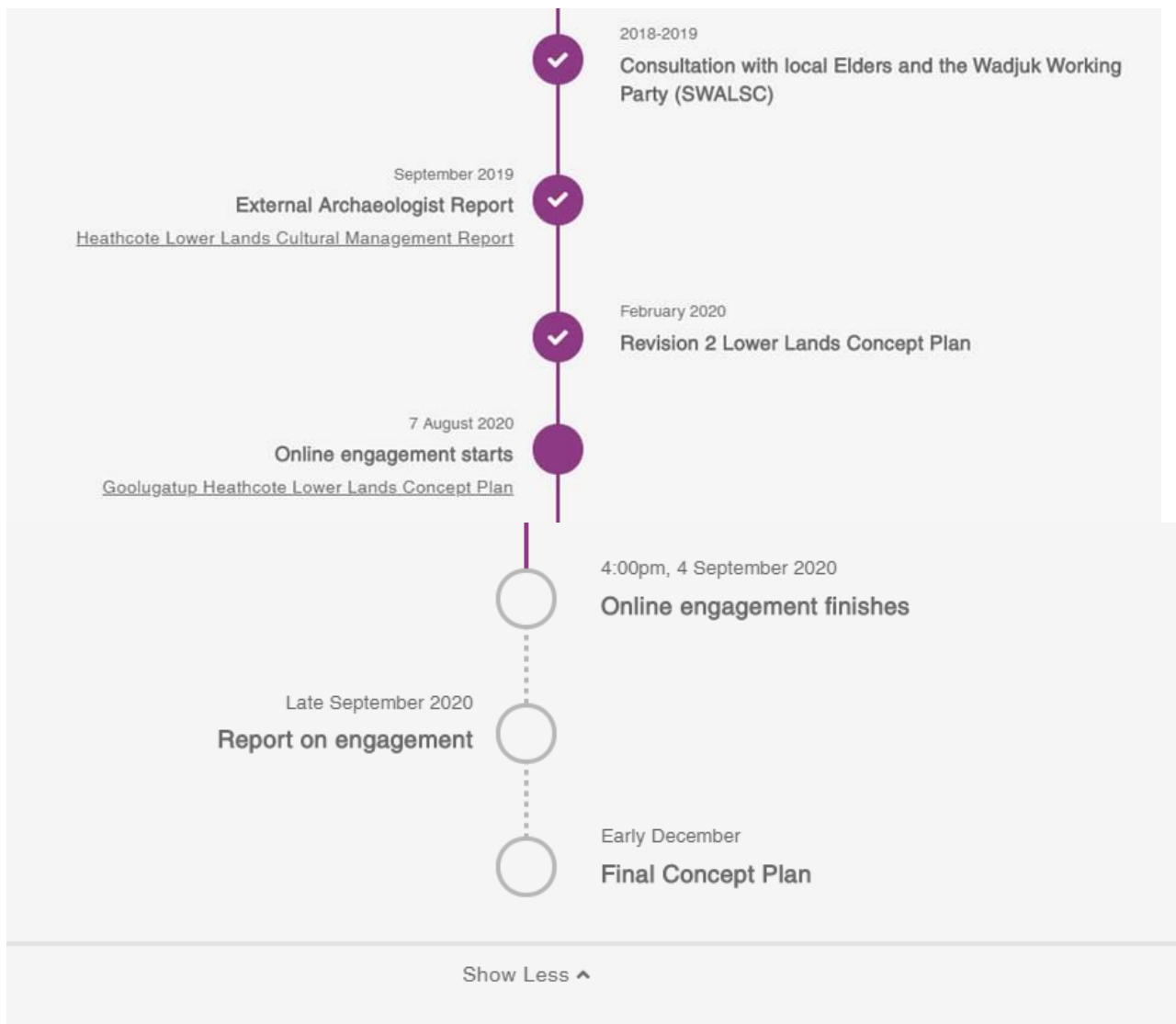
Revision 1 Lower Lands Concept Plan
Concept Design & Image Sheets Revision 1 - GHD

August 2017

Aboricultural Assessment

September 2018

Heathcote Interpretation and Design Plan
Heathcote Interpretation and Design Plan



How we engage with you

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Who are we engaging with now?

Heathcote and surrounds are important to the whole community because of their historical and cultural heritage in Perth.

In this phase, the City is specifically interested in consulting with local residents and current user groups. However the consultation is open to the whole community, given the importance of the site.

Some of the current user groups include joggers, dog walkers, cyclists, the South of Perth Yacht Club, the tenants of the Art Centre, the Perth Makers Markets, families visiting the gardens and the iconic playground, tourists with an interest in the site and its history, and people following the trail of the Marli River Park.

How can you get involved?

You are invited to use the interactive map on this page to provide feedback on the features in the concept plan.

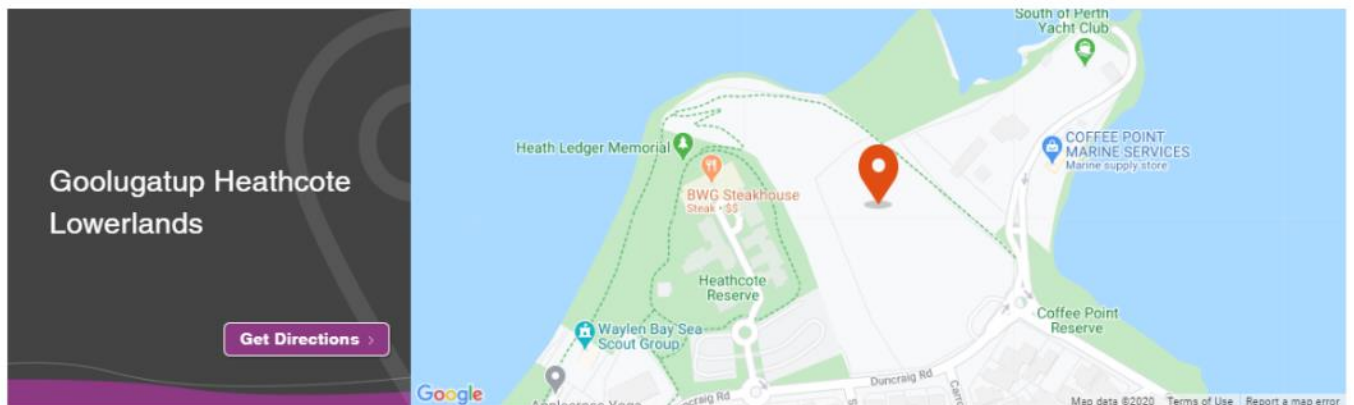
What happens to the information shared by the community?

Your feedback on the concept plan will help shape the final concept plan.

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We have a plan to realise the potential of this significant cultural and heritage place, to rejuvenate the environment, to create a passive recreational space and to reconnect the Heathcote precinct.

We would like to know what you think of the features in the concept plan which will inform the final concept plan prior to detailed design and costing.

Visit Melville Talks before 4.00pm on Friday, 4 September 2020 to see the features, share what you like and leave comments.

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Appendix II - Comments on the features from the Interactive Map



| Feature | Comments |
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|  | <p><i>This path is not wide enough for the usage it will receive. There should most definitely be separation of cyclists and pedestrians at this junction. In fact, I would prefer to see a culture of providing separate paths for these activities - everywhere in the City.</i></p> |

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| <p>Main Entrance Node</p> <p>Link to foreshore path. Entrance wayfinding and signage.</p> | <p><i>This is a fantastic initiative and project. This space is a fantastic area for the community and will be great for the community. Well done.</i></p> <p><i>I am a long term resident of Applecross. Congratulations - overall this is an excellent plan.</i></p> <p><i>Great to see a fabulous project for Applecross residents, given the planning problems we have had to deal with over past couple of years in Canning Bridge.</i></p> <p><i>Absolutely love all elements of this project. My husband and I are long term residents and we've closely looked at this and are excited about all possibilities. Who could not love this!</i></p> |
|  <p>Vehicular Entrance</p> <p>1st Access at Duncraig Road</p> | <p><i>Is it necessary to have two entrances? It would seem the existing entrance is adequate. The roundabout entrance may have an issue with more car/pedestrian interaction with yacht club people walking through.</i></p> <p><i>This should be the ONLY entrance</i></p> <p><i>While this is the best entrance option the council must UNBLOCK THE ENTRY FROM CANNING BEACH RD -- RAFFLES -- CANNING HWY. Replace the new blocked/detour with a ROUNDABOUT so incomers can go STRAIGHT to the Heathcote area WITHOUT DRIVING THROUGH OUR STREETS. While the previous CANNING BRIDGE - CANNING BEACH entry was dangerous its INSANE to block it and push the risk into the streets where we live/kids play. Roadabout or better option please!</i></p> |
|  <p>Vehicular Entrance</p> <p>2nd Access at Duncraig Road</p> | <p><i>This entrance is not only inconvenient for the existing residential driveways, it is incredibly dangerous for both cyclists, pedestrians and other cars that travel at speed down the hill and those turning at the roundabout. It needs to be removed!</i></p> <p><i>add a emergency bay for an ambulance to be stationed next to the entrance as the cyclists flying down the hill are going to need it , the designer needs to come and have a look at 6am to get the idea of how dangerous this will be</i></p> <p><i>This entrance is dangerous (hill, cyclists, driveways, pedestrians, roundabout) in its current location and will be even more dangerous with the anticipated increase in visitors (both vehicles and pedestrians) to the area. It needs to be removed.</i></p> |

This entrance/exit needs to be removed and relocated elsewhere.

This entrance/exit should be removed completely as it is unsafe being 3/4 down the hill, opposite driveways and near the roundabout. An alternative entrance/exit needs to be established.

the entrance should be removed completely

Safety needs to be factored into this design. Definitely not accounting for cyclists and cars coming flying down the hill and around corners!!

This entrance is so so dangerous, cars come screaming round the round about



The entrance will cause car and bike accidents. The cars scream around the corner from the roundabout and will not have enough time to stop when cars are trying to turn into the entrance. Bikes and cars also speed down the hill of Duncraig Road. The entrance needs to be changed and entered from the roundabout.


This entrance is dangerous due to congestion, cyclists coming down the hill at speed, pedestrians, two driveways immediately opposite and the roundabout traffic that comes around at speed. This entrance/exit should be removed completely.


There should be only ONE entrance otherwise its too dangerous as Duncraig Road has many cyclists who come down the hill very fast, as well as cars



I would like to suggest both new "Access Roads" be used as "Exit Only". To improve safety, a LEFT TURN ONLY could be applied to these exits. This will improve the flow of traffic, especially at the end of an event, when EVERYONE leaves at the same time. The roundabouts can serve as Entrances and exits, as they do now. I cant see why we need four entrances, while four exits will be very useful.

I believe that one entrance from the round about in addition to the main entrance should be plenty!

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| | <p><i>An vehicle entrance halfway down a very steep incline is a recipe for vehicle accidents. The single access near the roundabout should be adequate, safer and easier to control when there are functions.</i></p> <p><i>What has been considered for safe considerate vehicle access through Applecross. And will this park actually get used?</i></p> |
|  <p>Healing Garden</p> <p>Opportunity to interpret space with local species, a yarning circle and heritage building footprint interpretation.</p> | <p><i>Who will establish this area and who will maintain it?</i></p> <p><i>great idea , hopefully it will be maintained</i></p> <p><i>Open to all ie 'healing' is not confined to just Aboriginal people in our community</i></p> <p><i>Size is important here. This vital feature must be big enough to appeal to a group of users simultaneously. Encouraging the connection of the broader human community in this Healing place.</i></p> <p><i>I'd favour something indigenous instead of a heritage building footprint. Love this idea of a healing garden with native plants- I'd like to see it extended to a native bush foods or bush medicine garden.</i></p> <p><i>Will stories and messages about the native plant species be shared/included? Vivienne Hansen has a lot of cultural knowledge about Noongar medicines.</i></p> |
|  <p>Wetland</p> <p>Wetland planting and opportunity for nature trail and Goolugatup Heritage site interpretation.</p> | <p><i>I have not seen any water in this depression for many years. Small ponds/wetland areas are problematic from safety and mosquito issues.</i></p> <p><i>This is a naturally occurring feature and I strongly agree that it is vitally important that it is made sustainable by increasing its size and increasing the scope of the surrounding native vegetation to the wetland.</i></p> <p><i>Weltland is an excellent idea. Agree that it seems tiny vs the massive open area of dead grassland. Its the wetland, trees and nature that will attract people and bring joy - the dead open area is depressing and a turn off. Why not make this bigger? Refer to Booyeembara Park in Whitegum Valley on how to do this properly.</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>A healthy frog habitat connects the traditional place name with present and future generations. Meaningful and rich opportunity here.</i></p> <p><i>The wetland has to be of significant size to be useful. Use Piney Lakes as an example? Whatever is decided for the centre please add more native trees around the perimeter. This will provide more picnic shade.</i></p> <p><i>A boardwalk over the wetland, like the one in South Perth, would be awesome</i></p> <p><i>From the concept plan, it's difficult to estimate the size of the wetland area, however, to make this feature more meaningful and perhaps encourage birdlife an expanded wetland area is suggested.</i></p> |
|  <p>Carpark</p> <p>80 car bays with raingardens and retention of existing trees where possible.</p> | <p><i>Unfortunately I agree that an 80 bay carpark will be used mainly for burnouts. I suggest the COM come and spend some time in this area and understand the issues of high-powered cars hooning the streets at night.</i></p> <p><i>I assume the car park size is deliberately large to cater for yacht club overflow parking, otherwise it is too big. How will yacht club overflow parking be managed? I suggest that the hillside end of the carpark could instead be used for a dirt BMX track.</i></p> <p><i>80 carparking bays is too many</i></p> <p><i>80 parking bays is excessive, unnecessary and will give rise to the unacceptable destruction of nature. The park is an area to be accessed by foot not by motor vehicle. The car park needs to be minimalistic, aesthetically pleasing and in keeping with nature and Aboriginal heritage —not grey bitumen. There needs to be trees planted between road and car park — lots of greenery. Any car park will need to be designed to discourage burn outs — including speed bumps.</i></p> <p><i>Extending the car park is only going to encourage more people to do late night donuts then speed off.</i></p> <p><i>Theres no point for an overflow carpark, just redo the dirt one that is already there. Chuck some concrete on it, smooth it out, and draw some line, pretty simple job. Saves parkland, money, and wont make you look like such idiots as there would be a constant free 80 car bays if you continued with your shocking plan.</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>What is the point of another carpark. The only thing that will be accomplished is knocking down some trees, and getting some more crackheads over there</i></p> <p><i>This is a joke, the heath cote carpark + the current carpark easily accommodates. Avoid the unnecessary demolition of bushland thanks</i></p> <p><i>We do not require an 80 bay carpark especially for the size of land you are trying to redevelop. The current carpark is enough and is very rarely full. Your proposal will increase the amount of burnouts at midnight and break-ins into houses in the area. Is it going to be lit at night, will there be speed bumps. Such a shame! It's the only piece of bushland left in Applecross that has not been developed. It's special to have natural bushland to enjoy and should be cherished.</i></p> <p><i>To enlarge the car park will certainly give more space for the hoons who already use the existing one. There is certainly no need to spend money on this area as there is adequate parking already</i></p> <p><i>NO more car bays. This plan is more of what we have at upper Heathcote. We cycle through this area up to upper Heathcote 4-5 times a week. On a fine but cold winter's day like today, it is barely used. Let's have more bushland</i></p> <p><i>I am struggling to fathom why there is the need for 80 carpark spaces. Heathcote reserve carpark already provides an adequate number of car spaces. An additional 80 car spaces that will never be filled at the expense of losing some of the last undeveloped land in Applecross is most certainly not needed. This truly needs to be revised amongst the City of Melville, looking towards a reduction to a maximum of 30 carpark spaces. Please choose to preserve the natural beauty of the land!</i></p> |
|  <p>Existing Vegetation</p> <p>Existing remnant Melaleuca rhaphlophyllas and Eucalyptus camaldulensis to be retained.</p> | <p><i>Be aware, gum trees drop branches sometimes with fatal consequences. Eucalyptus camaldulensis is particularly prone to dropping branches as I have learnt to my cost even though I love the trees.</i></p> <p><i>This is a possible area for a dirt BMX track. Existing vegetation needs a significant revamp.</i></p> <p><i>Suggest there are signs providing information about the vegetation</i></p> |

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|  <p>Secondary Pedestrian Entrance</p> <p>Pedestrian access at Duncraig Road with street trees to road verge.</p> | <p>No comments received</p> |
|  <p>Vehicular Access Road</p> <p>One-way access road linking upper carpark with lower land carpark. 1:12 slope similar to Duncraig Road.</p> | <p><i>Not a very sensible place for an entrance. Strome and Carron are not suitable for direct access to the site. It should be directly from Canning Beach Road - and - the removal of the barrier at Kintail to allow direct access from Canning Highway along C/B Road. Quiet Applecross Streets should not be used for traffic weaving to access Heathcoat.</i></p> <p><i>Why not keep Carron as the thoroughfare as it is now? Strome Rd is too narrow and difficult to navigate with cars parking along the road. There are no footpaths along this road leading to a very dangerous situation for walkers (of which there are many...of all ages). I agree with the blind intersection at Strome/Duncraig being dangerous. Keep the roundabout access as it is - safer for everyone</i></p> <p><i>I think this access road is unnecessary and agree with other comments regarding access on blind crest.</i></p> <p><i>Do not support the access road leading onto Strome Road.</i></p> <p><i>The intersection of Strome and Duncraig Rd is a blind crest. This cannot be safely used as a new entrance or exit. The City is on notice of the danger this represents.</i></p> <p><i>Actually, the main source of traffic in Strome Road is the South of Perth Yacht Club and the Heathcote recreation area. Both have been in existence for a while. It is unlikely that Strome Road will be significantly affected by additional traffic with the Lower Lands project, as it is only one road out of a number that can be used to access the Lower Land development. The current plan looks good.</i></p> <p><i>I live at 29 Strome Road. It is a narrow road. Because of park cars on the road, at time I have find it difficult to out of my</i></p> |

driveway. When cars are parked either side of the road, it is difficult to drive down the road. I find it difficult to understand how a small road like this one can be used as a main road for access to the proposed area. Has any study been done to this regard

I WISH TO REGISTER MY STRONGEST OBJECTION TO THE USE OF SMALL INTERNAL RESIDENTIAL ROADS AS A MAIN ROAD. A FULL AND PROPER TRAFFIC STUDY SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED TO DETERMINE THE TRAFFIC IMPACT THIS PROJECT WILL HAVE ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. AS THE PROPOSED FACILITIES WILL ATTRACT PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE THE AREA, THE BRIEF SHOULD INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE THE THE LOWEST TRAFFIC IMPACT TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA.

I do not wish Strome Road to be used as a main access road. It will cause all sorts of problems for us residents.

Strome Road does not have the capacity to be used as a main access road. This proposal will create a safety issue for all concerned

I think neither Strome nor Carron should be used as access points. Crossing Duncraig Rd will be hazardous for all. Keep to one entrance.

I would like to suggest both new "Access Roads" be used as "Exit Only". To improve safety, a LEFT TURN ONLY could be applied to these exits. This will improve the flow of traffic, especially at the end of an event, when EVERYONE leaves at the same time. The roundabouts can serve as Entrances and exits, as they do now. I can't see why we need four entrances, while four exits will be very useful.

On summer weekends, parking and access is already challenging, so I think 2 entrances/exits needed i.e. not relying only on upper heathcote, but I like the idea of being able to drive between both parking areas without having to be on the road

I am not happy at all the access road leading onto Strome Road and becoming a thoroughfare road....

The proposed access from the carpark onto Duncraig Rd here is a very very bad idea. It is not safe and will create a road hazard for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. I strongly recommend that this access onto Duncraig Rd be removed

Providing an additional access road at this location would seem to be extremely dangerous. It is towards the top of the rise resulting in vehicles accelerating up the hill. With the access road opposite Strome Road drivers will endeavor to cross Duncraig Road creating even more dangerous conditions. There are already two very safe access points utilizing the existing roundabouts so I see no need for for a third access point.

I live at 2a Strome Road and daily use Strome to access Heathcote with my grandchildren. It is already dangerous as you have to walk on the road. The risk of accidents will substantially increase based on your proposal. Hundreds of people (mums and dads, kids on bikes, prams etc) use Strome every day. Please reconsider. Alge Sukys

It is obviously not an informed decision to make Strome Road the main artery for entrance to the top level. Has anyone bothered to assess Strome Road? There are no pedestrian walkways. Walking with children or pets in this road will become extremely dangerous should it become the main artery to the new development. please reconsider? The obvious choice would be the entrance at the roundabout at Canning Beach Road and Duncraig Road. At least there are pedestrian access as well

Disagree with proposed junction onto Strome Road, would become accident blackspot, as hard to see oncoming cars and bicycles coming up steep hill. Also this would divert more traffic onto Strome Road which does not connect directly to Canning Highway, alternate Caron Road does connect directly with Canning Highway.


I think the access and departure should be where the current carpark is at Canning x Duncraig. It becomes too dangerous adding additional cars driving through and around Heathcote with the young kids up there. Keep the car parks as 2 separate areas that are not linked, this will reduce the risk to the abundance of young children.


Hi, I am very concerned about Strome Road becoming a main thoroughfare road due to the proposed access road. :(


hi i do not like the access road leading on to strome road, strome road will be a busy main access thoroughfare road....


Why would one place a driveway on a steep incline. Being familiar with the area? There is no need for direct driver access to/from Heathcote carpark.

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| | <p><i>I'm concerned that one of the main entrances is not connected to Carron Rd which is the main access road running directly from Canning Hwy. With the council blocking Canning Beach Rd from traffic entering Applecross from Canning Bridge, traffic will now be weaving through Strome Rd & Tweeddale Rd. The lower entrance will be redundant to traffic entering the site.</i></p> |
| <div data-bbox="107 284 163 336" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Shade Shelters / Amenity Nodes</p> <p>Opportunity for park shade shelters with accessible picnic tables adjacent to path, and toilet and drinking fountain.</p> | <p><i>toilets and bbq's are not required , these amenities already exit in upper heathcoate and on the strand for people to use it will lead to more antisocial behavior it will encourage more campers in the car park and in the surrounding bush which is already a problem residents have to endure spend the money on building accommodation for homeless people in a more appropriate location</i></p> <p><i>If people are to spend anytime here or have picnics then a toilet is required. Very much smaller parks have toilets.</i></p> <p><i>BBQs and toilets should not be introduced in the lowerlands. Leave the area for "passive use" as a calm and contemplative pathway for cyclists and walkers to amble through. Preserve nature and heritage, do not destroy it by over developing it. The existing upper area of Heathcote is dynamic, interactive and set up for bbqs, picnics and gatherings. Do not try to recreate this purpose in the lowerlands. It is not in keeping with its original intended purpose and will destroy the vibe.</i></p> <p><i>We do not want toilets here. Already somebody lives in the bushes who the council call a "camper". We have had to endure shouting and swearing from him.</i></p> <p><i>Why is there no icon for toilets on the map??? It should have been its own entity then it would be open for more discussion. We do not require toilets, it is a heritage site. People can use the toilets at Heathcote. It will create parties at night that cannot be controlled.</i></p> <p><i>Please note, this Poll is defective and unfair. When the Like icon is clicked on It reduces the Dislikes by 1 vote. This needs to be rectified.</i></p> <p><i>Toilets are unnecessary and not in keeping with the heritage site. They will also attract antisocial behaviour. They will need to be locked at night.</i></p> <p><i>Toilets are not required as there are toilets at Heathcote. Toilets will attract anti-social behaviour at night.</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>Perhaps more shade shelters closer to the river but around the perimeters so the open space is still available as it has a multitude of possible uses</i></p> <p><i>This area is very open and gets very hot from spring-autumn. There needs to be a lot of shades (preferably natural shades or something creative) as nobody will sit out there getting cooked. The area looks barren in the images and is in no way inviting - needs irrigation, shade and nature.</i></p> <p><i>I love the project! There are great intent to activate and honour this valuable site! Exciting first stages!!</i></p> <p><i>could make a good spot for kids birthday parties</i></p> <p><i>It would be great to see interactive art pieces for suitable for different ages, of cultural significance.</i></p> <p><i>This lower park grounds could be a place for food trucks to congregate and families to gather for Friday sundowners.</i></p> <p><i>Looks good, very dry area tho. Would need irrigation added. Would be good to add an historical information stand weatherproof and given it is named as a children's park, good opportunity to teach some important history of the area.</i></p> |
|  <p>Access Ramp</p> <p>'Floating' boardwalk ramp linking upper path with lower land path. 1:20 slope with landings every 15m</p> | <p><i>why not have a chair lift and grass skiing and a mountain bike track linking it to the bmx and skate park below can you just stop wasting money . for 100 years you couldn't even clear fallen branches and dead trees and now you propose to take natural bush and turn it into a Disney inspired wonderland really , leave nature alone</i></p> <p><i>there is a pre-existing disabled access ramp 50 meters away, why would you need another one. Consider preserving the vegetation</i></p> <p><i>This area is screaming out for a FLYING FOX and would be a huge draw card for slightly older kids. Refer to the flying fox in the Bibra Lake enclosed play area.</i></p> <p><i>A very sandy slope, potentially unstable however the question is does such direct access be necessary all things considered including current northern access and access via street path?</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>It is very sandy park for wheelchair access tho. Will need interactive paths that are wheel chair friendly for good access. Maybe plant flowering indigenous bushes, small plants for a beautiful sensory affect. Should be a lovely project. Well done</i></p> |
|  <p>Parkland Area</p> <p>Informal recreation area for picnics and relaxing in shade. Parkland tree planing with Tuart and Moltch (Flooded Gum).</p> | <p><i>I hope this area will be watered from the adjacent bore and regularly mown like similar parkland areas. The area needs to be cleared of the scrap road material dumped and spread by some vandals and the grassland needs to be cleared of invasive weeds.</i></p> <p><i>Dogs should be allowed in the area. I have walked my dogs here for more than 50 years and many other people do so as well. There are not enough areas in Melville where dogs can run free.</i></p> <p><i>BBQs and toilets should not be introduced in the lowerlands. Leave the area for "passive use" as a calm and contemplative pathway for cyclists and walkers to amble through. Preserve nature and heritage, do not destroy it by over developing it. The existing upper area of Heathcote is dynamic, interactive and set up for bbqs, picnics and gatherings. Do not try to recreate this purpose in the lowerlands. It is not in keeping with its original intended purpose and will destroy the vibe.</i></p> <p><i>I like the decision to plant Tuarts and Moitch and would be happy with She-Oak as well. However, these trees will need mulch / understory so as to thrive, and a barrier to prevent grasses from growing up to their trunks, which would damage the biota in the ground that the trees need to survive.</i></p> <p><i>If this is to be dog-friendly (I'm a dog owner) then there needs to be segregation. Too many people do not pick up after their dogs and if the area is for picnics/open play you don't want to be stepping in dog do.</i></p> <p><i>Irrigation for the grass please. Dry and barren will not attract people and will be a waste of potential use for the space</i></p> <p><i>A Fenced Dog Play Park would be perfect here. Please make it happen. Local residents who own dogs will be so happy!!! :)</i></p> <p><i>I think a dog park will make a lot of sense here as dogs are prohibited in Heathcote and right now there's no gathering place for the local community of dog owners.</i></p> <p><i>I think an enclosed dog exercise yard is an excellent idea particularly for us local seniors who would like to safely let their</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>dogs off the leash in an appropriate safe environment so that they can get the exercise they need. I cant run and keep up with my dog but the dog needs exercise.</i></p> <p><i>I love the idea of adding kwel - the sound they make in the wind is magical. Would really like an expanded natural area that children are allowed to play in - Rio Tinto Park comes to mind on a smaller scale. No need for play structures - just a bit of bush where they can use their imagination. Applecross used to have more "wilderness" for kids to play in - lets bring some back.</i></p> <p><i>I would like to see a fenced dog park as part of the parkland so small dogs can safely be let off lead to play.</i></p> <p><i>more trees, more trees. There is enough open parkland at upper Heathcote and foreshore</i></p> <p><i>Will she-oak (kwel) be planted? From my understanding this was an area where kwel were plentiful and are connected to the traditional cultural uses of the area (birthing place for women). Would love to hear more about the plans of the Whadjuk Working Party and whether the kwel will be incorporated.</i></p> <p><i>Placing new entrances is good, near the roundabout. There is a lot of non indigenous bushes , invasive stuff which needs to thoroughly removed, eg bamboos, oleander (poisonous) which need to be removed. Probably a few snakes as well</i></p> |
|  <p>Feature Stairway</p> <p>Feature stairs linking upper and lower land. There will be intermediate viewing decks with interpretative signage and exercise equipment to node at bottom of stairs.</p> | <p><i>I suggest two stairways. An attractive one such as the feature one pictured and a separate, less elaborate one for the fitness folk only. There is nothing worse than sedately climbing the stairs at the Waylen Bay end of Heathcote only to have perspiring, heavy breathing people running and pushing past you, turning around and doing it in reverse!</i></p> <p><i>A fitness stairway for running up and down like Jacobs Ladder and work out equipment at the base I think would be popular.</i></p> <p><i>There should also be little paths with "resting points" with seating so enjoy the view in the shade.</i></p> <p><i>Agree with the "connectivity" concept from above to below. This area is screaming out for a FLYING FOX and would be a huge draw card for slightly older kids. Refer to the flying fox in the Bibra Lake enclosed play area.</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>Consider a stramp or stairs with ramp incorporated for pram use and incorporate art and lighting</i></p> <p><i>To stabilise the banks vegetation will need to be planted. Please ensure it is native vegetation; ie sedges that belong to the area.</i></p> <p><i>I do not believe necessary for such direct access. Access via sth east and nth east ends perhaps more suitable.</i></p> <p><i>Love this idea! It would be great if the stairs were wide enough to accommodate walkers and runners</i></p> <p><i>Self weighted exercise nodes/equipment is a great idea!</i></p> <p><i>Hoe about one or two "Osprey nesting towers" - low cost option</i></p> |
|  <p>Event Space</p> <p>Historic cricket pitch and open grass area for events</p> | <p><i>I like the idea of an events space but not sure where a cricket pitch fits in to this? Not very relaxing when you're dodging stray cricket balls! I like the suggestions of an outdoor cinema and plenty of shaded areas for families to sit and enjoy the wonderful vista this area offers.</i></p> <p><i>I am worried about entrance and exit to parking areas and potential hazard. Traffic management required. Low impact on area a must, no big events and food trucks. Keep the area for family picnics and small gatherings. Otherwise I like the proposed plans.</i></p> <p><i>There are so many venues to host events in the area why do you have to disturb the natural heritage of this park. I thought the idea was minimal, low key. This proposal sounds far from it.</i></p> <p><i>This area is not appropriate for an event space. It is small and should be respected as a heritage area. There are many other spaces in the City of Melville that more suitable as an event space such as Wireless Hill & Tompkins Park.</i></p> <p><i>An event space is inconsistent with the overall passive purpose for the area. See the proposal: "A passive use area with minimal, low key facilities;..." An event space will cause destructive overuse of what is meant to be a reflective, contemplative, calm and passive space that respects nature and heritage.</i></p> |

An event space is invasive, unpleasant for local residents and unnecessary when there is ample space at the upper area of Heathcote.

Some of these suggestions will make it very unpleasant for people living in the area

I would like an events area cinema , concerts or whatever and more shaded tree areas with BBQs for picnics etc. we dont need another cricket pitch.

I like the idea of an open space - it allows for so many possibilities for use. Consideration for power so users don't have to rely on smelly, noisy generators. If planting is to be undertaken, please no jacarandas.

Who on earth to we think will play cricket here?? The images of the dead grass land (or event space) look so unappealling - surely some landscaping and variations in levels for seating an picnic areas, outdoor cinemas or plays / performances would enrich the area.


One can find food trucks and cricket pitches throughout the metro area. Be mindful to the value of less is more in this regard. Would hope to see lots of native trees with consideration given to attracting endangered bird life like Carnaby's cockatoo.

I would like to see provision for an outdoor cinema/musical/ theatrical facility.

It's a great open place for outdoor concerts &/or Cinema ! Make some room for food van and add trees for shading.

I have no objection to event spaces. Trees are always welcome.

I would like to see a lot more trees. There is so much open space in Applecross (Dunkley Ave, Applecross Jetty, Tompkins Park..... we need more shady gathering areas for those very hot summer days. Lawn under a lot of the trees and fading out into bushland.

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| | <p><i>I would suggest only small events - family gatherings; company picnics. The sorts of things people like to do anywhere along the river. More trees - more shade. None of those awful box trees - something kind under foot to little bare feet. Cricket pitch? Not sure. Plenty of places to play cricket where people aren't likely to get a crack on their nut. Maybe it could be promoted for tennis ball cricket? Or just make it a garden of native low plants with a plaque?</i></p> <p><i>If they are really necessary don't forget wheelchair and pram accessibility.</i></p> <p><i>I see no merit in retaining the cricket pitch.</i></p> <p><i>What is the purpose of the cricket pitch which holds the heritage title?</i></p> <p><i>I suggest some consultation on the proposed name.</i></p> <p><i>Do it well. The land is amazing and an opportunity to create something special . Make use of the views !!</i></p> <p><i>There is enough event space at upper Heathcote</i></p> <p><i>This would be great for food trucks to congregate and families to gather</i></p> |
|  <p>Path Intersection Node</p> <p>Nodes with circular artworks to improve wayfinding and site interpretation, similar to compass artwork in upper Heathcote</p> | <p><i>May I be so bold as to suggest a beautiful cafe on the water's edge along the lines of the Freshwater Cafe in Peppermint Grove. It can be sympathetic to the environment and a lovely spot on the water. This spot is ideal for something like this and would appeal across young and old. Other (even bolder suggestions) are a upmarket health and racquet club with views over the river, fresh air - an uplifting hub for health, fitness, gathering for our suburb. Nothing like this south of the river.</i></p> <p><i>I like the idea of art work but it needs to be graffiti and vandal proof as well as lighting it using solar so it can be seen on early morning walkers</i></p> <p><i>Forget the artwork</i></p> |



Viewing Platform

'Lookout' style platform with an opportunity for Swan River and Goolugatup Aboriginal Heritage Interpretation.

A pleasant idea but must have a rubbish bin close by.

There is a viewing point another 30 metres away on the same foot path, a waste of money in my eyes.

If this is the existing facility then I think it is fine as it is, without the shelter. If it is new then, I think it is superfluous.

Love the idea of a viewing platform but can it be larger and/or less obstruction from the views? It would be a lovely place to put down a picnic rug and enjoy the vista and serenity

I like the way the viewing platform is planned to be tucked into the natural vegetation - I can imagine the peaceful feeling when sitting there looking over the river. I would like to recommend that the river is visible for those who are sitting on the benches, and that the surrounds are well vegetated with just a simple pathway into the platform. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Lovely idea but seems so underutilized. This is a magnificent spot and really there should be a much larger viewing area or a few of these including tables for seating.

Please include Aboriginal heritage information. The Derbal Yerigan is very significant/spiritual and having information available for others to learn will help them also connect with the power of the bilya.





Parklet


Parklet zone with screen planting to existing yacht club boundary

It is unfortunate that the yacht club was allowed to reclaim the river and create the bitumenised wasteland that now need to be vegetatively screened from the parkland space. Dense plantings are required all along the yacht club border which resembles a junk yard.

I believe that native vegetation, densely planted might be more in keeping with the heritage values and would be a better and contiguous link to the existing native vegetation, bringing more native birds and creatures into the park. There are long walkways around the event space, and a healing garden to wander through already.

The entire boundary with the yacht club needs careful consideration. Ideally being vegetative and opaque, holding the

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| | <p><i>character of the park place. City views from ground level detract from the Heritage aspect.</i></p> |
|  <p>Cycling Rest Stop</p> <p>Shelter with low platform seat, bike racks, drinking fountain and possibly a bike repair station.</p> | <p><i>Needs to be much wider to avoid cycle and pedestrian - read small children - conflict.</i></p> <p><i>I think it is good planning and I certainly hope it goes ahead. I suggest that the planners look at retaining the existing paved pedestrian and cycle pathway adjacent to the yacht club for cyclists and making the realigned pathway that is to meander through the park as pedestrian only. This is both a safety consideration and will improve the amenity of the park.</i></p> <p><i>Please ensure the structures are away from the path and there is no incentive for cyclists to remain on the path - otherwise there will be congestion</i></p> <p><i>Great idea, including the repair station!</i></p> <p><i>Great idea, i think the cycle/footpath could be wider too as it gets busy around this area</i></p> <p><i>Bike repair is a good idea</i></p> |
|  <p>Sculptural Artwork</p> <p>Sculptural artwork on the site of the original springs and wells</p> | <p><i>The views from this area are the "artwork"</i></p> <p><i>firstly its a Waste of money if you want art go to a gallery , secondly the natural spring is about 100m south east of where you have it ,so if you must put something man made put a plaque there telling the story of how the first white settlers south of the river, chose the site because of the fresh water , oh and maybe mention how they moved on the aboriginal people who had be using it for the previous thousand years thats a nice warm history lesson for the kids</i></p> <p><i>artwork not needed</i></p> <p><i>Also agree with comment below</i></p> <p><i>I agree with the comment below. Artwork is good but recent choices have been very poor</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>Would love a beautiful artwork but I'm afraid the choices made to date such as the one near the jetty have been awful and expensive eyesores.</i></p> <p><i>Yes! Public art is great. It inspires while bringing to our attention some, essential elements of the place.</i></p> <p><i>As this is the site of the original springs, it would have had great significance to the original inhabitants. On that basis, I would like to see sculptures or artworks from the descendants of these people.</i></p> <p><i>Waste of money. No matter what it is it will be expensive, &, like most "sculptures" in Melville a pile of scrap metal with no aesthetic value. Plant some nice trees instead.</i></p> |
|  <p>Skateable Artwork Node</p> <p>Skateable artwork elements adjacent to the main path</p> | <p><i>Not a good idea at all. Skate parks and passive recreation do not mix. I would prefer to see a mini 'road system' marked out for small children on bikes to learn simple road rules.</i></p> <p><i>Skateable artwork nodes are not in keeping with the theme of the area and will attract unruly behaviour.</i></p> <p><i>Sure, a miny skatepark is fine, but anything more is going to attract a bunch of grubs to this area, which Im sure no one in the surrounding area wants.</i></p> <p><i>Not the best venue for Pump Track proposal</i></p> <p><i>I frequently walk past or through this area. I support the plan in general but this particular proposal is out of character with the overall objectives of the development.</i></p> <p><i>Yes! Every time I run pass this place I envision something similar to the Bibra lake skatepark. There is nothing in applecross catering to our upper primary kids this would be perfect.</i></p> <p><i>A pump track is an excellent idea for the reasons others have stated. the "pirate ship" area covers activities for little kids but when your kids get to high school they become disinterested in family gatherings at heathcote. a Pump Track would</i></p> |

be a point of differentiation and actually provide something for our +12 year olds to do! the area is practically made for it.

I welcome more information - who will use this facility? Primary school children with their parents for 5 minutes or dedicated skaters? It may be a facility aimed for broad usage but unattractive to anyone

Same as food trucks and cricket pitches....this is not the best site concept for skate and BMX. Users will come to this place for relative tranquility. Skate and BMX must be done well, but not here. If they are to be included they need to remain on the perimeter, rather than integrated in "nodes".

I don't fully understand what is met by skateable nodes - but why would you place such a facility close to a cultural garden setting. I expect that such a facility to be very noisy and add to the already dangerous situation we have now with the pedestrian/bike mix. The bikes travel at speed down from the Heathcote hill.

I like the idea but just on a small scale - as shown is enough. Providing a little of everything without turning the whole area (inadvertently) into a skate park. The pump area may be a good idea as well - but a little contained - perhaps in an area with a 900 high chain link fence around - so toddlers and small dogs don't wander in and get bowled over.

Another vote for a pump track/Dirt Jumps! There is clearly demand in the area given the recent news articles regarding the Dirt Jumps debacle. Tracks can be blended in with nature theme and fit in the planned space. They are a popular sporting feature nowadays and given BMX racing is a fairly recently added Olympic Sport there is sure to be future growth and retained interest to justify its implementation.

A pump track would be an attractive facility that is nowhere else in the COM. We are very fortunate to have a great network of many bike/foot paths, but this would be something different. Think, more dense bushland, a small mountain bike pump track all integrated with the culture and history. You just have to look at Margaret River and Pemberton to see how these can work together. There is enough event space at upper Heathcote, so a pump track could easily fit in that area

Can a "pump track" be added?



Vehicular Access

Access to overflow parking on parkland for events

this is a SMALL local bushland park enjoyed by locals and their dogs. Its not Kings Park we do not need people from other suburbs using it . i don't take my family to the park in Gosnell's for a BBQ it should have limited parking at best with about a thousand speed humps to stop the burnouts . this will create alot of after dark antisocial behavior which i will have to endure living opposite . i will have police emergency on speed dial

The extra parking is extremely unnecessary, every other park such as piney lakes doesn't have this much parking! We should preserve the vegetation

Definitely need parking. Heathcote gets very busy and cars spill over onto the verge, which isn't always safe

We should preserve vegetation, every sq meter of it. A parking lot is another span of concrete. We have done enough damage to the nature. There is nothing wrong with walking a little distance, or car-pull, or use public transport - less cars, less car parking. Everyone will benefit from that - cleaner air, more plants, more animals, better health, less accidents, etc.



Riverbank Revegetation

Swan River revegetation

It certainly needs revegetation and removal of rubble. However, the long term rising water levels and erosion of the riverbank needs to be addressed.

I hope the vegetation will include the native sedges on the shoreline, as these help protect the shoreline from erosion naturally. I would like to see the re-vegetated area extended further to the east for that same reason.

I agree that this area needs revegetation - particularly to eliminate the existing bamboo/vegetation that blocks the panoramic view of the river. In this regard It is important that new plants only grow to a low height.