

<b>Presented to</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council, 14 December 2021
<b>Related to Item</b>	<b>George Welby Park, Bateman</b>
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<b>Attachments</b>	

This Advice Note has been prepared in response to a Notice of Motion regarding George Welby Park that will be considered by Council at the 14 December 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

The information below has previously been supplied to the resident that provided the multi-signature letter on this matter, which included how the City applies its parks hierarchy when considering park infrastructure provision.

George Welby Park is classified as a “local park” within the City’s Parks Hierarchy. The Parks Hierarchy is used by the City as guide in managing infrastructure assets within parks, including investments in new infrastructure. The City uses the Parks Hierarchy to assess and determine where investment is required based on extent and condition of current assets and a range of other factors such as proximity to other parks and infrastructure in the area.



**George Welby Park and proximity to Bob Gordon Reserve.**

In general, local parks have fewer infrastructure assets that reflect their level of use and role in the context of public open space in the local neighbourhood and wider area. The City aims to provide items such as shade sails, gazebos and toilets at the larger neighbourhood parks or district parks where greater numbers of patrons attend and there is a high level of usage. For example both Piney Lakes Reserve (Winthrop) and Bob Gordon Reserve (Bull Creek),



which is about to undergo a \$4M upgrade as part of the South East Premier Play Space project, are in close proximity to George Welby Park and will provide many items requested in the multi signature letter.

Officers are proposing to provide a briefing at an Elected Member Engagement Session (EMES) to outline the City's application of the Parks Hierarchy system using George Welby Park as a case study. This would be an alternative to preparing a report that would basically use the same information above with a more detailed explanation. It is proposed that this briefing be provided at an EMES in February or March 2022.

### **Consequences**

The City invests in parks infrastructure as part of its annual capital works program using the parks hierarchy as a guide. The City could install the items such as those requested by the community to all 202 of our parks so every park has as the full range of equipment; however this would be prohibitively expensive and create an unsustainable financial liability to renew, upgrade and maintain these assets over time.

### **Legislative and Policy Alignment**

Not Applicable

### **Financial Implications**

Not Applicable

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