

FELIXSTOW RESERVE MASTERPLAN STAGE 2 CONSULTATION SUMMARY

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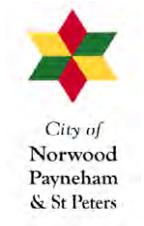
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BACKGROUND

The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters is developing a Masterplan for Felixstow Reserve, which will guide the redevelopment of this significant piece of open space.

The Felixstow Reserve Masterplan is being undertaken concurrently with the Waterproofing Eastern Adelaide Stormwater Harvesting and Re-use Project, which proposes a new wetland at Felixstow Reserve.

A key objective of the Masterplan is to identify the best location and shape for this wetland. This will ensure that the proposed wetland is integrated into the overall design of the Reserve and that an innovative and well-designed outcome for Felixstow Reserve is achieved.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OVERVIEW

Stage 1 of the community consultation, the 'Aspirations' Park Day was undertaken in March 2014.

Following this, the Felixstow Reserve Master Draft Concept was prepared and provided for community comment as part of Stage 2 consultation. The consultation findings will be considered in the refining of the Masterplan.

This report provides a summary of Stage 2 consultation carried out in May-June 2014.

STAGE 2 CONSULTATION PROCESS

Stage 2 Consultation invited the community to comment on the Felixstow Reserve Masterplan Draft Concept.

The Stage 2 consultation process included:

- > Invitation/flyer letter-box dropped to nearby residents.
- > Information provided on the Council's website.
- > Signs promoting the Park Day located in Felixstow Reserve.
- > Advertisement in Messenger newspapers.
- > Consultation questionnaire.
- > Posters promoting the Park Day located at the three Council libraries and Norwood Town Hall.
- > 'Park Day' held at Felixstow Reserve 11am-2pm Saturday 31 May 2014. Residents and community members were invited to meet the project team and share their ideas and thoughts on the Draft Concept for the Reserve.

Refer to Appendix for Consultation material.



KEY FINDINGS

RESULTS

The Felixstow Reserve Park Day was attended by an estimated 120 people.

A total of 87 written comments were received. This comprised:

- > 69 Questionnaire forms.
- > 18 other written comments (e.g. email, letters, etc)

This feedback has been reviewed and is summarised below.

Summary of key findings

- > Majority support for each of the features included Draft Concept
- > The aspects of least support are:
 - the bocce area (not considered needed)
 - the proposed wetland (primarily regarding loss of open space)

These are considered in the following pages.

A summary of the responses to each of the questionnaire topics is included in the following section. A copy of the questionnaire is included in the Appendix.

SUMMARY OF QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

Question 1 - The Felixstow Reserve Masterplan Draft Concept incorporates the following list of features. Please tick the features that you support, or place a cross next to the features that you do not support. You may provide comments if you wish.

	YES	NO	NA	TOTAL
Large central open lawn area	61	4	4	69
Wetland & interaction with water	59	20	5	84
Natural park & play equipment	61	6	5	72
Multi-purpose court	53	9	9	71
Bocce area	43	25	7	75
Fitness equipment	55	8	7	70
Running path with distance markers	57	8	5	70
Sealed and unsealed pathways	60	2	7	69
Connection to Linear Park	62	2	5	69
BBQ and picnic facilities	68	0	4	72
Shade and shelters	64	1	5	70
Seating	64	1	4	69
New public toilets pavilion	65	0	5	70
Car parking	52	12	8	72
New tree planting and vegetation	56	5	8	69

*69 questionnaire forms received. Review of letters/emails included.

The table (above) and graphs (right) collate the responses to the questionnaire and also includes feedback provided in letters/emails received.

The feedback received indicates a **majority support for all features listed.**

The **least supported** features (25% or greater) are:

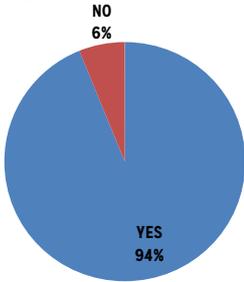
- > **bocce** area (63% YES, 37% NO) - refer Q3 for discussion
- > **wetland** & interaction with water (75% YES, 25% NO)

The main concern regarding the wetland is the **loss of open space** (14 responses).

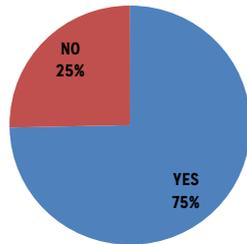
Other listed concerns (less than 5 responses) include

- > location considered too close to houses
- > mosquitos
- > safety regarding water depth

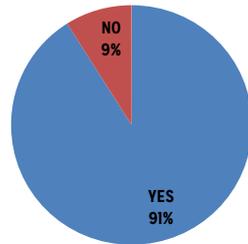
Large central open lawn area



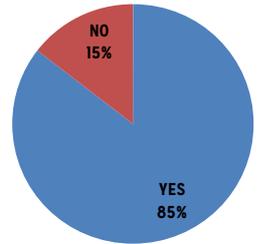
Wetland & interaction with water



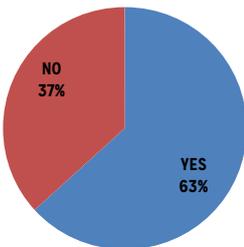
Natural park & play equipment



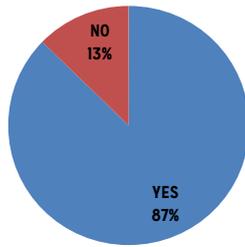
Multi-purpose court



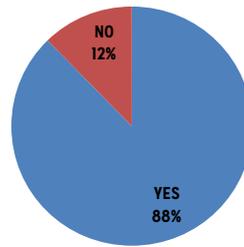
Bocce area



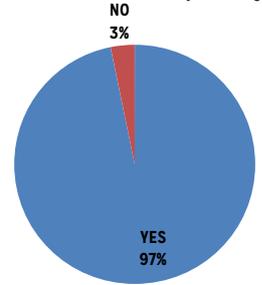
Fitness equipment



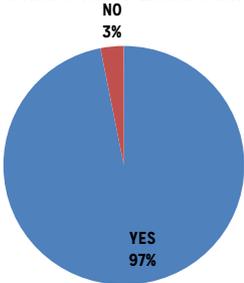
Running path, dist. markers



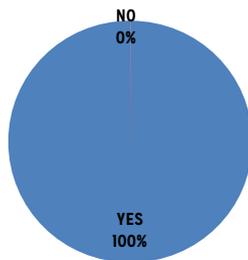
Sealed and unsealed pathway:



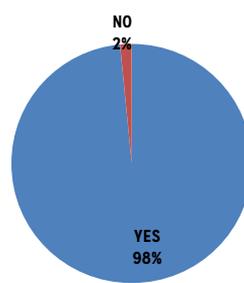
Connection to Linear Park



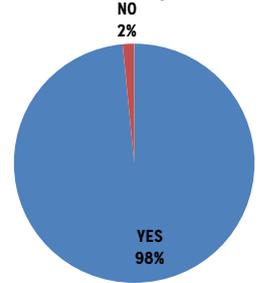
BBQ and picnic facilities



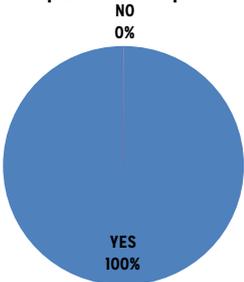
Shade and shelters



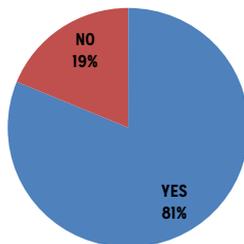
Seating



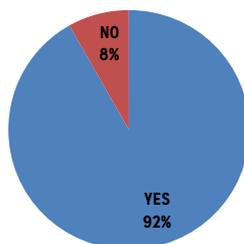
New public toilets pavilion



Car parking



New tree planting and vegetation

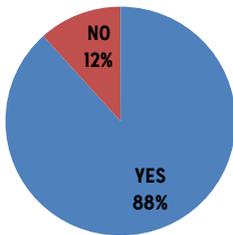


QUESTION 2 - The Felixstow Reserve Masterplan Draft Concept has identified a number of features that provide an opportunity for play and interface with the wetland. Please tick the features that you support, or place a cross next to the features that you do not support. You may provide comments if you wish.

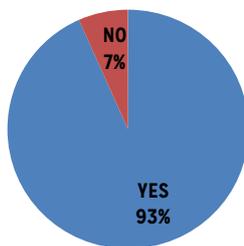
	YES	NO	NA	TOTAL
Viewing deck	53	7	9	69
Boardwalk crossing	56	4	9	69
Stepping stones	50	9	10	69
Land bridge	47	6	16	69
Top of bank walking trail	50	5	14	69
Island peninsula	46	9	14	69
Seating	56	0	13	69
Connection to River Torrens Linear Park	57	2	10	69

The table and graphs indicate there is strong majority support for all features listed.

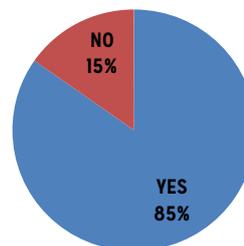
Viewing deck



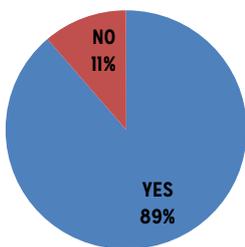
Boardwalk crossing



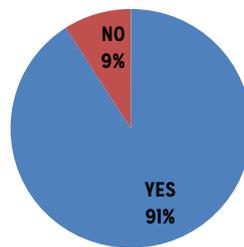
Stepping stones



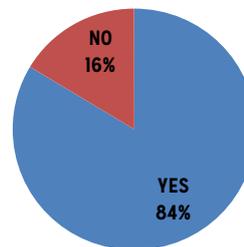
Land bridge



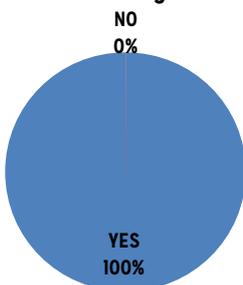
Top of bank walking trail



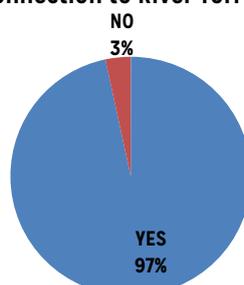
Island peninsula



Seating



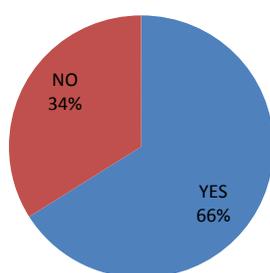
Connection to River Torrens



**Question 3 - In the Activity Space, do you agree with the inclusion of a:
Bocce area
Multipurpose court**

The majority of the respondents agree with the inclusion of the Bocce area and the Multi-purpose court.

Bocce area



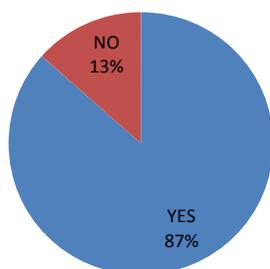
The main concerns from those not supporting the bocce area include:

- > considered not desired / not popular / will be underutilised (9)
- > area too large, waste of space (2)
- > considered not a high priority in previous consultation (2)

The main supportive comments for the bocce area include:

- > will increase socialising / sense of community (2)
- > great for all ages young and old (2)

Multi-purpose court



There were fewer comments regarding the multi-purpose courts:

- > consider fencing, balls near road (2)
- > not a skate park (2)
- > bouncing balls are noisy for residents

If No, what other items you would like to see included in the Activity Space?

Suggestions varied (including in letters/emails received). Those with more than one response included:

- > Tennis (6)
- > Fenced dog park (5)
- > Table tennis (3)
- > Structured play items (2) - including DDA accessible items

QUESTION 4 - A natural play space is proposed for the Lower Park area. What types of natural play items would you like to see included in this area? For example, logs, ropes, stepping stones.

Responses to this open-ended question varied widely,

More common responses included:

- > Ropes / ropes course / rope swing (20)
- > Logs (18)
- > Stepping stones (16)
- > Climbing structures/ climbing trees (7)
- > Bridges, tunnels (5)
- > Flying fox (3)
- > Sand pit (2)
- > Jungle-gym, obstacle course (2)
- > Seating (2)

The main concerns regarding the lower park area include:

- > Keep natural, don't over develop, blend with the environment (4)
- > Flooding, too wet (4)
- > Grass gets too high, snakes, needs more regular mowing (2)
- > Poor visibility, over-grown (2)
- > Considered better location for wetland (2)

Question 5 - What fitness or activity station equipment would you like to see at Felixstow Reserve?

Again, responses to this open-ended question varied widely,

More common responses included:

- > Suggest similar to other known facilities - Largs Bay (3), Willow Bend Reserve (3), Lochiel Park (2), Victoria Park, Windsor Garden
- > Ground surface suitable for push-ups, sit-ups (3)
- > Strength equipment (2)
- > Chin-up bar (2)
- > Lighting (2)
- > Undercover (2)

The main concerns for this topic:

- > Unsure if will be used/needed, suggest Lochiel Park equipment not used/poor condition (3)
- > Ensure doesn't take-away too much open grass area (2)

QUESTION 6 - Do you have any other comments or ideas that you think will assist in the development of the Felixstow Reserve Masterplan Draft Concept?

Responses to this question tended to reiterate comments provided in questions 1-5.

Additional topics with multiple responses include:

- > Concerns about the **new car parking area** on Riverside Drive (4).
Main concerns included shifting crime, hoon driving, 'undesirable' activities from eastern car park
- > Support for safe bike paths/lanes (4)
- > Lighting (3)
- > More tree planting, native vegetation (3)
- > Cricket nets (2)
- > Drinking fountains (2)
- > Reinforced desire for DDA/Accessible spaces / paths (2)
- > Community garden (2)

Also a few comments and interest in the technical aspects of the wetland. Plus a few comments regarding the process of consultation in regard to consideration of the wetland.

What is the community saying?

Individual quotes from questionnaires and letters received

I am totally in support of the plan and concept. Wetlands are great.

Cricket nets would be great

Would not like to see existing trees removed

The wetland is too big. It will use nearly 40% of the usable area

When not eighty years, I loved running around the perimeter of that Felixstow Reserve

Our boys would love a tennis court to keep fit and healthy

Great plan

More DDA compliant + wheelchair, pram friendly

I am very excited with the plan. Great concept and catering for many different tastes and activities

I am very pleased with the Bocce site. Often we have locals playing it on the lawn in front of our house. A nice community feel.

The footprint of the wetlands is much bigger than I expected but should look pretty impressive when complete. I particularly like the paths that cut through the different sections and viewing platforms.

I love walking around water and trees

Will revitalise the space and general area

I would like to see a community garden and community orchard

I think the proposed plan looks FABULOUS! Can't wait to see it come to fruition!

I have very fond memories of yabbing "down at the creek", building cubby houses in what was once deep reed beds, and getting lost in the wonder of the Morning Glory kingdoms

The lower area is very magical and lovely but underutilised... some more development to encourage people to use it would be good

Please consider an enclosed off the leash dog area

Yes! Kids love the natural play

Kiosk or permission for mobile food / coffee vans

Please do your best to make the wetland as big as possible

Looks nice but concerned about mosquitos

Looks wonderful. Looking forward to it.

We believe that there is a place for a wetland within the surrounding environment, just that Felixstow Reserve is not the place for one.

Kids were very keen on a table tennis area

Please have a small playground close to the BBQ area

Remove the poplars put in gums

APPENDIX

CONSULTATION MATERIALS

- > Consultation Questionnaire
- > Poster / Flyer
- > Messenger Advertisement
- > Park Notification Sign
- > Media Release

CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE (PAGE 1)

Felixstow Reserve Masterplan Draft Concept Questionnaire

Stage 2: Community Engagement

Background

The Council is seeking comments from the community on the Felixstow Reserve Masterplan Draft Concept. Elements that are being incorporated into the design include a wetland, a network of pedestrian and cycle pathways, BBQ and picnic facilities, new public toilets and car parking. The Draft Concept also includes natural play equipment, fitness equipment, bocce area and multi-purpose court.

Questionnaire

1. The Felixstow Reserve Masterplan Draft Concept incorporates the following list of features. Please tick the features that you support, or place a cross next to the features that you do not support. You may provide comments if you wish.

Features	✓	✗	Comments
Large central open lawn area			
Wetland & interaction with water			
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Fitness equipment			
Running path with distance markers			
Sealed and unsealed pathways			
Connection to Linear Park			
BBQ and picnic facilities			
Shade and shelters			
Seating			
New public toilets pavilion			
Car parking			
New tree planting and vegetation			
Other (please specify)			

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Boardwalk crossing			
Stepping stones			
Land bridge			
Top of bank walking trail			
Island peninsula			
Seating			
Connection to River Torrens Linear Park			
Other (please specify)			

3. In the Activity Space, do you agree with the inclusion of a:

Bocce area	✓	Yes		No	
Multi-purpose court	✓	Yes		No	

If No, what other items you would like to see included in the Activity Space?

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- 4. A natural play space is proposed for the Lower Park area. What types of natural play items would you like to see included in this area? For example, logs, ropes, stepping stones.**

- 5. What fitness or activity station equipment would you like to see at Felixstow Reserve?**

- 6. Do you have any other comments or ideas that you think will assist in the development of the Felixstow Reserve Masterplan Draft Concept?**

CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE (PAGE 4)

If you would like to receive ongoing communication regarding the development of the Felixstow Reserve Masterplan, please enter your name and email address (or postal address) below.

Name:

Email/Postal Address:

Please return your completed questionnaire by no later than **Friday 13 June 2014**:

1. Via email to kmichalos@npsp.sa.gov.au
2. At the Park Day to be held at Felixstow Reserve:
Saturday 31 May 2014, 11.00am – 2.00pm
Langman Grove, Felixstow
3. By post to the Council:
Senior Strategic Projects Officer
City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters
PO Box 204 Kent Town SA 5071

Visit www.npsp.sa.gov.au to view the Draft Concept or contact the Council on 8366 4555 for details.

POSTER / FLYER



FELIXSTOW RESERVE MASTERPLAN DRAFT CONCEPT

The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters is seeking feedback from the community, on the Felixstow Reserve Masterplan Draft Concept.

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The Draft Concept also includes natural play equipment, fitness equipment, a bocce area and a multi-purpose court.

Public Consultation will be held from **Wednesday 21 May 2014** and feedback must be provided by no later than **5.00pm, Friday 13 June 2014**.

Park Day - Have Your Say!

To help facilitate this consultation, the Council is hosting a Park Day where you can come along and have your say.

Saturday 31 May 2014, 11.00am – 2.00pm
Felixstow Reserve, Langman Grove, Felixstow

There will be a marquee area with interactive displays and exhibits as well as a free BBQ, coffee, face painting and balloon artist for the kids.

View the Draft Concept at www.npsp.sa.gov.au or for further information, contact the Council's Senior Strategic Projects Officer, Keke Michalos on 8366 4509 or email kmichalos@npsp.sa.gov.au

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PARK SIGN

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MEDIA RELEASE

Felixstow Reserve Masterplan Draft Concept Released for Public Consultation

Monday 19 May 2014

The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters has developed the Felixstow Reserve Masterplan Draft Concept, as the first stage in the master planning process for the redevelopment of Felixstow Reserve, in order to enhance and realise the full potential of this significant regional open space asset.

The Felixstow Reserve Masterplan Draft Concept, endorsed by the Council at a Special Meeting held on Monday 12 May 2014, will be released for public consultation from Wednesday 21 May until Friday 13 June 2014.

City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Mayor, Robert Bria, said that the Felixstow Reserve Masterplan is being undertaken concurrently with the Eastern Region Alliance (ERA) Waterproofing Eastern Adelaide Stormwater Harvesting & Re-use Project, which proposes a wetland at Felixstow Reserve.

"The Draft Concept has been developed by the Council, in conjunction with the consultant, Oxigen Landscape Architects, taking into consideration feedback from the community, which was generated during the first stage of consultation, undertaken in March this year," said Mayor Bria.

"The Draft Concept incorporates the wetland component, which is part of the ERA Waterproofing Eastern Adelaide Stormwater Harvesting & Re-use Project, in addition to a range of improved community amenities including pedestrian and cycle pathways, BBQ and picnic facilities, new public toilets and car parking.

"Natural play equipment, fitness equipment, a bocce area and a multipurpose court are also proposed as part of the Draft Concept," he said.

Consultation on the Draft Concept will be held from Wednesday 21 May, with feedback to be received in writing by 5.00pm, Friday 13 June 2014. A copy of the Felixstow Reserve Masterplan Draft Concept can be viewed on the Council's website, www.npsp.sa.gov.au.

To help facilitate consultation on the Draft Concept, the Council is also hosting a Park Day at Felixstow Reserve, which is an opportunity for the community to provide their feedback in person. Park Day will be held on Saturday 31 May 2014, 11.00am – 2.00pm at Felixstow Reserve, Langman Grove, Felixstow.

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