

Notes from Marina Reserve Community Meeting 19 October 2011

Meeting was attended by approximately 16 members of the community.

The following is a summary of comments made during the meeting to the presentations on the picnic and play space, toilet, site plan and operations plan.

The answers are based on the comments made at the meeting as well as some other Relevant information.

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Would like to see the description of the coastal consent including reference to the Minister approving the final version of the masterplan and not the DSE.	<p>The approval of the Marina Reserve masterplan works was signed by the Minister for Environment and Climate Change on the 17 June 2011 and is correctly referred to as <i>Coastal Management Act 1995 (CMA)</i> consent.</p> <p>A copy of the letter can be viewed at http://haveyoursayatportphillip.net.au/document/show/252</p>
Would like to see more shade in the park	There are no plans to increase shade structures but proposed trees will provide additional shade once established.
Consideration needs to be given to including older persons play equipment	There are no plans to provide specific older persons play equipment in Marina Reserve but there may be future planning in relation to providing for older persons needs across the whole foreshore.
Surface – part of the path could be granitic as a deterrent to skaters and still would not be hazardous to those on bikes or wheelchairs	<p>The issue of providing part granitic paths was explored and was considered unsuitable. This is because of concerns with regard to disability access, providing surfaces strong enough to cope with heavy pedestrian traffic along the foreshore and long term maintenance costs.</p> <p>An option of providing rougher surfaces that may be less favoured by skaters is currently being investigated.</p>
Events – what type could be held	<p>A range of events could be held at Marina Reserve consistent with Council's Event Policy except for skating competitions. The event policy can be viewed at http://haveyoursayatportphillip.net.au/document/show/336</p>
Residents input into what events are being held – what communication is	The Event policy lists the opportunities for input into events under section 5. In summary major recreational events on or near the foreshore will be the subject of an annual advertised expression of

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there?	<p>interest process and may be approved by officers under delegation in special circumstances or considered at a Council meeting.</p> <p>Council meetings are advertised and the community is welcome to attend and ask questions/ make comments on proposed events.</p>
Height of trees in the picnic and play space	<p>The proposed trees within the picnic and play space are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Banksia integrifolia (Coastal Banksia) maximum height 14 metres tall, but generally less in exposed coastal situations. ○ Allocasuarina verticillata (Drooping She-oak) height up to 8 metres, but like the Banksia is variable due to the conditions of its environment.
Pergola – temporary shade structure as per approval – height	<p>The pergola is to be a temporary structure that will be removed once shade trees grow to provide shade. It is estimated that the pergola will last for 10 to 15 years and be 2.1 metres high at its lowest point and 2.5 metres high at its highest point (it has an angled skillion roof).</p>
Bins – more may be needed and emptying regime	<p>Additional bins can be provided if the need arises.</p> <p>The cleaning regime is outlined in the draft operations plan - Litter bins in general reserve area to be emptied three times a week in winter and 5 times in summer. Litter bins in carpark area to be emptied 7 days a week.</p>
Will the design/plan continue to change as it is being built?	<p>At this stage there will be no significant changes to the design unless there are further cuts to the scope of works because of budget issues. Over time there will continue to be changes to the works as the need arises.</p>
Car parking – on street parking for residents	<p>Car parking on street for residents is controlled by on street parking restrictions.</p> <p>A number of streets within a reasonable distance (250m) of the reserve have a resident parking scheme in place (residents and their visitors with valid parking permits are exempt of the restrictions).</p> <p>Given that on street parking within the immediate vicinity of the reserve is largely public, Council would consider introducing a resident parking scheme (fees for permits apply with a limit of 3 permits per eligible</p>

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	household), if approached by local residents and after investigation found to be justified.
Illegally parked vehicles	<p>If a resident finds someone parking across their driveway they can ring ASSSIT on 92096777 at any time and Council's Parking Officers will be notified. The City of Port Phillip provides after hours response (for its services only) to urgent matters that cannot wait until the next working day. This service can be accessed by ringing the ASSIST centre on 03 9209 6777 and following the prompts.</p> <p>Council's Parking Officers will respond to after hours calls for all urgent parking issues such as blocked driveways, dangerously and illegally parked vehicles.</p>
Lighting on toilet block - is it 24/7 and what is lighting along foreshore?	<p>Lighting will be provided within a close proximity of the toilet. Lighting to be designed in accordance with current lighting standards and will comprise 6 main lights on the main path and low level security lighting along the remainder of the path network in accordance with current lighting requirements. Details viewable at http://haveyoursayatportphillip.net.au/document/show/322</p>
Highest point on site currently and in proposed plan	<p>The highest point is on the mound in the vicinity of where the sun statue currently is. The current mound height of approximately 3.3 metres above sea level will remain constant, but be relocated towards the south of the reserve to create a more dramatic entry into the space. This will result in an amphitheatre type structure. This will not change the prevailing height of the site beyond the current height. This is illustrated in the masterplan viewable at http://haveyoursayatportphillip.net.au/document/show/140</p>
How far is the skateable area from closest resident?	<p>The distance between the edge of the skateable to the nearest house is 80 metres.</p> <p>The Skate Facility Guide (Sport and Recreation 2001) under the section titled "Noise considerations (page 76)" makes reference to noise and suggests some key steps to minimise noise and the impact of noise. The Guide suggests to "site skate facilities and steel ramps a minimum of</p>

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	<p>100m from adjacent dwellings (desirably 200m)". The 100 metre guideline is not mandatory and what is critical is the minimisation of noise rather than the distance. This approach has been adopted in the design of the active recreation and skateable space.</p>
<p>Campers and what is City of Port Phillip doing in regards to this</p>	<p>Overnight camping on the foreshore and overnight stay within vehicles within the Marina Reserve car park are not permitted.</p> <p>Camping is a long term issue across the foreshore and is addressed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ongoing Council publicity on the prohibition of on street camping by visitors. ○ Regular campaigns targeting camping/ sleeping in vehicles by backpackers in the municipality. Signage at the car park indicating that camping is prohibited. ○ Proactive enforcement to target a number of locations including the Marina Reserve car park. <p>Council's Parking Enforcement staff inspect Marina Reserve carpark most days throughout the week during summer. Local Laws staff currently inspect the area at least two times during the week, plus both days of the weekend during summer.</p> <p>Additional inspections are undertaken if specific requests are received. Local Law officers are out very earlier in the morning to wake and move the campers on, so these activities may not be seen by the public.</p> <p>Detailed records are taken of everyone spoken to regarding camping and overall numbers have been noted to be decreasing. Very few of these people repeat the offence once they are made aware that they are in breach of the local law. Those that continue to be in breach are issued with penalty notices. Vehicles found to be parked illegally or without a ticket are also fined.</p> <p>The proposed car park configuration has been designed to cater for parking of vehicles and not overnight parking of vehicles or camping.</p>

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Advisory Group rather than 'Friends of the Marina'	This was noted and is covered in the record of the discussion on ongoing community involvement below.
Residents concerns have not been taken into account as there doesn't seem to be any changes to design as a result of this	Officers feel that a number of concerns raised have been responded to where possible and have been incorporated into the final design.
Construction – will this be bit by bit or as a whole?	At this stage it is proposed to put all the works out to tender in one package with a view to undertaking all the works in one stage. This is however is subject to funding and other issues may arise during the documentation and tendering of the works.
Up keep after construction – what will this cost to the residents?	The ongoing cost of additional maintenance has not yet been worked out.
Graffiti	Council has a graffiti removal program. The graffiti at Peanut Farm Reserve will be followed up.

The following is a summary of the discussion about ongoing and future community involvement.

Main points made by attendees

- There is support for the establishment of a Marina Reserve Works Advisory Group/Committee made up of resident representatives (local and from within municipality), skaters, dogs off leash group, Police, local parents, play space representative, Ward Councillor, Senior Council Officer(s),
- There should be one Council Officer contact who is a senior officer and able to resolve issues rather than multiple points of contact.
- The Advisory Committee's role is to provide advice on topics in Operation Plan. Residents have concerns that the topics have not been adequately addressed in the operations plan and there needs to be community involvement especially once works are completed.
- The Committee would be initially for a year and then could review the need for it to continue.

- There was also a suggestion for broad community input into the management of Peanut Farm Reserve as well as Marina Reserve to deal with management issues around both reserves.
- Should be an Advisory Group rather than 'Friends of the Marina' Group