

Next steps

Detailed Design

A detailed design will now be developed in preparation for construction in early 2014.

Consultation Period

The consultation period closed 28 June 2013.

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Emerald Hill Place Reserve

Concept Design

A concept design has now been finalised for Emerald Hill Place Reserve.

The final plan can be viewed via the City of Port Phillip Have Your Say webpage, www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay.

Consultation

City of Port Phillip conducted extensive engagement with the local community in September 2012 and also in March 2013. The consultation included:

- One onsite consultation at the reserve
- Consulting with children at Clarendon Street Children's centre
- Consulting with children at Storytime, Emerald Hill library
- Two online surveys through City of Port Phillip's Have Your Say website
- A two day workshop located at the reserve providing drop in sessions for the community
- Consulting with the local police
- Consulting with youth and youth representatives from St Lukes Hill Tribe and PCYC
- Consulting with Boon Wurrung Foundation
- Providing opportunities for local business representatives to comment and provide suggestions

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What we heard...

The feedback from the final consultation has been incorporated into the feedback captured from previous consultations. The final design has been amended to incorporate feedback on the ping pong tables.

Nature based play

There were many requests for nature based play.

Nature based play has been incorporated within the largest garden bed that will provide opportunities for imaginative play. Careful consideration will be given to the planting that will provide seed pods, grasses and flowers that children can use for play.



Outdoor events

A large number of respondents supported outdoor events in the reserve. There was some reservation expressed about the use of synthetic turf from an aesthetic perspective.

The reserve has been designed to include elements that have multiple uses. A decked area has been included to support events which can also be used for imaginative play or a place to sit. Open areas with synthetic turf provide areas for seating for events while also providing space for children to run around. The decision to keep the synthetic turf has been made with the knowledge that it will be extremely difficult to get grass to grow and compete with the extensive network of tree roots and lack of sunlight. Paving the entire space would not provide a surface that can support the variety of activities that we are endeavouring to provide for this park. We are looking at how we can reduce the amount of synthetic turf in the detailed design.

Large outdoor games

There was moderate support for large outdoor games with the exception of the ping pong tables. Council has received very positive feedback on the ping pong table that is currently in the park. A number of respondents felt that two ping pong tables would dominate the site with mention that the table should be located in one of the corners.

Due to the high usage of the ping pong table in the reserve and the fact that ping pong can be enjoyed by a diverse range of age groups, a ping pong table will be part of the final design. We have removed one of the tables as requested. The table has been left in the same location as we believe this location provides space for players to move around, will minimise balls landing in the laneways and also keeps a noisier activity away from residential boundaries.



Play Equipment

There were a number of requests for play equipment such as trampolines, flying fox, swings and slides.

With the limited space within the reserve and the need to cater for a wide range of age groups, play for toddlers and young children has been provided through contact with nature, a decked area and open areas of synthetic turf for small ball games.

Garden beds and trees

There were requests for trees, grass and native plants that provide seed pods and flower heads for play. Feedback also requested that we consider pedestrian movement from the SW corner to the NE corner particularly in relation to the garden beds.

The existing Plane trees are being retained as part of the design and will provide considerable shade in summer. New garden beds have been included in the design to make the space a more inviting place to sit and relax. The choice of plant species will include those suitable for children to use seed pods and flower heads as part of imaginative play. The garden beds provide a buffer to the laneways and hard edged boundaries. Consideration has been given to movement from the laneways into and across the site through the provision of two additional entry/exit points along the Emerald Hill Place boundary.

Furniture and other park elements

Furniture was seen as important with requests for a variety of different types to suit different age groups. There were also requests for a drinking fountain, picnic table and BBQ. There was one request to fence the area for a dog park.

Seating has been provided in the form of seating walls, bench seating with backs and arm rests as well as ottomans. A picnic table has been included as well as a drinking fountain. A BBQ has not been included due to space limitations. We are unable to provide a fenced dog park for this space as this will limit the use of this space by a broader cross section of the community.

Images are for illustrative purposes only.

Concept design



LEGEND

-  Paved surface
-  Decked area
-  Synthetic turf
-  Ping Pong Table
-  Existing tree
-  Garden Bed



1 Ping Pong Table



Seating



Drinking fountain



Decked area



Feature Planting



Imaginative play