



Peanut Farm Pavilion Project

Community engagement summary report

Phase one engagement - December 2015 to January 2016



1. Introduction

The City of Port Phillip is working with the Victorian Government to upgrade the Peanut Farm Reserve pavilion with the aim of increasing women's participation in sport and improving access for all. The Victorian Government has allocated \$1m in funding. Council will undertake due diligence planning to assess the true cost of the upgrade and consider an additional funding allocation to:

- Project manage the pavilion upgrade
- Manage existing site conditions (such as contaminated soil and asbestos removal)
- Ensure the building is safe, functional and meets current building code compliance.

Council is committed to supporting our community to achieve improved health and wellbeing - enhancing recreation and sporting activities is a key priority. The improvements will provide a fit-for-purpose building for the existing sports user groups and will increase participation in sport by providing accessible change rooms for all genders and abilities. The project will ensure that the courts and the oval can be used simultaneously for training and competition.

Currently, the sports pavilion has one full set of change rooms and shower facilities, which are not female friendly. The existing change rooms and showers/toilets do not allow for simultaneous use by male and female sports participants. The upgrade will provide four unisex and disability compliant change rooms and toilets/showers to allow for equal access for all users. The upgrade will also allow additional sports groups and community groups to access the pavilion.

The purpose of the phase one engagement was to seek feedback on a set of draft key project parameters to guide the design of the pavilion's upgrade. This report provides an overview of the project, community engagement approach and feedback received between 4 December 2015 and 31 January 2016.



2. Project overview

Peanut Farm is a busy reserve used by residents and the community for both active and passive recreation. It is home to five sports clubs, of which three have male and female players.

It is also an Indigenous Gathering Place utilised for Indigenous programs and for school sport.

The project scope includes upgrading the existing building to provide more change rooms and additional toilets and showers. Flexible spaces will be incorporated into the design, where possible, to enable use by community groups, outside sports club use times. In delivering the scope, the project will also remove asbestos from within the building. Temporary facilities (change rooms and storage) will be provided for affected sports clubs during the construction period so they can continue to operate. The upgrade will bring the building in line with current building code requirements and improve disability access.

Planning for the upgrade began in July 2015, with soil and building structure investigations commencing in September 2015.

The concept design for the pavilion, which will be guided by the key project parameters are due to be released to the community in June-July 2016. A final design will be completed in late 2016 with construction work not expected to commence until late 2017.

3. Draft key project parameters

The draft key project parameters presented for consultation were:

1. For the primary purpose of supporting the on field activities of the sporting groups
2. Incorporate the principles of universal design for accessibility and inclusiveness
3. Deliver the project to meet the sports' facility guidelines
4. Maintain existing levels of public amenity provision
5. Be sympathetic to the park and the existing infrastructure
6. Include sustainable elements within the design, where possible.

4. Engagement approach

Council is using a two-phased engagement approach to inform the community about the project and seek feedback on the draft project parameters and the concept design for the upgrade of the Peanut Farm pavilion.

Phase one engagement ran from 4 December 2015 to 31 January 2016 (59 days). The purpose of the engagement was to present draft key project parameters to the community and key stakeholders to guide the design of the pavilion's upgrade. Feedback from phase one engagement will be used to review and refine the project parameters for the concept design.

Phase two engagement is scheduled to occur in the middle of 2016. The purpose of the engagement is to present the draft concept design to the community and key stakeholders, and seek feedback on whether the building design meets the project

parameters and provides better use of the sports facilities, accommodating multiple clubs and games at the same time, as well as improving access to the pavilion.

4.1 Have Your Say online engagement

Council's Peanut Farm pavilion project Have Your Say page was used as a central place for project information including the draft key project parameters. Feedback was sought through an online survey.

4.2 Project email address and phone number

A dedicated project email address peanutfarmpavilion@portphillip.vic.gov.au was set up to monitor feedback and enquiries from the community and key stakeholders. The website address and ASSIST phone number was included on all communication materials.

4.3 Notifications to residents and businesses

A notification letter was posted to absentee owners and occupiers of more than 1,700 properties in the St Kilda area.

The letter included a basic project overview, website link to Have Your Say pages and contact details for the project team.

4.4 Existing sports user groups

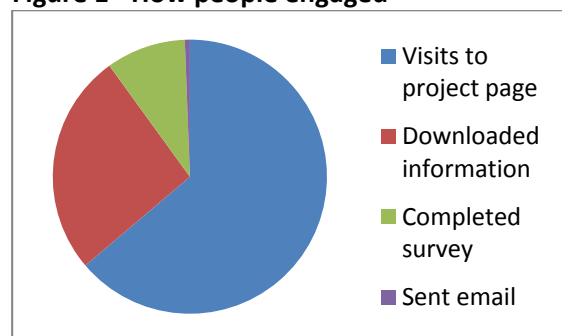
The Victorian Government met with Council and the sports user groups in September 2015 to discuss funding and user requirements. The site investigation report was provided to the sports user groups in November 2015.

5. Engagement feedback

5.1 Overall participants

Figure 1 shows how people provided feedback during phase one engagement. 326 people visited the project page, 134 downloaded a document, 48 completed the survey and 3 emails were received

Figure 1 - How people engaged



5.2 Survey respondents

48 survey responses were received.

The majority of respondents indicated they live in St Kilda (30). A high number of responses came from residents living in close proximity to the reserve.

Figure 2 - Survey responses by Postcode

Postcode	Number of Respondents
3184 – Elwood	5
3206 – Middle Park	1
3207 – Port Melbourne	2
3205 – South Melbourne	1
3182 – St Kilda (incl West and South)	30
3183 – St Kilda East	3
Windsor – 3181	1
Other	5

The age of respondents spanned six defined age groups, with the majority of respondents aged between 26 and 65.

Figure 3 - Survey responses by age group

Age Group	Number of Respondents
15 to 18	2
19 to 25	3
26 to 34	11
35 to 49	16
50 to 65	15
65+	1

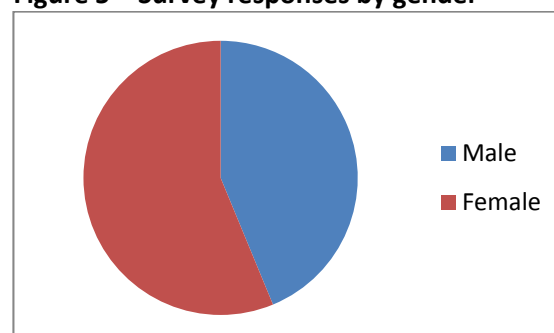
Respondents were asked what their primary use of the park was. Some respondents answered this question by stating one or more uses. All response were captured, with the largest uses of the park being attributed to sports club members (15), exercise (21), dog walking (12), and social/family gatherings (11).

Figure 4 – Survey responses by Primary Use of the Park

Primary use of the park	Number of Respondents
Sporting club member	15
Children play sport	2
Family or social gatherings	11
Exercise	21
Dog walking	12
Did not say	8

The survey captured the gender of respondents. The split between male and female respondents was fairly even with 27 females and 21 males.

Figure 5 – Survey responses by gender



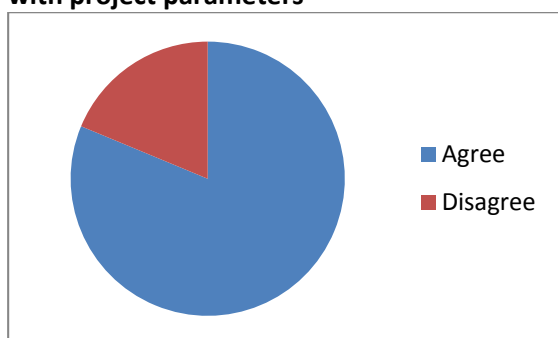
5.3 Feedback on draft key project parameters

Survey respondents were asked to nominate whether they agreed the draft key project parameters were adequate to guide the development of a concept design for the upgrade of the Peanut Farm pavilion.

Council received 48 responses to this question through the online survey.

The majority of people agreed with the draft project parameters, however nine people disagreed with some aspects.

Figure 6 – Survey responses by agreement with project parameters



Some people provided more than one piece of feedback or suggestions for improvement. The feedback and suggestions for improving the key project parameters are outlined below:

- The upgrade should extend beyond upgrading the pavilion — it should also improve the sports facilities and facilities for spectators (12 respondents).
- Broaden the parameters to include passive recreation as the reserve is a community space used by a variety of people. The upgrade should benefit the broad range of users and purposes (nine respondents).
- Improve parking, access and traffic flow and reduce cost of parking (seven respondents).
- The project should increase trees and shade, and retain existing trees (five respondents).
- Improve (not just maintain) existing levels of public amenity by having the new

facilities available for public use (four respondents).

- Include space for a variety of community events (three respondents).
- Include sustainable elements such as renewable energy and water use, and ensure environmental impact studies are done (three respondents).
- The design should allow for minimal disruption of local residents and reserve users during the construction period (two respondents).

6. Other feedback themes

Many people provided qualitative feedback on the draft key project parameters as well as suggestions for the project. This feedback has been grouped into the themes outlined below.

6.1 Non-sport benefits

What we heard

Many sports users and other users welcomed the upgrade. However, many respondents were concerned that the upgrade would only benefit the sports clubs, not the many other people who use the reserve for a variety of purposes (e.g. children, families, dog walkers, and people doing other forms of exercise).

Respondents felt that the scope of the project should be broadened to benefit all users of the reserve, including improving maintenance of the park area, upgrading the children's park and including facilities at the pavilion for a range of different community uses. They also felt that the public should have access to the upgraded pavilion.

Our response

The funding for this project has been provided specifically to upgrade the pavilion with the aim of increasing women's participation in sport and improving access for all.

The improvements will increase participation in sport by providing accessible change rooms

for all genders and abilities. The State Government funding is limited to the upgrade of the pavilion. However, as part of the project, Council is looking at ways the pavilion facilities can be accessed by community groups outside the sporting club's required times.

6.2 Provision for sporting facilities

What we heard

A number of respondents felt that the upgrade should also improve the sports and spectator facilities.

There were a range of different requests, such as installing lighting, upgrading hoops with rings and nets, making courts flood proof, allowing flexibility for sports clubs to grow, providing undercover areas and seating for spectators, resurfacing courts, providing more bins, parking, and drive-in access to the pavilion.

Our response

This feedback has been noted. Council's Sport and Recreation team are exploring options to improve the sport and recreation infrastructure in the park.

6.3 Parking and road access

What we heard

Respondents suggested that the project could also include improved parking, access and traffic flow. Concerns were raised about the lack of parking and the high cost of parking, which creates a barrier to participation in sports activities. Some noted that it is difficult to transport equipment to the pavilion as there is no drive-in access to the reserve.

Our response

This feedback has been noted and is outside the scope of the project.

6.4 Landscaping and trees

What we heard

Some respondents suggested that the project scope should include improvements to the reserve area, such as providing additional

seating and shade. Respondents said they would like to see more landscaping including trees. Some were concerned that trees should not be removed as part of the upgrade process.

Our response

The project will consider the landscaping needs around the pavilion and will meet accessibility and security issues, ensuring safe access to the pavilion.

6.5 Improving sustainability

What we heard

Some respondents suggested the upgraded building should adhere to sustainable building principles, including solar power and water harvesting.

Our response

This is addressed in the key project parameter: Include sustainable elements within the design, where possible.

6.6 Indigenous gathering place

What we heard

One respondent noted that the Peanut Farm Reserve is an Indigenous Gathering Place and this must be retained.

Our response

The project team acknowledges Peanut Farm Reserve as an Indigenous Gathering Place and there is no intention for this to change. The project team is consulting with all users of the pavilion, including those delivering Indigenous programs, to ensure their needs are being met.

6.7 Other feedback

What we heard

There were a range of other points raised in the feedback by individual respondents, including:

- Improving facilities for animal owners
- Segregating sport and dog users
- Not increasing the size or area of existing buildings

- Ensuring accessibility for the elderly and disabled
- Including artwork
- Retaining the current mural
- Running an architectural competition for the building design
- Providing better shelter for homeless people
- Addressing illegal camping
- Minimising any disruption and inconvenience for local residents during the construction period.

Others said that there should be a commitment to incorporating community feedback into the design and that the key project parameters should be written in plain English.

Our response

This feedback has been noted and while many of the comments are outside the scope of the project, the project is considering:

- Accessibility
- The pavilion as an Indigenous Gathering Place
- Minimising the impact to the reserve (keeping within the building footprint)
- Minimising disruption to the community during construction of the project.

The comments regarding communication and incorporating community feedback have been noted by the project team for future communications about the project.

7. Next steps

Following the close of phase one of community engagement on 31 January 2016, the feedback received, will inform the final key project parameters for the Peanut Farm Pavilion Project.

Phase two engagement, which will seek feedback on a concept design for the upgrade, is scheduled to be carried out in the middle of 2016.



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