

Next steps

Feedback on the concept plan

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Process from here...

City of Port Phillip designers will review comments for the concept plan and make changes as required. The works are anticipated to occur in April / May 2013.

J.T. Berkley Reserve

Consultation

City of Port Phillip conducted a community engagement process over August / September 2012 which included an onsite consultation to provide the community members with opportunities to discuss the reserve. City of Port Phillip's Have Your Say website captured the feedback of a number of local residents through an online submission. Feedback submitted to City of Port Phillip indicated the community use the reserve mainly to walk through and look at it. Below are some comments from the community...

"my young daughter likes to look at the rainbow lorikeets that inhabit the trees in the J.T. Berkley Reserve"

"it feels exposed to traffic and cars on all sides"

"is there a way with plants or screening to enclose the park a little better?"

"the trees at the J.T. Berkley Reserve should remain."

"I have often looked at this park and thought what a wonderful place it would be to set up a small children's playground"

"any development of the reserve including improved pedestrian access should consider additional traffic calming of the immediate vicinity"

"fenced, off leashed area for dogs"

"increase the density of trees, whilst keeping the layout simple and green!"

"Old trees in the reserve are a haven for birds as the sun is setting"

"next to a busy junction does not make it amenable as a meeting point, BBQ or picnic area, and certainly not a playground."

Concept plan

The concept plan based on communities ideas is shown inside. There are larger copies available for viewing onsite or it can be downloaded on the City of Port Phillip website.

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What we heard...

Below are key themes which the community discussed for J.T. Berkley Reserve

Trees

The large palms were recognised by the community as an asset and all responses were in favour them remaining. The native trees that are bird attracting were also mentioned a number of times. The community recognises the importance of the grass area remaining.

All the trees will remain in the park and opportunities for more small trees has been considered in the design.

Seating

Community members expressed that they would support seating opportunities in the park. There was feedback that there used to be a seat that was well used however it is no longer in the park.

Seating opportunities will be provided in the park as part of the design. At the onsite consultation residents showed us where they would most like to sit in the park which has informed the locations in the design.

Planting

The communities second most popular small improvement behind seating on the online survey was the inclusion of new plantings in the reserve.

Additional planting is included as part of the design. The palm trees provide a tropical feel and the planting will reflect this. The planting will also be designed for the large number of people look into the reserve whilst driving, walking or from their house.

Safety

Community members expressed their concerns with the nearby roads impacting their ability to use the space. There was a number of residents who felt that fencing the space would create a safer area for toddlers and small children.

To create an enclosed space and provide a natural barrier from the road, border planting on Tennyson St boundary will be installed. Planting will soften this edge and create a visually aesthetic space to look into.

Extend the park

Some respondents suggested that the road next to the park could be narrowed to extend the park and include traffic calming the area.

Extending the park would be a desirable approach, however the budget required compared to the gain in useable space doesn't make this project feasible at this time.

Play opportunities

Many people expressed their desire to use this space for play whether that be for petanque, playspace for toddlers and primary school aged children or an off leash dog exercise area. The community also told us there are a number of young children in the area.

The City of Port Phillip Play Strategy 2012 identifies that there are an adequate number of play spaces in the city and the focus should be on improving the existing play spaces.

The area around Berkley Reserve is serviced by play facilities within 400m radius.

There is a fenced younger childrens playground 150m from the reserve along St Kilda Street. There is also a playground out the back of Tennyson St Community Centre which is 380m from J.T. Berkley Reserve.

Access

There was not a strong response for a path through the park. "a walking path would not be an attractive addition to such a small area" and "concentrating on maintaining an attractively green site should be the councils main aim for its residents".

As there wasn't strong support from the community for a path the concept design does not include a path through the reserve.

Traffic and road concerns

The community expressed their concerns with trucks driving the wrong way around the round-about, traffic entering Tennyson St involved in near accidents due to the road narrowing and cars driving at high speeds.

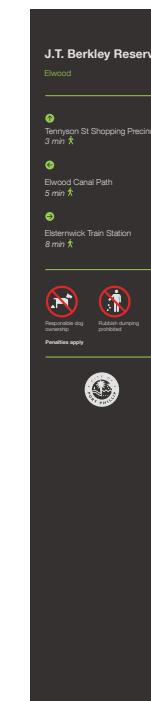
A speed, volume & vehicle classification survey was undertaken from 16/10/2012 to 18/10/2012 to determine traffic conditions. Data obtained revealed the 85th percentile speed (that is the speed at which 85% of drivers travel at or less) is 40km/h and the mean speed 33.4 km/h. Based on the data obtained, engineering treatments are not warranted. While it is acknowledged that there will be isolated events of speeding, these occurrences should be reported to the Police via the "Hoon Hotline" on 1800 333 000. Police collate this information to identify patterns for planned enforcement operations.

Any illegal truck movements observed should also be directly reported to the Port Phillip Highway Patrol on (03) 9536 2666. Any supporting photos can also be submitted to Councils Traffic Team by emailing enquiries@trafficpark.porthillip.vic.gc.au. Officers will then follow this up with the relevant authorities.

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indicative planting



new sign

new garden beds

new planting
new seats
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