

Gardiner Park Redevelopment

PROJECT UPDATE NO. 1



Introduction

Gardiner Park is being redeveloped as part of Council's commitment to provide high-quality facilities and improved open space for the community. Overleaf is the Gardiner Park Final Concept Plan.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$5.5 million, including a contribution of over \$600,000 from the Level Crossing Rail Authority, as compensation for occupation of the reserve during the Burke Road level crossing removal.

Council recently established the Gardiner Park Stakeholder Group, with resident representatives from Clarke Street, St Edmonds Grove and from relevant sporting clubs. The Stakeholder Group meetings are currently chaired by Cr Sally Davis with input from the two other East Ward Councillors, Cr Glen Atwell and Mayor Cr Jami Klisaris. The initial meeting of the Group was held in March 2017, and future meetings will be arranged to ensure the Group is fully informed about specific project milestones and to provide input as the project progresses.

Newsletters will be circulated to residents at various stages throughout the project, to ensure that the local community is kept up-to-date on the progress of the project.

Site Preparation Works

Work has already begun at Gardiner Park with the removal of the cricket practice facilities, centre wicket, ground lighting, water tank and pump.

In May this year, the old pavilion on St Edmonds Grove will be demolished. A new pavilion will be constructed closer to Clarke Street and has been positioned in accordance with AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines. Council is aware that some residents are concerned about the new position of the pavilion and has made adjustments to the location where practicable. Residents will be invited to have some input on the design of the pavilion, through the Gardiner Park Stakeholder Group.

Some trees and other vegetation were identified as being in poor condition, based on a recent expert arboricultural assessment, and will be removed in May 2017. As part of the project, extensive revegetation is proposed. Some revegetation work will be undertaken during the winter months of 2017, with further revegetation to occur in winter/spring of 2018.

Playground, Picnic and BBQ Area

The Landscape Architect will be involved in the design

of a new playground, picnic and BBQ area. Local residents will be invited to have input into this process and, in conjunction with the Gardiner Park Stakeholder Group, Council wants to ensure the area will be designed to meet the needs of the community. These works will be undertaken once the construction of the new sports ground has been completed.

Drainage Improvements

Further to the initial project plans – and responding to local residents' concerns - Council will, as part of this project, undertake major drainage improvements costing around \$500,000. These works have been designed to significantly reduce the likelihood of flooding in the lower section of the park at the end of Clarke Street. The drainage improvement works include construction of a large new drain along Milton Parade (Edgar Street to Osborne Avenue) which will commence in the next few months. Other measures included in the project involve reshaping the existing oval and ground surface at the end of St Edmonds Grove to redirect surface water to the drainage network at the end of St Edmonds Grove.

The drainage improvement works have been designed by external engineering consultants following extensive flood modelling of the site.

New Sports Ground

Construction of the new artificial turf sportsground will commence in June this year with completion expected by late December.

A new sportsground lighting system will also be installed. The system will be designed to meet strict standards that minimise light spill to surrounding properties and to the freeway.

As part of this work, a walking path will also be installed around the perimeter of the sports ground.

New Pavilion

Tenders have been called from experienced architects to design the new sports pavilion. Construction of the pavilion will commence following completion of the new sports ground in early 2018.

Next Project Update

The Gardiner Park Stakeholder Group, at specific project milestones, will be invited to provide input as the project progresses.

Further project updates will be provided when the landscape and pavilion concept plans have been prepared.

Walk Through

Residents are invited to participate in a ‘walk through’ with the Landscape Architect on **Saturday 29 April 2017 at 10am**. Signs will be placed on the site – and on our website – as a reminder for the proposed ‘walk through’.



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