Beale Park Upgrades

Community Engagement Summary: Phase 1

Comment on Cockburn

In 2018 the City of Cockburn undertook community engagement as part of the development of the Community, Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and Western Suburbs Sporting Precinct Study. A high-level draft master plan for Beale Park upgrades was included for comment.

The Process

100+ meetings with community and club representatives

16 stakeholder workshops

3,000+ comments and feedback received throughout the process

100+ telephone conversations with community representatives.



Comments

"Thank goodness you are doing something at last! But there should be no parking other than in the parking area. "No Parking" signs on verges and please enforce it."

"This area of Cockburn is growing and this upgrade will be needed to be able to continue supporting the area with sporting facilities."

"It needs to happen, to support the Cockburn city soccer club to develop their juniors for the future for a club that is the most successful south of Perth and has a strong foothold for the community."

"This is one of the states finest facilities for soccer and the pitches are used all year round for training and games"

"Grounds need work and we worry some playing fields are uneven and could impact players with disabilities. Toilets need upgrades to assist disabled athletes and parents and the club rooms need major improvement."

"Parking off Kent street is a good idea to relieve traffic congestion at afternoon/ evening training start and finish times."

"Moving the playground away from the road is a much safer idea, road wise and predator wise. Making the playground central encourages more family involvement at sports events."

Master Plan Revised

Feedback was considered during the review of the draft master plan. The revised draft was then approved by Council in 2018. Key outcomes in the master plan include:

Parking and Traffic Management

- Traffic Engineer to be appointed and undertake a parking and traffic assessment
- Car parking increased with improved access and egress
- Tree planting included along Hamilton Road to address illegal verge parking
- Traffic calming solutions along Kent Street to be considered as an additional project.

Lighting

- New sports lighting to increase accessibility of fields during training times
- Any sports lighting must meet Australian Standards to ensure adequate levels of glare control, illuminance and surrounding brightness
- Improved community lighting to support passive recreation in low light.

Vegetation

- Significant Norfolk Pine to be retained and feature in the design
- Replacement of any trees on a 3:1 basis.

Toilets and Change rooms

- 6 new unisex change rooms to support sporting activities and growth in women's participation
- Accessible toilet facilities for the community.

Funding

- $1M grant from Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries approved
- $2.43M in developer contribution funding secured.

Did you know?

Beale Park is an active sporting reserve and Cockburn's premier soccer facility.



What You Said So Far

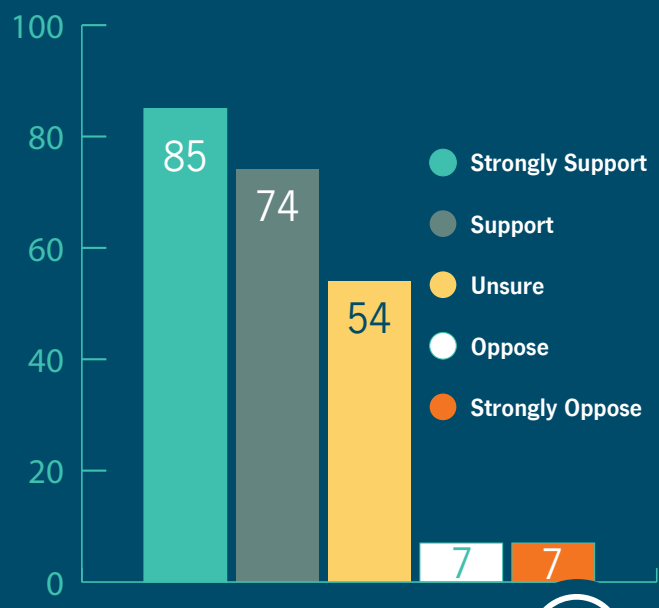
Sporting Club Priorities

- Replacement clubhouse
- Improved drainage
- Sports standard lighting
- More playing space
- Off-road parking.

Community Priorities

- Toilet improvements
- Improved lighting
- Seating
- General ambience.

Level of support for the Beale Park site plan



Next Steps

Have your say on a new playground, artwork and other features being considered in the Beale Park upgrades. **Feedback closes Monday 14 December 2020.**