Beale Park Upgrades

Community Engagement Summary
2018 – 2021

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1. Overview

Beale Park is located in the City of Cockburn's west ward, positioned between Spearwood Avenue, Kent Street and Hamilton Road in Spearwood.



Above: Aerial map of Beale Park.

Beale Park is one of Cockburn's major soccer facilities and plays an important role in growing community sport. The site is home to the Cockburn City Soccer Club, who has outgrown the current amenities. Upgrades are needed to keep up with the community's growing needs.

The City commenced planning in 2018 for a $9 million site upgrade. The budget includes a $1 million grant from the State Government. To design the upgrades, the City engaged with community and key stakeholders between 2018 and 2021.

This document provides a summary of the engagement activities and feedback received.

2. Engagement Process

2.1. 2018 Consultation

Community and stakeholder feedback was gathered to help shape the *Community, Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan 2018-2033* and *Western Suburbs Sporting Precinct Study 2018.* The following priorities were identified for Beale Park and incorporated into a high level concept plan:

- More car parking;
- Improved access and egress;
- A new multi-purpose sporting and community facility;
- Re-orientation of sporting fields;
- Accessible toilets; and
- Lighting upgrades to increase the area and times available for sport.

A tree assessment was also conducted to inform the high level plan.

Once drafted, the community were invited to provide feedback on the plan. This process included:

- One-on-one meetings with community and sporting club representatives;
- Mailout to residents living 400m from the park;
- Local newspaper advertisements;
- Online feedback forms;
- Project website; and
- E-newsletter.

Th City received feedback from 227 people. The plan received strong support from local sporting clubs and the community, with 159 respondents saying they support or strongly support the high-level plan, compared to 54 who said they were unsure and 14 who said they oppose or strongly oppose. The plan was subsequently approved by Council as part of the Western Suburbs Sporting Precinct Study 2018.

Further information on the consultation process and key findings are provided in the Community, Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan 2018-2033 and Western Suburbs Sporting Precinct Study 2018 available the City of Cockburn website.

2.2. 2020 Consultation

Following receipt of a $1 million State Government grant, the City commenced a draft design. To guide the design, the City invited ideas from the community on a new playground, public artwork and ancillary infrastructure.

This process included:

- Face to face meeting with key stakeholders, including Cockburn City Soccer Club;
- Drop-in session at Beale Park;
- Mailout to residents living 400m from the park;
- Local newspaper advertisements;
- Social media posts;
- Signage on site;
- Online and hard copy feedback forms;
- Project website; and
- E-newsletter.

The project website was visit 320 times and the City received submissions from 55 people.

Respondents said a nature theme for both artwork and play equipment is preferred. Views on the playground location were varied; some suggested central and closer to amenities, while others prefer the existing location. Despite competing views on location, many agree fencing and proximity to shade are most important.

Other infrastructure priorities include drinking fountains, BBQs and picnic settings.

Further, many respondents highlighted that Carnaby's Cockatoos have been witnessed at Beale Park. Respondents supported the City undertaking further tree assessments and environmental studies before preparing the draft design.

Community feedback is provided in full in the results section.

2.3. 2021 Consultation

A draft design was prepared considering community and key stakeholder priorities, environmental assessments, tree surveys and project budget. The City invited the community to provide final feedback on the draft design.

This process included:

- Meetings with key stakeholders, including BirdLife Australia representatives and Cockburn City Soccer Club;
- Presentation to the Spearwood Resident Association;
- E-newsletter to Spearwood Resident Association;
- On-site information and feedback session;
- Signage on site;
- Mailout to residents living 400m from the park;

- Social media posts;
- Online and hard copy feedback forms;
- Project website;
- City of Cockburn website update; and
- E-newsletter.

The project website was visited over 300 times and the City received 17 submissions on the draft. The design was generally well supported, with 11 respondents saying the plan supports their needs and those of the community who use Beale Park. Two respondents were unsure if the plan meets theirs and community needs, while four feel it does not.

Positive feedback included the design revisions to minimise vegetation removal (the draft design will salvage 46 trees compared to the original high-level concept plan) and various site amenities such as bike racks and playground infrastructure.

Suggested improvements, subject to site and budget constraints, included:

- Better use of drainage sump area;
- Enclosed dog exercise area;
- Alternative location for clubroom (slightly further south-west);
- Retain existing community buildings instead of using for parking space;
- Additional parking;
- Additional trip-end facilities;
- Additional landscaping and tree planting (particularly in bare patches);
- Additional space / lockable cages for mopeds, e-scooters and bikes; and
- Coaches room.

The City also received improvement ideas outside of the project design scope such as community eateries, street lighting, bus stop reinstatement and traffic calming on adjacent roads.

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3. Results

3.1. 2018 Consultation

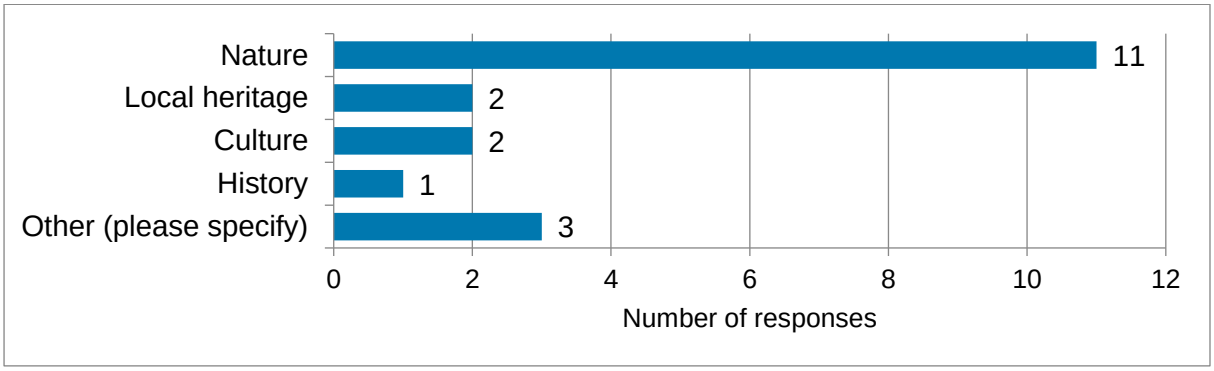
Refer to Community, Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan 2018-2033 and Western Suburbs Sporting Precinct Study 2018.

3.2. 2020 Consultation

In the interest of transparency, responses are as received with minimal editing therefore some spelling and/or grammatical errors may exist.

Public Artwork
A total of 19 people completed the public artwork feedback form. Responses are as follows.

Q1. Which theme do you prefer for the public artwork?



Other suggestions included:

- *Could do a peace theme since there is already a peace walk down Spearwood Avenue on adjacent footpath.*
- *Aboriginal culture (history and contemporary).*
- *Sporting sculptures especially ones that highlight the sports available at the park e.g. soccer.*

Q2. What would you like the artist to consider in their creation?

Comments
Native plants in the area
Local schools and sporting events associated with youth
Usage by kids would suggest kids-friendly entertaining art. Great idea would be some functional/interactive art pieces
Local birds and trees

Amok Island
Spearwood's rich history and the pride we have in our suburb.
Something practical like bicycle racks, gates, benches, lighting, fountains, playground structures or shade structures rather than a freestanding sculpture
Exploration of indigenous land uses of the area, through to the market gardens, Watson Foods story, to the current urban development.
To be undertaken by Aboriginal artists, in consult with Aboriginal people and youth. Beyond that I do not wish the artistic process to be influenced by Elected Member or Art Committee subjective process and preferences.
Statues and plaques commemorating soccer players who grew up in the area and went onto play for Australia.
Tasteful art work. Modern abstract art can be too ugly (cactus in Forrest Place, Perth for example)
The resident Carnaby's Cockatoos and other galahs that roost in Beale Park
Bright colours, interactive for kids
Local indigenous
How the artwork integrates with the surroundings, material used and what they say (don't like the Ibis sculpture in South Lake)
Native wildlife, First Nations people and traditional owners
The Black Cockatoos that use the trees in the park as night time roosting spots
Consider the rich soccer culture.

Q3. Do you have inspiration you would like to share? Upload an image here.

Three respondents uploaded an image:



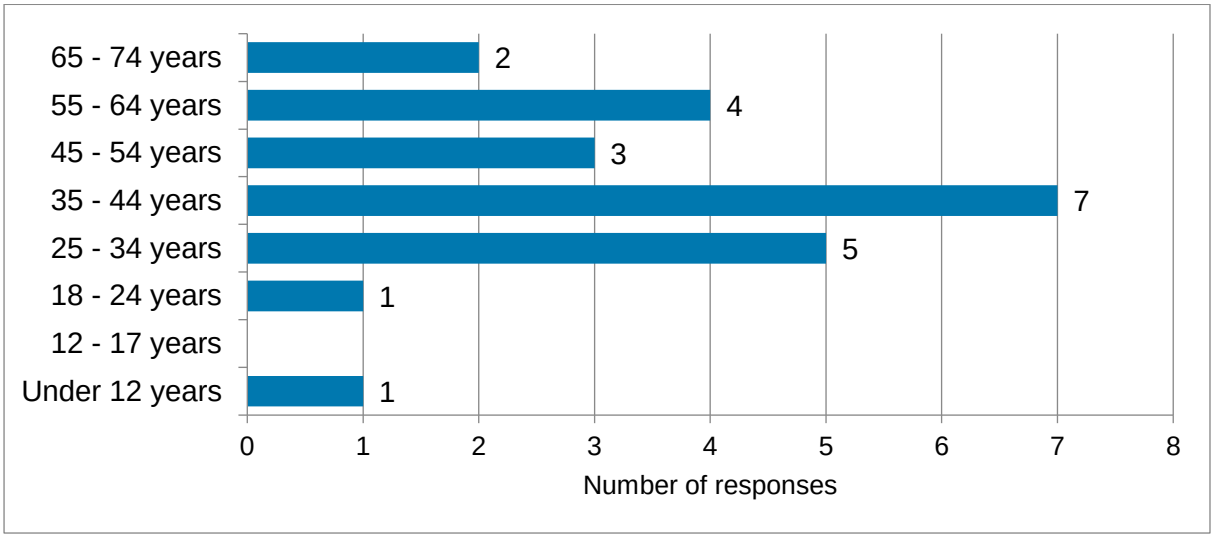




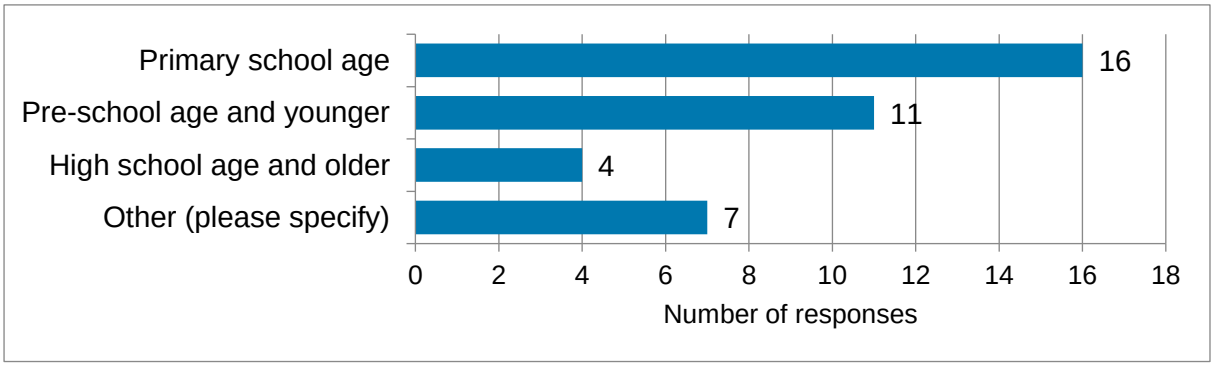
Playground

A total of 23 people completed the playground feedback form. Responses are as follows.

Q1. What is your age?



Q2. I am interested in play suited to:



Q3. Favourite play equipment:

Comments
Big climbing frame incorporating slides, lookouts, monkey bars, walkway
Ball, chess
Basketball court
Flying fox
Flying fox, sand fun for little kids diggers etc monkey bars
Flying fox/ ninja rope like the one installed in Hagan Park, Lake Coogee
I believe adding in either a full court basketball hoop or a half-court hoop would be very beneficial to the communities surrounding Beale Park because I have notice

that currently there is really no close basketball hoops around this area of Spearwood.
Monkey bars, climbing structures, parkour
Nature play
No sand - use a better ground covering.
Obstacles
Safe climbing piece
Sensory & partially fenced
Swing
Swing and slide
Swings
Swings
Swings and climbing frames
Trees
Zip wires, swings, slides, climbing and water play

Q4. What do you like about the existing playground at Beale Park?

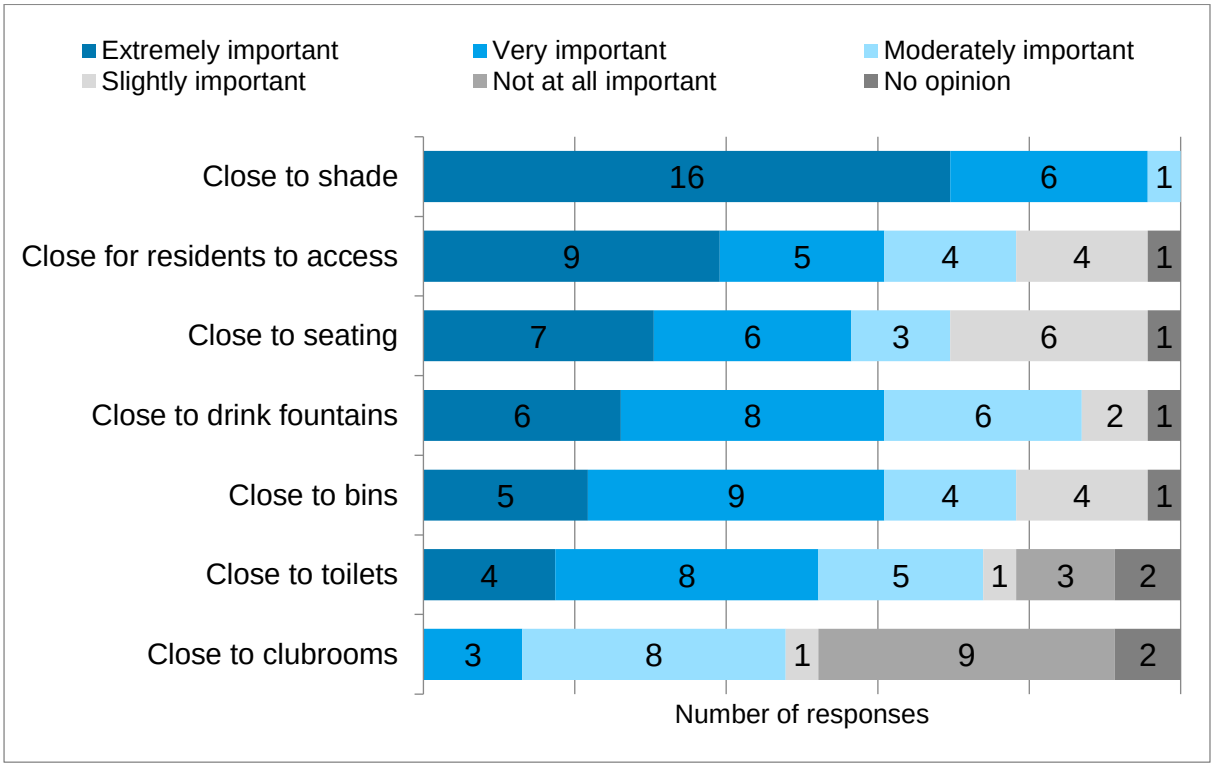
Comments
Ability to take dogs along
Always so green, clean and not busy
Colourful
It is quite big so can be used by a number of children at a time. Also, it is good if it can be used by children of different ages.
Its current location under the trees
Not a lot... it’s too small
Not really anything. Other local ones feel nicer and newer
Nothing
nothing
Nothing
Nothing fun for all ages.
Nothing it’s too small and not safe for little kids needs gate and fencing around it
Shaded
shaded
The large trees that function as wildlife habitat, shade, carbon storage, soil stabilisation, and as a whole micro-ecosystem. They should not be removed or jeopardised.
The swings and the shade

The tranquility
Trees

Q5. What do you dislike about the existing playground at Beale Park?

Comments
Aging equipment; steel wires exposed through the ropes, not great for little ones climbing barefeet
Boring
Hidden
I don't recall fencing and there are always dogs off lead and it's close to the road so we don't go. Plus the sand looks dirty maybe from tree leaves so think the newer parks nearby feel nicer to go to.
It is very boring and only suitable for very young children
No basketball court sadly.
No toilets and baby change room
Not big enough
Not much shade, seating or play for children
Old equipment. Untidy grounds. Open to road. Tucked away in a corner behind a fence.
Small and limited activities, under trees so multiple walking hazards, tucked away and hidden
So much sand!! Also, it is getting a bit old and worn.
That it is not made from natural materials
The design
Too small
Too small

Q6. How important to you are the following regarding playground location?



Q7. Do you have any further feedback you would like to be considered regarding the playground at Beale Park?

Comments
Dogs are the biggest put off, esp off lead as it happens all the time and dog poo
Having a basketball court is my only feedback.
I am concerned about the trees that the Carnabys inhibit. Are they going to be preserved for their habitat and for the character and heritage of the park? We CANNOT afford to lose any more trees, especially when it disregards animals needs is satisfy human wants. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. It is amazing watching these birds and adds such delight to the park.
Inclusive all abilities playground. Ideally with no mulching as it's a nightmare for wheelchair users. Trees to add shade and improve microclimate.
It would be great to include a fixed volleyball net similar to the one at CY O'Connor beach and/or a full size basketball court similar to those found on the South Beach.
It would be nice to have a larger playground that has multiple activities away from the main roads and potentially a bbq area for local residents with shade cloths
Just need to consider the various age groups and have space for progression... The Freo parkour is a big fave and we visit weekly. Also the large rope climbing frame at the esplanade in Freo. The fave local park is Len McTaggart, but need something for the next age bracket (8yrs+)
Nature Play style installation like the one facing Ommanney Street in Hamilton Hill at Dixon Reserve.

Please don’t remove or threaten the trees
Shade available for playground otherwise becomes unusable
What is being planned for the old area where the existing playground was?
Wooden, nature themed
Can you make it bigger and safer and more fun

Q8. Do you have inspiration you would like to share? Upload an image here.

Three respondents uploaded images. (Note, one respondent uploaded two images).





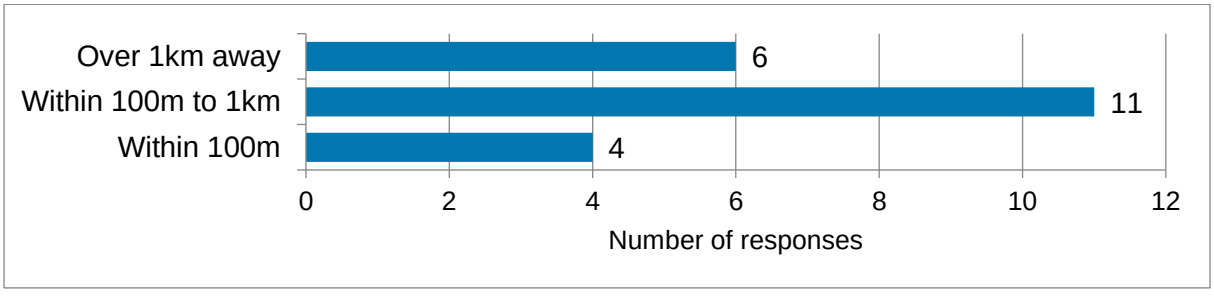




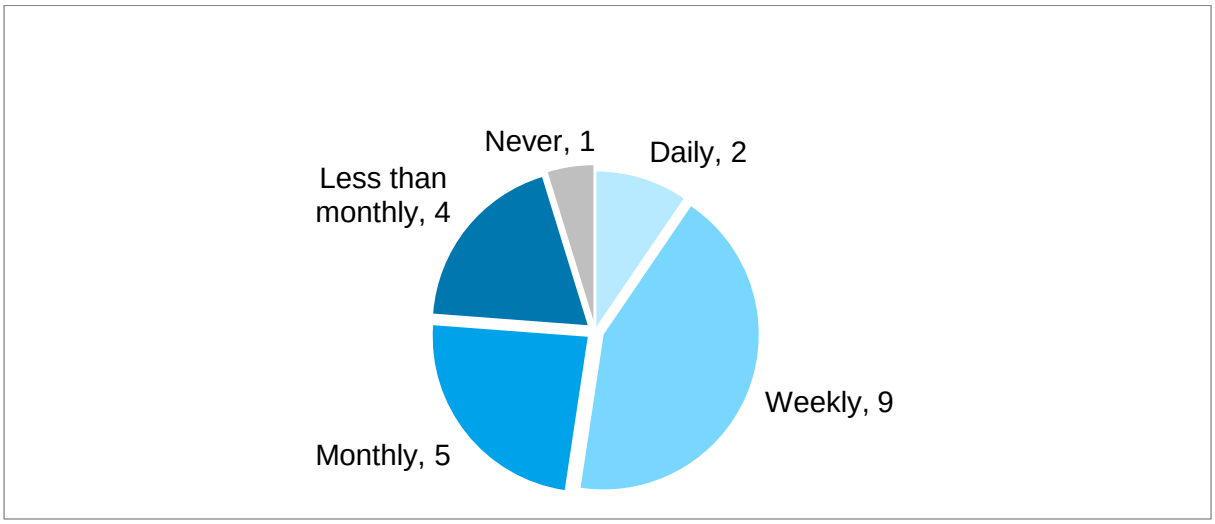
Park Furniture

A total of 21 people completed the park furniture and infrastructure feedback form. Responses are as follows.

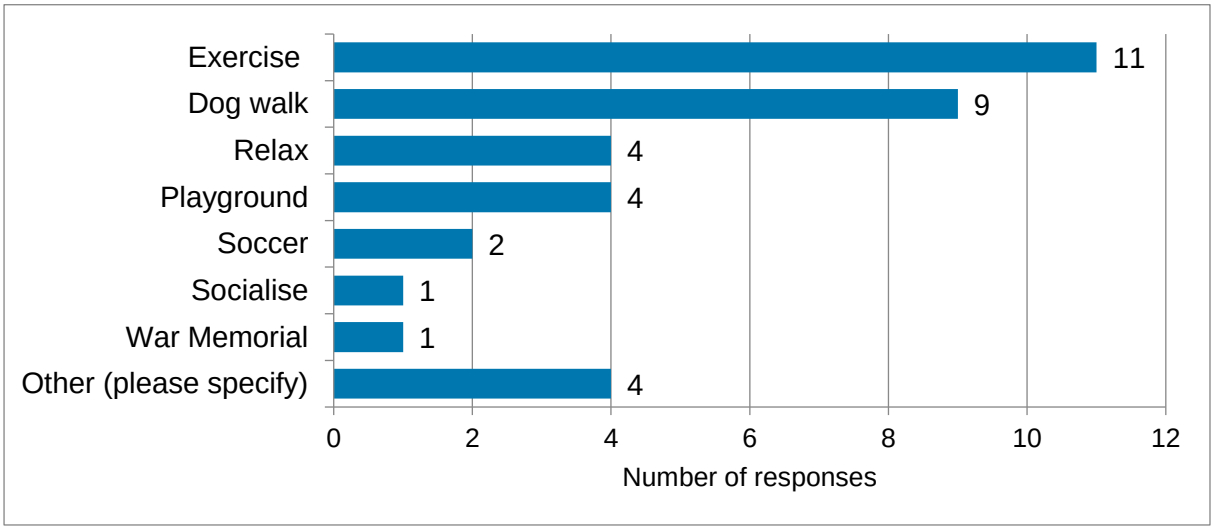
Q1. How close to Beale Park do you live?



Q2. How often do you visit Beale Park?



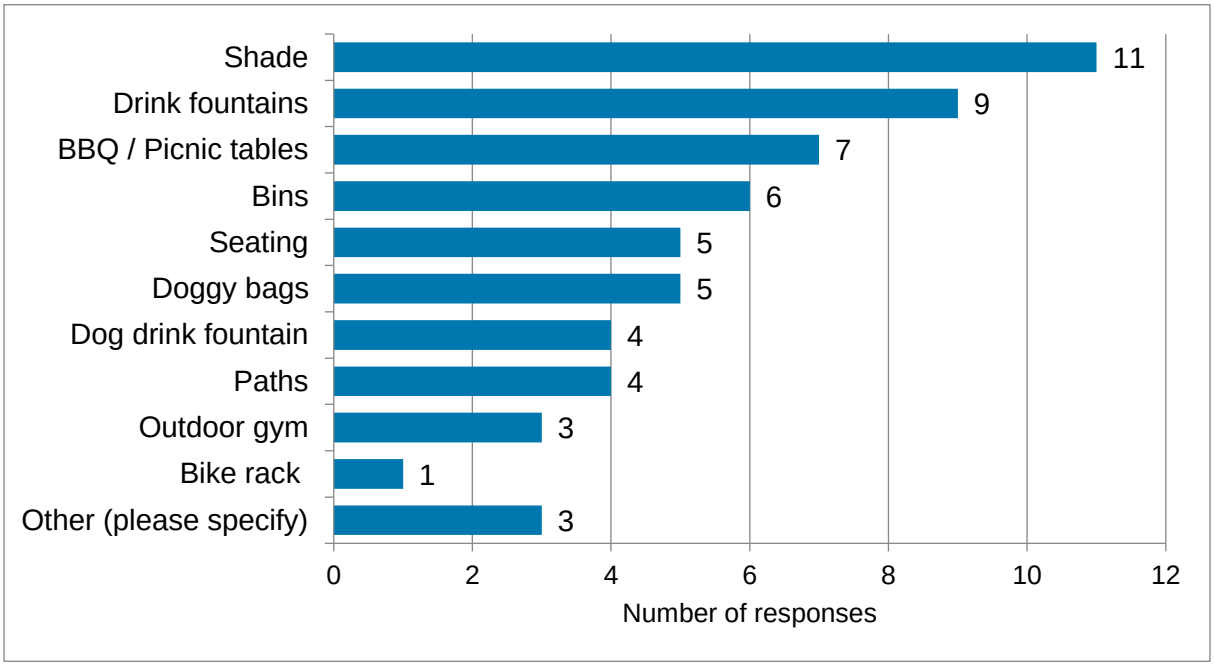
Q3. Why do you visit Beale Park?



Other comments included:

- *Open green space.*
- *Watch the Carnaby's.*
- *I visit this park because of the trees and Carnabys that roost within them.*
- *We don't. Dogs really put us off, park is old compared to others nearby and no place to really sit and relax.*

Q4. Of the following infrastructure, which THREE are the most important to your visit to Beale Park?



Other comments included:

- *Seating, space for wildlife.*
- *Bike rack, mature trees.*
- *The trees for the black cockatoo Carnabys.*

Q5. Do you have any further feedback you would like to be considered regarding infrastructure at Beale Park?

Comments
Dog poo is a big issue to talking a relaxing walk and path access eg for prams
Ensure sufficient parking and/or allow for overspill parking, apartment/unit residents already parking on Kent Street, Sussex Street verge also gets used for parking too. Ensure footpath, ramps are accessible from public transport stops on Rockingham Rd and Hamilton Rd.
I really believe a tennis practice wall would be a great addition not only to Beale Park but to the City of Cockburn in general. Currently I have to travel to Melville and Applecross and use their parks. Their parks are much smaller as well. In the past while going on my walks through Beale Park I have noticed people playing tennis already on the wall of the Cockburn scouts building that backs onto the reserve. I think it's something that would be used by the community, it's relatively cheap to setup, cheap to maintain and doesn't take up much space.
Keep the trees - excellent shade
Perhaps consider BP as dogs off-lead, but only when there are no events.

Please consider keeping all the trees as they help preserve our critically endangered black cockatoo Carnaby
Shade is important in the form of trees, not structures. Please keep as many mature trees as possible. System put in place with Cosafe being able to restrict access to carpark area after evening soccer games have been played. Preventing anti social behaviours, similar to system already in place at Woodmans Point carpark. Speed reduction method to be introduced around Beale Park. In particular from corner of Hamilton Rd/Kent St up to the corner of Sussex St/Kent St. Bins need to be accessible around the entire park not a bulk amount of bins located only in the carpark area.
The most important infrastructure at Beale Park are the mature trees. These should be retained at all costs: they provide shade; they sequester carbon; they reduce the UHIE; most importantly they provide an important roosting place for Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos, a beautiful endangered species.
There should be two mini-soccer pitches as well to cater for smaller kids starting out in their careers.
Toilets
Will improvements be undertaken to the drainage sumps?

Other Comments

A total of 29 people made other comments through the general feedback form. Responses are as follows.

Comments
Beale Park is a crucial night roost for our beloved and endangered Carnaby's Cockatoos. Not a single tree should be removed. Typically, I've observed 2-5 family groups roost in each tree, collectively a full roost would consist of several families camping each night over summer. Every tree chopped down contributes directly to the extinction of this much loved species. Manning Park is fine the way it is but we won't be if we force our darling Carnabys into extinction.
Consider nature playground like the one at Dixon Reserve, Hamilton Hill. However consider maintenance and longevity. Park at Corner Lawler road and Davis road, Attadale for inspiration
Dogs are the biggest off put. There is so much dog poo despite bags provided. A path around edge may help with using it for walks and better on lead enforcement
As a concerned bird lover I'd urge you to retain the trees near the playground area which are crucial roosting trees for our local Carnabys Cockatoos. They move from foraging in Manning Ridge in the day, to roosting here at night. The Great Cocky count has Beale Park as a location in their annual counts. Whatever else happens in the park, these trees must be preserved and there is no mention of them or the roost in the City's Environmental Assessment. As we know our Carnaby's are already endangered and their numbers dwindling due to clearing of their habitat, including in the metro area. Please consider our wildlife diversity and keep their roosting trees in tact to ensure their survival in our region. Thanks- hope you will

act to support these beautiful and iconic species to survive. Because you can make that choice. Xx
I have just read that one Norfolk pine tree will not be removed while other trees not needed will be removed. What does "not needed" mean? The earth in general needs more trees not removal of them. They are all needed. But especially in a park area where there are birds who require the trees for nesting. How does "not needed" apply in this instance? The Carnabys and other birds are part of the character of Beale Park, removal of the trees is not progress, it is regressive. How do we teach our youth playing at this part about caring for nature if our example is. WE don't need them, so they GO. We need forward thinking, not selfish justification for what "we" as humans want. Please consider every tree is necessary.
I would hate to lose the tree cover. Not just for the loss of shade but, more importantly, the loss of habitat for our wildlife
I would love a basketball court to be included in the development. One with chain nets
If you are considering all of the community as you say then I would like you to include Dog Owners. Beale Park is empty and unused more than it is in use and I do not see why dogs cannot be off leash during the periods where no sport is being played. Dog owners are part of the community too but always seem to have more rules and restrictions put on them than being given any consideration yet we pay our taxes just like everyone else in the community. I have to drive my car to a suitable off leash area every day sometimes twice a day while Beale Park is around the corner and empty. I'd appreciate some feedback on this too, I'd like to know if it is being considered and if not then why not. My email is { }
In any infrastructure decision making, please consider that tall trees on Beale Park are black cockatoo roosting habitat and both they and the Black Cockatoos they host are irreplaceable. Does City of Cockburn have a tree register?
My greatest concern is the removal of any trees from Beale Park. Resident Carnaby's Cockatoos utilise these trees to rest and gather before roosting often after drinking at Manning Lake. Carnaby's change roosting sites and have been known to roost at Beale Park. It is crucial for their survival that these bird's habitat is not interfered with, so consideration needs to be given to night lighting as well. They are currently an endangered species. Thanking you
PLAYGROUNDS (1) The EXISTING PLAYGROUND near the intersection of Kent St & Sussex St should be RETAINED, with or without upgrades & improvements. The "proposed site plan" displayed at public consultation on 25/11/2020 shows this area with the words "Remove existing playground." In its current location that current playground is about as CENTRALLY LOCATED to properties in the area bounded by Spearwood Ave, Rockingham Rd, Phoenix Rd & Hamilton Rd as it can be, unless other private land were to be purchased & repurposed as a playground. Each of those 4 roads are to greater or lesser degree heavy to very heavy trafficked roads & act as natural barriers to people from that area crossing to any playground facilities elsewhere. In addition, due to land re-zoning to higher density, there has already been very heavy redevelopment in that area from single dwelling to

multiple dwelling both increasing the dwellings & the population in that designated area while reducing the land area on individual properties for outdoor play activity. This density increase has been rapid in the last 2 to 3 years and may warrant reconsideration of population needs in relation to the playground if the last consideration of population & projections predates the most recent re-zoning.

(2) The PROPOSED "New Playground" shown on the "proposed site plan" displayed at public consultation on 25/11/2020, which playground is shown on the West side of the proposed "New Club House" should NOT be considered as being a substitute or replacement for the Existing Playground referred to in submission (1) above. Such a new playground would service the needs of sporting users but would NOT be conveniently located for the local area population. It would be far removed from the local housing & indeed any view of it would be obscured to most local houses by the "new club house" to a much greater degree than any line of sight issues at the existing playground. Indeed I also observe that being on the West side it is away from the line of sight of most of the playing fields where parents & carers are likely to be during sporting fixtures. A position on the South side of the New Club house is recommended for this playground. The entire "New Club House" may be moved North to accommodate that suggestion.

(3) Removing the EXISTING PLAYGROUND will NOT free that corner of land for playing fields or for reconfiguration of the grounds given the constraints of the water drainage sump to it's West and the underground sewerage pumping station that is co-located on the East portion of that piece of land.

(4) In considering any upgrades or changes to the existing playground I merely make 2 observations (a) That it be aimed towards younger age groups, as it currently is, and (b) that LOW fencing be installed to restrict or hinder younger children from running on to roads AND to restrict dog entry into that area. Dogs, older youth & adults have the whole of the rest of Beale Park to roam upon and use.

PARKING AREA & PARKING
(5) I am advised that the number of existing car bays is about 90 & the proposed car park would number 185. It is my observation that will still be very inadequate without some verge or street parking. While stopping verge parking on Kent St & Hamilton Rd would be appropriate in the interest of traffic management and line of sight issues, I do not believe that restraint of verge parking should be imposed on Sussex street, and I further suggest that hard stand car parking should be created along the West verge of Sussex St to allow vehicles to park on that verge at right angles to (ie not parallel to) that road.

(6) Has council noted that vehicles currently using Beale Park include large buses/coaches? These will need to be considered in parking plans. During the annual country schools soccer carnival I have observed as many as 15 such around the park at various times. On the regular weekend Sunday morning fixtures I have regularly seen 2 and sometimes 4 such buses/coaches parked up on the Kent St verge or along Sussex St.

(7) The carpark on the "proposed site plan" displayed at public consultation on 25/11/2020 continues to appear to show an exit onto Sussex St within about 5 metres of the intersection of Sussex St & Hamilton Rd. I repeat a prior submission that a carpark exit that close to the intersection is inappropriate and will cause traffic issues. (8) The carpark on the "proposed site plan" displayed at public consultation on 25/11/2020 shows many gardens beds (?they are not labelled!) every 5th, 6th, 7th or so parking bay. They appear to also show trees &/or bushes. While some such beds are desirable to assist with traffic management I note that on this current site plan, as they did on prior site plans shown to the public 2 or 3 years ago, they are far too numerous. I suggest as few as 1 in 3 of these beds be retained. There will be a slight increase in the number of available bays however there will be much less ongoing maintenance and costs to council of so many garden beds, meterage of curbing, etc. (9) The "proposed site plan" displayed at public consultation on 25/11/2020 says "additional tree planting along Hamilton Road to prevent unauthorised verge parking". Bollards may be more appropriate and effective. In any event trees should NOT be planted within 6 metres (or more) of the road intersections in the manner they are shown as planted in one place on the proposed site plan.
Please can I ask that whatever work is completed, that the trees that the carnabys cockatoos roost in and utilise generally, are maintained and not affected. We are so very lucky to continue to have a good sized flock of these birds in this area. Their habitats are being destroyed in many places and it is essential we help and support them as best as we can, to ensure that nature continues to thrive and provides us with pleasure everyday when we see and hear them. Without nature, our communities become very boring and clinical, not somewhere we want to live anymore. Thank you
Please consider traffic-calming and pedestrian safety solutions for Kent Street, including its intersection with Hamilton Road.
Please get an environmental assessment for the native plants and trees in the area. Especially any nesting trees for the birds and cockatoos. Too many roosting trees are being cut down and destroyed in these developments. Preventing food reserves, nesting spots and a safe haven from predators. I will be following this development closely. Too easy to just remove these beautiful trees in the name of progress. Work with the needs of all community members and not just sport loving families.
Please keep this park as on-leash for dogs. It is currently on-leash and unfortunately so many people don’t abide by this which causes a lot of problems with dog fights and people/young children who don’t like dogs running up to them. It would also be beneficial if stronger enforcement of the on-leash rule could be put in place as off-leash dogs/parks are notorious for dog attacks and fear. Thank you.
Please maintain all existing established trees and any trees that the endangered carnaby's and any other black cockatoos in the area my use for food or roosting. This is of utmost importance for the endangered species and the enjoyment of the ambience of the park

Please preserve the roosting trees of the carnaby cockatoos, so much of their habituate is at risk due to urbanisation... I support all upgrades as long as the trees are preserved.
The Carnabys Black Cockatoo roost here and need mature trees to nest in. Please retain these trees for this iconic endangered species. There habitat is being ripped up around them up and down the coast and soon, they will have nowhere to go,
The existing trees at Beale Park are used as an overnight roost site for Carnaby's Cockatoos. Manning Lake and associated roosts in Spearwood (including Beale Park) support one of the most important roost sites for Carnaby's Cockatoos in the Perth-Peel region: https://birdlife.org.au/documents/GCC_report_2019_final.pdf (page 38) Carnaby's Cockatoos are listed as a threatened species (Endangered) under the federal Environment Protection and Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC) and as fauna that is rare or is likely to become extinct as endangered fauna. It is worrying that the City of Cockburn developed a high level draft master plan for Beale Park that shows no regard the use of the existing mature trees at the reserve for roosting by a nationally threatened species. A basic level of due diligence and understanding of the environmental assets under the care, control and management of the City of Cockburn would have recognised Beale Park as a roosting sites for Carnaby's Cockatoos and identified the clearing of roost trees as a potentially unlawful activity unless environmental (and planning, as relevant) approvals are obtained, under both State and Commonwealth legislation. Replanting of trees is not an effective mitigation measure as it will be many decades before re-planted trees are suitable for overnight roosting. Research on roosting of Carnaby's Cockatoos also indicates that roost trees at know roost sites have particular characteristics (and landscape contexts) that support their use. The high level draft master plan should be revised to retain existing trees. If the City of Cockburn proceeds with the removal of mature roost trees at Beale Park, it must refer the action to the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment for assessment and refer the proposal to the WA Environmental Protection Authority. A copy of the EPBC referral guidelines for threatened black cockatoos in WA is available here: https://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/epbc-act-referral-guidelines-three-threatened-black-cockatoo-species-carnabys-cockatoo Please note that EPBC referral guidelines classify the "clearing or degradation (including pruning the top canopy) of a known night roosting site" as "High risk of significant impacts: referral recommended". For clarity, if the City of Cockburn proceeds with the clearing of roost trees for

Carnaby's Cockatoos at Beale Park without environmental approvals, the City may commit an offence under State and/or Commonwealth legislation.
The fact that Beale Park is an important night roost for Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos should have been mentioned in the section titled 'has the city taken into account environmental considerations?'. The fact that this information is missing means (I think) that this should first be addressed and then the open for comment period be extended. The retention of mature trees for the benefit of both humans and biodiversity should be of the highest priority. I say this as a Cockburn resident of 20 years and as an employee of BirdLife Australia who sits on the Carnaby's Recovery Team.
The most important element of this roost is the Carnaby Cockatoo roost. Please as an imperative preserve all the mature trees that the Carnabys roost in. They pre-roost at Manning Park and roost here at night. This roost is one of the areas counted in the Great Cocky count each year. 323 Carnabys were one of the larger roost numbers here. This year there were 100. This species is threatened. Please also make sure lighting for major sporting event is not facing the trees. Thankyou
The trees (lemon scented gums) need to be retained and incorporated into the new design. The threatened species of Carnaby roost in those trees. Their habitat is already so diminished. Carnaby's are something special about the Spearwood area that many other Suburbs do not have. We need to retain their habitat to ensure their survival. Once we lose them, they don't come back. I believe the new building expansion, car-park and existing trees at Beale Park can co-exist if they are planned better. We simply can't keep knocking down trees so more people can play sport or build more homes. If City doesn't have a conscience about this, who will?
The trees in Beale Park play an important role in the roosting sites for the critically endangered black carnaby cockatoos. It would be good if no trees are lost at all in the planning of the new facilities. They take a long time to regrow to the size needed by the cockatoos.
There is insecurity around the park that could be improved. At the success St cul de sac there is often people hanging there to drink alcohol, do drug (I just picked up 2 syringes this afternoon) and do donuts with dirt bikes (day and nights). At night people drink alcohol on the grass at there is no light so they cannot be seen.
Traffic is a nightmare on Sundays and Carnival days, perhaps look at installing a roundabout at Hamilton and Kent St to help with traffic flow. The median strip on Spearwood Ave needs some landscaping work can this be done as part of the upgrade?
Yes please, do save the trees as they are needed for the carnabys
Yes, I am concerned that the mature trees that the Carnaby cockatoos use at Roosts will be removed. Trees at Beale Park are an important habitat for Carnabys. Carnabys are endangered and magnificent birds. We need to preserve their habit. Thank you
Yes, I as a bird photographer who enjoys photographing in your area am concerned that Carnaby’s Cockatoos roost in the trees covered by the project and would like you to consider this important species with respect to retaining all the trees and keeping in mind the effects of lighting on birds at night. It is an offence under environmental laws passed last year to disturb fauna and especially

endangered birds. Roost trees are rare and valuable and not chosen for particular reasons so not able to be offset or replanted. Hoping your design takes our wildlife into consideration and looking forward to seeing an excellent planning result!

A total of three email submissions were received.

Comments
My first and major concern with the draft plan is that the felling of 58 trees is excessive, especially for the old growth ones. I don't believe that natural capital is truly being valued as much as it should and felling should be an absolute last resort. The benefit of these trees is to help maintain the level of the water table, thus reducing the costs of watering the grass. If it comes between having 6 fields of poor/dry grass or 5 fields of lush, dark green grass, I'd obviously choose the latter. However, if a few trees really must go, process everything and apply the mulch on-site. Another concern is the size of the car park; I believe that it should be at most reduced to by a 1/3 and instead be replaced with bike racks. This is purely to reduce the temperature of the local area and to get as much rain water as possible to penetrate into the soil. Other than that, my two suggestion is: on the old playground area, we could turn that area into a little community garden/orchard with a bbq area. Just to encourage the locals to use and appreciate the land. Also, to plant more Hakeas, Banksias and more in particularly Wattle trees- as they increase the amount nitrogen in the soil. I'm also more than happy to volunteer my labor towards planting the trees.
I have seen that there are changes to be made to Beale Park, however i am concerned that many of the trees in the area are used by endangered Carnabys cockatoos as roost sites (outside of breeding season). Can i confirm that the proposed works will not be removing any roosting (or feeding) trees for our native black cockatoos? I would like to see an environmental assessment conducted if any trees are to be removed.
G'day, Your proposal to upgrade the park will undoubtedly go ahead and I am hopeful you are able to take on suggestions from the wider public beyond your residents and ratepayers. The trees near the playground are crucial roosting trees for our local endangered Carnabys White Tail Black Cockatoos. They move from foraging in Manning Ridge area and surrounds during the day, to roosting there at night. The Great Cocky count, has Beale Park as a location in their annual counts. Are you able to explain why this was not included in the Environmental Assessment please? Impacts to Carnaby's cockatoo are a consideration in

environmental impact assessment, at State level under Part IV and Part V of the EP Act and Commonwealth level under the EPBC Act, where proposals and schemes intersect habitat, both native and pine. As part of the environmental impact assessment process, impacts should first be avoided or minimised, with rehabilitation efforts applied before offsets are considered. Where the residual impacts are determined to be significant, proponents are required to offset the impact (Government of Western Australia, 2011; Government of Western Australia, 2014). These very large old trees are not easily replaced in offsets. Once gone the time for a seedling to reach this height and age is 20 plus years. In the mean time the decline of native habitat continues unabated. The local folks love their endangered Carnabys and are a welcome sight to the area. Please consider keeping the trees to keep the endangered Carnabys White Tail Black Cockatoos.

3.3. 2021 Consultation

Q1. What do you like about the draft design?

Comments
Retention of more trees; use of existing clubhouse footprint for new building; retention of existing playground & addition of new one.
far fewer trees to be removed than previous plan
good that getting more park playground and toilets, bbq
Keeping open areas. Beneficial for times sports not on.
Planting tree to stop cars to park on Sussex st and new car park as well as new playground
I like that an existing space is being redesigned so that more people can use it. So much better than building another sports field. I LOVE it that most of the trees are being retained and that more are being planted.
More trees are kept and better community utilised clubrooms
Positioning of the club room looks good
More toilet and changing room facilities That there will be a bbq area for families and bigger club room for community events
I like where the additional car parking bays have been positioned, the additional playground and that green space has been kept on the corner side of Kent Street and Hamilton Rd.
Long over due for a modern design
All of it looks great.
The increased parking will be safer and easier to enjoy Beale park. The increased lighting is essential as during winter the training times are mostly during hours of darkness. The upgraded building will provide change rooms for the many teams that use the club on any game day and the restrooms are in desperate need of upgrade. The club is already very well used so this upgrade will reflect the dedication and

standards of the club and it’s members. Increase in trees for both environmental aspect and also for shade for spectators. Generally improving the aesthetics of a very popular, well used and well loved sporting ground. The ambiance at Beale park is amazing and it is well overdue to be brought up to the standard that many other clubs are already enjoying.
'- proposed bbq area (4) - proposed nature playground (5) - proposed bike rack (11) - proposed outdoor gym equipment (12) - existing Norfolk pine tree to be kept (13) - new tree planting (14) but could be more dispersed around whole of park - proposed park benches (16) but should be more especially under the trees
The nature playground and water fountains are a good addition.

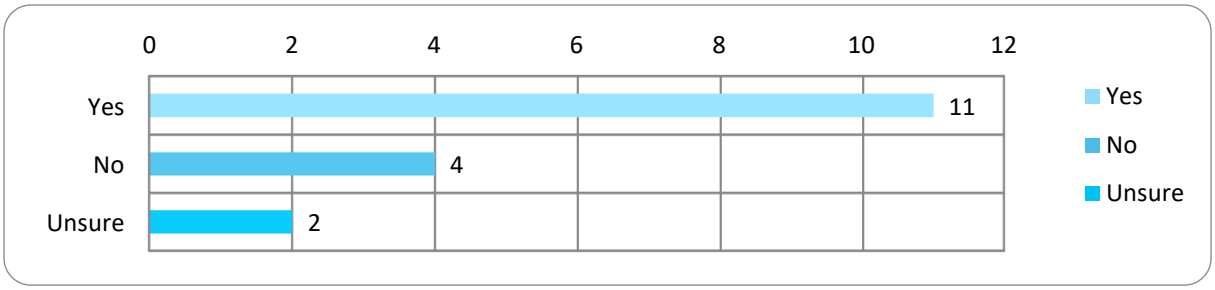
Q2. Considering budget and site constraints, what improvements would you make to the draft design?

Comments
Perhaps not within the scope of the project itself, but certainly related - traffic calming measures on Kent Street and at the intersection of Hamilton Road and Kent Street are critical to ensuring the safety of park users, pedestrians and motorists in this area. As it stands, this particular stretch of local roadway is frequently the site of hoon, dangerous, and aggressive driving behaviour at all times of the day and week.
I'm unsure on budget and site constraints, however would be nice to see better use of the legend item 15 drainage sump to better utilise this neglected space - understand it maybe water corp asset? though still maybe can be better integrated with existing playground / nature play / open space. currently all fenced off etc but probably doesn't get much maintenance
Enclose/fence off a small section, e.g. crn of Kent st and Hamilton rd for people who insist of letting their dogs off lead. Keep rest of park on lead only. Indoor basketball/ netball courts.
More street lights at the Sussex cul de sac. Too much bad behavior there including drugs consumption. I had to pick up multiple time needles. Kids walk bear feet after soccer games.
More trees planted and native landscaping
I would like to see more biophilia, elements of connection with nature. Low embodied energy building materials and passive solar design with at least greenstar 7 rating. More integration of shade. Green walls for cooling. The loss of trees, in the current climate crisis + loss of habitat and canopy in the area should not be allowed. IF you're doing it the city needs to articulate clearly how they plan to offset this - that needs to be with nesting boxes (putting them in to young trees) and overprinting to compensate for trees lost. Trees need to be HIGH canopy trees as well as mid story and scrub (essential for bird life). These should be in ADDITION to the trees they already being planted in the city. They should be connecting other green spaces. We also need feeding trees / foraging trees.

Utilise exisiting buildings/carparks
Parking is a necessity need more parking around the park
Looks great
Nil I like the plans
Add a small public toilet at the playground on Kent st.
Being part of Cockburn City Soccer club 1 thing i would like to see is a coaches room.
Needs to be more family friendly, cant we make something that family and friends can come down for lunch/dinner. Not just a sporting facility, really good option here to make something first class, coffee shop etc. Should have the feeling of an RSL, good food good atmosphere. Somewhere to watch the footy on the weekend.
'- the club rooms should be built slightly more to the west and lower down to the south as the trees proposed to be removed (7) are extremely important roosting trees to the Sulphur crested cockatoos. Cockburn Council needs to get be a leader in tree protection and innovative building design rather than this BAU outdated draft design. Very disappointing. - has the sea scouts club and its members been relocated? It is unbelievable that Cockburn Council are demolishing community facilities (9) in order to build a carpark (8). This goes against all current best practice town planning documents which promote community facilities in walkable neighbours promoting active transport and not carparking!! On street carparking can also occur along Sussex Street to the east of the Beale park. Very outdated approach to solving car-related issues. - there is a lack of end-of-trip facilities proposed. One set of bike racks (11) is not covering all active transport users. There should be a large allocated parking section for mopeds, e-scooters and bikes that includes a lockable cage such as those found at the train stations. This would encourage active transport and provide an alternative to car usage. - the public transport bus stops located along Hamilton Road close to Beale Park (stop 19874 and 19859) were previously sheltered stops with seating. These shelters need to be reinstated to promote active transport access to the park. - no upgrades are proposed to the existing playground (10) which is extremely disappointing as this playground is heavily used by the local community. This draft design focuses more on short-term, soccer players who are car-orientated visitors to the park rather than providing for the surrounding local community who use the park everyday, all day and walk there with their kids. - the new planting of trees has is unfavorably focused on the south-eastern corner of the park. This area already has a lot of trees and it is quite uncertain that the new trees will have the space they need to grow. It would be much more valuable if more of the new trees were planted: 1. along Kent Street, especially the curbside bordering with Hamilton Road. This would make the currently prosed tree planting on Hamilton Road join up with those planted on Kent Street. The area is currently bare of trees. 2. to the south of the proposed carpark along Kent Street.
12 trees are still too many to lose. I appreciate that the Council has reduced this number significantly however at minimum the two trees that have been identified as roosting trees for Carnaby's cockatoos need to be kept. Architects should have enough skill to design change room building around these trees. A roosting site is

a rare and fragile thing - and it is unclear what the effect removing these trees will have to availability of food and nesting areas for these endangered birds.

Q3. Do you feel the draft design meets your needs and those of the general community who use Beale Park?



Q4. If no, please let us know why.

Comments
We need more than just sporting grounds. Walking in open spaces with wildlife / trees / shade and nature is important. We are losing high canopy trees at a significant rate as well as mixed story mixed planting (scrub, mid-story as well). Walking in these areas with dogs or just for leisure. We also need open spaces to be connected by canopy to allow walking between spaces and to allow wildlife to move safely.
It should be more than just a sporting facility, open it all week for lunches and dinner. Why do you need six changerooms? I feel this is a massive missed opportunity.
This draft design focuses more on external users (ie soccer club members) who are car-orientated, short-term, visitors to the park rather than providing better facilities for the surrounding local community walk/ ride to use the park everyday, all day. It is extremely disappointing that Cockburn Council is proposing to remove the significant eucalyptus trees (7) as they are extremely important roosting trees to the Sulphur crested cockatoos. Cockburn Council needs to get be a leader in tree protection and innovative building design rather than this BAU outdated draft design. It is unbelievable that Cockburn Council are demolishing community facilities (9) in order to build a carpark (8). This goes against all current best practice town planning documents which promote community facilities in walkable neighbours promoting active transport and not carparking!!
The trees being removed from car park could also be retained. I understand the need to reduce parking on the verge on Hamilton Rd, but verge parking on Kent st and Sussex st should be retained. As a resident of Sussex st I have never seen a significant build up of traffic reach any length along the street. Removing trees to create car parks where verge and street parking are ample doesn't seem necessary.

Q5. Any further comments.

Comments
well done CoC, for listening to concerns over retention of the Carnaby's roost
There are already park benches at old existing playground area and south side Where / which are the public toilets? Just the external UAT for use as a public toilet - closest to the proposed new playground? Also concerned about parking still, understand there will be a lot more where the old scouts is. however there was a big soccer event over last weekend with cars parked on verges on Kent, Sussex street all filled. parking went onto road on Cale Pl and Leaside way. Seems fine that people can park along the verge along Sussex.
Please PLEASE keep the park on lead only for dogs!
there is little information as to which trees are going to be destroyed
Please ensure no additional trees are cleared
Can’t wait long over due
We are losing trees (high canopy trees, scrub, feeding trees) at a significant rate across the city. With the infill happening we are losing trees from private land. the last thing we need is tree loss from city land, too. We are in a climate and biodiversity loss crisis. This will impact human health and wellbeing into the future. To protect our youth, and those most vulnerable, we need to look at nature based solutions for our needs - we need biophilic design with bold commitment from leaders to ensuring urban design is environmentally friendly, carbon neutral, and not contributing to greater harm.
Keeping as many mature trees not only keeps aesthetics/bird habitat but provides shade in summer (and cover from rain) without artificial covers. Natural Shade is so much more effective for reducing heat from above and from the ground. As a long term sport participant all grounds I have travelled to with mature trees are everyone’s favoured grounds. With Cockburn losing bush land and trees it is important that the Council recognises that the cover and aesthetics of mature trees is one of the things people love about living here (esp in older suburbs).
What has this council done with infrastructure around Spearwood? The only places for lunch around here are privately owned, the Vale, the Australian brew house. The is nothing in Spearwood.
Beale park is a place where many go to enjoy the outdoors. This upgrade is fabulous and I believe the local community will benefit in so many ways, by offering good facilities for sport and recreation it encourages health and fitness and sport which is so important for well being for people of all ages.
The improvements I have suggested would still align to the site and budget constraints. The consultants hired by Cockburn Council need to get with the times and provide a design that aligns to the current trends in sustainable development not this BAU outcome they have provided.
In addition to prioritizing the trees at this site for Carnaby's - the council should look into a significant tree register. I have seen many trees on verges and private property removed in the last few years that were used for feeding and roosting by black cockatoos. Their habitat is under constant threat and the Council need a plan for the whole of Cockburn and how to prioritise these and other fragile species that reside in urban settings and small pockets of bushland.

4. Next Steps

Managing and mitigating environmental impacts remains a key priority for the project team. Following positive feedback in the latest round of consultation in respect to vegetation removal, designs are being referred to the Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment for review.

Under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) the concept will progress through any necessary referral procedures.

Progress on the design will be made where possible and other relevant approvals will be sought. Construction won't occur until all necessary approvals have been obtained.

Community consultation on the design process has now concluded. The City thanks community members and key stakeholders for helping to shape this important project. Future updates on the project will be available on the City of Cockburn website or by contacting the City on 08 9411 3444.

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