

ITEM 3 FAIRY CREEK CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN

The Fairy Creek Corridor has been highlighted as an important recreational precinct covering the suburbs of West Wollongong, Keiraville, Gwynneville and North Wollongong and a key component of the Keira Green Corridor.

In developing this master plan, a series of community engagement initiatives were undertaken to inform the development of a draft recreational master plan.

The draft master plan was then placed on public exhibition in mid 2018. The community feedback noted that the community was very supportive of the concepts exhibited and will provide a strong platform for future grant funding opportunities for improved amenity, connectivity and vegetation management.

The report now seeks Council's adoption of the draft Fairy Creek Corridor Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 The Fairy Creek Corridor Master Plan be adopted by Council as a reference point for the future renewal and development of the precinct.
- 2 The Implementation Summary be noted.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Draft Fairy Creek Corridor Master Plan
- 2 Fairy Creek Corridor Masterplan Engagement Report

BACKGROUND

The Fairy Creek Corridor study area is a dynamic and diverse open space corridor that is highly valued by the local community. The area incorporates land in the west from the M1 near Mount Keira Road then east along the historic Keira Mine Tramway track through to Wiseman Park Gwynneville, noting the Beaton Park Precinct was master planned independently in 2018 and the broader implications of which have been considered as part of the Fairy Creek Corridor Master Plan.

The study area encompasses a creek habitat, natural remnant forests, many established trees, grassed open spaces, sporting ovals and sporting infrastructure and a stormwater detention basin.

In 2013, Council officers pursued a site analysis report that identified the constraints and functionality of the Fairy Creek Corridor precinct. This site analysis report in turn noted the key features of the study area and aided in the preparation of a draft master plan.

In 2017/18 Council supported the development of the Fairy Creek Corridor Master Plan. The following opportunities were identified as key outcomes for consideration in the development of the draft master plan:

- Identify opportunities for community meeting spaces.
- Enhance sporting, social, environmental and recreational services.
- Investigate opportunities to improve the functionality of the creek for recreational uses.

An extensive community engagement phase was held with the draft master plan being placed on exhibition from 2 May to 8 June 2018 which saw the community actively encouraged to have its say about the study area and attributes.



In addition to one-on-one briefings with key local stakeholder Neighbourhood Committee Forum 5, Council officers undertook an onsite information stall, web based engagement, a mail out to over 500 residents, targeted surveys, engagement with local schools, bushcare groups, sporting clubs and the Disability Trust.

The engagement phase and master plan preparation identified the key areas of focus for the precinct going forward, these included:

- The heritage value of the tramway.
- Environmental significance of Endangered Ecological Community Illawarra Lowland Grassy Woodland adjoining Wiseman Park.
- The importance of stormwater drainage infrastructure.
- The opportunity for enhancing existing pathways for improved connectivity.
- Desire for strong community connection to the reserves for passive and active recreation pursuits.

Results of the engagement phase noted that from the workshops and face to face meetings are as follows:

| Response | Number of responses |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Support | 36 |
| Do not support | 5 |

The majority of respondents (35) were supportive of the proposal to develop the Fairy Creek Master Plan while five respondents did not support the proposal. The primary reason for non-support from the five community submissions was the desire to maintain the natural state of the study area rather than progress with improvements. Formal footpaths will provide a more accessible area. It is not proposed to change the natural feel of the area but to improve ability for the broader community to enjoy in an inclusive manner.

As outlined in Attachment 2 the feedback on the master plan focused on eight themes, these being:

- Paths
- Playgrounds
- Accessibility
- Infrastructure;
- Recreational activities
- Natural environment
- Heritage
- Vehicles.

Key considerations which have since been incorporated in the final draft Fairy Creek Corridor Master Plan presented to Council in Attachment 1 are:

- More street trees, planting and succession planting for Wiseman Park (linked to the Urban Greening Strategy).
- Additional wider footpaths to enhance connectivity to local schools.
- Provision of street furniture such as bike racks, seating, bubblers and an equally accessible BBQ.

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The final draft master plan also incorporates programmed renewal works at Wiseman Park including the renewal of the sporting amenities to incorporate Disabled Discrimination Act compliant public toilets and enhanced sportsfield lighting to address ongoing requests from local sporting clubs for training purposes.

The master plan is a long term vision for the study area and will be a key reference in subsequent capital planning and external grant funding applications and as such, careful consideration should be focused on its staged implementation.

Stage 1 should incorporate the following:

- A commitment to undertake a further safety audit of the study area.
- Installation of signage directional, hazard and interpretation.
- Pursuing projects already scheduled for funding (lighting and amenities).
- Pursuing funding for outdoor exercise equipment at Wiseman Park.

Subsequent stages should include:

- Pursuing street tree planting.
- Relocation of the playground at Wiseman Park.
- Creation of a plaza in Gipps Road.
- Extending the pathway through Green Acre Road Reserve to Gilmore Street.
- Continue implementing the Vegetation Management Plan recommendations.
- Upgrade Gilmore Park amenities.

PROPOSAL

The draft Fairy Creek Corridor Master Plan is endorsed as the reference point for the future renewal and development of the precinct.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Council officers have undertaken extensive community engagement initiatives throughout 2018, with key stakeholder Neighbourhood Committee Forum 5 demonstrating a strong willingness to actively participate in the engagement phase. The draft master plan was exhibited from 2 May to 8 June 2018. The exhibition featured on Council's Have your Say page with an online survey feature.

Council also facilitated a well-attended onsite information stall at Wiseman Park as well as engaging staff and children of nearby schools.

The details of the outcome of the engagement phase are provided in Attachment 2.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal "We are a healthy community in a liveable city". It specifically delivers on the following:

| Community Strategic Plan | Delivery Program 2018-2021 | Operational Plan 2018-19 |
|--|--|--|
| Strategy | 3 Year Action | Operational Plan Actions |
| 5.5.1 Public facilities in key locations and transport routes are maintained and clean, accessible and inviting to our community and visitors | 5.5.1.1 Well maintained assets are provided that meet the needs of the current and future communities | Undertake high priority works, as per open space works schedule to strengthen connections and people movement |
| 5.1.4 Urban areas are created to provide a healthy and safe living environment for our community | 5.1.5.1 Provide an appropriate and sustainable range of quality passive and active open spaces and facilities | Explore opportunities outlined in the needs assessment developed for the Beaton Park Precinct |

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A number of the key initiatives identified in the Fairy Creek Corridor Master Plan have secured funding in Council's Infrastructure Delivery Program 2018-2022. Those unfunded elements identified in the implementation table below will be progressed for consideration and potential funding in subsequent years through Council's Annual Planning process.

The Implementation Summary key features are outlined below:

| Project | Budget Estimated Cost | Programmed |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| Wiseman Park amenities renewal (funded) | \$700K | 2021/22 |
| Wiseman Park Oval lighting | \$280K | 2019/20 |
| Gilmore Park amenities | \$540K | 2020/21 |
| Linkage path Foleys to Gipps | \$390K | Unfunded |
| Fitness equipment installation | \$100K | Pending Business Proposal |
| New playground | \$350K | 2022/23 |
| Signage [interpretive and directional] | \$35K | Unfunded |
| Gipps Street plaza | \$81K | Unfunded |
| Vegetation Management Plan | \$10K | Unfunded |
| Implement Vegetation Management Plan | \$200K | Unfunded |
| Tramway Link share path | \$1,337K | Unfunded |
| Street tree planting | Implemented in combination with Urban Greening Strategy | In existing budgets |
| South Wiseman Park woodland path | \$275K | Unfunded |

CONCLUSION

The Fairy Creek Corridor study area is a unique natural and built open space corridor that is highly valued by the local community and within two kilometres of the CBD.

Council officers have undertaken a comprehensive community consultation project which has effectively pursued the community's input into the development of the draft Fairy Creek Corridor Master Plan.

The consultation activities and variety of engagement methods used during this process have provided the community with the opportunity to actively contribute to the development of the master plan.

As the community was very supportive of the concepts, it is recommended that the draft Fairy Creek Corridor Master Plan be presented to Council for adoption.

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FAIRY CREEK MASTERPLAN

ENGAGEMENT REPORT

June 2018





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Executive Summary

The Fairy Creek corridor is for strip of land from Wisemans Park on the east, then west along the old Keira Mine tramway track, and then south west to the M1 near Mt Keira Road. The area includes a creek habitat; natural remnant forests; many established trees; grassed open areas; a stormwater detention structure; sporting facilities; and a public playground. The site also has some historical significance with the Mount Keira Tramway, now known as Greenacres Road Reserve, located along a section of the study area. Council, with information provided by Neighbourhood Forum 5, drafted a concept masterplan for the area and asked the community to comment.

The Fairy Creek Masterplan was exhibited from 2 May 2018 until 8 June 2018, extended from the original deadline of 25 May 2018. Stakeholders were notified of the draft Plan via Council's *Advertiser* pages on 16 May 2018. The exhibition went live on Council's Have Your Say page on 2018 which included Frequently Asked Questions (Appendix 1) and an online version of the Feedback Form (Appendix 2). Paper copies of the Frequently Asked Questions and Feedback Form were also made available at all Wollongong libraries and the Customer Service Centre during the exhibition.

A targeted group email, inviting stakeholders to complete the online Feedback Form and attend the onsite kiosk and Neighbourhood Forum 5 was emailed with the information above. An onsite kiosk was held on 12 May 2018 and attended by 45 people, face to face meetings were held with surrounding businesses. Workshops were held with 24 Gwynneville Public School students on 5 June and 12 people from The Disability Trust on 6 June.

The total number of submissions received during the exhibition period was 44, with 3 submissions via the Have Your Say website feedback form and 41 emailed submissions. The majority of respondents (36) supported the proposal to develop the Fairy Creek Master Plan while five opposed. The primary reason for non-support was the desire to maintain the natural state.

The most prevalent comments related to the paths including suggestions for wider paths or additional or changed path routes. Two requests to not formalise the path were received. Requests for additional infrastructure were made, there included extra tables and picnic shelters, bubblers, bike racks/parking, toilets, gates in the current fence and lighting.

Suggestions were made regarding the proposed playground including making it larger, installation of a liberty swing, natural play areas and not using shade sails due to risk of vandalism. There were concerns over the proximity to the cricket field (due to balls overhead) and trees (due to falling branches). Two queries were received regarding the proposed location, suggesting the current location is suitable.

There was support for the exercise equipment, however one question regarding need for the suggested quantity. Suggestions to establish an off leash area and activities for young people were made. Specific suggestions included a skate park, parkour course and a small zoo.

Submissions spoke to the importance of native flora and fauna. It was suggested that concrete paths would be detrimental to the natural environment. Tree safety was also raised, suggesting strong winds are blowing down branches and some trees are too close to power lines. It was suggested that weed removal is required and there was also a suggestion to start a community garden in the space.



Heritage was considered important and suggestions were made to move the monument to a more prominent position and include a replica of a typical 19th century coal cart.

Background

The Fairy Creek Corridor is a dynamic and diverse open space corridor that is valued by Council and the community. The site is located approximately 2km from the Central Business District, and is bordered with parks and reserves, in the suburbs of Gwynneville and West Wollongong. It covers an area of approximately 17.5 hectares, from Wisemans Park on the east, then west along the old Keira Mine tramway track, and then south west to the M1 near Mt Keira Road.

The study area is a unique strip of land and includes: a creek habitat; natural remnant forests including endangered ecological communities; many established trees; grassed open areas; a stormwater detention structure; sporting facilities; and a public playground. The site also has some historical significance with the Mount Keira Tramway, now known as Greenacres Road Reserve, located along a section of the study area.

Acknowledging the strong social and environmental value of the area, Neighbourhood Forum 5 (NF5) independently prepared a Concept Plan for the area, referred to as a 'Community Land Management Plan'. This was presented to Council for its consideration. Following this, Council resolved to acknowledge the work of NF5 and to support further investigation into developing a draft Landscape Master Plan for the area.

The purpose of preparing the Fairy Creek Master Plan is to provide a vehicle within which Council can undertake further site analysis work and engage with the community to elicit their ideas, comments and stories about the future improvement of the Fairy Creek corridor. This process will lead to a final Master Plan that will identify ways to protect and enhance the natural areas of the reserve; propose improved and safer pathways and connections for pedestrians and cyclists; and suggest ways of maintaining and complementing the park areas and sporting facilities within the reserve.

Stakeholders

Stakeholders identified prior to the commencement of the engagement period are detailed in Table 1:

Table 1

| Decision Makers | |
|---|---|
| Lord Mayor | Councillors |
| Internal Stakeholders | |
| Community Engagement teamExecutive Management team | Community, Cultural and Economic Development division |

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| Media team | Property & Recreation division |
|---|--|
| Customer Service team | Environmental Strategy and Planning division |
| xternal Stakeholders | |
| Community | Business |
| Local residents | Gwynneville Shops |
| Neighbourhood Forum 5 (NF5) | Endeavour Energy |
| Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council | Premier Illawarra Bus Service |
| Illawarra Historical Society | |
| Local Bushcare Groups | Government |
| The Disability Trust | Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) |
| Aboriginal Reference Group | NSW Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH) |
| St Brigid's Catholic School | |
| Gwynneville Public School | |
| West Wollongong Public School | |
| St Therese Catholic School | |
| Wiseman's Park Tennis Club | |
| Gilmore Park Tennis Club | |
| Wiseman's Park Bowling Club | |
| Keira Cricket Club | |
| University of Wollongong | |

Methodology

The following section outlines the various activities undertaken during the engagement period. The engagement strategy identified a number of different target audiences, leading to a variety of communication techniques being utilised during the engagement process, which are summarised in Table 2.

Table 2 – Summary of Communication and Engagement Methods

| Communication and engagement methods | Stakeholders |
|--|-------------------------|
| Information Pack (see Appendices 1 & 2) | Residents |
| Distributed to all Libraries and Customer Service | Schools |
| Distributed to Neighbourhood Forum 5 | Community Groups |
| Distributed to Lord Mayor and Councillors | |
| Distributed to adjacent residents via post | |
| Email | Schools |
| Information on the draft plan, and invitation to provide feedback via Have | Community groups |
| Your Say page. | |
| Wollongong Advertiser | One notice placed at |
| | beginning of engagement |
| | period. |
| Online Engagement | All stakeholders |
| All relevant documents were available via Council's engagement website. | |
| A feedback form was provided. | |

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| Onsite Kiosk An onsite kiosk was held to provide more information and the opportunity to ask questions. | All stakeholders |
|---|--|
| Targeted Face to Face Meetings Face to face meetings were held with the business owners | Business |
| Workshops A workshop was held with targeted participant | The Disability Trust Gwynneville Public students |

Participation Results

This section of the report provides details on the participation at engagement activities (Table 3), the on-line participation summary (Table 4) and the feedback received regarding the draft masterplan (see Table 5-13).

Engagement Activity Results

Details of the number of participants for each engagement activity are presented in Table 3.

Table 3: Engagement participation results

| Engagement activity | Participation |
|---|---------------|
| On-site Kiosk attendance numbers | 45 |
| Targeted Face to Face meetings | 2 |
| Workshop Gwynneville Public School | 24 |
| Workshop The Disability Trust | 12 |
| Submissions received during the engagement period | 44 |

Online Engagement Results

A total of three submissions were received online. Table 4 presents the usage statistics for the project page on Council's website.

Table 4: Summary of online participation

| Measure and Explanation | Usage |
|---|-------|
| Unique Site Visits – Total number of visits to the project page | 242 |
| Aware – Total number of users who viewed the project page | 181 |
| Informed – Total number of users who opened a hyperlink or read a document | 116 |
| Engaged – Total number of users who have actively contributed to the project via the project page | 2 |

Submission results

Community members were asked:

1. Do you support the proposal to develop the Fairy Creek Master Plan



2. Could you please take your time and share with us your ideas, comments and stories that we can include in the development of the Fairy Creek Corridor Master Plan.

Feedback came from 2 workshops 2 face to Face meetings and 44 submissions, which included online responses, emails, and feedback forms. The results are recorded in Table 5 - 13.

Feedback Results

The majority of respondents (35) were supportive of the proposal to develop the Fairy Creek Master Plan while five respondents did not support the proposal. The primary reason for non-support was the desire to maintain the natural state.

| Response | No. responses |
|----------------|---------------|
| Support | 36 |
| Do not support | 5 |

The following tables provide the responses to the question 'Could you please take your time and share with us your ideas, comments and stories that we can include in the development of the Fairy Creek Corridor Master Plan'. The responses have been themed.

THEME: Paths

The most prevalent comments related to the paths in the proposed masterplan. Wider paths were requested by eight respondents while ten suggestions were made for additional or changed path routes. A request was made to include shared path signage and ensure path terminal treatments conform to guidelines. Two requests to not formalise the path were received.

Table 5: Overview of comments regarding paths

| Theme | Comments | No. responses |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Wider paths | Need a wider footpath on Foleys Road near the bowling club | 8 |
| | The shared path should be 3m | |
| | Need to accommodate large groups | |
| Do not formalise footpaths | Pedestrians already use this area safely and walk there with their families and dogs because it is naturally beautiful. There is no need to change this. | 3 |
| | Strongly oppose the concept of shared tracksmany trees and much of the undergrowth will have to be removed | |
| | The Fairy Creek Corridor is a rare piece of 'untouched' public space that gains appeal and beauty precisely because it does not have a concrete path | |
| Signage | Include 'shared path' marking and advisory signage to promote cooperation between path users | 1 |
| Path terminal treatments | Path terminal treatments should conform to the guidelines | 1 |



| Additional Paths | Install a new footpath between the tennis courts and the Oval |
|------------------|--|
| | School, Gwynneville, St. Brigid's and West Wollongong should be connected by shared user path |
| | Shared path around Wisemans Park Oval to avoid conflict |
| | Pathway1.8m wide should be from Gilmore Street, just south of the tennis courts, to Philips Avenue and be 1.8m or better, not informal and not back to Gilmore Street. |
| | Need to include shareway extension from Greenacre Reserve via |
| | Gilmore and Fisher Streets to Crown Street/Mount Keira Road. |
| | Shareway from Beaton Park to lead to crossing to shops with path to school |
| | Path off shareway should be a short direct link to Acacia Avenue |
| | Crucial to link park and shareway south-west through private property and Electricity land to Gilmore Street/Park. |
| | Need to extend footpath on south side of Gipps Road. |
| | Path to link Greenacre Road Reserve to link Gilmore St, Acacia Ave and Vickery St |
| | Pathway around river |

Pathway around river
Shared paths in the Fairy Creek Plans should also connect the shops and widest range of other trip generators
Extend footpath shown on Greenacre Rd west to Gilmore St – prams, wheelchair, motor scooters

THEME: Playgrounds

A larger playground was suggested by four respondents while others suggested installation of a liberty swing (similar to Stuart Park), natural play areas and not using shade sails due to risk of vandalism. There were concerns over the proximity of the proposed playground to the cricket field (due to balls overhead) and trees (due to falling branches). Two queries were received regarding the proposed location, suggesting the current location is suitable.

| Theme | Comments | No. responses |
|--|--|------------------|
| Larger playground | Playground is a bit limited - perhaps a few other pieces of equipment | 5 |
| | Better playground | |
| | There needs to be more swings | |
| Concern for playground safety | Think about overhanging branches of old trees falling especially on windy days | 5 |
| | Some type of screen would be needed to stop cricket balls if playground is near oval | |
| | Place a little back from the road | |
| | Concerns about cricket balls and proximity to playground | |
| Suggestion for playground infrastructure | Install a liberty swing | 6 |
| | It would be nice if the new playground could accommodate natural play | |
| | Big slide | |
| | Do not use shade cloth due to vandalism | |
| | Accessible playground | |

Table 6: Overview of comments regarding playgrounds



| | Safety gate for playground There are often informal birthday gatherings. I would still want tables near the play equipment | |
|----------------|---|---|
| Query Location | Please don't relocate the children's playground at Wiseman Park Query moving playground away from Village Square, shops and proposed exercise station, and if moved because it can't be effectively | 2 |
| | fenced, shelter should adjoin, not across path, and toilets guaranteed to be open | |

THEME: Accessibility

Accessibility was raised by respondents including accessible paths to the playground, wheelchair accessible tables, accessible toilets and accessible parking.

Table 7: Overview of comments regarding accessibility

| Theme | Comments | No. responses |
|--------------------|--|------------------|
| Accessible paths | Wheelchair accessibility of paths and tables | 2 |
| and tables | I'm interested that the tables are genuinely wheelchair accessible due to the proximity of Parameadows | |
| Accessible toilets | Provide accessible toilets | 3 |
| | Put lights in toilets | |
| Accessible | Equally accessible car spaces | 2 |
| parking | Seal car park, clients are not stable on feet | |

THEME: Infrastructure

Requests for additional infrastructure were made, there included extra tables and picnic shelters (4), bubblers (3), bike racks/parking (2), toilets (4), gates in the current fence (6) and lighting (4).

Table 8: Overview of comments regarding Infrastructure

| Theme | Comments | No. responses |
|---|---|------------------|
| Install more picnic tables and shelters | A couple more picnic tables | 4 |
| | A wet weather outdoor venue so that small events like this could still go ahead without standing in the pouring rain | |
| Install bubblers | Bubblers 2 or 3 please | 3 |
| | Can we have more water fountains/bubblers – in particular, one at the playground | |
| Install bike racks and parking | Bicycle parking and bike racks need to be included at playgrounds and sporting fields | 2 |
| Storage for school | Would like sports storage if possible – they take 2 or 3 wheelie bins across each day with temporary goals etc. | 1 |
| Maintenance | Step to oval require upgrading | 1 |
| Toilets | Add public accessible toilets to amenity block | 4 |
| | Retain Gilmore park toilets | |
| | Need for a change table in the public toilet | |
| Additional gates in fence | More gates are required in the fence around the oval to allow access onto and across the ground. Gates at each end of the ground will also | 6 |



| | allow balls to be retrieved without risk of anyone injuring themselves climbing over the fence. | |
|----------|---|---|
| Lighting | Especially Vickery to Mercury. | 4 |
| | investigation of lighting for pedestrian routes through the corridor and | |
| | to discourage vandalism | |
| | Lighting along bike track/walkway as a safety issue after dark | |

THEME: Recreational Activities

There was support for the exercise equipment (7), however one question regarding need for the suggested quantity. There were four suggestions to establish an off leash area and six requests for activities for young people. Specific suggestions included a skate park, parkour course and a small zoo.

| Theme | Comments | No. responses |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Establish off leash areas | Greenacre Road reserve made available to dog walkers | 5 |
| | Could the Oval be made as an off-leash dog area between certain hours (e.g. 5am-8am) | |
| Support exercise | Big tick | 7 |
| equipment | Fitness stations would be an added bonus and benefit a significant number of people | |
| | Do we really need two exercise stations in this little park | |
| Activities for | Provide some facilities for younger people (e.g. a graffiti wall) | 6 |
| young people to do | Suggested something for older kids | |
| Include skate park | Can a skate park be included? | 3 |
| Additional sports activities | Soccer field, netball, better cross country track and court dirt bike track | 1 |
| Fly-line | Fly line over the water | 1 |
| Include parkour course | I believe we could work together in the development of this parkour fitness park | 3 |
| Zoo | Introduce a small zoo | 1 |

THEME: Natural Environment

The natural environment is valued by some respondents. Submissions spoke to the importance of native flora and fauna (13). Three respondents suggested that concrete paths would be detrimental to the natural environment. Tree safety was also raised (3), suggesting strong winds are blowing down branches and some trees are too close to power lines. It was suggested that weed removal required in the area and also a suggestion to start a community garden in the space.

Table 10: Overview of comments regarding natural environment

| Theme | Comments | No. responses |
|------------------|---|------------------|
| Trees are valued | There is a lot of wonderful native bush in the area | 13 |
| | The Plan should include tree planting on the northern side of Greenacre Road using species suited | |



| Strongly oppose the concept of sha the undergrowth will have to be ren | | |
|--|---|---|
| | he landscaped | |
| Western sections of the Park should | a be lalluscaped | |
| Confirm that tree protection and whole area. | succession planting extends to the | |
| It will disrupt native birds, flora, tre | es | |
| Tree Safety Tree safety is a major issue – avoid | using park in strong winds 3 | 3 |
| Street trees, more consideration of etc. | n right tree in right place, powerline | |
| Weeds removal requiredClearly issues such as weed and ve this important community and ecol | rmin control are required to protect 7 ogical asset | 7 |
| Clean up creek | | |
| The reserve is dense with weeds amount of work to remove such pla | /lantana and requires a significant Ints | |
| Community Have a small garden on site an maintaining | nd group would be interested in 1 | 1 |

THEME: Heritage

Heritage was considered important by eight respondents, appreciating the consideration the proposal made to heritage. Suggestions (2) were made to move the monument to a more prominent position and include a replica of a typical 19th century coal cart (1).

Table 11: Overview of comments regarding heritage

| Theme | Comments | No. responses |
|--------------------|--|------------------|
| Heritage is valued | Good to hear the historical features are to be maintained | 8 |
| | Mr Wiseman's monument deserves to be in a more prominent position, so that is welcome to place it closer to Gipps Street than its current location | |
| | Inclusion of a full size replica of a typical 19th century coal cart that would have been used on the Tramline | |

THEME: Vehicles

Parking issues were raised by respondents (4) and suggestions made regarding possible improvements such as angled parking and formalising parking. Concerns were raised by three respondents regarding ongoing issues with vehicles and trail bikes entering the area and causing damage. A bus shelter was also suggested.

Table 12: Overview of comments regarding vehicles

| Theme | Comments | No. responses |
|----------------|--|------------------|
| Parking issues | Angled parking on Gipps St, more parking needed | 4 |
| need to be | Formalise angle parking along Vickery St adjacent to Wisemans Park | |
| addressed | Need to review parking in Vickery and Gipps Road - angle parking? | |
| | Introduction of residential parking permits on Greenacre R | |
| Bus shelters | Install bus shelter at corner of park | 1 |



| Include | It would be good to prevent trail bikers as they endanger everyone else | 3 |
|--------------------|---|---|
| preventative | and they adversely impact the grass/shrubs | |
| measures for | | |
| vehicles and trail | | |
| bikes access | | |

GENERAL COMMENTS

A range of comments were provided which are outside of the scope of the project. Table 13 provides an overview of these comments.

| Table 13: Overview of comment | s outside of project scope |
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| Theme | Comments |
|----------|---|
| General | Signs for picking up dog poo |
| comments | Mulch around trees, |
| | Stainless steel hangi (traditional Maori cooking pit) in the ground (south?) behind |
| | the toilet block (Weerona Wombats) |
| | Footpath needed on Greenacre Road |
| | Duck and wire issue |
| | Encourage the investigation of including an east-west bike path in Future |
| | developments of this corridor. |
| | Vandalism on Vickery Street |
| | Issues with school drop off/pick up |
| | Requested new line marking |
| | Oval requires levelling |
| | Current fence is not suitable |
| | Rubbish dumped in creek |
| | Drainage at Wiseman water fountain is poor |
| | Pedestrian access to Gipps Street |
| | Pedestrian crossing traffic lights be installed at the Robsons Road and Reserve St |
| | intersection |
| | Condition of Greenacre road is very poor, requires upgrades now |
| | Put barrier up to stop people parking on the children's crossing on Berkeley Rd. |
| | Slow down the traffic along Acacia St. |
| | Lollypop lady for our school |
| | |



Appendix 1: FAQ



Frequently Asked Questions Fairy Creek Master Plan

What area does the Master Plan apply to? The site covered by the Master Plan is located approximately 2km from Wollongong's CBD, and is flanked by parks and reserves. The site covers an area of approximately 17.5 hectares, and extends from Wisemans Park on the east, then west along the former Keira Mine tramway track, and then south west to the F6 near Mt Keira Road as shown in Fig. 1: Locality Plan below.

Why is Council doing a Master Plan?

The purpose of preparing the Fairy Creek Master Plan is to provide a vehicle within which Council can undertake further site analysis work and engage with the community to elicit their ideas comments and stories about the future improvement of the Fairy Creek corridor. This process will lead to a final Master Plan that will identify ways to protect and enhance the natural areas of the reserve; propose improved and safer pathways and connections for pedestrians and coyclists; and suggest ways of maintaining and complementing the park areas and sporting facilities within the reserve.

What are some of the key features within the area of the Master Plan

The study area is a unique strip of land and includes: a creek habitat; natural remnant forests including endangered ecological communities; many magnificent trees; grassed open areas; a storm-water detention structure; sporting facilities; tennis courts; and a public playground. The site also has historical significance as the former Mount Keira Tramway was located along a section of the study area. The old sandstone fountain in Wiseman's Park is listed as a heritage item. For details of the existing attributes and constraints along the corridor, refer to the "Site Analysis Report".

What is the key outcome being sought from the Master Plan?

Funding has already been allocated for the replacement of the amenities building in Wiseman Park, together with a pathway connection from Greenacre Road and Acacia Avenue. The Plan will explore other opportunities to improve connectivity within the reserve for pedestrians and cyclists; identify sites for possible fitness stations and playgrounds; and recommend general improvements to the environment.

What is the community engagement process for Master Plan?

Council's engagement process seeks to involve the community in the design of the Fairy Creek Master Plan by inviting local stories that will inform the design process. A comprehensive community engagement process will be conducted between 30 April and 25 May 2018, and will include:

- À listing on Council's "Have Your Say" webpage.
 Information material including a Feedback Form
- placed at Council's Customer Service Centre and in the City Library.
- Postal notification of the proposal to residents adjacent the study area that will also include information material.
- Advertisements in the Advertiser.
- A Media Release and social media updates.

Will there be a Kiosk so that we can meet with Council officers to discuss the proposal?

Yes. An Information Kiosk will be held in Wiseman's Park on 12 May 2018 from 10.00am to 12.00pm. Council staff will also facilitate a walk along part of the corridor covered by the Master Plan – to register for the walk contact the Engagement Team on (02) 4227 7111.

Where can I get more information about the Master Plan?

Further information on this proposal can be obtained by contacting Council's Community Engagement Team at:

Phone: (02) 4227 7111 Fax: (02) 4227 7580 Email: engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au. Council Reference: Z18/68266

www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au







Fig. 1: Locality Plan

How can I have my say about the Master Plan? The easiest way to provide your feedback on the proposed Fairy Creek Master Plan is to complete a Council

- Feedback Form, which is available at:
- Council's website, <u>www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au</u>, Council's Customer Service Centre The City Library

www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au



Appendix 2: Feedback Form



Community Feedback Form Wollongong City Council is inviting you to Have Your Say on this proposal. Please read the Frequently Asked Questions sheet and Privacy Notification before making your submission. All feedback must be received by 5pm on Friday 25 May 2018.

Preamble

The purpose of preparing the Fairy Creek Master Plan is to provide a framework within which Council can protect and enhance the natural areas of the site; provide improved and safer pathways for pedestrians and cyclists; and maintain and enhance the park areas and sporting facilities within the reserve. The engagement process seeks to involve the community in the analysis and design of the Master Plan, and invite residents to share local stories that will inform the design process.

Do you support the proposal to develop the Fairy Creek Master Plan?

□ Yes □ No □ Unsure

Could you please take your time and share with us your ideas, comments and stories that we can include in the development of the Fairy Creek Corridor Master Plan.

Please return completed form to: Wollongong City Council Community Engagement Unit Locked Bag 8821 Wollongong NSW 2500 Telephone: 02 4227 7111 Facsimile: 02 4227 7580 Email: <u>engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au</u>

www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au

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If there is insufficient room for your comments, please attach any additional sheets to this feedback form.

PLEASE TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF

Question 1: In which suburb do you live? _

Question 2: Your age (please tick category)

| 18 years | I 19-25 years | 26-35 years | a 36-45 years | a 46-55 years | 56-65 years |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| a 66-75 years | 76+ years | | | | |

If you would like a reply to your submission and to be kept informed of progress, please fill in the section below:

Privacy Notification:

The purpose for seeking your submission on advertised matters is to better assist Council in its decision making processes. The intended recipients of your submission are officers within Council and those granted lawful access to the information. Your submission may be exhibited on Council's website and included in publicity accessible registers. If you make an anonymous submission, Council will be unable to contact you further. If your submission relates to a development proposal or other relevant planning application. Council is required to disclose on its website all relevant details of political donations or gifts made by you, including your name and address, in limited circumstances, you may apply for suppression of your personal information from a publicly accessible register. Further information is available on Council's website at <u>www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/pages/privacy.asov</u> or by phoning Council on (02) 4227 7111

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