

ASH WEDNESDAY PARK MASTER PLAN

Summary of submissions received on DRAFT during public exhibition period 4 November to 30 November 2019

NO.	SUBMISSION COMMENTS SUMMARY	KEY ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION	RESPONSE / ACTION
1	Not happy that the toilet is of low priority, and feels that a toilet should be included in stage one to meet DDA requirements, existing Macedon public toilets are an eyesore, and Council should be providing facilities onsite rather than expecting people to walk up the hill to the public toilets.	1. Suggest new toilet for Ash Wednesday Park should be a priority.	1. The provision of a toilet at Ash Wednesday Park has been allowed for. Implementation priorities were developed through a consultation process. Against the short and medium term priorities determined no change is proposed to the provision of a toilet as a long term priority given the nearby Smith Street public toilets.
2	Support for upgrades to picnic area, playground (incl. flying fox), bike repair, public toilet, directional signage, connecting paths. Request for picnic area upgrade to be shorter term priority.	1. Suggest upgrade of picnic area should be a short term priority as current infrastructure is in bad state of repair. 2. Support for other actions including flying fox, nature play, bicycle repair station and footpaths.	1. Any current infrastructure that is in a poor state would be repaired or replaced in the short term as part of normal Council practices. The master plan will guide the type of replacement. 2. Support noted.
3	Advised that a number of the recommendations within the draft masterplan need to be completed in consultation and to the satisfaction of Melbourne Water.	1. Advised that any works occurring in the vicinity of the creek will need to be completed in consultation and to the satisfaction of Melbourne Water.	1. The involvement of Melbourne Water as well as Council's Environment officers or any other authority is acknowledged as part of the implementation of any proposed works in the vicinity of the creek. A note has been added to the Implementation Plan.
4	Concerns raised about multiple aspects of the draft AWP master plan. Does not want to see the park over developed and raised concerns regarding weeds, size of the park does not support the amount of development, nature of the park would be lost. Concerned about several aspects of the draft master plan, including presentation of the draft implementation plan, implementation priorities and the proposed draft planting schedule.	1. Make clear on the plan the delineation between Ash Wednesday Park and Jubilee Hall as well as the area size of the park itself. 2. Weed infestation problem must be addressed. 3. Supports upgrade of existing infrastructure however does not agree with adding so much more as feels this will see the park over developed, in particular not supportive of multi-purpose stage, flying fox, bicycle repair station, extending the shelter, installing a toilet block. 4. Concerns raised around the plants on the proposed planting schedule. 5. Maps and schedules are not clear making them hard to read.	1. The size of the park has been deleted from the master plan as the plan should, as best practice, take a holistic view of the public open space in this area that is managed by Council. As a result the master plan considers both the actual parcel of land Ash Wednesday Park sits on and the public open space towards Jubilee Hall. It is proposed simply to revegetate the latter and link the two community facilities. 2. Weed management is a short term priority in the master plan (1.08), has been included in some of the revegetation actions and will also be referred to Council's Environment unit from an operational perspective. 3. The master plan does not propose a substantial expansion of the built infrastructure in the park (i.e. shelter and playground) but rather the enhancement of such. The various items of infrastructure proposed in this enhancement have received support from both the consultation process and in other submissions. No change to the master plan has been made. 4. The planting schedule has been revised and is now a guide. 5. The maps and schedules have been made clearer and it is difficult to enlarge in A4 format. The master plan can also be reproduced in A3 format or enlarged as an electronic document.

5	Concerns raised about multiple aspects of the draft AWP master plan. Does not want to see the park over developed and raised concerns regarding weeds, size of the park does not support the amount of development, nature of the park would be lost. Concerned about several aspects of the draft master plan, including presentation of the draft implementation plan, implementation priorities and the proposed draft planting schedule.	<p>1. Weed infestation problem must be addressed.</p> <p>2. Park should retain its natural bush setting and not be over developed.</p> <p>3. Park is a memorial to those that lost their life in the Ash Wednesday bushfires and should be a place for the community to enjoy the natural environment.</p> <p>4. Maps and schedules are not clear making them hard to read.</p> <p>5. Concerns raised around the plants on the proposed planting schedule.</p>	<p>1. Weed management is a short term priority in the master plan (1.08), has been added to some of the other items and will also be referred to Council's Environment unit from an operational perspective.</p> <p>2. The master plan does not propose a substantial expansion of the built infrastructure in the park (i.e.. shelter and playground) but rather the enhancement of such. The various items of infrastructure proposed in this enhancement have received support from both the consultation process and in other submissions. No change to the master plan has been made.</p> <p>3. The plan proposes to provide further memorial information at the park and encourages the community to be involved and lead the development of this signage.</p> <p>4. The maps and schedules have been made clearer and it is difficult to enlarge in A4 format. The master plan can also be reproduced in A3 format or enlarged as an electronic document.</p> <p>5. The planting schedule has been revised.</p>
6	Requested amendments to the plan in regards car parking upgrade and relocation of the multipurpose platform. Expressed to have the bulk of the works completed by the 40th Anniversary of the Ash Wednesday bushfires.	<p>1. Request the car park upgrade be included in the staged implementation plan.</p> <p>2. Concerned the current proposed location of the multipurpose stage will be too close to gas and power services.</p> <p>3. Request that the bulk of the master plan works are completed before the 40th Anniversary of the Ash Wednesday bushfires.</p>	<p>1. Car park upgrade has been included in the implementation schedule.</p> <p>2. Have included in the master plan the need for consideration of service locations to determine the final location of the multi-purpose stage, to occur during detailed design when development of stage is funded.</p> <p>3. Request is noted, Council funding will be subject to Council's budget process.</p>

7	<p>Concerns raised about multiple aspects of the draft AWP master plan. Does not want to see the park over developed, would like to keep it small and keep it local. Suggested some of the proposed infrastructure would be better placed at Tony Clarke Reserve.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make clear on the plan the delineation between Ash Wednesday Park and Jubilee Hall as well as the area size of the park itself. 2. Park is a memorial to those that lost their life in the Ash Wednesday bushfires and should be a place for quite contemplation. 3. Support the upgrade of the existing infrastructure such as playground equipment, picnic area and shelter, however does not support the installation of additional items such as flying fox, multipurpose stage, bicycle repair station, bush tucker planting, open lawn area, or toilet block. 4. No rubbish bins, people should take their rubbish home with them. 5. Weed infestation problem should be addressed 6. Maps and schedules are not clear making them hard to read. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The size of the park has been deleted from the master plan as the plan should, as best practice, take a holistic view of the public open space in this area that is managed by Council. As a result the master plan considers both the actual parcel of land Ash Wednesday Park sits on and the public open space towards Jubilee Hall. It is proposed simply to revegetate the latter and link the two community facilities. 2. The plan proposes to provide further memorial information at the park and encourages the community to be involved and lead the development of this information signage. 3. Support for upgrade of existing infrastructure noted. The master plan does not propose a substantial expansion of the built infrastructure in the park (i.e. shelter and playground) but rather the enhancement of such. The various items of infrastructure proposed in this enhancement have received support from both the consultation process and in other submissions. No change to the master plan has been made. 4. Due to the location of the park and presence of a barbecue, no change to the provision of rubbish bins is proposed. 5. Weed management is a short term priority in the master plan (1.08), has been included in some of the other items and will also be referred to Council's Environment unit from an operational perspective. 6. The maps and schedules have been made clearer and it is difficult to enlarge in A4 format. The master plan can also be reproduced in A3 format or enlarged as an electronic document.
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