



Marino Residents Association

Incorporating Kingston Park

Helping to build a better Community

2011-17 Summary feedback – Kingston Park Masterplan

The Association has reviewed the relationship between the coastal path master plan and the proposed construction details for the path and reported some concerns to HFB Council including the future of the Kiosk.

We are also aware that the City of Holdfast Bay is due to undertake detailed design of the rest of the reserve, although it is currently unfunded. We will seek to review these details, in particular how it deals with car parking, the treatment of the Tjilbruke Spring and the permanent kiosk/café. HFB have agreed to share the details with us.

These 2 matters are included in the **Draft Business Plan 2017-18** was out for consultation (closed 12-05). We made a submission regarding this and took the opportunity to present to a general Council meeting on 9th of May.

Headlines:

- Coastal path construction details don't follow the signed off master plan in several significant areas
- The proposed design work on the next phase of the reserve master plan, costing \$90K don't follow councils own recommendations in the final report and focus on the wrong elements.

The matter was well received by the elected members and we are already in discussions with council administration on reviewing both matters in detail and have had some encouraging support on the Coast Path issues. We remain optimistic about achieving some positive outcomes.

The master plan development is being taken up by the Ward Councillors who are seeking to clarify the post consultation process for future reference and learning; as well as seeking a review of the master plan staging and to ensure the next area of focus and investment is more in alignment with community expectations and the outcomes of the consultation in 2015.

1. Coast Park Path The first issue is the most critical as the works are committed and due to commence in June 2017. We are seeking to influence some of the construction details to ensure it aligns better with the design intent of the endorsed Master plan.

Key Issues are:

- The proposed path is now very straight compared to the meandering path in the Master Plan – *designed to break up the impact and reducing speeds on this shared path*
- The timber deck nodes are now much smaller and do not integrate into the path - *designed to break up the linear nature of the path and reducing impact on the delicate dunes*
- Treatment of the tjilbruke spring area – there appears to be no long term plan for this significant area. This appears to be at odds with the recent Kurna elder's recent statement in the press including the bridge over the spring.
- No steps from the playground to the beach – *a real safety issue*
- Poor strategic location for the amenities eg new toilets – should be at the Boat ramp car park to the north

What we have asked Council to do:

1. That the design intent signed off in the master plan be adhered to and
2. Any significant variations be open to review and endorsement by elected members and the public.

2 Reserve Master Plan The second issue is only in the design phase, but never the less presents an opportunity to engage with council and influence the final outcome. There are some glaring anomalies in the documentation and endorsement process. There are several aspects of the master plan that were considered over development during consultation. What is needed is a more thoughtful proposal for the special context.

Key Issues are:

- Very few of the recommendations from the Councils [own report](#) on the Draft master plan consultation process appear to have been adopted or incorporated into the published endorsed Master Plan?
- Stage 4 & 6 in the BP are different from those in the draft master plan and no evidence exists as to what the overall revised staging is.
- Car parking provision was a significant issue during the consultation process and is not mentioned in the BP other than a minor upgrade to the Burnham Road car parks, which didn't feature in the draft masterplan?
- No mention of the appropriate treatment of the tjilbruke spring area and heritage, despite it being of State-wide significance

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- The provision of a “regional” nature play ground was considered an over intensive use of the area at the time of the Master plan review by public and council staff alike. It is an inappropriate location as it uses up idyllic flexible beach side space, is next to and in one of the best nature play areas around- *the beach* and *Kingston Park*. So why do we need invest in designing and implementing something that already exists. It will also be under supplied with car parks for a regional facility.

What we have asked Council to do:

1. That council provide full details on the master plan endorsement process to fill in the apparent gaps in translation between the Council report and the published master plan.
2. The council reconsider the focus of the next phase of detailed design to better align with the special context, Community needs and Councils Tourism strategy; to cover:
 - the provision of a high quality Kiosk/Restaurant/Interpretive area,
 - the appropriate tjilbruke spring area restoration
 - address the car parking provisions by conducting a traffic study and developing a clear strategy
 - a more modest nature play facility or retain the existing recently relocated play area

This will be the subject of a public Forum in 2018, facilitated by the MRA