



Marino Residents Association

Incorporating Kingston Park

Helping to build a better Community

HFB Draft Open Space and Public Realm Strategy- feedback MRA committee

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The Committee have read the Draft strategy, filled out the online form. The following is elaboration on the feedback in the similar format:

1. After reading the Draft Open Space and Public Realm Strategy, how strongly do you agree, it achieves the following purposes?

- **Reinforces a vision for the City's open spaces that balances the needs of the community and the environment, while accommodating the functional requirements of residents and visitors.** *It does achieve a reasonable balance but there is no reference to the marine environment, foreshore/dunes and no reference to Climate change.*
- **Provides a holistic and encompassing definition of open space that reflects the wide range of community uses and needs.** *Yes it does illustrate these aspects well*
- **Develops a clear hierarchy of the City's open spaces and the functions they serve.**– *Yes it does illustrate these aspects well*
- **Defines a consistent and recognisable aesthetic that is reflected in functional, attractive and sustainable open spaces -** *Do not see any evidence of that, particularly as the "public realm guidelines is not with the draft strategy ...so it is hard to comment? Whilst some consistency of branding and the repetition of certain elements is good for a sense of our City. It is however important to recognise the local character of any given area eg urban treatments may be appropriate for Glenelg shouldn't apply to Kingston Park reserve for instance.*

The survey as configured assumed that each person was able to read both the 2012 and 2018 reports and evaluate the details. We didn't attend the information sessions, but wonder if the participation would be high as the details and evaluation process is complex to give meaningful responses.

Identifying Gaps

After reading the Draft Open Space Strategy, do you believe we have identified the concerns

- **More shade and sheltered seating, drinking fountains and taps for people and pets** - *not sure if this has been fully addressed, there are more of some things, the shade trees are still in process and more required*
- **More kiosks and cafes** – *no not in 5049*
- **Additional or upgraded toilets, improved paths and walkways** *yes*
- **Management of shared activities in open space, including: commercial activities** *No -Don't believe this has been addressed properly (see later)*
- **The provision of appropriate facilities for dogs and management of shared spaces with dogs** *Not sure how successful this has been (see later)*
- **The management of cyclists and use of shared pathways** *Yes but see later*
- **Access requirements for mobility impaired people** *Not sure what Council has done in this regard*
- **The impact of large crowds e.g. litter** *Important issue see later*

Do you think there are any other gaps or priorities that have not been identified that need to be addressed within this strategy?

The items listed above were identified as gaps in recent community engagement 2012. The question is whether or not this new open space strategy addresses these things. This is hard to evaluate without a more forensic review of the 2 strategies?

Gaps:

- **Management of shared activities in open space, including: commercial activities** we didn't see any mention in the strategy as to how this will be managed. This also includes things like fitness groups using public parks this is something we favour as it encourages people to be active outdoors, as long as they don't impact too much on other users and bring energy to public parks. There is still concern regarding the commercial appropriation of open spaces in particular the strategy for beach bars in Glenelg and beyond. Whilst scoring highly for some in terms of activation. It is challenging the concept of beach for all and dry zones? Need a clear review and policy development on this aspect.

- **The provision of appropriate facilities for dogs and management of shared spaces with dogs** Not everyone is a fan of the segregation of any part of our community open space and it seems to abdicate responsibility of dog owners to manage their pets through more compulsory education and training of dogs and owners as part of the licensing system, rather than using up common open space to provide restricted access areas at great cost for limited benefit for all? Also no mention of Cats!!!
- **The management of cyclists and use of shared pathways** There is mention in the strategy of establishing more active transport options, but doesn't provide the detail on how. Anything that gets more people walking, riding and using public transport is a positive (moving away from cars). The number of shared paths is improving, but again there needs to be good behaviour on all path users to cooperate (why don't road bikes have bells?). Also the Jetty Road tram lines at Glenelg still pose a hazard for this share use area?
- **The impact of large crowds e.g. litter** This doesn't seem to be addressed in the strategy. Litter management along our foreshore is very important to ensure it doesn't end up in our oceans. Providing the public education and the ability to recycle when out is important.
- **Action 3.1 Gullies Masterplan** is referenced in relation to Seacliff and Kingston Park (Not currently available on the website) No detail is provided on what this will entail or reference to pathway upgrades through Pine Gully in particular.
- **Action 3.2 Naturalise and green corridors** – only seems to ref Patawaalonga embankments. Will other green corridors be established / enhanced?
- **Action 3.3 Develop an approach for the retention and management of remnant sand dunes at Minda.** Construction of the coastal path through these dunes will have a huge impact on this special site. Surely a management plan is needed for this site prior to construction commencing.
- **There is clear reference to the coast being a key part of the open space and opportunities exist for greater integration.** However there doesn't appear to be anywhere in the report that talks about the strategy for maintaining and improving our coastal environment (including the sea, beaches and sand dunes). It should address sand management on our beaches, revegetation and weed management in our dunes, water quality (stormwater management including things like gross pollutant traps), coastal rubbish and litter. Nor does it mention the sea itself regarding pollution and maintenance. The report should probably include more in relation to climate change (referenced in the opening statement on Page 9). In particular how our open spaces can help to minimise impacts of climate change (cooling our city, trees to offset carbon emissions, encouraging walking / cycling / public transport), how vulnerable they are to the affects of a changing climate (especially our coast), and how they can help our community live in a changing climate going forward (creating more resilient communities). The plan should refer to the Resilient South Regional Adaptation Plan or CoHB Resilient South Local Action Plan in some way. While some reference is given to improving vegetation to minimise the urban heat island affect, it could be improved upon. Especially the importance of increasing and improving tree cover in certain 'hot' areas within Holdfast (those that are most built up) that have been mapped and identified through the Resilient South project.
- **Strategy 4 – 4.1 better entrances to our city-** where are those entrances and nodes?

- **Objective 5A** – look forward to seeing the framework for the strategies in 5.2 ref public private partnerships?
- **Objective 5C:& 5D** - whilst these objectives are appropriate at times, they clearly need to be associated with a well researched proposal with adequate consultation to ensure that consolidation does not mean some parts of the city miss out and that open space is not commercialised as a short term revenue source without full consideration of the future needs and growth. As we all know it is very hard to get it back once it is gone!!
- It is of note in the opening message from the CEO the Iconic spaces referred to failed to mention the significant and unique “ jewel in the crown” Kingston Park reserve and the Tjilbruke spring, and whilst we are talking icons no real mention of Kingston House?
- **Kauri Sports facilities in Seacliff** – where is the community? No specific commitment to delivering the playground removed as part of the redevelopment
- **Under Community Consultation the report** lists 2017 Kingston Park Foreshore Masterplan? To our knowledge that did not happen?
- **Demographic information** interesting, but makes no reference to profile of the increases although more families identified?
- **Refers to Brighton Road improvements and Masterplan** – would like to see the details on that including the proposals for better E_W linkages referred to.
- **The report refers to 3 hubs of activity in the city** but doesn't define them?
- **The access across the Seaford Railine** is mentioned, no specific mention of Pine Ave crossing?
- **Lists opportunities as “apply innovative approaches to the provision of public open space** (e.g. roof top gardens, re-purposed car parks, verge community food gardens). This sounds great. Where is it addressed or included in the strategy? What actions going forward?
- **The Public Realm Style Guide** – not sighted yet should include a requirement to use recycled materials to support a circular economy.

Happy to discuss if unclear.