

Please be advised that the below notes are the views of community forum participants. The notes are a summary of the main discussion points raised by community participants in the issues-based and location based community workshops.

**21 June 2010**

## **Young Peoples' Forum**

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### **Features of Our Ideal Open Space**

#### **COMMUNITY**

- > Community feel
- > Places to go to meet friends and family
- > Catch up with people
- > Spaces to meet
- > Welcoming

#### **ACCESSIBLE**

- > Universal Access
  - Youth
  - Families
  - Aged
  - Sensory
  - For people with disabilities
  - User friendly
  - Open to everyone
- > Close to residents
  - Close to where we live
  - Paths and trails providing a transport route

#### **FACILITIES / ATTRIBUTES**

- > Variety
- > Bike tracks
- > For dogs and dog walkers
- > Children's playground
- > Facilities

- > Golf clubs
- > Running
- > Exercising
- > Skate parks
- > Walking
- > Ovals
- > Smaller park areas
- > Utilities – bins, toilets etc
- > Community gardens

#### FEELINGS / SENSATIONS

- > Dreaming
- > Relax
- > Space
- > Lots of it
- > Freedom
- > Safe
- > Wellbeing
- > Relaxation
- > Beautiful
- > Pleasant

#### ACCESSIBLE

#### ENVIRONMENT

- > Wildlife
- > Parks / nature
- > Trees
- > Ambience / atmosphere
- > Respect of the environment

### **Our Perception of Bayside Open Space**

#### ENVIRONMENT

- > Interpretation
- > More information about local flora & fauna
- > Climate change & drought
- > Water Sensitive Urban Design

- > Native plants and animals naturally drought resistant
- > More ground covers, whole eco – system
- > Plant tree days / develop Friends Groups / Open Days
- > How to we market open space to young people? – short description of the contributions that we need from people – simple definition – simple concepts – identify what makes this project interesting

#### SAFETY (important)

- > Getting there – busy roads pedestrian crossings
- > When you are there – lighting, surveillance, bushes

#### ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE (important)

- > Surveys, intercepts, why people are not using open space
- > Strengthen links with schools, community service & programs
- > Go where young people are to get their ideas (include primary schools, secondary schools)
- > Facebook event / establish group
- > Competitions / compete for a prize
- > YAG
- > Advertise through schools – allow for long lead times, find the right person
- > Disability Advisory support groups
- > BBQ's / free lunch
- > Photographic competition

#### IDENTITY (important)

- > Interpretation of local art, ideas, improvements, ie. Mosaic path – link with schools
- > Connect youth art installations
- > Support involvement, ownership, encourage use through stronger links with schools
- > Recognise history – English as a second language – recognise cultural diversity
- > Important to young people that Council work with students to design fittings, fixtures etc

#### ACCESSIBILITY (important)

- > Surfaces
- > Pathways / different users and different abilities
- > Consideration of facilities and equipment relative to life cycle and ability

## Overall, how we rank Open Space in Bayside

2 out of 5

### Questions / Issues for Follow Up

- > What is it all about – simple terms and definitions. Some key words:
  - Environment
  - Parks
  - Beaches
  - Sports
  - Facilities
- > How can people get involved – what do we need from them
  - Use facebook site – create a group to help engage young people
- > Contact maternal child health groups and playgroups
- > Left hand side links on the website are flashing on Mozilla firefox
- > Refer to the Association for Children with Disabilities

22 June 2010

## Brighton / Brighton East

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### Features of Our Ideal Open Space

#### QUALITY

- > Interesting
- > Safety
- > Well maintained
- > Security for all
- > All inclusive
- > Fully maintained
  - Retained golf course / increasing space / secure
- > People friendly
- > Wellbeing

#### COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

- > Balance needs
- > Flexible systems
- > Identify stakeholders and adjust to changing needs over time

#### PRESERVATION / OPEN SPACE

- > Avoid commercialisation
- > Passive
- > More of it
- > Open space
- > Passive recreation
- > Do not change what is
- > Open
- > Make sure we don't lose any of it
- > Minimal buildings
- > Its open

#### DOGS

- > Off leash areas for dogs
- > Provides a way to socialise and meet new dog owners

- > Being able to swim dogs along the beach for health and therap
- > Dog freedom
- > Dogs dislike re-education
- > Socialise to meet other dog owners
- > Being able to swim dogs in the beach

#### PRESERVE NATURE

- > Nature
- > Green
- > Aesthetically pleasing and relaxing
- > Natural
- > Protected

### **Overall, How we Rank Open Space in Bayside**

2 to 3 out of 5

### **How we can Improve Open Space in Bayside**

#### BALANCED USE OF OPEN SPACE ASSETS AND SPACES

- > How does multiple use spaces work?
- > Doesn't need to be so adversarial
- > Who really are the stakeholders?
- > Need to be flexible for the future
- > How do we share?

#### NO LOSS OF OPEN SPACE

- > Very strong message

#### ENVIRONMENT

- > Concern about competing issues eg. Lighting tree at Dendy Park and the concern on the wildlife
- > Light pollution
- > Climate change

#### CONCERNS ABOUT COMMERCIALISATION OF OPEN SPACE

- > Not a repeat of the Bowls Club at Dendy Park (trees not planted as required, visual amenity)
- > Specific concern about Elsternwick Park Golf Course proposal

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- > Permit – secondary consents should be advertised
- > Need for follow through
- > More transparency in the decision making process. Even if it is not what everyone wants, but provide reasons and opportunity to be involved / have a say
- > Identify a consistent process for how Council will communicate changes for open space
- > Email alerts for specific topics

#### FORESHORE

- > Beach high quality / space – high usage

#### COUNCIL

- > Concerns about management and maintenance by contractor
- > In house delivery was more responsive. Maintenance should be delivered in house
- > Council administration

#### COMMON SPACE

- > Place where people meet – same interests
- > “it is the equity of the community”
- > Community ownership of open space

#### **Questions / Issues for Follow Up**

- > Specifically – just what is the perceived perception of open space? Building density / height / road capacity / grid lock inadequate parking
- > On site parking mandatory planning consideration for site consolidation
- > Given City of Brighton did have protocols, today seemingly Bayside’s Planning leave much to be desired. Albeit VCAT appeals a stamp for the government of the day.
- > Lack of information seems to mask community issues

23 June 2010

## Black Rock / Beaumaris

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### Features of Our Ideal Open Space

#### THE ROLE OF COUNCIL > PLANNED & LEADERSHIP

- > The Village Green plan for Beaumaris Reserve needs to be retained
- > Equity in open space – organised sports block out other passive uses of the areas
- > At least 2/3rds of cash collected from developers (5% of open space contribution) to spent on purchasing land
- > Clear limits on encroachment
- > No unadvised development from Council
- > Continual and consistent consultation with the community

#### FACILITIES & AMENITY

- > Asset renewal
- > Renovation or old structures equals enlargement which further encroaches upon open space
- > Less use of open space areas of organised sport to ensure that the grass and shrubs stay health
- > Facilities need to be maintained
- > Stop cluttering up existing open space with sculptures and signs
- > No synthetic surfaces for multiple use areas
- > Too much commercial signage / sponsorship

#### ENVIRONMENT

- > Enjoyment of the natural environment
- > Uncluttered
- > Less signage
- > Indigenous plantings
- > Absence of vermin
- > Healthy parks equal healthy people
- > Limited lighting
- > Destruction of existing vegetation – replaced by concrete paths, etc
- > Balanced between urban, built and natural environment
- > Less use of open space improves our ecological footprint
- > Air space polluted by poles for light and mobile phones

- > Sports played under lights means more power use

#### FORESHORE

- > Care of the foreshore area
- > Enjoyment of the seascape and seaside

#### NO LOSS / NET GAIN

- > Purchase of cheap / green wedge land and convert this to sporting facilities
- > Loss of public / community reserves converted to sports grounds
- > No further reduction of open space
- > Retention of the open space that we have – no more encroachment by Council
- > Council to stop using / consuming office space ie. Royal Avenue Offices
- > Loss of private space on house blocks
- > Net increase in open space – proportionate to the increase in Bayside's population
- > Maintain current open spaces without the addition of buildings
- > Ensure the local culture is maintained

#### SUPPORTING COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

- > Physical activity
- > Social get togethers
- > Outdoor recreation activity for people of all ages
- > Facilities for sport need to be properly maintained and managed
- > Meaningful support of recreational clubs both on private and on Council land
- > The population is ageing therefore we need more space for passive recreation
- > Continual development of parks with equipment for young people
- > Restrict dual use by organised sports

### **Overall, How we Rank Bayside Open Space**

1 - 2 out of 5

### **How we can Improve Open Space in Bayside**

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- > Establish Reserve Reference Groups / Review Panels to provide feedback about proposals at each respective reserve. Will provide a forum to appreciate different points of view.
- > Provides a platform for Council to listen, act and follow through

- > Messages need to get to decision makers

#### SPORT

- > Groups can work together
- > Sport is the glue that holds the community together
- > Provides an important link to improved health through physical activity
- > Administration and maintenance of club rooms
- > Need to represent their membership

#### COMMERCIAL AREAS

- > Provide a public realm and play a role for local people to meet
- > Need to protect these areas for commercial activity

#### POLICY

- > Ensure zoned for public use and ownership to provide clarity
- > Visionary approach
- > Identify and secure reserves for public purposes

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

- > Reduction of clutter in the public realm
- > Some limits on equipment / facilities (tables, chairs, signs)
- > Needs to keep up with population growth
- > Purchase more land for open space
- > In line with population growth

#### MORE OPEN SPACE

- > Green wedges in Dingley?

#### FORESHORE

- > Striking the right balance between Access / Use and Protection / Restricted Access
- > Some areas inaccessible – balance in urban area. Have the discussion about what is the appropriate outcome.

#### COMMERCIALISATION

- > No more commercialisation of open space, such as sponsorship signs and advertising

### **Questions / Issues for Follow Up**

- > What will happen with the open space strategy from here?
  - How will Council keep up the momentum
  - What will happen with the results of the consultation activities
- > Concerns expressed from the group about the Sandringham Golf Club – what is the future?
- > The group wanted Council feedback to specific issues raised at this forum

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## Older Adults

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### Features of Our Ideal Open Space

#### PLACE TO PLAY

- > For all people for a diverse range of interests
- > Link to physical activity and physical health
- > Value the role and benefit of sport in our community
- > Implications to natural resource consumption, such as water
- > Requires a acceptable level of maintenance

#### ENVIRONMENT

- > Open space as a sanctuary Better, more strategic use of developer contributions to open space
- > Consider wider street set backs as a way to minimise the feeling of encroachment
- > Firm commitment to preserve and look after what we have; particularly natural areas
- > Minimise the impact of adjoining private development on public open space (eg. 220 Bay Road)

#### FORESHORE

- > Protected
- > Not degraded
- > balanced

#### SPACE

- > Natural bushland / remnant vegetation
- > Habitat
- > Developed space / parks & sports grounds
- > The impact of fencing

#### DIVERSITY OF INTEREST

- > Need to work towards it not being adversarial
- > Balance
- > Including schools
- > Diversity of space / settings

## **Our Perception of Bayside Open Space**

### **NET INCREASE IN OPEN SPACE**

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### **IMPROVEMENT OF CYCLING & WALKING PATHS**

- > Is the foreshore path a shared trail? The impact of speed cyclists is significant and would restrict pedestrian access.
- > Improve pedestrian opportunity along the foreshore.
- > Greater consideration of crossings throughout Bayside, such as to the beach, clearly marked and pedestrian friendly
- > Speed bumps to slow down cyclists and vehicles in some areas, such as Hampton

### **IMPROVED USE OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

- > More rubbish bins
- > Greater / more efficient use of community infrastructure, including school infrastructure
- > Challenge to find the right balance between lighting for security and sports use and its impact to local environment
- >

## **Overall, How we Rank Open Space in Bayside**

3 – 4 out of 5

## **Questions / Issues for Follow Up**

None raised

**24 June 2010**

## **Sandringham / Hampton / Highett**

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### **Features of Our Ideal Open Space**

#### UNDERSTANDING OF THE ASSET

- > Understand who use what resource

#### RESOURCING

- > Appropriate budgets

#### AMENITY

- > Amenity
- > Well placed sufficient and well maintained services such as bins, dog bags etc

#### SAFETY

- > Real and perceived

#### MULTI USE

- > School exclusive use
- > Sporting club exclusive use
- > Small and big parks
- > Dogs – unleashed and leashed areas
- > Dual use facilities and settings – shared trails
- > Changing and emerging areas of community demand

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### HEALTHY LIVING

- > Real and perceived
- > Places for children to play
- > Enjoyment
- > Community gardens

#### SUSTAINABILITY

- > Conservation

- > Good use of limited resources
- > Unique foreshore attributes
- > Environmental values
- > Wild vs manicured
- > Vegetation protection

### **Overall, How we Rank Bayside Open Space**

- > Three out of five

### **How we can Improve Open Space in Bayside**

#### HOLISTIC APPROACH

##### COMMUNITY GARDENS

- > Mutual interest
- > All ages
- > Good interest
- > Option for the future
- > Improve community engagement and interaction
- > How can the community get involved / get connected

##### MORE OPEN SPACE

- > Need to include requirement in the planning scheme / developer contributions
- > Impact from housing density
- > Utilise what we have better
- > Acquire more land for open space

##### COUNCIL

- > Capture opportunities and to be flexible
- > Speed of decision making – should be faster
- > How should it be resourced
- > Policing of policies
- > Refocus?
- > Not always the decision maker but can advocate and communicate
- > Be upfront / be informed
- > Needs to be strong and decisive – may not please everyone

#### GREEN SPACES

- > Strategic planting
- > Maintenance
- > Linear green spaces / part of an open space system

#### ENGAGEMENT

- > Very important
- > Sporting clubs part of community
- > Dog walkers an example of informal groups

#### NO LOSS OF OPEN SPACE

- > Cant loose what we have – very valuable

#### FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE

- > Streetscapes play an important role
- > Increase maintenance
- > Design inclusiveness

#### FORESHORE

- > Balance between activity and conservation
- > Good opportunity for exer – sites along the foreshore
- > Opportunity for interaction and activity cafes

#### FUTURE NEEDS

- > People and dogs / health benefits
- > Dogs off leash – not in every area

#### CONNECTIONS

- > Lungs of Bayside
- > Trails / linear corridors
- > Bike paths – more radial from activity centres – laneways? Improve for use
- > Link the parks and then communicate
- > Green spaces / corridors
- > Share with bikes and walking trails

- > Lungs of Bayside

### **Questions / Issues for Follow Up**

- > None raised