



# Project Name : Whait Reserve Concept Plan Consultation Report

Submission Summary

2 September 2021 - 23 September 2021

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## Project Overview

Council is proud to release the design concept for upgrades to Whit Reserve developed by E+MQ DESIGN and invited community feedback during the month of September.

The reserve was purchased by Council in 1948 from the Whit family in order to provide a playground to the Lincoln Gardens community. Although some incremental improvements have been made at Whit Reserve over the past 10 years, the reserve is identified in the Draft Open Space Strategy 2021 – 2026 as a priority for reserve planning with a view to enhancing the playground amenity to at least 'neighbourhood level', similar to Wellington Square.

The design concept shows two phases of works. It is hoped that phase 1 improvements will be delivered this financial year, if Council can secure matching funding from the state government's Open Spaces and Places for People Grants program, which would provide for total funds of \$650,000.

Council has allocated \$125,000 in its 2021/2022 Annual Business Plan and Budget for the reserve infrastructure (such as toilets) and up to another \$200,000 for footpaths (in the park and linking in to the reserve) and is hoping to leverage this \$325,000 to secure matching State Government funding.

Once the hard infrastructure has been built, Council will work closely with the local community and schools over the coming years to deliver smaller elements of the reserve improvements, such as tree plantings, art and mural projects as well as minor equipment installations.

### **Phase 1 proposed improvements:**

- Accessible public toilets
- Timber boardwalk path
- Nature / Adventure Play area
- Internal accessible footpaths
- Security lighting (solar)
- New northern boundary fence

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**Phase 2 proposed improvements:**

- Shade structures over existing play equipment
- Informal 'mini oval' with footy and soccer goals
- Raised platform seating
- Relocation and refurbishment of historic entry arch
- Compacted rubble walking trail
- Community murals along fence lines
- New fence (western and southern boundaries)
- Various plantings, landscaping and ground covers
- Covered BBQ and seating
- Additional Security lighting (solar).

If Council isn't successful in securing funding, we will still be able to deliver part of the project, specifically a toilet, security lighting and footpaths.

Click the link to view the Whait Reserve Concept Plan or refer to the Key Documents section on the right of screen.

Hard copies of the Whait Reserve Concept Plan were made available at the Council Administration Office and Port Lincoln Library from Thursday 2 September 2021 to 5pm on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

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Number of Submissions : 15

Respondent	Subject	Comments	Attachments
1	Whait Reserve	This is great but NOT at the expense of selling off part of Nelson Square. Wellington Square, although nearby is not big enough for the Kirton Point population and is also used by greater Port Lincoln residents. Most weekends Wellington Square is 'full' hosting birthday parties and other. It's not suitable for children's adventure play or bike riding. Nelson Square fulfills that need and usage will amplify exponentially when it is developed and maintained. Letting it fall into disrepair is not a reason to sell it. Nelson Square is valued and needed. DO NOT SELL ANY PORTION OF IT.	-
2	Whait reserve development	It is fantastic to see the development of an open space - as a percentage of open spaces to density of housing it is definitely lacking. The concept drawings are impressive, but is there any scope to provide a fenced "off the lead" area for dogs and their owners. This has been a hot topic in PL for some years. The only non grass seed green surfaces in town are out of bounds footy ovals. And fair enough who wants to fall in dog poo whilst playing sport. But one of the few green spaces at Mundys Landing is an exclusive little nook that caters for very few, and is not fenced. It is also a drive to get to when you live in the Tobruk Tce area. Surely older people who have moved beyond entertaining little children at the playground deserve a dedicated space too. I know family in Adel have formed amazing connections with other people who utilise the dog parks (seem to be in most council areas). If you look at the design the small grassed area opposite the mini footy oval would be perfectly fenced off on the curved boundary. Making this space truly multi functional. I am happy to discuss this further.	-

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3	Open Space Whait Reserve	Any improvement to this area will be good as not much has been done over the years. Security cctv is an important part of the upgrade as Council must be aware of the vandalism in the local area. We must start to be proactive in this area and follow through with penalties for vandals because I can assure Council the ratepayers are well and truly fed up with damage to local parks and property. Solar lighting is okay however the solar lighting along the Heritage Trail has 'done its time' and needs a thorough overhaul and necessary repairs.	-
4	Submission - Whait Reserve Concept Plan	I cannot see it on there, so I would like to request one please. Can we please have a public access netball ring? Many thanks	-
5	Whait reserve plan	I think the proposal is great! It has been a long wait for improvements. In particular, a basketball court and bbq area for families to congregate. I notice that during holiday times, youth use the basketball court at the Primary school as there is no other facility for them to do so that I am aware of. So this particular improvement of the reserve will be hopefully welcome by the youth in the area and also other areas. I am unfortunately unable at this time to volunteer but would certainly contemplate this at a later date.	-
6	Rockets	I would implore you on behalf of the City Council and Port Lincoln and surrounding areas, to reject ANY proposals to have rockets launched in our pristine national park area.	-
7	Whait Reserve Upgrade	This is a great idea as the current park is very derelict and neglected and therefore you never see anyone using it. The plan detail looks good so lets hope funding is available. The only caution is that when work is done that there is regular maintenance by council staff with perhaps a drive to get a	-

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		volunteer community group to take pride in their park (especially the young folk) to also help maintain it and keep a neighbourhood watch for vandalism. Somehow we have to involve the youth in its development so they get some ownership, Keep up the good work. Thank you.	
8	Whait Reserve Concept Plan - Feedback	Looks good. Would one unisex toilet be suffice? Can the deep road gutter at Kiama Ave / Tennant street crossing end please be removed (water runs down hill) as well, please? The AFL posts - maybe swap location with current drawn soccer goal location location - soccer kicks are more likely longitudinal. Board walk looks great but would it be needed or useful? Thanks!	-
9	Whait Reserve upgrade	The concept plan looks good, especially with the preservation of the existing pine trees. Personally, I would also like to see a couple of bird baths with solar powered fountains, items which can now be procured quite inexpensively. These would give the local birds a place to get a drink in hot weather. Also, may I suggest a wysteria Arbor tunnel similar to the one in the Adelaide botanic gardens? This would provide a cool place to sit on a hot day, and would give pleasure just by walking through it.	-
10	Whait Reserve	Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Whaite Reserve Concept Plan. As a close resident i have 2 concerns:- first is the positioning of the toilets. It is noticeable that at times usually due to weather that children (not toddlers) disembark from cars whilst the adults supervise from their vehicles - their vision will be completely demised by the planned positioning of the toilets. Also aesthetically its not a good look to the main entry of the playground area. In my opinion as there are for entry points in each corner of the Reserve, the toilets need to be in the centre where the planned covered bbq areas20 are. The bbq seating areas could be repositioned to each side of play area02 where there is ample existing lawned flat areas + closer for adults to children in play when in bbq mode. Again as a close resident the proposed toilets will not only be used from Reserve attendees but also by passers through from each corner access points so it makes sense for a central location	-

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		where stated on plan there is pole lighting <sup>08</sup> to be installed - Perfect! Another concern is that i hope the Council has countered an budgeted in the extra management and maintenance this upgrade will encounter which = extra personnel, namely gardeners to be employed as this is not the only reserve/playground on the list for upgrades + there is the huge FORESHORE Plan commencing. Will there be enough STAFF employed as its visibly quite dismal at present. Thanking you again.	
11	Whait Reserve Concept Plan	Hi, As a resident of Sinclair st I absolutely love the idea of the upgrade. My only concern is where the toilet block is situated, as many parents park in the car park and like to watch their children play and that won't be possible if it's placed there I have also had the comment from children that it's a little intimidating and scary to walk through the toilet block to get to the playground. I believe it would be better suited somewhere along Kiama ave. Kind Regards,	-
12	Whait Reserve	I like the design especially the inclusion of nature play areas and keeping existing trees. It looks like a nice balance between creating some habitat for birds and a great space to do a range of activities for teens and kids. I hope the residents in the area respect the improvements.	-
13	Whait Reserve Concept	The plan is well thought out and the design is good. The only comments I wish to make are:- 1. Lighting may not be adequate to assist with stopping vandalism/ graffiti etc. 2. I would try almost everything to engage the people (adults & kids) of this precinct to be involved in the development of the area - to try and get ownership & pride in the area. This may also involve the school, clubs etc. 3. The community engagement may be through - construction assistance, community art in that area, volunteering to assist with maintenance etc. I know this is hard to undertake - but feel for this area in particular might be worth a try to assist in keeping the community assisting Council rather than wrecking what Council builds. I am sure you are aware of the social issues in the area etc. I applaud Council in developing this area and staged due to the costs involved.	-

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14	Whait Reserve	I attend a gym in this area, and lived in this area, as a youth. The toilets and improvements are welcomed. Shade and landscaping would be great. Solar lighting would also assist with security, particularly around any structures. It would also be good, if dogs could be walked, on-lead through the reserve. This is a beautiful open space in the area, that could be better utilised with some attention. I often see the courts in use. Thank you for putting it on the Agenda for upgrade. The people I have spoken to in the area, sadly, aren't interested too much, in making submissions, but welcome an upgrade.	-
15	Submission - Whait Reserve Concept Plan	I am currently a year 9 student attending Navigator College and I am currently undergoing a community project on improving and establishing outdoor sporting facilities some of the methods of improvement I have been thinking about are making some of the outdoor basketball courts more eco-friendly and aesthetically pleasing (better looking). I was inquiring on whether you would be interested in implementing a new basketball court at whait reserve the basketball court their doesn't look the best and uses concrete which isn't very environmentally friendly an alternative that could be used would be a product called Nike grind which is water permeable unlike concrete and is also slip-resistant. <a href="https://www.playtop.com/products/playtop-with-nike-grind">https://www.playtop.com/products/playtop-with-nike-grind</a> Thank you for your time.	-