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To The Resident

Dear Sir/Madam

Hatchett Park Design Review Project - Outcomes

In June of this year, the Town of Claremont wrote to all residents within a 400m catchment of Hatchett Park, seeking community input and comments in respect to proposed design and facility changes to the park.

This letter was accompanied by a proposed design plan, showing a number of elements and ideas that could be considered either jointly or individually. The letter and design was further supported by both an on line survey and a meet and greet event at the park, attended by approximately 50 people on a sunny Saturday morning.

The survey provided the opportunity for residents to provide feedback on specific questions as well as encouraging comments on a range of ideas plus any other issues that they felt were relevant to the proposal.

The survey and feedback process resulted in an excellent response rate and a very large amount of information and ideas being shared and contributed by residents.

The results of this engagement process and the feedback received was presented to Council at their Ordinary Meeting held on the 17th of December, 2019, at which time it was resolved;

That Council consider the implementation of the Hatchett Park Design Review as 2 stages;

Stage 1

- *Installation of table and seating unit.*
- *Brick paving and landscaping as defined as items 5 and 7 on the Concept Design.*
- *Removal of header bricks from the south western lawn to provide an area that can be used for petanque or other sports, but retention of the outer bricks so as to retain the definition of the original primary school classrooms.*
- *Planting of trees on the south west boundary of the park, as defined as item 8 on the Concept*

Stage 2

Review the following elements to determine if they should be further developed or installed;

- *Installation of a BBQ facility adjacent to the table and seating area,*
- *Development of a purpose built petanque court on the south west portion of the reserve*

In respect to the playground facility this subject generated a wide range of feedback from the community, including several proposals that had to that point not been considered.

As a result the Council also resolved to;

- *Review the provision of playground equipment and the location of the playground facility within Hatchett Park following the adoption of a Parks and Open Space Strategy.*

This Strategy is proposed to be developed in 2020 and will provide the framework by which playground equipment is delivered across open spaces in Claremont, as well as the types of equipment that will be included at each location.

It is hoped that further clarity as to the function of the playground at Hatchett Park as part of this broader strategy, will enable the Town to consider how the playground should be redeveloped and possibly where on the park this playground is best located.

It is proposed that Stage 1 works will be completed after the New Year, however immediate residents will be advised when these are programed.

On behalf of Council please accept our sincere appreciation for taking the time to contribute towards and support this project.

Should you require any additional information in respect to this project, please don't hesitate to contact myself directly.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Smith
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