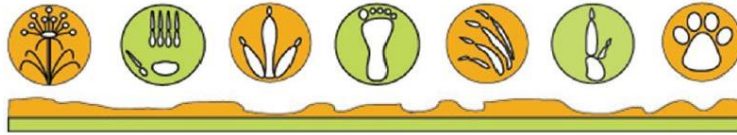


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



PURKISS RESERVE MASTER PLAN SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY INPUT

Friday, 4 March 2016

Members present

Marcus Maher (Chair)
Ray Wallis
Steve Edgington
Wayne Green
Cr. Hal Ruger

Staff members present:

Ranjani Jha; Director Infrastructure
Courtney Barber; Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer

Apologies:

Jo Rush	Committee Member
Emma Rush	Committee Member
Ross Williams	Committee Member
Cr. Tony Boulter	Ward Councillor

The below outlines the committees response to the input received from Community Members, as part of the Community Consultation for the Draft Purkiss Reserve Master Plan.

(Clarissa Burgen)

1. I like the Master Plan and support its content. I would like to make suggestion that I feel impacts on track and field. I know both the Primary School and High School are limited in areas for tracks events, this especially impacts on Little Athletics. Could the Master Plan also included proper running surfaced track and designed areas to address shot put, javelin, Discus, Long Jump etc. The Schools could host their Sports Days there and possible hosting or invited of Regional or NT School or Private Athletics Club events for track and field. (sic)

Committee's response to Clarissa Burgen input:

The Committee highlighted that the option of a track and field had been previously investigated, it resulted that a track and field has a minimum size of 400m and this will not fit within the reserve. Other options are currently being sourced about a preferred and suitable location. Additionally, the committee noted that other aspects of little athletics, such as shot put and long jump, could be carried out on the second oval, as this is planned to be an open field that will enable line marking to take place before a preferred activity/sport.

(Angelika Herzog)

1. Having the playground to the back fence of the facility is not a safe place to be located. Unsupervised children will go there and no passing traffic will see them. So there is a danger of bullying, predators of children (drug sellers and paedophiles) having easy access, and unsupervised play equipment could cause accidents and compensation claims... not to mention the maintenance of the plastic climbing equipment will be costly. The Council's past experience with play equipment at the Mary Ann Dam and park areas was not successful and very expensive for the rate payers. (sic)

Committee's response to Angelika Herzog input:

The committee noted the concerns raised by Ms. Herzog relating to the location of the Playground (PA1, as marked on plan). However, the committee felt the current selected location was the most suited, due to the size of the proposed playground. There are no other suitable locations within the reserve, which will cater for the proposed playground.

The committee also noted that opening times of the reserve will be further deliberated, which could assist in the prevention of anti-social behavior. Additionally highlighting, that the fence that has been proposed in the plan, is that of a similar fence currently facing Ambrose Street. This will enable clear visibility into the reserve, also reducing anti-social behavior.

(Angelika Herzog)

2. Parking is not well represented. Is there a plan to improve street parking along both sides of Ambrose street from the swimming pool to Sporties club? Big events attract lots of cars. (sic)

Committee's response to Angelika Herzog input:

Parking has been included in the plan, with a proposed additional 62 angled car spaces along Ambrose Street, and additional 18 angled car spaces along Stuart Street. Two (2) carparks within the complex (CP3) will cater for a proposed additional combined spaces of 67. This equates to a proposed additional 147 car spaces that are formal and structured, as apposed to the "open car parking" currently available.

(Angelika Herzog)

3. Can part of the bowling grounds be redeveloped for 'Not for Profit' ... Entertainment, Music and Arts. Great location for the general public to access and is close to the Civic Centre for performances. Adding value to an under-utilised Civic Centre. Would support community skills development, self-expression, cottage industry and well-being (includes the aged and disabled). Consider a purpose built venue for Barkly Regional Arts/Visual Arts/Winanjikari Music Centre, the Desert Harmony Festival and an attraction for tourists and artist/entertainers/investors to the community. Also behind this venue, the softball oval be designed as an open air stage for 'grog free' concerts, film festivals, youth music workshops, etc. (sic)

Committee's response to Angelika Herzog input:

The Bowling Club site is currently under consideration of Council, regarding the future use of the facility and land. This land is not currently in the remit of the Purkiss Reserve Committee, or the current Draft Purkiss Reserve Master Plan.

The committee highlighted that there is currently already ample space for concerts and film festivals with the Main Oval and the Second Oval.

(Angelika Herzog)

4. Will there be solar power collection for night lighting? Or are we planning to produce ridiculous power bills to maintain safety and security for persons using the facility at night, eg the exercise track. (sic)

Committee's response to Angelika Herzog input:

This is not highlighted in the Master Plan, however lighting options are currently being considered by the Purkiss Reserve Committee.

(Angelika Herzog)

5. Access to toilets near to the playground and BQ is not clear. (sic)

Committee's response to Angelika Herzog input:

Structure marked item 15 on the Master Plan is the current ablution block, that are proposed to be rejuvenated for use. This ablution block would be the ideal amenity for the (PA1) playground users.

(Matt McKinlay)

1. First of all, I think the plan put forward for Purkiss Reserve shows great ambition and puts forward a vision for a utilitarian space that promotes community, safety, health and fitness.

At this early stage of the process, is there any thought to how much parking on Purkiss Reserve will remain available? At present, people park around most of the football oval when attending matches and there is significant traffic that spills out into Ambrose Street. The plan proposes eliminating parking on the venue entirely, shifting parking to the front entrance area near the football ground and possibly creating angle parking along Ambrose Street (unclear, but it does appear to be angle parking marked on Ambrose Street).

Does parking issues for events at Purkiss Reserve become part of the traffic management plan for the area? Is it envisaged that part of the future development will be to create pathways from the Peko Road carpark through what is currently the Bowls club to enable more access to the site? (or is that access part of the development of the caretaker residences?) (sic)

Committee's response to Matthew McKinlay's input:

Parking has been included in the plan, with a proposed additional 62 angled car spaces along Ambrose Street, and additional 18 angled car spaces along Stuart Street. Two (2) carparks within the complex (CP3) will cater for a proposed additional combined spaces of 67. This equates to a proposed additional 147 car spaces that are formal and structured, as apposed to the "open car parking" currently available. A Traffic Management Plan will be undertaken during 2016 for Tennant Creek, and this

The access to the Peko Road side, is to the proposed staff quarters and maintenance depot, there will not be user access from this area, into the main Purkiss Reserve Facility.

(Matt McKinlay)

2. Part of the proposal indicates an upgrade of the skate park area, does this include a shade structure of some kind? This would be of great benefit to that area.

Committee's response to Matthew McKinlay's input:

Yes, there is a proposed shade structure for the existing skate park. Discussions are also already underway about this item.

(Matt McKinlay)

3. The youth meet-up building (Youthlinx?) has been designated as an unused space that could be removed. I had thought the current plan was to improve the facilities to enable it to be used as a youth drop in centre, is this not going to be continued? There was an announcement that suggested that a large sum of money (in the region of \$50,000) had been granted by the NT government to improve the facilities for young people in Tennant Creek by improving the facilities at Youthlinx. Couldn't any improvement of the whole of Purkiss Reserve not include an upgrade to these facilities which see frequent use for discos and other youth related events?

Committee's response to Matthew McKinlay's input:

Youthlinx Building (14 on the plan), has not been designated on the plan to be removed. This current facility is to remain on the reserve, and potentially be rejuvenated. At this stage it is to remain in its current status.

(Matt McKinlay)

4. Is there still going to be vehicle access to the AFL/Cricket ground for cultural events? (for stall holders and events organisers)

Committee's response to Matthew McKinlay's input:

There will be no vehicle access on the Main Oval, however there will be vehicle access, surrounding the oval, which will enable cultural events such as markets to still take place.

(Matt McKinlay)

5. Also, if the grounds are still going to be used for cultural events, as it is a great community venue, has thought been given to more access to power outlets around the facility, especially for use on the football field?

Committee's response to Matthew McKinlay's input:

Additional Power outlets would be a budget item for Council to consider. Additional Power outlets are not required to be noted in the Master Plan.

(Matt McKinlay)

6. Is there going to be an increased number of light towers, streetlights or similar being put around the facility to enable use into the evening or is the facility going to be geared more toward daylight hour use?

Committee's response to Matthew McKinlay's input:

Additional security lighting will be proposed for the facility. Opening hours are still being considered at this stage.

(Matt McKinlay)

7. Currently the Sport & Rec office has CCTV cameras installed, has the council considered CCTV cameras for the entire facility as part of the proposed upgrade given the scale of works to be done and the facilities?

Committee's response to Matthew McKinlay's input:

CCTV is proposed to be included.

(Matt McKinlay)

8. Is there a plan for future use of the Bowls club as part of this redevelopment or some incentive for an appropriate business to take it over to compliment the redevelopment of the area?

Committee's response to Matthew McKinlay's input:

The Bowling Club site is currently under consideration of Council, regarding the future use of the facility and land. This land is not currently in the remit of the Purkiss Reserve Committee, or the current Draft Purkiss Reserve Master Plan.

(Pene Curtis)

The only objection I do have is the removal of the black water dump facility that you are thinking of relocating to the town Cemetery.

I do not think it is fitting to have the facility locate at where our family and friends are buried, this may also cause disruption while funerals are taking place.

I would like to suggest another location be found. (sic)

Committee's response to Pene Curtis's input:

The re location of the Black Water Dump was considered to be re located at the Tennant Creek Cemetery. This has since come back as not suitable, and other locations are currently being sourced.

(Peter Wait)

1. "External Fencing"

I would be good if the current oval fence had a pedestrian access gate so that the oval can be accessed for casual use any time. Coober Pedy oval has such a set-up, with cars excluded (vehicle gates locked) except for managed events, and people able to access the green space any time (through a pedestrian gate).

This principle should also apply to any future development/new external fencing, in order to achieve another of the BRC criteria, ie 'maximum utilization'. (sic)

Committee's response to Peter Wait's input:

The committee discussed that on the master plan there was inclusion of pedestrian access near the vehicle access to internal carpark (D). The Committee agreed that there should be an additional pedestrian access gate, in closer proximity to the Main Oval.

(Peter Wait)

2. "the menace of dogs"

The abstract makes a number of statements about the critical importance of this open green space, and It then makes a link between the use of this space for people in contrast to "the menace of dogs". There is no mention or affirmation of the current practice of dogs under appropriate control being welcome on the reserve. Perhaps that should have been made explicit. There is a strong argument for the need for people and their pets to be able to enjoy this "essential" and "critical amenity" together. (sic)

Committee's response to Peter Wait's input:

The committee will be recommending to Council that the facility be an on-leash dog friendly facility.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE:

Seating option for main oval

Committee agreed that seating options to the main oval be included, such as a terraced concrete or grassed viewing area (similar to what is at Santos Oval, Adelaide).

Path surrounding the main oval

The committee agreed that a concrete pathway be included around the complete perimeter of the oval, adjacent to the fence line. This would enable patrons to access all areas of seating.

Main Oval Fencing

The committee agreed that a new fence be constructed, and that the fence be a steel picket fence, rather than the cyclone mesh fencing. Past has shown that the cyclone mesh stretches over time, with patrons leaning on and also footballs hitting the fence. The required standards for oval fencing are to be obtained.

Main oval lighting

The committee discussed the potential need for an upgrade on the main oval lights. Current ideas include having small spot lights located half way up the current poles, for smaller events.

Concept Plan

The committee noted that the Master Plan is a concept plan and will be still open to changes, even after the final plan has been endorsed.

SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL INCLUSIONS TO THE MASTER PLAN

1. Seating option for main oval
2. Concrete path surrounding the main oval, adjacent to the fence line
3. Replacing the current main oval fence, to a steel picket fence.
4. Additional pedestrian access gate closer to the Main Oval
5. Recommend to Council that the Purkiss Reserve Facility be an on-leash dog friendly facility.

ADDITIONAL NOTES FROM MEETING HELD 4 FEBRUARY, TO BE INCLUDED ON REVISED PLAN

1. CP3, will be repositioned to be along the southern fence line, backing onto the pool fence, with a service access road into the pool pump house.
2. That a pedestrian access gate will be included on the eastern side, to allow easier access into PA1 playground.
3. That the completion date noted on the last page as 2025, be removed
4. That SP (Second oval) be noted as a multi purpose, line marked open oval.
5. (A) as noted on the plan, page 8 as main upgraded entrance gate, to be named as Footpath entry gate. (D) is the main entrance gate.
6. Page 2, Youthlinx Building (14) is noted as not used. This is incorrect and needs to be adjusted. The building is being used for youth activities and programs.