

## 14. DRAYTON RESERVE DRAFT PLAN

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The purpose of this report is to inform Board members of the outcome of public consultation regarding the Drayton Reserve Draft Plan.

### SUMMARY

The total number of comment forms received on the Drayton Reserve draft plan was 16.

Overall, response to the Drayton Reserve draft plan was favourable. Respondents made positive comments regarding the availability of park space in an area of increasing residential density, beautification of the valley, native plantings for amenity and beautification, plants for birds, land purchases and links to other reserves, removal of pine trees, and walking and equestrian tracks.

Some reservations and concerns were expressed regarding car parking in Basil Place, weeds and grasses around recent plantings, maintenance of slope stability, provision for dogs, traffic hazards with proposed position of equestrian entrance on Glenstrae Road, thistles on the reserve about to flower, and displacement or disturbance of existing wildlife with development.

Most of the suggestions that were made on the submission forms can easily be incorporated into the plan. A summary of the submissions received is outlined below with comments and recommendations on each topic.

<b>Positive comments on plan</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Wonderful, great, pleased with developments, thankyou	11	1,3,4,6,7,8,9,10,13, 14,15
Thank you for not permitting housing	1	16

### Comments

Plans were delivered to local residents through a letterbox drop and were also made available at Council outlets. The information and style of presentation were well received.

### Recommendations

1. Keep local residents informed of developments in the reserve.
2. Continue using this style of plan to inform communities of park developments.

<b>Plantings</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Support tree plantings	2	2,11
Plant flax, eucalypts to encourage bell birds	2	4,5
Concerns about stability of land if macrocarpas are removed	1	2
Concern for quails when scrub cleared	1	14

### Comments

Submitters were encouraged by current and proposed planting and are looking forward to seeing birds returning to the area.

### Recommendations

1. Continue with proposed planting as per plan.
2. Liaise with residents regarding removal of any large trees.

Facilities	#	Reference
Provide seats made of natural materials	2	6,11
Proposed name for "Leadus Look Out"	1	8
Sign posts re view across Estuary/ McCormacks Bay and birds	1	11
Time and distance estimations	1	6
Label plants	1	6
Walking only, not horses, bikes etc	1	6
Need to provide for dogs and doggy doors	2	3,11
Like links to other reserves	1	13

### Comments

Seating, signage and information panels will be part of the reserve. There are different options available for track use; different users can either be restricted, separated or integrated, i.e. different tracks for walkers, mountain bikers, and horses, or design tracks to cater for multiple use.

### Recommendations

1. Detail plan further to locate signs, seating, information panels, and other facilities.
2. Consider the needs of different users when designing tracks and facilities.
3. Consider naming parts of park.

Basil Place Entrance	#	Reference
Leave stones in drain (17) to act as a filter and they look good	2	3,4
Don't paint stormwater headwall (17) green	1	4
Tar seal or pave gravel track at Basil Pl entrance	1	11
Concerns re lack of car parking in Basil Pl	3	1,3,4

### Comments

If the basalt stone channel is to be retained as is, it must be safe, in good working order and blend in with the surrounding landscape. Track surfacing should also be assessed for its suitability.

Car parking is available on other roads. At this stage, additional parking is not required at Basil Place but could be considered in the future. It is hoped that another entrance to the park can be created on the first hairpin bend on Glenstrae Rd. This will also relieve any congestion on Basil Place.

### Recommendations

1. Take comments into account when developing the Basil St entrance and track surfacing.
2. Consider future car parking needs in design of reserve entrances.
3. Make park users aware of car parks at other entrances.

Weeds	#	Reference
Concerns over weeds, grass, thistles, boneseed, salt bush	5	2,8,10,12,14

### Comments

The problem of weeds in the reserve has been referred to operational staff. As plantings become better established, weeds will become less dominant.

### Recommendations

1. Continue with planting in the area and improve maintenance of recent plantings and removal of weeds on site.
2. Inform adjacent landowners of problem weed species.

<b>Community Involvement</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Reference</b>
People could offer seedlings, public planting day	1	6
Offer of volunteer assistance	2	2,14
Suggestion to involve community groups and local residents in development	2	7,11

### Comments

Opportunities for volunteer input and sponsorship are welcome. Residents have expressed a willingness to become more involved with the reserve and there appears to be a sense of ownership.

### Recommendations

1. Provide a framework for community involvement and input in further design and implementation.
2. Invite sponsorship from local businesses.

<b>Land Acquisition</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Would like more info re potential land acquisition down eastern slopes	1	1
Would like to know if their land is required for links with other reserves	1	8

### Comments

There is potential to extend the reserve, and future links to the Summit Rd are envisaged.

### Recommendations

1. Keep neighbours informed of plans for extension to the reserve.

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Change wording in brochure to “minimisation of sediment run off”	1	9

### Comments

Current wording in the plan does not clarify the meaning of the term runoff. A suggestion was made that the wording of the final objective in the plan should read “minimisation of sediment runoff” in order to clarify that there is no intention to minimise storm runoff.

### Recommendations

1. Change wording of plan to clarify meaning.

	#	Reference
Storm water energy dissipation structure		
Include statement about criteria for drainage structures to avoid repeat of energy dissipation structure	1	9

### Comments

One person commented that the storm water energy dissipation structure was awful and must not be repeated. Improvements to the stormwater energy dissipation structure have been provided for in the plan.

### Recommendations

1. Refer to Water Services Unit to take into account for future planning.

<b>Glenstrae Road</b>	#	Reference
Separate horse access from Glenstrae Rd for safety	1	7

### Comments

Numbers of horses currently using the area are low. Access to the reserve for horses may be reconsidered if safety becomes a problem.

### Recommendations

1. Reconsider equestrian links to ensure safe passage.

**Recommendation:** That the draft plan be amended in line with the recommendations contained in this report and a final plan produced and distributed.

### Chairman's

**Recommendation:** That the above recommendations be adopted.