

Feedback Report: Cameron Avenue Reserve / Progress Park Playspace

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Monash Council has been successful in securing funding for Cameron Ave Reserve, Oakleigh South (\$900,000) from round 2 of the State Government's Pocket Park Program.

This project is for a new pocket park at 9-15 Cameron Avenue (Oakleigh South) to improve open space linkages and connectivity to Progress Park and to deliver quality open space in a precinct that has significant Community Open Space gaps.

The design will be for a new family social recreational opportunities e.g. playspace upgrade, park seating, landscaping improvements, local art and natural shade.

The adjacent Progress Park playspace, which currently has an old playground that is at the end of its useful life, is currently being designed. This is fully funded by Council. Preliminary consultation for this playspace was conducted in June 2020.

A concept plan has been prepared for both sites concurrently to improve connectivity and pedestrian access across Pitt Street to enable the holistic rejuvenation of this green open space in Oakleigh South.

Consultation and design work for both sites and the connection through Pitt Street is occurring throughout 2020-21.

Construction of the two sites to be undertaken in 2021-22.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the engagement is to consult with Councillors and local residents to seek their level of support and feedback for the proposed concept plan for Cameron Avenue Pocket Park.

- Inform Councillors and the community of the concept design that has been prepared for the site
- Promote engagement opportunities during 12 May 2021 – 7 June 2021.

SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

Methods used	Stakeholders	Dates
e-bulletin	Councillors	5 May 2021
Shape Monash Survey	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve.	12 May 2021 – 7 June 2021
Onsite Signage	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve.	24 May – 7 June 2021
Onsite community consultation	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve.	29 May 2021 (Cancelled due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions)

ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

A concept plan for the reserve was presented by flyer and distributed to residents within 400 meters radius of the reserve and was available online via the Shape Monash website.

The online survey was available on the Shape Monash website between 12 May and 7 June.

There were 6 respondents to the survey. Of those that told us their gender, 100% were female.

5 telephone or email responses received.

The survey asked 3 questions about the Cameron Avenue Reserve concept plan:

- Things I like about this playspace are:
- Things I don't like about this playspace are:
- My ideas to make this playspace better are:

Summary of Feedback

We asked	You said	We did
Things I like about this playspace	<p>Trees</p> <p>Adventure rope play</p> <p>Playground equipment</p> <p>BBQ</p> <p>Scooter loop</p> <p>Skate-able elements</p>	
Things I don't like about this playspace	<p>Basketball court</p> <p>Colours of hard / rubber surfaces</p> <p>Not enough natural space</p> <p>Lack of parking</p> <p>No public toilets</p> <p>No dog-park</p> <p>Scooter loop / skate-able elements</p>	<p>Project team met on 8 June and reviewed the feedback received via the community consultation survey.</p> <p>Preliminary community consultation requested hardcourt surface for a basketball hoop, however due to negative feedback to these items at design stage consultation, and due to the close proximity to neighbouring residential properties, the hardcourt and basketball hoop have been removed from the design. We have included parkour and active obstacle equipment to replace the basketball items.</p> <p>The colour of the hard surfaces and rubber pavement will be investigated during the detailed design to ensure that maintenance and durability are considered in the selection process.</p>

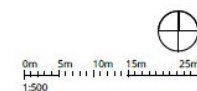
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		<p>The design proposes approx. 20 new trees planted within the new concept design. Open lawn space has been allowed for in both Cameron Avenue Reserve and Progress Park which will provide enhanced family and social opportunities for informal recreation.</p> <p>Progress Parks is identified as a dedicated playspace in Monash's Playground and Playspace Strategy 2020. Dogs are not permitted off-lead in close proximity to a playground.</p> <p>The funding received for Cameron Avenue Reserve was from the Victorian Government through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's Pocket Park Program. There is a separate funding stream for dog parks and if we were to incorporate this into the design we would not be meeting the criteria set out in the funding agreement requirements.</p> <p>Council is reviewing the range and number of off-leash dog parks in Monash as part of the development of the new Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2024. This will be open for community consultation in August 2021.</p> <p>Council has developed a Draft Public Toilet Strategy to guide public toilet design and service provision across Monash. The Draft Strategy proposes prioritised locations.</p> <p>Council will be undertaking a traffic volume survey and report as part of the project. Traffic flow and parking will be taken into consideration in the final design.</p>

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		The project team noted the proximity of the scooter loop to the pedestrian path. Following design review, the scooter loop has been relocated further west, away from the path and the open space.
My ideas to make this playspace better	<p>Water fountain</p> <p>Sensory garden</p> <p>Fence</p> <p>Full-size skate park</p> <p>Water play area</p> <p>Lighting</p> <p>Outdoor fitness equipment</p> <p>Dog park</p> <p>Public toilets</p>	<p>The design will have a drinking water fountain incorporated close to the BBQ facilities.</p> <p>Opportunity for sensory stimulation (sound, sight, touch, smell) is important for young children and the plant selection will be determined in the detailed design.</p> <p>The project working group discussed the fence along Cameron Avenue reserve as well as the new fence alignment at Progress Park for junior play.</p> <p>Along with the climbing wall there is informal fitness equipment in the obstacle / parkour / rope play.</p> <p>The suggestions for larger elements, such as a full-size skate park or a surface splash pad and water jets are not feasible at this reserve due to budget constraints as well as the spatial constraints with provision for tree protection zones and the close proximity to neighbouring residential properties.</p> <p>Street lighting is installed to create a safer environment for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers, however for the safety of reserve users, playground access is during daylight hours and therefore lighting is not installed within playgrounds within Monash.</p>



LEGEND

- 01 ROPE COURSE WITH CLIMBING WALL
4 TUBE SLIDE
- 02 SCOOTER LOOP WITH ROLLERS
- 03 PARKOUR BARS/ MOKEY BARS / FITNESS
- 04 SOCIAL/ HANG OUT
- 05 BBQ/ PICNIC WITH SHELTER FACILITIES
- 06 MOTION PLAY EQUIPMENT - SWINGS &
ACCESSIBLE SPINNER
- 07 CUSTOM ACTIVE PLAY PARKOUR
OBSTACLE
- 08 JUNIOR PLAY - BALANCE, SLIDES,
MONKEY BARS
- 09 SENSORY PLAY - GARDEN BEDS AND
MUSICAL ELEMENTS
- 10 RAISED SHARED SPACE ON PITT ST -
MAINTAINING TWO-WAY TRAFFIC
- 11 OPEN LAWN
- 12 RELOCATED PROGRESS PARK PLAQUE
- 13 NEW FENCE ALIGNMENT TO JUNIOR
PLAY
- 14 1:20 ENTRY RAMP TO SHARED SPACE
- 15 EXISTING ARCHWAY REMOVED, PLAQUE
RELOCATED
(REFER NO.12)
- 16 NEW SHADE TREES AND PLANTING
THROUGHOUT
- 17 NEW PEDESTRIAN LINK AND UPGRADED
LANDSCAPING AT INTERFACE WITH
STAN RILEY RESERVE
- 18 RETAIN MAINTENANCE ACCESS GATE
OFF PITT ST INTO PROGRESS PARK



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PROGRESS PARK AND CAMERON AVENUE RESERVE LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN

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Appendix 1:

Promotion and notification

e-bulletin 5 May 2021 –

DELWP Pocket Park (Round 2) funding for Monash

Monash Council has been successful in securing \$1.4M for Cameron Avenue Reserve, Oakleigh South (\$900,000) and Westerfield Drive Reserve, Notting Hill (\$400,000) from round 2 of the State Government's Pocket Park Program. This is in addition to the \$700,000 previously awarded for the redevelopment of Cambridge Street Reserve, Oakleigh as part of Round 1 funding.

These two projects are outlined below and are well-supported by Monash's Playground & Playspaces Strategy (adopted February 2020) and will significantly enhance play and active recreation opportunities for the local community.

Cameron Avenue Reserve Pocket Park

Location: 9-15 Cameron Avenue, Oakleigh South including Pitt Street shared access zone

Objective: To expand and reinvigorate green space, improve open space connectivity and linkages and enhance family social recreation opportunities

Preliminary Concept Layout:



Project Budget: \$900,000 (zone 2)


Indicative Scope:

- New pocket park at 9-15 Cameron Avenue, Oakleigh South (zone 2) to complement Progress Park Playspace Upgrade (zone 1 – Council funded)
- Improved open space linkages and connectivity
- Increased open space resulting from development of Pitt Street new shared access zone
- Improved pedestrian safety, connectivity and linkages through Oakleigh South (e.g. Progress Park and Ison Riley Reserve)
- New family social and active recreational opportunities e.g. play space upgrade, sensory and relaxation spaces, park seating, landscaping improvements, local art and natural shade.

Community consultation on these exciting projects will commence within the next few weeks with the view to finalising detailed designs by June 2021. Construction due to be completed by the end of June 2022.

For more information please contact Jackie Grieve, Strategic Leisure Planner on 9518 3559 or Jackie.grieve@monash.vic.gov.au

Have your Say – Draft Concept Flyer (distributed 12 May) -



12 May 2021

New Playspace

Cameron Avenue Reserve & Progress Park, Oakleigh South

Have your say - Draft concept plan

We are writing to let you know about an exciting project to create a connected playspace area at Cameron Avenue Reserve and Progress Park, Oakleigh South.

Council has received funding from the Victorian Government through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's Suburban Parks Program to create a pocket park at Cameron Avenue Reserve. Additionally we will upgrade the adjacent Progress Park playspace and construct a pedestrian-friendly shared space along Pitt Street, to connect the two reserves.

We wanted to let you know that we have been working hard to create a draft concept plan which we are now seeking feedback on. We want to make this a fun and engaging place that enhances family and social recreation opportunities and we hope you like what we've put forward.

Please find enclosed the draft concept plan. The proposed key play elements are:

- Multi-purpose court with rebound/climbing wall
- Scooter loop
- Swings
- Accessible spinner
- Skate obstacles
- Active play unit – obstacle/parkour/rope play
- Sensory play
- Junior play unit – slides/rope play.

Other elements of the project will include:

- BBQ
- Picnic shelter
- Fencing
- Planting of additional trees
- Raised shared space on Pitt Street – connecting both reserves, while maintaining two-way traffic.

We will be providing an opportunity for the local community to meet on-site to ask Council Officers questions about the project. The on-site community information session will be held at Cameron Avenue Reserve on **Saturday 29 May 2021, [10am-11:30am]**.

There is no need to RSVP; just turn up.

We welcome your feedback on what is proposed. Please provide your suggestions and feedback by **Monday 7 June 2021:**

- Online at www.monash.vic.gov.au/cameron-ave-progress-park
- By emailing recreation@monash.vic.gov.au
- By calling, Kate Dunlop, Recreation Projects Officer, on 9518 3003.

Thank you in advance to those who provide feedback – it will help ensure that we deliver a project that is valued by the local community. The Cameron Avenue Reserve playspace project is supported by the Victorian Government through the Local Parks Program.



Onsite Signage (24 May – 7 June)

