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Open Space Precinct Plan

GRAYSHARPS ROAD, HURSTBRIDGE

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THE GREEN WEDGE SHIRE

Council is developing an Open Space Precinct Plan for Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge in partnership with the community.

THE PRECINCT

Graysharps Road and the surrounding area of open space and community facilities contribute significantly towards the character and identity of Hurstbridge.

Forming part of an open space corridor, the Precinct is home to a range of community assets such as the cricket, football, netball and bowling clubs, basketball stadium, Hurstbridge Community Hub, preschools and the Hurst Family Graveyard. It also features the Diamond Creek, which is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna, and the creek and surrounds is subject to periodic flooding.

BACKGROUND

Planning commenced in early 2016 with an in-depth analysis of the existing conditions which identified a range of opportunities and constraints. This content was developed into a draft framework which was presented at a series of community stakeholder workshops and walking tours in mid 2016 which provided Council with valuable feedback.

The Project originally excluded a central area known as Lot 1, then envisioned as a location for medium density housing. In November 2016, Council determined that Lot 1 would be retained as open space and now forms part of this project.

The rezoning of Lot 1 to a Public Park and Recreation Zone has been deferred until the Precinct Plan has been prepared. This will enable the community's priorities for the site to be reflected in the appropriate zoning.

DISCUSSION PAPER

A Discussion Paper has been prepared to establish where we are now, including the feedback received from the community during the initial consultation in 2016. This is the next step in developing the Precinct Plan and further conversation with the broader community. This paper is available to at **nillumbik.vic.gov.au/OpenSpacePrecinct**

1. Ferguson Park Preschool
2. Hurstbridge Preschool
3. Gordon and Sheila Ferguson Park
4. Hurstbridge Memorial Park
5. Ben Frilay Oval
6. Hurstbridge Bowling Club
7. Hurstbridge Community Hub
8. Hurstbridge Basketball Stadium
9. Hurstbridge Wetlands
10. Hurstbridge East Sportsground
11. Hurstbridge Train Station
12. Hurstbridge Police Station

Where are we now?

NOW JULY 2017	• Discussion Paper released for consideration
AUGUST 2017	• Establish Project Reference Group

Where do we want to go?

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2017	• Consultation events to establish the community vision for the Precinct

What will we do?

OCTOBER 2017	• Shortlisting of ideas – develop options based on community feedback and create spatial mapping • Feasibility – develop high level cost analysis • Preparation starts for a Draft Open Space Precinct Plan
NOVEMBER 2017 – JANUARY 2018	• Recommendation and decision making – analyse data collected and identify preferred option(s)

Have we got it right?

FEBRUARY – MARCH 2018	• Exhibition of Draft Precinct Plan and zoning – identify the cost of the preferred option(s) • Seek community feedback
MAY 2018	• Council adopts the Precinct Plan detailing the future development of Graysharps Road Precinct

How will we do it?

JUNE 2018	• Implementation Plan – Implementation of the Graysharps Road Precinct Plan begins

How can you get involved in planning the future of the Open Space Precinct?

NEW PROJECT REFERENCE GROUP

Council is seeking nominations from enthusiastic and passionate individuals to form a project reference group to support Council developing this important plan. Chaired by Bunjil Ward Cr Karen Egan.

This group will represent a broad range of interest areas from across the community and provide strategic guidance, specialist knowledge and advice to meet the needs and community expectations into the future.

The Community Reference Group will meet at regular intervals over a period of 12 months. Positions are voluntary. Applications close Wednesday 19 July 2017.

PRECINCT USER GROUPS

Council acknowledges that a number of existing user groups are active within the precinct and will convene meetings as required to provide their valuable input and local knowledge.

We welcome you to join the conversation and have your say by taking the opportunity to:

- Download the Discussion Paper
- Nominate for the Project Reference Group
- Join our mailing list to receive up-to-date bulletins and information about consultation sessions
- Attend workshops, consultation sessions and drop-in sessions
- Complete surveys
- Or request a Council officer to talk with your community group or organisation

Have your say on the Discussion Paper

Your feedback will help us develop our Open Space Precinct Plan. There will also be other opportunities for you to get involved in our consultation process. Feedback can be made:

Online: **nillumbik.vic.gov.au/OpenSpacePrecinctHurstbridge**

Post: Nichole Johnson
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Feedback closes Friday 28 July 2017 at 5pm

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