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Coombs Play Space Engagement Plan

Stage 2

June 2019





1. Introduction

The objective of this Engagement Plan is to:

- Collaborate with the community and engage the community in decision making around the type and level of playground infrastructure to be provided; and
- Provide opportunities to communicate and raise awareness and understanding of the types of play space amenity and infrastructure the Suburban Land Agency is required and able to deliver.

2. Background

The inclusion of a playground on Edgeworth Parade, adjacent to Holden's Creek Pond is a requirement of the approved Coombs Estate Development Plan (EDP). This will be the final piece of play space infrastructure to be installed in the Coombs suburb and it is the intent of the Suburban Land Agency to deliver a high quality playground that promotes active living and travel principles and provides a hub of activity that draws on and highlights the natural beauty and topography of the area.

It is intended to be an inclusive play space which has something of interest for people living in the Molonglo Valley.

In 2018/19 the Suburban Land Agency held conversations with the community about how the park will be designed and how it will look and feel. The results of those conversations are located at:

www.yoursay.act.gov.au/coombs-play-space

This survey data was used to develop draft designs of the Coombs play space which were made available to the community in February 2019.

Since this time the Suburban Land Agency has received a number of enquiries regarding the inclusions proposed in the draft designs.

Following these enquiries the Suburban Land Agency commissioned the following between March – June 2019:

- Toilet Block Study (Redbox Design) to provide additional insight into the most suitable location for a possible toilet block in Wright or Coombs;
- Wright and Coombs Play Space Landscape Report (Canberra Town Planning) that has focussed on all information and research to date to provide an independent assessment and advice on next steps;
- Wright and Coombs Active Living Map (Suburban Land Agency) to document all play space and open space inclusions and equipment.

3. Next stages of engagement

With information to date, the Suburban Land Agency would like to engage with the community to reach the best outcomes for everyone. The next steps of engagement will be important to assess the work completed to date, and move forward taking all options in to consideration.

The Suburban Land Agency would like to have meaningful conversations about:

- Draft Play Space designs vs original survey outcomes;
- Proposed amenities and inclusions; and
- Reaching an outcome to benefit as many residents as possible.

| Activity | Timings |
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| 1. Engagement Plan Feedback Residents have the opportunity to provide feedback on this Engagement Plan to ensure it is allowing for a balanced outcome and is accessible to be able to provide feedback. Feedback can be provided via: suburbanland@act.gov.au | 27 June 2019 – 10 July 2019 |
| 2. Reports available for resident review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wright and Coombs Active Living Map • Draft designs of Coombs Play Space – February 2019 • Toilet Block Study • Wright and Coombs Place Space Landscape Report | 27 June 2019 27 June 2019 w/c 1 July 2019 w/c 1 July 2019 |
| 3. Suburban Land Agency to procure independent facilitator to coordinate engagement | Mid July 2019 |
| 4. Start of next engagement phase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associated engagement activities – see below • Your Say platform to house all engagement information • Engage on inclusions and/or alternatives | Late July 2019 – Late August 2019 |
| 5. Feedback from engagement to be provided back to community SLA to report back to community with outcomes | Mid September 2019 |
| 6. Design refinement if required SLA to report back to community with outcomes | Late September 2019 |
| 7. Development application Community has opportunity to comment through this public process. | Mid October – December 2019 |
| 8. Procurement for construction of Play Space | January – February 2020 |
| 9. Play Space construction period | Estimated 12 months |
| 10. Play Space complete | Estimated early 2021 |

4. Communication methods and Action Plan

The table below summarises the proposed engagement methods, and associated timings for the initial rollout of the activities. The Suburban Land Agency will use the majority of these methods for communicating outcomes noting public event timings may not always align.

| | Engagement activity | Proposal | Details |
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| FACE TO FACE | Molonglo Valley Community Information Night | Announcement of Coombs Play Space next steps and start of engagement | 27 June 2019 |
| | Focus groups | Series of small focus groups | Late July 2019 |
| | Weston Creek Community Council (WCCC) Meeting | Brief presentation at council meeting with hard copy flyers available for council member network distribution | 31 July meeting |
| | Young at Heart Seniors Group at Stromlo Cottage | Facilitator to speak with members and encourage participation. | Group held each Wed. Group to confirm availability. |
| | Charles Weston School – student parliament | Presentation to students with opportunity to engage and provide information. | w/c 29 July or 5 August |
| | Engagement BBQ | Wright Park event with Woden Community Services – an opportunity for community to talk openly with SLA staff | 5 August 2019 (date pending confirmation) |
| DIGITAL | Your Say feature page | Your Say page with main information and direct link to survey | July - August 2019 |
| | Survey and poll | Online survey with questions featured on YourSay | July - August 2019 |
| | Facebook post | Promotion via Facebook via MV Mingle page, WCCC with support from ACT Government page | July - August 2019 |
| | Article in Charles Weston school newsletter | Article for school community about play space and link to engagement information | W/c 5 August 2019 |
| | Weston Creek Community Council home page presence | Feature home page web button on main page to drive users to Your Say | July - August 2019 – TBC |
| | Our Canberra | Online article | August 2019 |
| | EDM (electronic direct mail) | 1. SLA database of Wright and Coombs residents – email direct to subscribed recipients 2. Mingle database of Wright and Coombs residents – email direct to subscribed recipients | July 2019 |
| | Suburban Land Agency website | News item to drive users to YourSay | July 2019 |
| TRADITIONAL PRINT | Letterbox drop | Letterbox drop to all households in Coombs and Wright to alert of engagement opportunities | July 2019 |
| | Posters at local shops | Ajijo, Health Co-op, Charles Weston School, Stromlo Cottage. | July - August 2019 |
| | Mingle newsletter | Newsletter delivered directly to households | July 2019 |
| | Wright and Coombs community noticeboards | Information posted in public open areas for community | July - August 2019 |



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5. Contact Details

If you would like more information regarding the Coombs Play Space Engagement Plan please contact us:

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