

Elsternwick Park Masterplan Deliberative Panel Information Sheet

Why is Council forming this panel?

Over the past twelve months Council has been consulting with a range of interest groups as well as the broader community to help identify options for Elsternwick Park. Ideas ranged from wetlands and walking paths to a playground, café and community vegetable garden. There was also strong support to retain and improve the golf course and oval no. 2 already on the site. Earlier this year Bayside City Council decided to involve the broader community in deciding the best use for Elsternwick Park. If you would like to learn more about the community consultation or process so far you can review the Key Documents at <http://yoursaybayside.com.au/elsternwick-park-masterplan>

Council is establishing the Elsternwick Park Masterplan Deliberative Panel to help inform Council as it determines the future of Elsternwick Park north.

About the Panel

The Elsternwick Park Deliberative Panel will be a group of twenty-four everyday people from across the Bayside City Council area who will meet over two days in November 2016 to make recommendations to Council about the future of Elsternwick Park.

20 panelists will be randomly selected from across the Bayside community, while 4 places will be open for nomination. Council has engaged a third party organisation to manage recruitment of panelists.

The panel will come together to learn about, discuss and make recommendations on the merits of several options for the Park and form a collective judgment on the best way for it to be utilised. While all panel members will have personal preferences, their task will be to consider the interests of the community as a whole. This will involve considering the information provided and the perspectives of all stakeholders.

The Deliberative Panel is being asked to make recommendations to Council on the future of Elsternwick Park, and Council has committed to respond publicly to those recommendations, giving serious weight to the work of the Deliberative Panel.

What is involved?

Panel members will be required to:

- prepare in advance of the meetings by reading the background materials provided
- attend both meeting days
- be open to learning about all perspectives and considering them on their merits
- working with other participants toward reaching agreement.

Remuneration

These positions are not remunerated however meals will be provided and Panelists will receive a gift voucher for \$200 to cover out of pocket expenses and in recognition of their time and commitment.