

information bulletin

To the Resident,

Vanessa Court Reserve, Oakleigh South

Council recently wrote to residents nearby Vanessa Court Reserve to request input on the concept plan for the upcoming redevelopment of the reserve. Thank you to all who provided feedback. Your input helped us to develop the final concept plan (overleaf).

What we heard

Resident concerns regarding security, privacy and ideas on gardens for wildlife were apparent through the consultation and have been addressed in the final design:

- Consider proximity of the picnic shelter to surrounding resident properties – *the shelter has been moved so that it is more visible from the street and a minimum of 11m from each boundary*
- Consider screening trees along boundaries and removal of lawn area along boundaries – *the path layout has been adjusted to remove the need for lawn areas beside boundary fences and additional tree planting will be added along each boundary*
- Consider natives, such as Hakea, Lily Pilli, Acacias, to attract birds and wildlife – *natives will feature strongly in the planting design.*

Tree removal

Prior to the redevelopment, the seven existing cypress trees which are interfering with neighbouring properties on the south of the reserve will be removed (see plan overleaf). Previously we had advised these trees would be removed in June, however, this was delayed due to inclement weather. These trees are now scheduled for removal on Monday 26 July.

A total of 32 new trees will be planted, which is more than Council's direction of planting three trees for each one removed.

Key timeframes

During the tree removal works on Monday 26 July, the reserve will be closed to the community for the day for safety reasons. We apologise for any inconvenience during the works and will minimise disruption wherever possible while maintaining a safe work site.

Construction for the remaining elements of the redevelopment of the reserve is due to commence before the end of 2021.

Further information

For further enquiries relating to trees, please contact Toby Gilbert, Tree Operations Coordinator. For enquiries relating to the redevelopment, please do not hesitate to contact Nick Newham, Senior Landscape Architect.

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Vanessa Court Reserve redevelopment concept plan, July 2021