

VICTORIA PARK
FINAL DRAFT MASTER PLAN
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Victoria Park Master Plan

Community Engagement – Summary Report

June 2015



Summary Report

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This report provides a summary of the community engagement process conducted during April to May 2015 for the Victoria Park Master Plan.

The community feedback will be considered in the development of the Draft Master Plan however this report does not analyse the data or make specific recommendations.

Community Engagement

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Dear Resident

RE: VICTORIA PARK MASTER PLAN

You are invited to attend an Open House drop-in to discuss a Master Plan for Victoria Park. The drop in session is to be held at:

Where: Victoria Park - Dog Obedience Clubrooms
When: Thursday - 16 April 2015
Between: 4.00 pm and 7.30 pm

In 2012, following extensive community engagement, Council adopted the 'Victoria Park Vision'. The Open House will therefore be used to discuss the Vision and a range of current development proposals and opportunities as a basis to commencing the Master Plan.


Your contribution to this process is very important and you are welcome to drop in at any time to provide comments or suggestions for the Master Plan to consider. A free BBQ is also being provided for those attending with the kind support of the Ballarat Dog Obedience Club.

The session is open to all with an interest in Victoria Park, so please feel free to mention this to other community members if you are aware of their interest.

If you are unable to attend the session but would like to find out more or make comments for the Master Plan to consider visit 'Have Your Say' at the City of Ballarat website <http://mysay.ballarat.vic.gov.au/victoria-park-master-plan>.

Alternatively if you have any queries please contact Adam Parrott on 5320 5685.

Yours sincerely


Terry Domeo
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The community engagement process commenced by sending over 1200 letters to surrounding residents, schools, tenants and key stakeholder groups inviting them to attend an Open House at the Ballarat Dog Obedience Clubrooms in Victoria Park on Thursday April 16th.

A free bbq was provided in partnership with the Ballarat Dog Obedience Club and attendees were invited to come along and discuss their issues and share their ideas to assist Council with the development of the Draft Master Plan.

Open House – Drop In Session

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The 'Open House Drop In Session' was run by Council staff from Planning Implementation, Community Engagement, Parks and Gardens, Recreation and Infrastructure. It was attended by approximately 250 people. Different themes were placed around the room. Attendees were encouraged to view the 2012 Victoria Park Vision and to move around, talk to Council staff, share ideas and thoughts, make comments on plans, and fill in survey forms for the Park.



Open House - The Vision

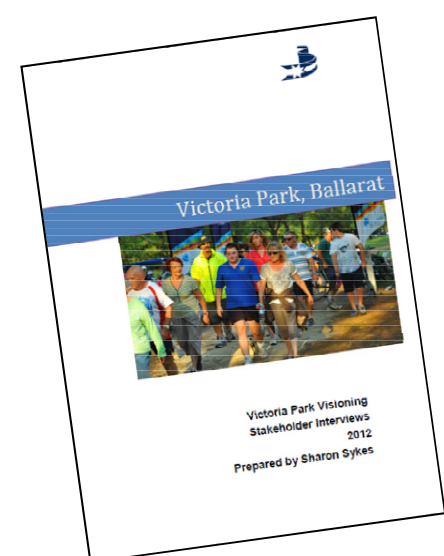
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The Victoria Park Vision was adopted by Council in 2012 following a community engagement process which included: interviews with 20 stakeholder groups, the completion of over 250 questionnaires and 120 park surveys, 3 workshop sessions, 2 walk 'n' talk sessions and 23 written submissions.

This represented the most extensive and significant community engagement process ever undertaken for a Park in Ballarat.

The principles from the Vision were therefore displayed at the Open House to form the basis of discussions for the commencement of the Draft Master Plan



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Access



- Access to and within the Park will be suitable for people of all ages and abilities.
- At some times, access may be restricted for specific uses to allow for special activities or events.

Activation and Use



- Families, individuals and groups will be encouraged to use the Park year round for a wide range of activities.
- Multiple activities take place in shared spaces at all times, days and seasons.
- The Park will be able to host major events in a natural open space setting.

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Circulation and Entrances



- Traffic management measures will minimise vehicle impacts for pedestrians, cyclists and Park users.
- Safe and good quality pathways will improve circulation and movement through the Park.
- Entrances into the Park will be standardised to create a park identity and sense of arrival.
- Provision of appropriate car parking areas.

Connections



- Victoria Park will be well connected to Lake Wendouree and other local open space in central Ballarat.
- Linkages for walking and cycling will connect with Victoria Park where possible.
- Safe road crossings will improve the connection to Victoria Park for the local community.