



ERSKINE Paddock LANDSCAPE PLAN

BACKGROUND

This project arose through a group of concerned Lorne community members - primarily parents using the Erskine Paddock playground and surrounding area with their children. Due to the poor view lines and numerous hiding places around the site's perimeter, community members were concerned about children's safety in the heavily treed area.

Following woody weed removal at the site in autumn 2016 to improve sight-lines around the paddock play areas, discussions continued regarding potential further improvements to the site, and GORCC committed to developing a landscape plan for the site.

Over summer 2017, GORCC consulted with the community to establish issues and opportunities and to assist with scoping the landscape plan project. Responses prioritised improved seating, picnic and BBQ facilities, as well as retaining the flat and flexible open space and natural setting of Erskine Paddock. Key themes arising from consultation included:

- Support for play park for younger children.
- Support for retaining a track play element for children.
- Strong support for softening the edge at Mantra.

DRAFT CONCEPTS FOR LANDSCAPE PLAN

In response to the community consultation a final draft concept was developed, which includes:

- Using the established trees as a framework, enhancing both native and indigenous vegetation on site where possible.
- Improve siting, quality and range of seating and other surfaces, including picnic and BBQ facilities and inclusion of

a drinking fountain.

- Proposed removal of existing play equipment and old bike path in favour of play features that encourage nature play and a revised trail play element.
- Retain flat and flexible open space areas within the park.
- Improve circulation around paddock area and connections with other circulation networks.
- Retain area north of play space as a natural and peaceful space.
- Maintain existing access for events and temporary displays.
- Planting to Mantra boundary, softening the fenced edge and in keeping with the existing landscape character.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Throughout January - February 2019 GORCC held nine community consultation sessions across Lorne, Aireys Inlet, Anglesea and Torquay. Thank you to all who have participated, the current round of community consultation has now closed. Feedback received during consultation on the final concepts will help inform detailed design and construction.

NEXT STEPS

Following consultation over summer 2018/19 key next steps are:

- Detailed design drawings of the landscape plan based on final concept, including final costings and staged construction approach if required.
- Obtain required statutory approvals for the works.
- Undertake construction.



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