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Have your say on new concept for \$9.15m redevelopment of Cockburn's premier soccer ground

A revised draft concept for the \$9.15m redevelopment of the City of Cockburn's premier soccer ground at Beale Park is open for comment.

Members of the community can have their say by completing a feedback form via the City's community consultation portal Comment on Cockburn, or by attending a drop-in information session this month.

The updated concept for the Spearwood project is designed to meet the needs of the City's increasing participation in the popular sport, to create an attractive recreation hub for the whole community and retain trees and cockatoo roosting habitat.

Proposed features include:

- A new clubhouse with unisex changing facilities and more off-road car parking
- Increased pitch space and improved drainage
- Sports floodlighting and passive lighting
- A new fenced nature-themed playground and retention of the existing north east playground
- Accessible toilets, more shade, barbecues, drinking fountains, picnic tables, facilities to hire during the off-season, and nature-themed artwork.

The updated concept also aims to better conserve the reserve's Carnaby's Cockatoo habitat by incorporating the findings of an environmental assessment.

Community members can have their say until 4pm Wednesday 8 December by completing a feedback form online, over the phone or by sending an email.

The drop-in information session is set down for 4.30-6.30pm Wednesday 24 November outside the clubrooms overlooking the soccer pitches.



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Community feedback in 2020 prompted further exploration of the concept plan, and the relocation of playing fields and facilities has minimised the project's impact on trees and cockatoo roosting habitat at the reserve.

City of Cockburn Head of Recreation Infrastructure and Services, Travis Moore, said apart from vastly improved sporting and community facilities, a focus of the current concept was increased preservation of Carnaby Cockatoo habitat at the location.

"The City take its environmental responsibilities very seriously and following feedback from the community, any trees requiring removal have been kept to an absolute minimum," Mr Moore said.

The current concept proposed the removal of 12 trees inside the project footprint, a reduction on the 58 trees considered for removal in the preliminary 2018 masterplan.

Of the 12 trees, nine are considered to either have low retention value or present a higher risk of significant harm to the public from tree failure.

It is proposed that any removed trees be replaced on a 3 to 1 basis.

The \$9.15m budget for the project comprises \$2.4m from Developer Contributions, \$5.75m from the City of Cockburn and a \$1m grant from the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund.

Have your say:

Online – Complete a Feedback Form at [Comment on Cockburn](#)

Email – Send a submission to comment@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Phone – Complete the feedback form over the phone by calling 08 9411 3444.

Community drop-in information session –

To view the plans in person and chat with a member of the project team, the City will hold a community drop-in information session at Beale Park 4.30-6.30pm Wednesday 24 November outside of the clubrooms overlooking the soccer pitches. Submissions close Wednesday, 8 December 2021.

More information –

Queries can be directed to City Project Manager, Rohan Blee, on 08 9411 3444 or comment@cockburn.wa.gov.au.



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