

Ballarat City Council letter regarding
BHPA formal response re the Brown Hill Reserve Master plan
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Dear Brendan

Thank you for your detailed feedback on the draft master plan that will be considered by Council at its meeting on Wednesday 26th April 2023.

We have reviewed this feedback and acknowledge that none of the suggestions or tweaks being proposed by BHPA would raise any significant issues for its implementation and these items can each be considered during more detailed design of the proposed implementation program. Council will collaborate with BHPA and user groups in the process of design of each component of the implementation plan. This will provide additional opportunities for community input into the final works package design.

The following specific items can be noted.

1. The proposed new public toilets, that will be located adjacent to the splash park will provide for permanent access to users across the entire precinct. The toilets will be designed to ensure inclusive access and be provided in accordance with Council's public toilet guidelines. The splash park would also be designed in such a way that components can be changed to enable winter activity. The implementation plan proposes to establish the public toilets as part of the splash park development which will be much more accessible for users of the eastern section of the precinct.
2. The suggestion that a special event and a form of recognition of the Brown Hill Pool and the community's involvement in its operations is an excellent one. We will commit to working with the BHPA to develop an appropriate event and recognition as part of the implementation plan. We are also happy to consider what involvement the community can have regarding ongoing support for activities in the reserve
3. The size and the design components of the splash park will be established to ensure community input and that all components are appropriate. This includes having an appropriately sized area constructed.
4. We acknowledged how important the retention of the current character of the reserve, and we concur that this aspiration is a high priority.
5. Please be assured that adoption of the master plan does not mean that we won't continue to collaborate and consult closely with the BHPA and user groups in finalising the implementation program and that you will be included in the collaborative design process.
6. We share BHPA aspirations for the play space and for the containment of unnecessary expense. We believe that the right design outcome can be achieved for the playground when we undertake works on that component of the precinct.

7. Existing components / facilities (seating) that is assessed as being re-useable will be re-used

8. Careful planning and expertise from arborists will inform tree planting and varietal selections that suit the area.

9. Consideration of safety, including lighting will form part of future design and planning discussions.

10. Pathway design can also be reviewed to ensure best outcomes.

We look forward to the adoption of the master plan and to commencing work to make the proposed improvements real so to enhance and increase activation of these spaces in the future.

We look forward to your attendance at the Council meeting

Thank you for the considerable input and work that the BHPA has invested in this project.

Mark

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