

10.2 Annual Review of the Open Space Plan

Report Reference	GC230613R10.2
Originating Officer	Unit Manager Open Space and Recreation Planning – Renee Pitcher
Corporate Manager	Manager City Activation – Charmaine Hughes
General Manager	General Manager City Development – Tony Lines

CONFIDENTIAL MOTION

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that all persons present, with the exception of the following persons: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager City Development, General Manager Corporate Services, General Manager City Services, Manager Office of the CEO, Chief Financial Officer, Manager City Activation, Open Space & Recreation Planners, Unit Manager Governance and Council Support, Governance Officer and Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer, be excluded from the meeting as the Council receives and considers information relating to Annual Review of the Open Space Plan, upon the basis that the Council is satisfied that the requirement for the meeting to be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep consideration of the matter confidential given the information relates to commercial information.

REPORT OBJECTIVE

To review the Open Space Plan for projects to be designed or constructed in 2023/24.

REPORT HISTORY

Report Reference	Report Title
GC200623R18	Open Space Framework
GC220412R10.3	Open Space Plan Additional Funding
GC220809R11.6	Open Space Plan Amendments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Open Space Framework was endorsed in 2020 (GC200623R18) and consists of the following documents:

- Open Space Policy
- Open Space Plan
- Open Space Methodology
- Open Space Service Levels

The Open Space Plan details recommended works and projects to 2029/30 to ensure that the City of Marion plans, manages and develops a variety of open space to improve sustainable environmental outcomes and community health. The current plan can be viewed in Attachment 1.

This Plan is reviewed annually to ensure the recommended works and projects align with other City

of Marion strategies, grants and other funding and respond to strong community sentiment.

Several changes are recommended for the 2023/24 Plan that would come into effect from 1 July 2023:

- The Cove Oval playground upgrade will need to be retimed for 2029/30 to align with precinct works at Cove Oval.
- [REDACTED]
- Although the upgrade of the Graham Watts Playground will progress, the design phase and construction timing needs to consider funding available through DIT and the site concept plan involving Cosgrove Hall.
- The public toilet at Graham Watts reserve should be retimed to coincide with the redevelopment of Cosgrove Hall. The redevelopment may allow for public toilet access, integrated into the building, but with outside access and without the need for a standalone unit in the reserve.
- Funding, in partnership with DEW, for a Changing Places toilet at Glenthorne National Park.

It should also be noted that a mid-life review of the Open Space Plan was endorsed for 2024, to consider the remaining life of the plan and forward works. This review will be brought to Council in early 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

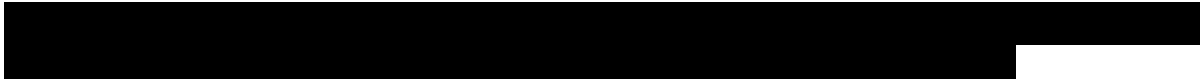
1. **Endorses retiming of the Cove Oval playground upgrade from 2024/25 to 2029/30 to coincide with the broader precinct upgrade.**

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5. **Endorses retiming of the Graham Watts Reserve public toilet to coincide with the broader precinct upgrade, with timing to be determined in the Open Space Plan mid-life review in 2024.**
6. **Endorses funding in 2023/24 of one third of the cost of a Changing Places toilet at Glenthorne National Park, up to a maximum of \$85,000.**
7. **Notes that the Open Space Policy will be reviewed as part of the Open Space Plan mid-life review in 2024, and that this Policy review will include wording describing the process to seek changes to the Open Space Plan.**
8. [REDACTED]






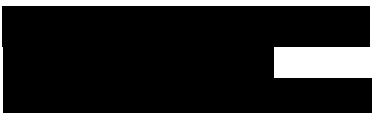
DISCUSSION

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Reserve	Current Timing	Proposed Timing	Notes
Cove Oval playground upgrade	Design 2023/24 Construct 2024/25	Design 2028/29 Construct 2029/30	Delay to coincide with the precinct upgrade
			
Graham Watts Reserve playground upgrade	Design 2023/24 Construct 2024/25	No change, but monitor DIT decisions	Design to consider DIT funding and site concept plan involving Cosgrove Hall
Graham Watts Reserve public toilet	Construct 2024/25	To be reviewed in the mid-life review	Consider in line with the Cosgrove Hall upgrade.
Glenthorne National Park	n/a	2023/24	Changing Places toilet at the nature playground.

Cove Oval Playground Upgrade

The Cove Oval playground was built in 2006 and has limited equipment. The Open Space Plan recommended that this playground be renewed as a neighbourhood level playground in 2024/25. The Cove Netball and Lower Oval project is currently in the tender evaluation stage. Discussions have taken place around the wider precinct approach for the site; however, no funding currently exists.

A recent audit has confirmed that, although the current play equipment provides little value, it can be continued to be monitored and maintained until it is renewed. Therefore, to ensure that the site is developed holistically and the playground is integrated into the overall design, it is recommended that the playground upgrade be retimed. A placeholder for 2029/30 is suggested until the mid-life review of the Plan is considered in 2024.



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Graham Watts Reserve Playground Upgrade

The Graham Watts Playground in Clovelly Park is part of a larger precinct including Cosgrove Hall. The reserve is located along the North South Corridor extension and may be eligible for funding through the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT). The City Activation Senior Advisor is providing clear stakeholder linkages and communications into DIT and across Council.

The upgrade of Cosgrove Hall is a priority within the City of Marion Building Asset Strategy (CoMBAS) which will be considered when planning the reserve upgrade.

The playground and open space upgrade at Graham Watts Reserve envisages a local level playground, upgraded irrigation, drink fountain and fencing replacement or removal. A public toilet is

separately funded. It is recommended that the design of the reserve upgrade remain as per its current timing to allow DIT funding to be explored.

Graham Watts Reserve Public Toilet

The playground upgrade at Graham Watts Reserve includes budget for a public toilet. It is recommended that this be retimed to coincide with the upgrade to Cosgrove Hall. There may be opportunity within the upgrade to include a public toilet as part of the hall infrastructure that is available from outside the building, rather than place a separate unit on site. The budget could be used to facilitate this or if this is not viable can still be used for a standalone toilet.

Changing Places Toilet at Glenthorne National Park

A Changing Places toilet provides sanitary accommodation for people with multiple and complex disabilities who have one or two assistants with them. It typically includes a height adjustable, adult-sized changing bench and a ceiling track hoist.

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) has advised Council staff that the Glenthorne National Park would benefit from a Changing Places facility to ensure parks are fully accessible and provide an opportunity to reach the widest possible audience. This toilet would be in addition to the existing toilet amenities.

This is a new proposal from DEW which is in addition to the existing project scope and budget.

DEW and Council can jointly apply for Federal funding from the Department of Social Services to provide a third of the cost of a Changing Places toilet. DEW has confirmed that it will fund a third of the cost, should the grant be successful. DEW is now seeking a further partnership with Council to fund the remaining third.

Final costs are awaited from DEW but are estimated at \$80,000.

Warriparinga Wetlands Open Space Upgrade

Although this is a project scheduled for 2024/25, this work was completed as part of the recent Coach House Upgrade grant funded by the Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program (LGIPP). Budget against this project can now offset the increased cost of the Elizabeth Ryan playground.

Minor Change to Open Space Policy

The Open Space Policy was last reviewed in August 2022. Since then, Members have discussed that the following wording (or similar) should be added to the Open Space Policy:

Council Members can propose changes to the Open Space Plan via a Motion with Notice. Staff can propose changes to the Open Space Plan via a report to General Council.

This wording will be formalised in the Open Space Policy through the mid-life review in 2024.

Next steps

A mid-life review of the Open Space Plan was endorsed by Council to take place in 2024. This will provide an opportunity to review the plan for the next 5 years and extend the plan. A report will be provided in early 2024 to discuss this further.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Open Space Plan August 22 - Community [**10.2.1** - 30 pages]