



Community Engagement Summary

Parkwater Oval Upgrade
22 April 2016



Background

There is an allocated budget each financial year to upgrade the Parkwater Oval. Just before Christmas 2015, the Cowaramup Community group had been informing the Shire of some developments they wish to see in the oval. The group expressed the main desire for more seats and shade, with some requests for an exercise equipment area near the existing playground.

These requests were costed by the Works department and not all requests were able to be delivered within the allocated budget.

Community engagement for the Parkwater Oval Upgrade opened on the 22 March for three weeks, closing on Friday 8th April. The purpose of the engagement was to confirm the priorities for the development of Parkwater Oval with the Parkwater community.



What community engagement occurred?

During this three week period:

- An online survey was advertised for www.yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au in the local paper and on the shire website. A hard copy survey was also available at the Margaret River Shire Administration office.
- A group discussion was held with Shire staff at the Parkwater Community group meeting on Wednesday 30 March.

A screenshot of the Shire of Augusta Margaret River website. The page is titled 'Parkwater Oval Upgrade' and features a large photograph of a park with people walking and a dog. The text on the page includes: 'We'd like to hear from community members in and around Parkwater and Cowaramup about a scheduled upgrade to your local oval.', 'Parkwater Oval is located on the corner of Sunset drive and Carrara street in Parkwater. The Shire sets a budgeted amount each year to maintain and gradually upgrade local parks and ovals.', 'The Parkwater Community Group offered a number of improvements they would like to see and the Shire has been exploring these. Their suggestions include increased seating and shade, improved grass quality and installation of an exercise area within the oval.', and 'We'd like to hear what you think... Cast your vote below to tell us what your priorities are for your oval.' There are also sections for 'Photos' (with a photo of a bench and an aerial view of the oval) and 'Key Dates' (with dates: 'Progress report published 22 April 2016' and 'Community consultation closes 08 April 2016'). At the bottom, there are buttons for 'WHAT'S YOUR PRIORITY?' and 'ASK A QUESTION'.



What did the community say?

The community engagement successfully engaged with a wide range of customers, with 57 online survey contributions received.

The survey results indicated the majority of participants see the installation of goal posts and bench seating around the park as the top priority.

The other popular requests included:

- **an focus on improving the oval use for children (57%)**
- **improving the space for dogs (34%)**
- **a permanent toilet block (30%)**



The next steps

As a result of this feedback from the Parkwater community, the Shire Works Department are commencing work immediately for the park upgrade.

The upgrade is expected to be completed before July 2016 and will include:

- *Installation of dual football / soccer posts*
- *Installation of an additional table and chairs near the BBQ*
- *Installation of six benchseats around the sporting field*
- *Commencement of a long term program to improve the grass surface of the field.*





Future actions

The community engagement indicated the Parkwater community would also like the following improvements.

The following project have been referred to the capital works program for costing a prioritisation:

- A permanent toilet block
- Shade for playground
- Drinking water at the oval

Other items being followed up include:

- Dog bags / dog area of oval (*this has been flagged with the Rangers team to look into as relates to Shire Animal Control Bylaws*)

For more information regarding this project, please contact:

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