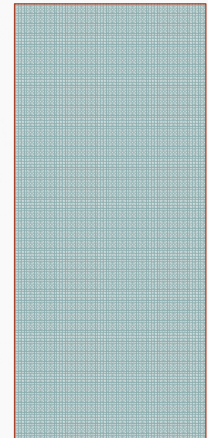


DAREBIN PARTICIPATORY BUDGET JURY 2014

HOW SHOULD WE BEST SPEND \$2 MILLION TO IMPROVE OUR
COMMUNITY THROUGH THE USE OF INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING



INTRODUCTION

- Submissions were sought from multiple sources
 - Public submissions
 - Juror submissions
 - Revisions of both to better suit the Criteria

Some Insights that helped us craft our proposals:

- Darebin has:
 - One of best rubbish removal rates in Australia
 - Darebin is very active in caring for the elderly which is a growing population.
 - More of our neighbours than we thought are living close to the poverty line or below.
 - In the next 7 years the biggest areas of population growth are ages 0ys-20yrs / 30yrs to 40yrs / 50yrs to 55yrs

CRITERIA

- The jury recognised need to meet with council's own principles and strategic goals
- Further criteria were established to help guide jury decisions:
 - Embodies environmental sustainability best practice
 - Infrastructure that enables social interaction
 - Provides equitable access to infrastructure
 - "Bang for buck"
 - Project should have scope for long term impact

THE PROPOSALS

- There are 8 recommended proposals
 - There are also a number of other suggestions of significance for council consideration independently of the Citizens Jury.
- To ensure these proposals meet with our criteria, the jurors have provided a maximum value for each project.
 - The jury recognise that these are estimates which will require suitable due diligence.
- Remaining funds are to be allocated to the Community Gardens proposal.
 - This also applies to any projects cancelled - the funding should be re-directed to the Community Gardens proposal.

EAST PRESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Idea Summary

Community submission for a dedicated centre

East Preston is lacking a centre for community activities.

Budget

\$865,000
(includes funding for environmental building best practices where possible)

Points of Reference

Infrastructure
Category: Buildings – Community Centres

Strategy/Plan:
Community Facility strategy

Council Officer Comments

Community & Wellbeing Team supports this submission.

Meets with council plan 2013-2017

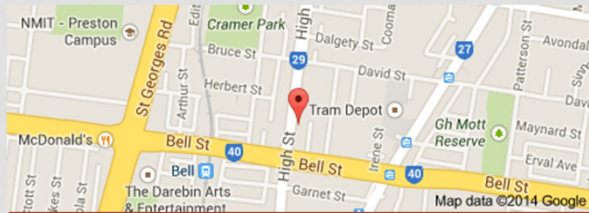
Background:

- The current Community Health Centre in Crevelli Street is to be relocated.
- East Preston is recognised as a lower socio-economic demographic.

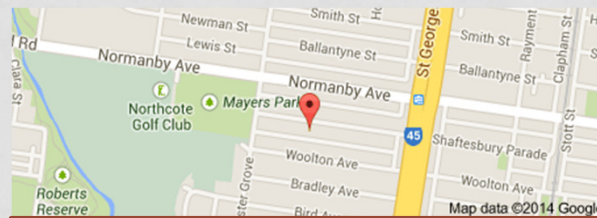
Objective:

- There is a strong desire for the community to support all groups of people.
- A dedicated Neighbourhood house brings infrastructure equality to this area. Similar infrastructure are established in many other Darebin areas.

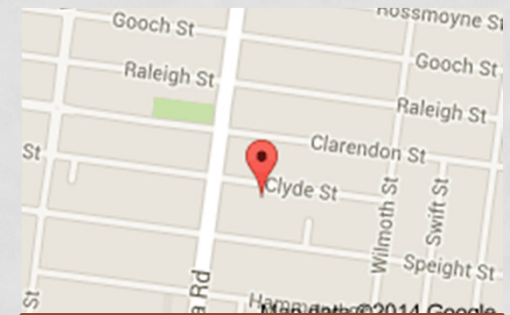
EXISTING NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES



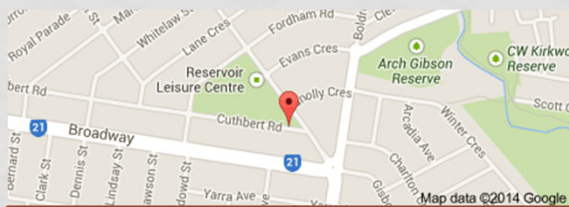
Preston Neighbourhood House



Thornbury Women's neighbourhood house- Thornbury



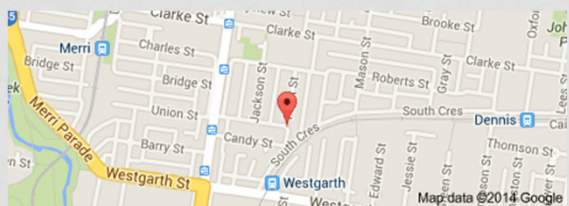
SPAN Neighbourhood House - Thornbury



Reservoir Neighbourhood House



Alphington Community Centre



Jika Jika

Next...
East Preston

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT IN PARKS

Idea Summary

Juror submission for permanent exercise equipment in parks

Council selected locations –
1 per each ward

Budget

\$300,000

Estimate this will cater for 3 locations

Points of Reference

Similar equipment exists at Edwards Park Lake

Meets council goal of Healthy & Connected Communities

Council Officer Comment

"Outdoor exercise equipment provides cost effective

opportunities for park users to enjoy outdoor exercise equipment which promotes positive mental health and wellbeing."

Objective:

- Improved health and social wellbeing, particularly for older and economically disadvantaged people.
- Research and evaluations show that people of all ages will benefit from use of public exercise equipment if it is easily accessible.

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT IN PARKS

Examples



Landscapesonline.com



Calloo.co.uk



Calloo.co.uk



smh.com.au



epochtimes.com

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OUTDOOR MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS COURTS

Idea Summary

Community & juror submission for facility to cater for netball, basketball & tennis

Could also be used for non-sporting community uses i.e. community markets etc.

Budget

\$300,000

Points of Reference

Meets Council strategy on Healthy Connected communities via equity in sport and bringing neighbours together

Council Officer Comments

Acknowledgement that there is a demand for such a facility.

A strategic planning study is underway

Background:

- The community proposal noted that 90 per cent of girls and boys in Fairfield/Alphington leave the council to participate in netball and basketball
- A Net Set Go program was established in Fairfield which attracted 80 participants (girls aged 5-9)
- Two under aged teams have entered in competition but cannot expand due to training facility constraints.

Objective:

- Encourage sport for all children within Darebin by offering suitable facilities.
- Work with engaged community groups to support the growth of interaction within the community.

SPORTING FACILITY CONCEPTS



Techlay com.au



Dandenong pop-up park & sports field



“Netball court shortage prompts calls for Darebin Council to fast track indoor stadium plans”

JULIA IRWIN
NORTHCOTE LEADER
JUNE 10, 2014

ACTIVATION OF ALL NATIONS PARK HILLTOP

Idea Summary

Transform this from an area of perceived safety risk

Suggested establishment of lighting, benches, art-work , kiosk etc...

Budget

\$100,000 - \$400,000
(higher cost infers underground electrical cabling)

Points of Reference

Meets Council strategy on Healthy Connected communities via Social and Physical connectedness.

Council Officer Comments

Current design intends the hilltop be multi-purpose public open space.

A review of the master plan may need to be revisited.

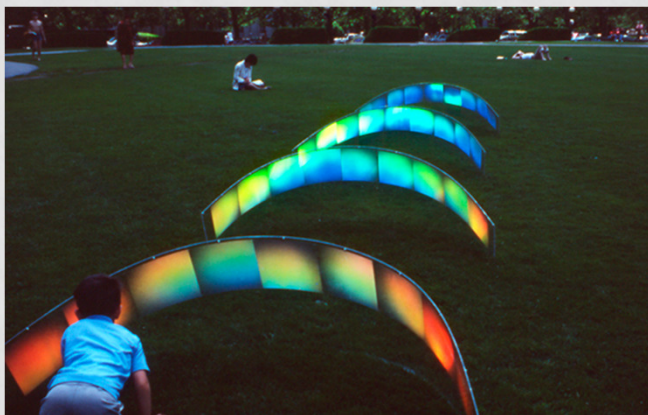
Background:

- The current hilltop layout is perceived to not offer a safe environment – especially at night.

Objective:

- Fund allocation is dependant on the work needed once the project scope has been decided.
- Remaining funds are to be allocated to the Community Gardens infrastructure proposal.

PARK CONCEPTS



sallyweber.com

Inhabitat.com

playscapes.com

sepcosolar.com

DAREBIN POP-UP PIAZZA

Idea Summary

Juror Submission to provide infrastructure to activate spaces within Darebin

May create a feasible way to test more permanent activation of spaces

Budget

\$100,000

Points of Reference

Similar projects
Dandenong Pop-up park

Council Officer Comments

Not Available.

Background:

- The jury became engaged with the Pop-Up concept after a 'witness' presentation by Lucinda Hartley from Codesign Studio.
- The piazza concept is about engaging communities – i.e. the award winning Federation Square

Objective:

- Pop-up style infrastructure allows the equipment to be re-used according to council guidelines.
- It recognises the need to encourage community engagement by encouraging participation in the development phase

POP-UP CONCEPTS



followingathread.blogspot.com



Codesign Studio



Treehugger.com



Inhabitat.com



Melbourne night noodle Market



parkinaday502.com

CROXTON SCHOOL BIKE PATH

Idea Summary

Build a permanent path where the current informal path is being used

Community submission to provide this path a link between St Georges Rd and Merri Creek Path

Budget

\$30,000

Points of Reference

Council have advised that in some cases bike path plans have been altered to suit the wants of the community

Council Officer Comments

Not available

Background:

- The jury acknowledges that a variety of stakeholders need to be engaged and they need to provide consensus.

Objective:

- We request the council investigate the viability of this work.
- The jury acknowledges that this may not be on the current Darebin bike path plan, however, its' extensive use indicates a community want.

BIKE PATH LOCATION – 159 BEAVERS RD, NORTHCOTE



UPGRADE TO KP HARDIMAN RESERVE

Idea Summary

Community submission for facility upgrade

Focus on upgrades to seating & shelters around the ground.

Budget

\$30,000

Points of Reference

Meets Infrastructure Category of Open Spaces – sports Fields.

Council Officer Comments

Suited to Council's Leisure Minor Works Grant.

Background:

- The community submission notes that Hockey Victoria have identified these facilities as inadequate for a quickly growing club
- The club has already undertaken fundraising and co-contributed on a dollar for dollar basis for the facility's upgrade
- We understand that the seating and shelter requires further funding.

Objective:

- The jury recommends the small amount be granted to the club in recognition of their efforts

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Idea Summary

Various submissions requested garden related/greening expenditure

Budget

Balance of Funds

Points of Reference

Augment the Darebin Council Community Garden Program – allowing development across Darebin.

Council Officer Comments

Not available

Background:

- The jury suggests that this is infrastructure that is important to many residents.

Objective:

- By engaging residents to establish and maintain their own areas of green, there is a greater social opportunity.
- The jury feel that any remaining/unused funds from the other proposals should be allocated to the Community Gardens Program.

COMMUNITY GARDEN CONCEPTS



Darebin Food Harvest Network

SUGGESTIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Traffic Calming

- Recognise significance
- Due to the complexity, this idea was deemed out of scope for the jury

Rainbow Shed

- Establish a LGBTIQ space
- Financial Support for a shop-front in High Street

Bike Trains

- Traffic calming around school zones
- Giving children a safe path to travel to school

Social & Affordable Housing

- Recognise our demographic challenges (1 in 4 on poverty line)
- The jury was only able to fund 1 large-scale project (East Preston Community House)

Darebin Ethnic Community Council

- Recognise the submission request for a more suitable space
- The jury was only able to fund 1 large-scale project (East Preston Community House)

Park Upgrades

- The success of recent upgrades to Edwards Lake park should help set benchmarks for future development
- How do we get a Darebin park voted as one of "Melbourne's best parks"?

SUMMARY

- “Big Project” to support the community in a variety of ways:
 - East Preston neighbourhood House ★
- Healthy Community Projects:
 - Outdoor Multi Purpose Sports Courts (Fairfield) ★
 - Exercise equipment in parks ★
 - Bike path upgrade ★
 - KP Hardiman Reserve upgrade ★
 - Community Gardens ★
- Connecting the community:
 - All Nations activation ★
 - Pop-up Piazza ★

