

## MURDOCH PARK UPGRADE 2014

How we responded:

We reviewed and considered all responses and suggestions received and we looked to address them where possible. The Concept for the Park was developed incorporating a number of the elements that the community asked for the Park:

- shade tree planting
- landscape planting
- meeting place
- creating separate spaces
- native planting
- palms – we have used native palms
- seating
- a picnic area
- winding path
- new fencing and gate
- bubbler
- bin
- open space
- art
- dog on lead area
- screening the back lane

However due to a variety of constraints we were not able to provide everything the community asked for and the following elements were not able to be incorporated:

- extending the Park over the channel
- BBQ
- toilets
- Community Garden
- Water course or water feature in the Park
- Archway at entry
- Mosaic bench
- Maze
- Skate Park
- Formal games – boules, petanque etc.
- Swing
- Sandpit
- Equipment for teenagers
- Coffee Cart
- Aboriginal Name for Park
- Secret entry
- Kerb and gutter at Illawarra Road

Our main constraint was budget which made large scale works such as extending the Park over the channel, installation of a toilet, community garden, new kerb and gutter at Illawarra Road, water course or skate park not feasible. Another constraint was time which meant the elements that require further consultation such as changing the name of the Park or a community garden were also not possible to be provided as part of this work. A coffee cart is also not feasible at this stage and establishing such a business in the Park would require further consultation with both residents and businesses close by. The final constraint was the limited space that was available in this small pocket park which meant formal games and play equipment were not able to be incorporated without losing a large amount of space needed for the other things you had asked for.

The final Concept for the Park is a culmination of all the ideas that have come from the community members who responded to our survey, balanced with the available budget, time and space constraints we faced. We have also tried to design the Park in a way to allow future upgrades to occur if funding becomes available. For instance for an art seat, arched entry, rain garden or community garden.

We would also encourage those people who expressed an interest in a community garden to get in touch with us as there is a community garden located in the nearby Addison Road Community Centre which is a great resource in real need of new members.

We are now looking at constructing your new Park in the next 2-3 months with work expected to be completed at the end of June 2014. We hope you enjoy your new Park.

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