
11.6 Consideration of Management Options at Citizens' Park, Richmond

Trim Record Number: D14/162086

Responsible Officer: Director City Development

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the contribution from the sports clubs and the outcomes of the park user survey (**Attachment 3**) in relation to Citizens' Park;
 - (b) endorses Option 3 as the preferred management option for Citizens Park, that is:
 - (i) amend existing conditions to reinstate the double gate at the Church Street end of the oval - number 5 in **Attachment 1** - and maintain existing conditions under the Local Laws and Council Order under the Domestic Animals Act 1994;
 - (c) endorses the provision of free dog obedience training at Citizens' Park for local residents in 2015, to assist dog owners to control their pets;
 - (d) enforces the current arrangements where no dogs are allowed on ovals when training or matches are underway and authorise the erection of signage enforceable under the Local Law;
 - (e) note the need for additional signage and/or stencils to advise park users of their obligations; and
 - (f) notes the need for additional turf maintenance in order to further minimise the impact of holes on the oval left by dogs.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council regarding this matter:

Mr Craig Lake - Junior Cricket Club and Auskick;

Mr John Greene – Richmond Union Cricket Club;

Mr James Little;

Mr Kevin Solomon – Richmond Harriers;

Mr Marshall Kelaher;

Ms Jane Stevens;

Ms Nancy Ioconou;

Mr Scott Meech;

Mr Robert Hutton;

Ms Katherine Knox;

Ms Belinda Donaldson;

Mr Ross Couper; and

Ms Charlotte Little.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor Stone

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 - (c) notes the need for additional signage and/or stencils to advise park users of their obligations, including temporary signage during training and matches;
 - (d) notes the need for additional turf maintenance in order to further minimise the impact of holes on the oval left by dogs;
 - (e) endorses the provision of free dog obedience training at Citizens' Park for local residents in 2015, to assist dog owners to control their pets;
 - (f) immediately commence community consultation to gauge community opinions and establish a community users group to consult on:
 - (i) the construction of a "dog run" at a suitable location on the Park; and
 - (ii) changes to the off-leash status of the park,
ensuring that CALD communities are pro-actively consulted in each matter.
2. That whilst the abovementioned consultation is being undertaken, Council temporarily endorses management option 3 and amend existing conditions to reinstate the double gate at the Church Street end of the oval - number 5 in **Attachment 1** - and maintain existing conditions under the Local Laws and Council Order under the Domestic Animals Act 1994.
3. Refer to the budget the requirement for more enforcement of Local Laws at Citizens Park.
4. At the conclusion of the process and given the multitude of uses at Citizens Park, develop a risk management plan.

CARRIED