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Your Say

## Enhancing Edinburgh Gardens

Seeking your ideas on improving  
the Northern Precinct

### We're calling for ideas on the best ways to improve Edinburgh Gardens (Northern Precinct) to meet current and future community needs.

International House is in poor condition and no longer fit for purpose. It will therefore be demolished along with the associated carpark, making this the perfect opportunity to re-imagine and revitalise this space.

Other considerations include the need to upgrade the playground (which is nearing the end of its useful life) and to begin exploring potential new uses for the Emely Baker Building (which will soon be vacated).

We're seeking your input and ideas on any aspect of Edinburgh Gardens (Northern Precinct), including the trees and gardens, facilities, playground, park furniture, skate park and shared pathways.

Your feedback will help inform a draft concept for the site, which will then be brought back to the community for further comment and refinement.

### Background

Construction of the nearby North Fitzroy Community Hub has led to improvement opportunities in Edinburgh Gardens (Northern Precinct).

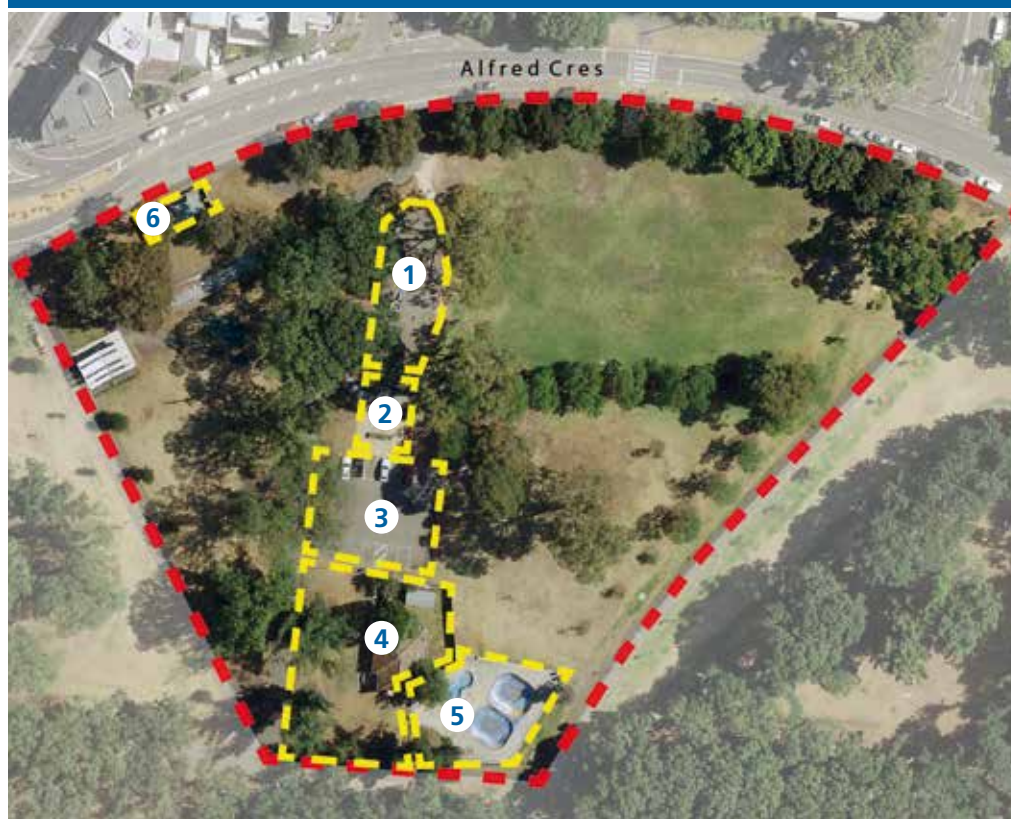
Groups currently meeting at International House, have been offered the chance to transition to a more modern facility at the soon-to-be-completed North Fitzroy Community Hub. Council has therefore decided to demolish International House due to its poor condition and its associated carpark. Removal of these redundant assets will free up space for new or expanded features in Edinburgh Gardens (Northern Precinct).

Council is also exploring the best ways to upgrade the existing playground, which is approaching the end of its useful life.

The maternal and child health service currently operating from the Emely Baker Building will be relocated to the North Fitzroy Community Hub. As the Emely Baker Building is in good condition, Council is exploring potential new uses for this facility.



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## Legend

Edinburgh Gardens North Precinct

- 1 Existing Playground
- 2 Existing Picnic BBQ Area
- 3 Existing Car Park
- 4 International House
- 5 Existing Skate Facility
- 6 Emely Baker Building (North Fitzroy MCHC)

## What kind of feedback are we looking for?

- Following the demolition of International House and its associated carpark, what should this land be used for? (e.g. additional green open space, new multi-use court, expanded skate facility, improved picnic/BBQ area, additional park furniture)
- With the existing playground nearing the end of its life span, how should this playground be upgraded and improved? (e.g. new shade structure, expanded play area, new play equipment, additional park furniture such as seating/picnic tables)
- Given the forthcoming vacancy at the Emely Baker Building, what should this venue be used for? (e.g. community meeting rooms, performance space, educational facility)

Note: Council is in the very early stages of considering the future of the Emely Baker Building and further consultation work will likely be required before a decision is made.

While Council has identified these as key elements of our consultation, we invite you to comment on any aspect of Edinburgh Gardens (Northern Precinct).

## What happens next?

Your feedback will inform development of a concept plan, which will be brought back to the community for further comment and improvement. Council will then finalise a plan to enhance this important public asset.

## For further information

Contact our Open Space team on 9426 1427 or at [OpenSpace@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:OpenSpace@yarracity.vic.gov.au)

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### Online forum

Help shape Edinburgh Gardens (Northern Precinct) by participating in our online forum at [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/EGNorth](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/EGNorth)

### Drop-in consultation session

Ask questions and provide feedback in-person at our drop-in consultation session in the marquee adjacent to the Emely Baker Building (Edinburgh Gardens) between 10am-11.30am on Saturday 4 June 2016.

### Feedback by mail

If you would like to provide feedback by mail, please write to us at Open Space Unit, Yarra City Council, PO Box 168, Richmond 3121.

**All feedback must be submitted by Friday 24 June 2016.**

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