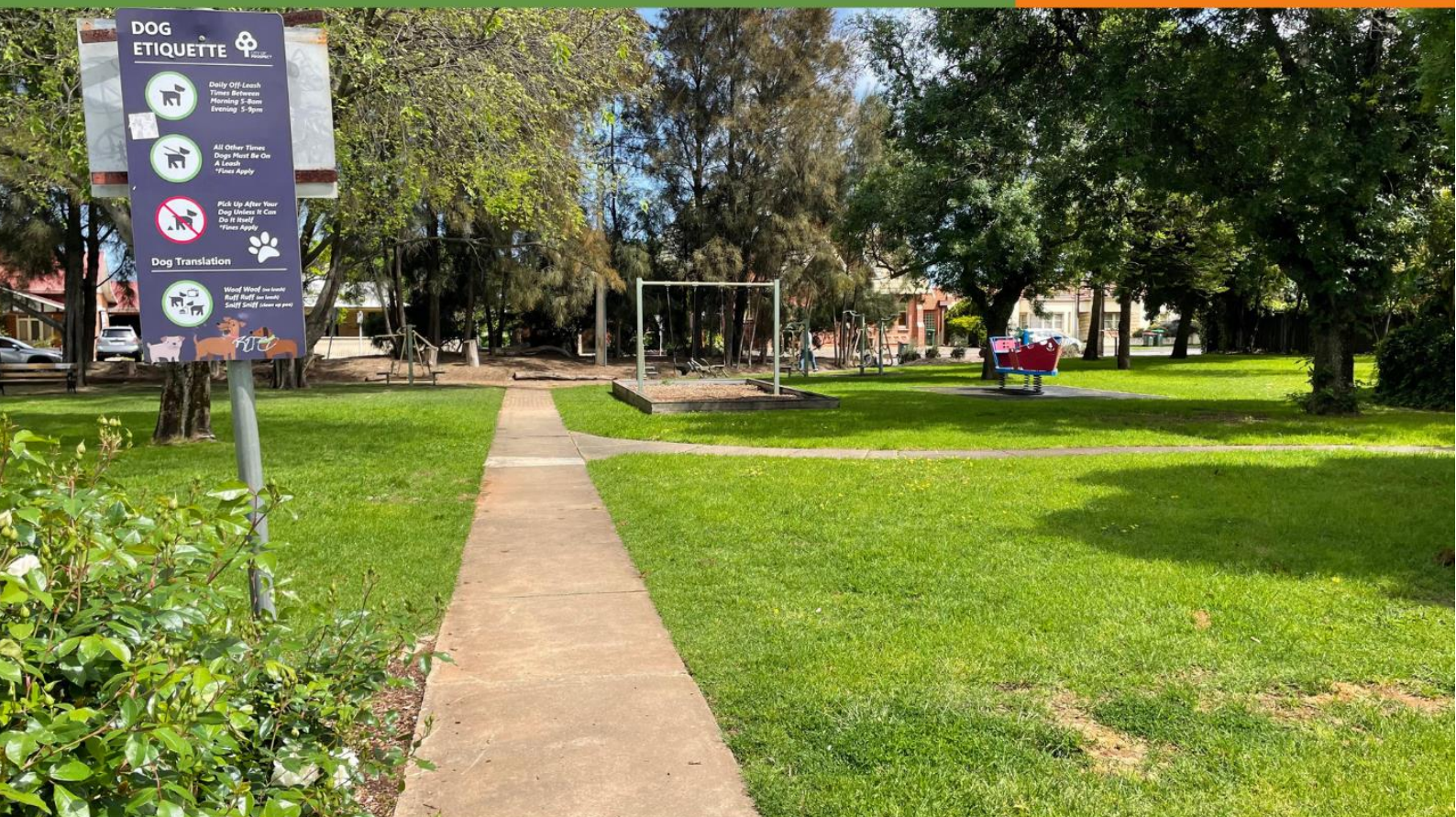


CITY OF PROSPECT



# RL Pash Reserve Upgrade

ANSWERS TO YOUR  
QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS



## DOG ETIQUETTE



Always On Leash  
Tethered to a Post  
Morning 5-8am  
Evening 5-9pm



All Other Times  
Dogs Must Be On  
A Leash  
\*Vets Apply



Pick Up After Your  
Dog Unless in Can  
Do It Right!  
\*Vets Apply



### Dog Translation



Wag = Good  
Bark = Alert  
Sniff = Curious

**The purpose of the Questions & Answers Fact Sheet is to enhance understanding and address key concerns and enquiries that arose during the Community Engagement process regarding the RL Pash Reserve Upgrade.**

**Q. Why was the basketball court not included in the plan?**

A. During Round 1 consultation (gathering information), Council received minimal feedback in relation to installing a half-court basketball court at RL Pash Reserve. In consultation with Council at a Councillor Workshop, it was decided to exclude a half-court basketball court from the concept design, due to basketball facilities being available at Prospect Gardens/Narnu Wirra (900 metres away).

During Round 2 consultation, Council received some feedback as to why a basketball court was not included. Further investigations were undertaken to determine the viability of court on-site. It was concluded that a new half-court basketball court is not feasible to install at RL Pash due to cost, proximity to residential properties, and it would have a significant impact on the open lawn space. Retaining the open lawn area as much as possible was widely desired by the community, as the number one priority.

Furthermore, there is a full-court basketball court within 1km of the reserve at Prospect Gardens/Narnu Wirra (cnr Mawson St and East Terrace, Nailsworth).

**Q. What measures will council take to prevent or address any potential issues that may arise if the fence encourages dog owners to let their dogs run off-leash?**

A. The fence will only separate the park from D'Erlanger Ave which is a busier local road. The rest of the park will remain open to the existing car parking area, and to Collins Street on the eastern side of the park.

**Q. How will the impact of tree removal be minimised or mitigated?**

A. Tree removals will not occur onsite unless recommended by an arborist due to poor health and structure. Currently, all trees at RL Pash Reserve will be retained. The proposed design for the reserve is considerate of tree root zones and will ensure appropriate measures are taken to protect trees when working within proximity of the trees.

Some of the smaller suckers from the large pine trees, which have self-seeded, may be removed as they are clumped very close together and impact on the larger healthier Pine trees. Removal of such suckers will have minimal impact on shade and visual aesthetic, and will improve the health of the larger existing trees within proximity.

**Q. What measures will be implemented to protect table tennis table from vandalism?**

A. The table tennis table that is proposed for the site is an existing table which Council have in storage and will be a low-cost item to install. The table will be re-painted by a respected artist to minimise the potential for graffiti.

The table tennis table also has a multi-functional use. When not in use for playing table tennis, the table may be used for placing platters and other items when gatherings are organised by the community at the park.

**Q. Will there be enough space available for ball games and dog users in the area?**

A. The concept design retains the usable area of lawn to ensure the community may still use the park and the large open lawn space as they currently do.

**Q. What are you doing to preserve open green space in the upgrade?**

A. The proposed new facilities in the park are strategically placed to retain the usable area of lawn for ball games, dog exercising and other uses which the community currently enjoy.

**Q. How will the open space in the park be affected by the relocation of the fitness equipment?**

A. The relocation of the fitness equipment will ensure that, while the western side of the park is fenced, there is easy access to all the new fitness equipment from the existing footpath. The new location of the fitness equipment is still primarily shaded by natural shade in summer.

**Q. Can we fence the whole park for security?**

A. Fencing the whole park will cause a disconnect between adjoining facilities such as the Nailsworth Hall, and may feel enclosed due to the park's size. It may also present more opportunities to dogs off-leash during times when they are not supposed to be off-leash. It is important for the park to remain usable and easily accessible by all existing visitors.

The fencing will be placed along the western edge only, with access gates so that residents using the footpath along the D'Erlanger Avenue road continue to have clear access, and residents entering and using the park feel safer, away from the D'Erlanger Avenue vehicular traffic, particularly those with children and/or dogs.

**Q. How will the mural installed on the Northern Wall look like? Where will the budget for the mural come from?**

A. The proposed mural on the brick wall at the northern boundary of the park will respond to the historic native flora and fauna of the Nailsworth area, in particular the Native Pine (*Callitris gracilis*) which was found in the area prior to European settlement. The region had red gums, peppermints, wattle and pines, named the Pine Forest, or Pinery at one stage. Its residents found an abundance of native birds, snakes and lizards, with frequent cries of cockatoos and parrots. The mural will reflect this history with a native bird and visual reference to the pines and other flora historic of the area

The funding for the mural will come from Council's Arts budget. This budget is separate from the budget for the upgrade of the reserve and this budget is for artwork only and cannot be used for any infrastructure upgrades in the park (e.g. additional play equipment).

**Q. Is it possible to have a toilet in the park?**

A. Toilet facilities cost a significant amount to install and take up a good deal of space. Council needs to consider placement of its existing toilet facilities before agreeing to install new toilets.

RL Pash Reserve is classified as a “local” level park in Council’s Open Space Strategy. This means that the park caters for minimal facilities that require high maintenance and there is currently no provision for toilet facilities at this park.

The closest public toilets are less than 1km away at Prospect Gardens/Narnu Wirra (cnr Mawson St and East Terrace, Nailsworth), and are a 10-15 minute walk from RL Pash Reserve.