

**AGENDA ITEM NO.:** 10.14  
**TO:** Council on 28 July 2020  
**DIRECTOR:** Simon Bradley, Director Infrastructure and Environment  
**REPORT AUTHOR:** Russell King, Acting Manager Infrastructure and Assets  
**SUBJECT:** Draft Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra Playspace Concept Plan

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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Open Space Strategy identifies the priority parks for upgrades and the Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra playspace was scheduled for an upgrade in the 2020/21 financial year.

City of Prospect was successful in receiving a grant as part of the Minister for Planning's 2019-2020 Planning and Development Fund for the upgrade of the Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra. The total cost of the project is \$437,000 with \$218,500 in grant funding.

A Draft Concept Plan for the upgrade of Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra has been developed by Council Administration. This Draft Concept Plan was developed in response to community consultation undertaken in late 2017. The Draft Concept Plan incorporates a new playground, fitness equipment, nature play, dinosaur fossil discovery trail, sensory musical panel, furniture, entry statement, lighting, pavement and amenity planting.

Whilst there is potential for the updated Draft Concept Plan to be adopted by Council now, further community consultation is recommended in line with Councillors' sentiment to ensure that community needs are understood and their expectations are suitably managed. This is an important step for the future of Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra and having the community on board with Council's vision is critical to future success.

The Draft Master Plan is provided at **Attachment 1** for endorsement for community consultation.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

- (1) Council having considered Item 10.14 Draft Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra Playspace Concept Plan receive and note the report.**
- (2) That Council endorse the Draft Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra Playspace Concept Plan (as presented in Attachment 1) for community consultation.**
- (3) A further report is provided to Council on the outcomes of community consultation on the Draft Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra Playspace Concept Plan.**

### 3. DISCUSSION

Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra is located on the eastern side of our Council, bounded by Mawson Street, East Terrace, Buchanan Street and West Terrace, Nailsworth.

At the Council meeting on 26 May 2020 a report was presented advising that City of Prospect was successful in receiving a grant under the State Government's Planning and Development Fund for the redevelopment of the Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra playspace. The total cost of the proposed upgrade is \$427,000 with \$218,000 in grant funding. At this meeting Council resolved (in part):

- (1) *Council having considered Item 10.3 Successful Grant Funding – Churchill Road Master Plan (Stage 3 of 3) and Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra Redevelopment receive and note the report.*
- (2) *.....*
- (3) *That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign a grant funding agreement related to Council accessing a grant from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure for \$218,500 contribution towards Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra Redevelopment, noting that Council's contribution is \$218,500.*

#### Community Consultation Undertaken to Date

A survey for the Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra playspace was undertaken in September 2017, providing options for play equipment and seeking feedback on what residents would like to see as part of an upgrade. Surveys were distributed to all residents that live within a 200 metre radius of the park and responses were compiled to determine the most appropriate components to be included in the draft Concept Plan.

The most common components were new play equipment (including a large play structure, cubby house, swings and climbing equipment); nature play; and more park furniture. 94% of respondents said they would visit the park more often if it were upgraded to suit their needs. The majority of children at the time of the survey fell into the 6-12 years age bracket.

A Draft Concept Plan has been prepared in response to the community survey responses, acknowledging that the children would be a little older now and reflecting this in the draft Concept Design.

The Draft Concept Plan incorporates a playspace with nature play element for children to explore, promotes the significance of natural beauty and educates children on the importance of nature through interaction. The Draft Concept Plan provides the opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to interact with each other if they like and the integrated design of the various elements will provide stimulation and activity for all. Alternatively, people may seek a quiet area under a tree and enjoy watching, reading or a place to reflect. Incorporating a sensory musical panel, stepping stones, fossil discovery trail and timber bridge will provide a passive, unstructured, peaceful and interesting space for all.

The updated Draft Concept Plan is provided at **Attachment 1** for endorsement for community consultation.

### Community Consultation

It is proposed that further community consultation be undertaken to allow for additional feedback on the Draft Concept Plan before it is presented to Council for adoption. The purpose of the community consultation is to inform the community of the draft Concept Plan for Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra Playspace and invite participants to provide feedback on components of the Draft Concept Plan to ensure that it meets the community's expectations. The proposed level of engagement, in accordance with Council's Community Engagement and Consultation Policy is Level 2 'Consult and Involve'. The consultation period will be for 21 days.

The consultation process would include:

- Postcard style flyer (DL size) to owners and residents within a 200m radius of Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra that provides an overview of the Draft Concept Plan, inviting participation in the engagement process and provides details for consultation (e.g. online survey)
- Corflute signage at visible locations throughout the reserve
- Additional consultation with key stakeholders and peak sporting bodies
- Promotion of the Draft Concept Plan consultation via Council's website and social media
- Public Forum onsite on a weekend to allow the community to ask questions of staff
- Providing the opportunity for community members to provide feedback via Council's Community Engagement Hub via an online survey

Council Administration then recommends that a further report is provided to Council on the outcomes of community consultation on the Draft Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra Playspace Concept Plan. Depending on the quantity and detail of submissions, it is envisaged that this report will be bought back to Council in September 2020.

### **Implications, Related Questions and Further Information**

#### Financial Implications

Council has allocated \$437,000 (incorporating \$218,000 in State Government grant funding) in the 2020/21 Annual Business Plan to the upgrade of the Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra playspace.

#### **Relevance to Core Strategies / Policy**

- Local Government Act, 1999
- Community Engagement and Consultation Policy
- Open Space Strategy, 2018

**Strategic Plan to 2020 Theme 1 – People** "Know, empower, celebrate, educate and activate our community"

Strategy 1.2      Environmentally active, sustainably focused  
Strategy 1.3      Active living for every age, every stage

**Strategic Plan to 2020 Theme 2 – Place** “Loved heritage, leafy streets, fabulous places”

- Strategy 2.1 Respect the past, create our future
- Strategy 2.2 Loved parks and places
- Strategy 2.3 An accessible City
- Strategy 2.4 A greener future

**Strategic Plan to 2020 Theme 4 – Services** “Leaders of the sector providing efficient, responsive, accessible services”

- Strategy 4.1 Excellence in Infrastructure

**Intelligent Community Indicators**

- 6. Advocacy: Engaging leaders and citizens, businesses and institutions, in identifying opportunities to champion positive change.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment 1:** Prospect Gardens / Narnu Wirra Playspace Draft Concept Plan

# PROSPECT GARDENS / NARNU WIRRA PLAYGROUND UPGRADE - CONCEPT PLAN



1 ENTRANCE STATEMENT

2 NEW FITNESS STATION

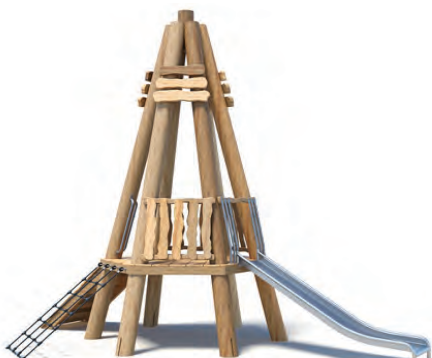


3 NEW SANDPIT PLAY AREA

4 NEW SENSORY MUSICAL PANEL

5 NEW DOUBLE SWING WITH A REGULAR SEAT & TODDLER SEAT

6 NEW CUBBY HOUSE WITH A SLIDE

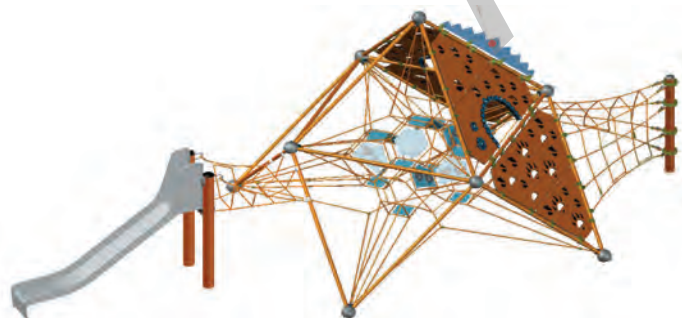


7 STEPPING STONES

8 CREEK BED WITH DINOSAUR DISCOVERY TRAIL & SCULPTURE



9 DINOSAUR THEMED PLAYGROUND



10 FLYING FOX ON THE MOUND WITH NATURE PLAY ELEMENTS



11 RAMP UP TO THE EXISTING MOUND

12 EXISTING ENTRY



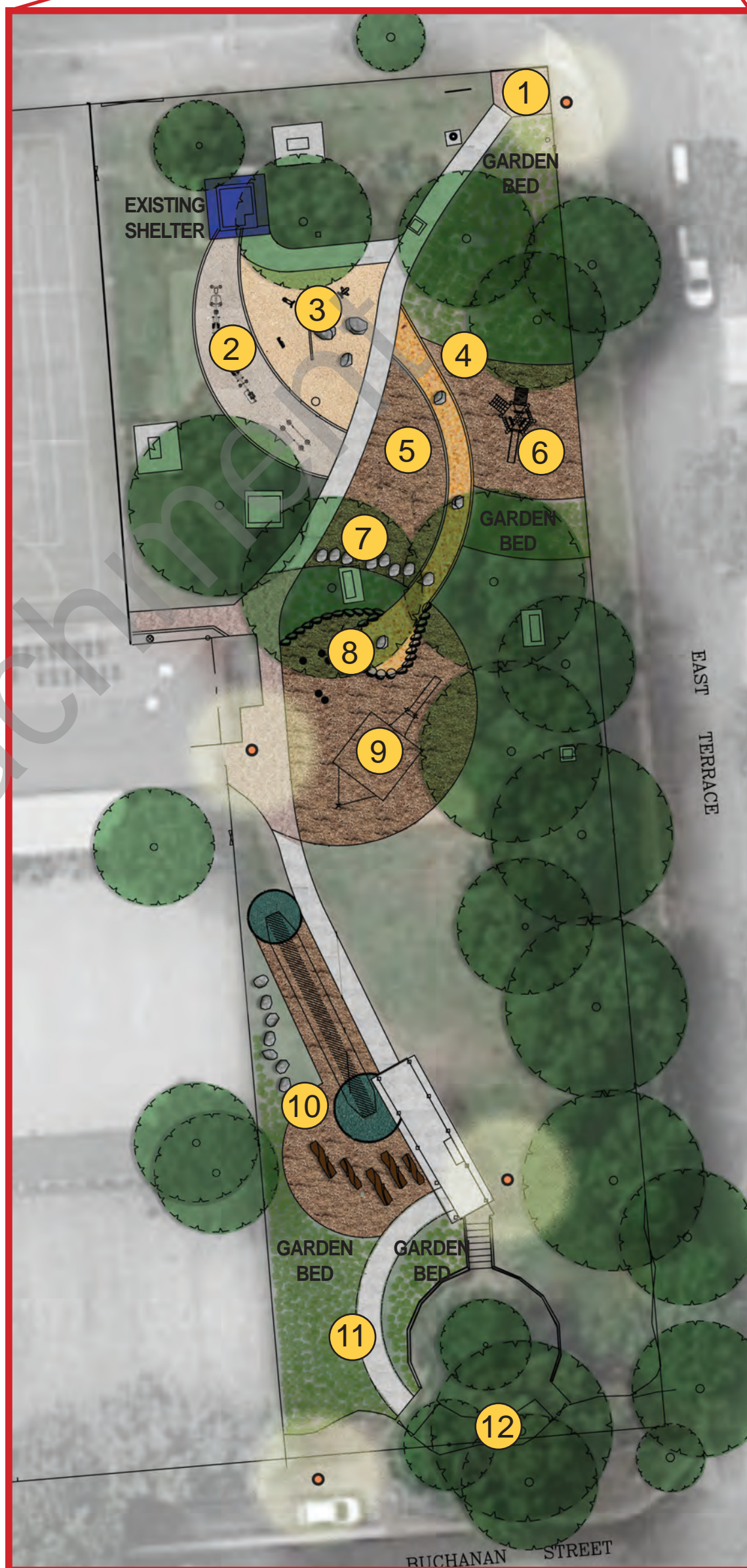
NEW LIGHTS



EXISTING TREES



LOCATION PLAN



PROPOSED CONCEPT PLAN - PROSPECT GARDENS / NARNU WIRRA