

DRAFT LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I provide feedback on the draft Land Management Plan?

Simply head to www.crrt.org.au/draftlmp/ where you can provide your feedback until Friday, August 14 2020.

When will the final Land Management Plan be released?

The Land Management Plan will be publicly released by 30th September 2020.

What is the timeline for each project within the plan?

The delivery of the plan will be staged and in line with various factors, such as when training will be relocated and the capacity of the Trust and partners to deliver the required infrastructure. At this stage, the Trust is still working through the preliminary stages of this, however we envision that it will be a 15 year journey to completely activate the Reserve, however we hope that many projects will be delivered earlier than this.

What 'Quick Win's' do you plan to implement in the next few years?

The Trust is very keen and focused to improve access and safety to the Reserve, as well as increase people's awareness of the existing space. Major infrastructure works will be subject to the relocation of horse training and are subject to funding.

How will the Vision and the plan to arrive at the Vision be financed and paid for?

The draft Land Management articulates a clear vision for the Reserve as well as different precincts. In the final plan, there will be further detail about staging, investment and resource management required to support the delivery. At this stage, we are interested to understand the community's views further as well as the various sources of funding such as state and local government, and private sector investment partners that will help bring the plan to life.

Will the perimeter trail/track be a shared space for walking, running and cycling?

Yes, the Trust's aspiration is that it will be a shared path that will accommodate multiple users and uses.

Which sports will the Reserve cater for and what infrastructure will there be?

The Trust has taken a sport agnostic approach for the draft Land Management Plan. We've worked very closely with both Stonnington and Glen Eira Councils as well as the Victorian Government and various sports agencies to understand the different growth, needs and demands, and the delivery of facilities and infrastructure will be evidence based. We have also included a combination of surfaces in the plan to meet the requirements of different sports, as well as outlined the possibilities for what an indoor sports facility could look like and the

various activities it could cater for. We are also proposing change and club rooms that can support all abilities and male and female sports. We are inviting all the sports and user groups to provide an Expression of Interest to consider how they could support the Trust to deliver these projects.

What is the plan for accommodating night-time racing and activity at the Reserve?

The Trust is supportive of increasing evening activity within the reserve for the benefit of all and will look at the number of days, hours and type of events appropriate for this time. This also includes night racing. The Trust is cognisant of finding a balance between the amenity impacts and greater community access. This will be resolved with the final Land Management Plan. Any night-time activity will also need to have good lighting and security, and this is a key consideration for the Trust.

Is there a commitment to women's sport?

The Trust is committed to making the Reserve an inclusive space and a place for everyone. We are aware that there is immense demand for infrastructure for women's sport and we hope that the Reserve can provide support and facilities to help ease this demand.

How does the dog walking experience fit into the new plans?

The dog walking experience has not specifically been shown on the plan, but it has not been forgotten. We would love to hear your thoughts on how we can make the space the best we can for dog walking and user needs – where would it fit well and is there any infrastructure you would like to see to support this area? We are also open to exploring the areas for dog on lead, dog off lead or where dogs may be excluded to support other uses at the reserve. as The Trust will be seeking to encourage responsible pet ownership and management.

The Trust is seeking to accommodate multiple uses at the Reserve that includes people walking their dogs, enjoying the open space, and taking part in passive recreation as well as active recreation. We are focused on how we can maximise the use for the community benefit.

Is increasing biodiversity and wildlife part of the plan?

The Trust wishes to improve the biodiversity of the Reserve, especially around the wetland and the public spaces, while being considerate of sight lines that need to be maintained for racing. Therefore the location of trees will need to be carefully placed, but we will look to maximise this through lower plantings and coverings.

Have you determined if there will be a weekly farmers market?

Part of the Trust's vision is around activating the Reserve, and along with our current community consultation, we are concurrently running an Expression of Interest process, and through this process we have been in contact with several market groups to assess the viability of this idea. If you, or anyone you know, is interested to partner with us to deliver this, please complete the EOI form on our website. The Trust is seeking to ensure the reserve is a place for everyone.

Will a community garden be part of the final plan?

Yes, the Trust is looking at this opportunity and to use the space around Wedge Park for this purpose.

Could a community organisation host events on site prior to development to increase community engagement?

The Trust is very interested to explore any opportunities to help activate the Reserve. Any interested community groups or organisations can get in touch with the Trust at info@crrt.org.au or complete an Expression of Interest form outlining how they would like to work together.

What will happen to the Stables area, which has some important heritage aspects?

The stables at Neerim Road are on the Reserve (Crown) land and we have done preliminary investigations into the feasibility of adapting and reusing these in line with community needs. The stables along Kambrook Road are on MRC freehold land and does not form part of the Trust's management or oversight, however we have expressed and will continue to advocate that the heritage buildings are protected and will seek to provide improved access through that area to the Wedge Park. The Trust will advocate that any future developments are consistent with the overall purpose and vision for the Reserve and the larger precinct.

What will happen to the heritage buildings along Booran Road – one of them is Lord Lodge and was built in the 1890s?

The Trust does not have direct control over this land; however, we will work with Glen Eira Council who are undertaking a heritage study and work with them to make sure those buildings are protected. The Trust would like to see these areas made more appealing and safer for people to move through, as well as providing improved access to the Reserve.

Why has the suggested move of the depot from Caulfield Park to a small corner of the Neerim Lodge Stables area not been considered?

The Trust is open to receiving submissions and welcomes input on this issue to consider for the final Land Management Plan. The Trust's focus has been on maximising the precinct to meet community needs and demand for open space.