

## Item 11: Community

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### 11.1 Draft Masterplan Robertson Park Mudgee

REPORT BY THE MANAGER RECREATION SERVICES  
TO 19 JULY 2023 ORDINARY MEETING  
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#### RECOMMENDATION

##### That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager Recreation Services on the Draft Masterplan Robertson Park Mudgee;**
2. **note the contents and recommendations within the Robertson Park masterplan;**
3. **place the draft Robertson Park masterplan on public exhibition for 28 days to receive public feedback; and**
4. **endorse the draft Robertson park masterplan if no public submissions are received.**

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#### Executive summary

Moir Landscape Architecture were recently engaged to develop a masterplan for Robertson Park Mudgee. The primary objective of the masterplan is to guide the future development of the Park, restoring and improving park elements to better reflect contemporary demand and usage. This report recommends that the attached draft masterplan be placed on public exhibition for 28 days to receive community feedback.

#### Disclosure of Interest

Nil

#### Detailed report

Moir Landscape Architecture were recently engaged to develop a masterplan for Robertson Park Mudgee. The project scope was to provide a site assessment and master planning services for the historic park in Mudgee. The Master Plan is to consider the existing setting and infrastructure within the park, restoring and improving park elements to better reflect contemporary demand and usage.

The plan aims to direct Council on future development of the park over the next 10 to 20 years. As such it is highly likely that a stage approached will be required to which proposed staging details are captured within the masterplan.

Design principles utilised for the development of the draft masterplan are detailed in the below table.

Design Principle	Comments
Remember and Reconnect	With a heritage rotunda, the Mudgee District Fallen Soldier's Memorial, locally fired bricks, and a brick mosaic public artwork, the park functions as a living memorial. The Masterplan will build on this symbolic landscape by incorporating and designing spaces that encourage visitors to contemplate the past and remember those we have lost.
Support large events and markets	Anzac Day events and markets are currently held at Robertson Park, facilitating the gathering of large groups of people. The Masterplan will support these events by considering spatial arrangement, crowd sizes, storage areas, seating and overflow areas.
Park revitalisation and tree succession	Over time garden beds and park elements age and need renewal. Planning for this succession can define future directions for park upgrades and pinpoint where improvements need to be made.
Refine spatial arrangement and diversify programming	When different park activities begin to overlap it can create congestion and disrupt activity. By distributing diverse programming across the park, it allows for multiple groups to gather at once without hindering the nature and length of their stay at the park.
Consider staging and maintenance	Master planning assumes funding will come in portions, allowing the mapping out of future projects and the order in which they will be implemented to maximise public fund usage. Another important consideration is the upkeep processes that will take place after works are completed.
Beyond accessibility and towards inclusivity	Inclusive design goes beyond the requirements of accessibility and looks to involve everyone in all activities and places- all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

Following the contributions of key stakeholders, the draft masterplan has been finalised to enable review and discussion on the parks future development. It is recommended that the draft masterplan be placed on public exhibition for a 28 day period to obtain feedback from the community.

## Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Effective and efficient delivery of infrastructure
Strategy	Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community

## Strategic implications

### Council Strategies

Community Strategic Plan  
 Recreation Strategy

### Council Policies

Not Applicable

**Legislation**

Not Applicable

Financial implications

There is currently no budget assigned for the implementation of the masterplan. The masterplan is conceptual only with any construction costs to be determining upon finalisation of the masterplan.

It is proposed that this project be considered in future capital programs and grant opportunities.

Associated Risks

Not Applicable

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*Attachments:* 1. Draft Masterplan Robertson Park Mudgee. (separately attached Book 1)

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