



Burekup Advisory Group Meeting

Monday, 8 August 2022

Burekup Country Club - Bar Area

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Attendance

Elected Representative Members

Cr. Janice Dow	Chairperson
Cr. Mark Hutchinson	Elected Member – Advisory Group Member
Cr. Tyrrell Gardiner	Deputy Shire President

Community

Mr. Tony Jenour	Community
Mrs. Amy Walton	Community
Ms. Julie Rose	Community
Mrs. Kahlia Murray	Community
Mrs. Cassie Fry	Community

Staff

Mr. André Schönfeldt	Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Susan Oosthuizen	Director Sustainable Development
Mr. Nathan Ryder	Manager Infrastructure Planning & Design
Mr. Dean Pitts	Representing Acting / Manager Place & Community Engagement
Mr. Murray Connell	Manager Development Services
Ms. Vicki Pretorius	Landscape Design Officer

Observers

Cr. Ellen Lilly	Elected Member
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Apologies

Cr. Mick Bennett	Chairperson
Mr. Theo Naudé	Director Infrastructure
Mr. Mal Hancock	Community

Meeting Open - 5.05pm

Welcome

Disclosure of Interest

André Schönfeldt
Chief Executive Officer

André Schönfeldt called for any declaration of interests from members.

No members had any formal declarations of interest to make but a group member commented that due to Burekup being a small place, several members could be considered to have a potential declaration of interest such as a proximity interest or membership of the Country Club, but it was agreed that all members would participate in all discussions unless an obvious conflict of interest situation arose during the meeting.

Council Plan Presentation

André Schönfeldt
Chief Executive Officer

André Schönfeldt advised that the Council Plan had been adopted at the July 2022 Council meeting. This sets out what we are planning to do over the next four years. This, together with our Asset Management Plans, are the main documents containing relevant information for the community. The Council Plan will be updated again next year with an opportunity for input from the community.

A group member asked if the Asset Management Plans might be able to be published on the Council website. The CEO advised that the information from this plan had been previously included in the minutes of Council meetings, and that the information is available in the Strategic Financial Plan and these are available on the Shire's website.

Burekup Community Facilities Plan (CFP) – Projects Update

Nathan Ryder
Manager Infrastructure Planning & Design

Nathan Ryder presented the following information:-

- Clarke Street – Road works and pathway works are scheduled to be undertaken in January and February 2023
- Burekup Hall – Upgrades have been undertaken; with works including a new vanity top to the males toilet, new baby change table installed, new external and internal lights, painting of internal hall and internal bar area, new fans in the hall. Installation of the new external gates between the hall and the tennis courts is pending.

Future Projects

- Burekup Skate Park [2025-2026] - The first step to planning for this would be consultation with the youth.
- Burekup Toilets and Burekup Pavilion [2028-2029] – André Schönfeldt in response to a question explained that the project delivery was delayed around the likelihood of attracting Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Funding applications and scheduling of other facilities, such as the Eaton Oval clubrooms.
- Russell Road Footpath Renewal [2025-2028] - This has been programmed for completion in sections. The existing pathway will be upgraded and some new street trees introduced along the road. The parking could be formalised a bit more, to create more space for trees to improve the streetscape. Designs will be brought back to the group to workshop once design work begins.

André Schönfeldt suggested that the group think of what projects the community might like to see and put forward for election commitment funding applications.

The group discussed a skate park with 'components' versus a more permanent skate park; originally a skate park with components was proposed and subsequently budgeted for, however, the group felt that the community wanted something more fixed and of a higher standard than the current budget allows for.

A group member stated that they believed the community want a more permanent skate park feature rather than 'moveable equipment.' They stated that there could be an opportunity to engage in community partnerships, in order to get a really good outcome, and that there could be an opportunity for community involvement.

Another group member asked why lots of funding was going to Dardanup for projects, but not as much to Burekup. André Schönfeldt explained that the Wells Recreation Clubrooms in Dardanup were a high priority and that the Shire had secured external funding for the Dardanup Civic Precinct project, and that the Carramar Park play equipment was also due for replacement.

Nathan Ryder advised that there were currently some issues with the existing dirt BMX track and that concerns had been raised regarding the state of the track inside the new fencing, with some jumps being built higher, holes dug deeper and trees being damaged. He explained that the Shire will need to do a risk assessment of the fenced area.

A group member advised that there are road safety concerns due to some of the children who use the BMX track doing run-up's across Russell Road into the BMX track.

Another group member suggested speaking to the BMX track users about concerns as they might then understand a bit better (what to do and not to do.) The group agreed that parents should be encouraged to speak with their children about using the facility safely and appropriately.

André Schönfeldt commented that it was thought that the BMX track would have to move to a new location when the Community Facilities Plan was prepared, thus showing it in Gardiner Reserve. However if the existing BMX track is to remain where it is, then there would not be a new track also created across the road.

A group member noted that they were not keen on a facility that is too big, as they were keen to keep it small so that it served locals but didn't attract too many extra people to travel in to Burekup to use a bigger skate park.

Another group member suggested that there could be 'Friends' groups – such as 'Friends of the BMX Track', to involve parents of the BMX track users and to get the community on board.

Action: The Shire will liaise directly with the relevant community members to discuss the operational management of the BMX track going forward.

Burekup Telstra Exchange Beautification Project

[See Presentation attached](#)

Vicki Pretorius
Landscape Design Officer

Vicki Pretorius advised that she has reviewed the group's preference expressed at the last Burekup Advisory Group meeting, for 'art murals on tin' to be placed around the Burekup Telstra Exchange property, to improve its appearance. She asked the group to consider what the existing bird murals on the Telstra Exchange building, by artist Brenton See and painted in 2019, would look like behind solid tin panels that might be painted with artwork – expressing that such screening could effectively 'block' part of the bird mural artwork and detract from it.

She expressed that it is important to retain the artistic integrity of the original artwork, which means not to block it from view or to undertake any additional artworks which may not be complementary to the original artworks. The presentation (attached) includes additional design considerations.

Indicative images of what could possibly work, versus what might be incongruous and therefore not work, were shown to the group.

The group thought that the 'irregular slat' effect shown in the concept sketch might be ok, but that the cost of this might not be warranted and that a simple black chain mesh fence could work sufficiently well. The sketch concept presented showed low native planting in a mulched perimeter garden bed, which could only be implemented if it turns out to be feasible to water adjacent to the Telstra exchange facility (as the presence of underground infrastructure might exclude this as an option.)

The group did not think that anything too 'busy' would work well and that it would detract from the artwork. They wanted the look to be kept 'natural' and felt that freshening up the existing fence and adding some planting if possible would work well.

Overall, the group expressed that they were not keen to spend too much money on 'big ticket' items such as additional artwork, when there is already artwork there – that a black fence (either new or refurbished) should be sufficient, and after that is completed we can assess if it has made a difference and discuss further if required.

Place and Community Projects

[See Presentation attached](#)

Dean Pitts
Representing Gary Thompson, Acting Manager Place and Community

Dean Pitts tabled a presentation to the Group of the upcoming events, programs and projects planned by the Shire. These were all outlined in a Presentation document (attached) and covered the following:

- Up and Coming Events and Programs for 2022/2023;
 - Sport and Recreation Plan progress and 2022/23 key outcomes discussion;
 - Relevant to the previous discussion in the meeting on the skate park – the Sport and Recreation Plan
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included a recommendation for the Burekup Skate Park's development, based on community consultation undertaken following the consultation that was completed for the Community Facilities Plan;

- Burekup History Project Idea Progress;
- Discussion on Dardanup Heritage Collective, which reportedly has a very good website. A Councillor advised that Danny Harris is keen to talk to members of the Burekup community to seek their heritage stories, as possible input for more signs in the Shire – with locations now extended beyond Dardanup to the Ferguson Valley, and potential to expand this further; and
- Tourist/Community Information Board - update provided, including showing an explanation and image of the proposed sign. The original location proposal was across the road from the Burekup General store, near the shelter; however group members expressed that this might not work as well due to there being no access across Russell Road, with no crossing or pathway. It was noted that we need to consider locating the sign where people will be able to see it every day. The group agreed that we should try to get funding, then to come together to confirm a location for the sign to be installed.

Action: It was noted that at the next Burekup Advisory Group meeting, there would be updates and group conversations on the proposed cricket pavilion, skate park and the existing BMX track.

Burekup Recreational Vehicle Stop-over site Update

Murray Connell

Manager Development Services

Murray Connell presented an update on the Burekup RV Stopover – that we are now implementing Council's decision from June 2022, to reopen the site after the outcomes of community consultation supported the original location. Bollards have been installed, signs are going up and bays are being marked, with the site to recommence as a stopover site on 1 September 2022.

A Councillor asked whether additional space beyond the set number of bays would be available for special events, such as the Country Music Festival; it was confirmed that permits would be available for this.

Round the table Updates

This session has been set aside for members to address any brief updates, advice/information or matters of interest that they wish to share with the group.

The following comments were made by members :-

- There was a query about the lease fees for the Country Club – can the fee matrix be made available? Concerns were raised from group members on the lease fee amount, which they advised was only about \$1k less than the lease for the Eaton Bowling Club building. Since the Burekup Country Club was run by volunteers and only operated two times per week, they were concerned that the lease fee amount seemed inequitable and not affordable for the Burekup Country Club. It was mentioned that the Burekup Cricket Club is also being charged fees which might be considered as disproportionate to the size of the area leased.
 - André Schönfeldt advised that the matrix was put in place to establish some equity between the different community groups.
 - A member asked whether the function of the Country Club as Burekup's only community social 'hub' could be taken into consideration, to possibly give slightly lower fees.
 - This was further discussed by the group and concerns were noted at this time.
 - For further action the Country Club would be need to approach the Shire formally.
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Meeting Closed 6.40 pm
