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Have your say and make your mark on Allen Park

The City of Nedlands is continuing its commitment to consultation and encouraging feedback to help shape its Allen Park Master Plan.

Bounded by Kirkwood Road and Clement Street in Swanbourne, the City is keen to consult with all community users and other interested parties to set the framework for future uses and buildings at Allen Park.

The master plan process will consider existing conservation efforts and the heritage of the area, matched with the park's links to nearby beaches and its regional role as a central sporting facility in the western suburbs.

ABV Leisure Consultancy has been engaged as the lead consultant for the project, working with TPG + Place Match, Flyt Traffic Consultants and Donald Cant Watts Corke Quantity Surveyors.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said the Allen Park precinct was an important asset for the community but stressed the project was in its early stages.

"The process will investigate the optimal mix of various sports at the reserve, along with the established environmental area, while balancing access to the community for casual and passive recreation purposes," he said.

"We recognise that casual use such as dog walking is a significant component which needs to be considered, as well as the sports being played at the park and the environmental care of native bushland.

"Throughout the project development, we want to ensure local community and key stakeholders are consulted, engaged and informed every step of the way.

"This is part of the City's Community Engagement Policy, where we aim to inform, consult, involve and collaborate with people."

Some possible enhancements that may be considered include parking and access improvements, change and club room upgrades, redesigning and reconfiguring playing fields, youth facilities, water fountains, seating, path networks, dog-friendly features, playground upgrades, barbecues, outdoor exercise equipment and environmentally-friendly maintenance of the bushland area.

There are several ways people can provide feedback:

- A community survey will be sent to local residents and posted at yourvoicenedlands.wa.gov.au.
- Community stakeholder groups will be interviewed by the consultancy team.
- Sporting groups will have their own survey and the opportunity to meet with the consultancy team.

- There will be a community drop-in session at the Allen Park Lower Pavilion, Wood Street, Swanbourne on Wednesday, 21 June, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

“The outcome of these investigations will result in a draft master plan, which will show the proposed changes,” Mayor Hipkins said.

“The plan will be available for comment at yourvoicenedlands.wa.gov.au and there will be an opportunity to provide feedback at a further community drop-in session.

“There will also be a workshop to present the draft plan directly to stakeholder and sporting groups to obtain their direct feedback.

“Once the further consultation has taken place, the final master plan will be developed for consideration by Council.”

The initial consultation will take place in June and July to shape the draft master plan and, once developed, further consultation will take place in August.

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The City of Nedlands is developing a draft master plan for Allen Park in Swanbourne – and is encouraging people to provide their feedback.

About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of more than 21,000 lives in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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