

## **RSL Park Campbell: Draft Landscape Plan**

### **Community Consultation**

SUMMARY REPORT – MARCH 2022

Between December 2021 and January 2022, Friends of RSL Park undertook community consultation on the draft landscape plan for RSL Park. The development of the landscape plan is part of a bigger project funded by the Nature in the City Grant 2021-22. The project seeks to rejuvenate the park and enhance its landscape health.

With support from a professional team of facilitators and landscape planners, consultation activities involved:

- A face-to-face community event held at the park on 4 December 2021. The event was attended by 12 people; and
- An online park user survey, which began on 4 December 2021 until 31 January 2022. A total of 22 responses were received over this period.

This report provides a summary of the key findings from the community consultation.

#### **WHAT USERS LIKE MOST ABOUT THE PARK**

What users like most about the park and would like to keep are (in no particular order):

- The large trees and shaded area with trees on the Jacka Crescent side
- The open grassy area at the centre of the park
- The sloping bushland adjoining houses on Jacka & Getting Crescents, including mature trees
- The RSL Memorial and seating area

#### **WHAT USERS LIKE ABOUT THE DRAFT LANDSCAPE PLAN**

What users like about the draft landscape plan are (in no particular order):

- Proposed picnic tables
- Proposed logs and rock sitting/picnic area
- Proposed natural play area on the slope
- Proposed bollards/gardens/wall gardens on Blamey Crescent side of the park to improve safety of park users

#### **WHAT USERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHANGED OR IMPROVED**

Changes and improvements users would like to see at the park are (in no particular order):

- More trees and shrubs for wildlife habitat
- Better and extended footpaths
- Disability ramps for wheelchairs

- Several water or tap points
- Play equipment, including monkey bars, equipment that spins, swings, seesaw, climbing frame, stepping rocks and logs, tunnel, spiderweb, slide and other fun stuff for kids
- A small playground like at Regatta Point
- A nature playground
- More lighting for the park and pathways
- More seating
- Fenced dog area
- More shade
- Rubbish bins
- Maintaining or planting screening trees along the rear fence line of properties on Jacka & Getting Crescents
- Dog on leash signs
- Dog poo bag dispensers
- Tidy up the slope and remove weeds

### CONCERNS ABOUT THE DRAFT LANDSCAPE PLAN

In response to the draft landscape plan, users identified the following concerns (in no particular order):

- Privacy, security and amenity concerns arising from the location of:
  - the proposed nature play area
  - the proposed new footpath
  - the proposed informal circular seating area
- Possible loss of amenity and privacy resulting from future weed removal and planting works on the slope
- Potential increase in fire risk resulting from overplanting of dry native shrubs on the slope

### A BIG THANK YOU FROM FRIENDS OF RSL PARK

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the draft landscape plan. Your feedback is valuable to us and we will be sharing the consultation findings with ACT Government to finalise the landscape plan by April 2022. We also thank the consultant team, Futures by Design and Wellspring Environmental Arts and Design.

Friends of RSL Park Campbell is a local volunteer group dedicated to the maintenance and conservation of RSL Park. We are an unincorporated association established through the ACT Urban Parks & Spaces. We rely on the good will and donations (time, skills and resources) of people who wish to make a positive difference in the community. If you would like to come and join our monthly working bees or to find out more about our group, please visit [www.rslpark.com](http://www.rslpark.com)