



**Feedback from the Barwon Heads Association on the *DRAFT Barwon Heads Village Master Plan Overview Document* as supplied by COGG on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

The following feedback is provided on behalf of the Barwon Heads community with a focus on strengthening the proposed Vision and Goals so they can better guide protection of the Village Park’s unique character for the current community and for future generations to enjoy.

We look forward to the opportunity to respond to the Draft Master Plan when it becomes available.

We also request that Council include the following strategy in the Master Plan, as first recommended in the Village Park Management Plan 2002.

1. Create a Site Significance or Environmental Significance Overlay for the Barwon Heads Village Park to provide future protection for this unique and significant community asset.

**Vision**

Recommended Change	COGG Draft
<p>Preserve the natural <b>environment, open space</b> and informal character of <b>village parkland</b> while supporting renewal of existing facilities and infrastructure, <b>in keeping with park character</b>, which improve access, sustainability and <b>shared</b> community use.</p> <p>Maintain the balance between organized sport and <b>other community recreation</b>, while protecting and promoting understanding of the park’s significant environmental and cultural heritage values.</p>	<p>Protect the natural informal character of the park while supporting renewal of existing facilities and infrastructure to improve access, sustainability and community use.</p> <p>Maintain the balance between sport and passive recreation while protecting and promoting understanding of the park’s significant environmental and cultural heritage values.</p>



## Goals

### Environment

Recommended Change	COGG Draft
The parks unique natural environment of <b>Moonah Woodlands, Dune Woodland, plantings and open space parkland</b> will be protected and enhanced for future generations.	The parks unique environmental values will be protected and enhanced for future generations.

### Culture & Heritage

Recommended Change	COGG Draft
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change</li> <li>The history and stories of the park <b>will continue to be</b> captured and celebrated in creative and artistic installations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The significant cultural heritage of the park will be protected and opportunities provided to improve awareness and understanding of cultural values.</li> <li>The history and stories of the park will be captured and celebrated in creative and artistic installations.</li> </ul>

### Places and Community Use

Recommended Change	COGG Draft
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No Change</b></li> <li><b>No Change</b></li> <li>Maintain balance between <b>organized sport and other community recreation</b> to support community health, wellbeing and <b>enjoyment of the parkland.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain a range of different places and spaces to enable people to gather, socialize and build greater community connections.</li> <li>Activities in the park will foster a greater connection to nature for people of all ages and backgrounds.</li> <li>Maintain the balance between sport and passive recreation to support community health and well being.</li> </ul>



## Goals Continued...

### Social Infrastructure

Recommended Change	COGG Draft
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Change</li> <li>New social infrastructure will be designed in a way that is <b>soft</b>, creative, sustainable and responsive to <b>character and scale</b> of the local coastal village setting.</li> <li><b>Built form will not exceed current proportion of land use (footprint) versus open space and where possible will incorporate multi-use and enhanced access for the whole community.<sup>1</sup></b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social infrastructure will be redeveloped and replaced over time to improve access for all and meet legislative and code compliance.</li> <li>New social infrastructure will be designed in a way that is creative, sustainable and responsive to the local coastal village setting.</li> <li>Built form will be consolidated where possible to incorporate multi use and enhanced access for the whole community.</li> </ul>

### Park Management

Recommended Change	COGG Draft
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The planning, development and management of the park will be done in a holistic manner integrating <b>all current</b> uses and functions.</li> <li>New and emerging uses will be <b>assessed according to key criteria (as outlined in the Master Plan)</b> and within a broader <b>regional</b> strategic lens to determine whether they are appropriate for the park.<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The planning, development and management of the park will be done in a holistic manner integrating all uses and functions.</li> <li>New and emerging uses will be assessed within a broader strategic lens to determine whether they are appropriate for the park.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Request that consultants provide current percentages of built (buildings, hardened infrastructure) versus open space in the park as of January 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Request that consultants provide key criteria to guide the inclusion of new and emerging park use.