

Information Sheet

Proposed upgrades to Wynn Vale Dam And De Pledge Court playspace



Council is seeking feedback from the community about proposed upgrades for the open space around Wynn Vale Dam and playspace.

Background

Wynn Vale Dam is a large earthen-wall dam located in Jubilee Reserve in the Dry Creek Corridor. It is an important and highly valued community asset that is surrounded by native flora and fauna, footpaths, irrigated turf areas and a playspace located adjacent to De Pledge Court, Wynn Vale. The reserve is used for passive and active recreation activities, with the area surrounding the dam included in the popular Jubilee Way Parkrun circuit.

During the 2022 South Australian Government election, an election commitment was announced by the Hon. Mr Blair Boyer, Minister for Education, Training and Skills and Member for Wright, for upgrades to the open space at Wynn Vale Dam to the value of \$1.1million. At a meeting in June 2022, Council accepted the grant funding and signing of the Grant Deed with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

What's being proposed for Wynn Vale Dam?

A draft Wynn Vale Dam Open Space upgrade plan has been developed and proposes delivery in a staged approach. Subject to final design, the proposed upgrades for Stage 1 include:

- 3m wide universal shared use path around Wynn Vale Dam
- Nature playground (at the existing playspace at De Pledge Court) including a custom-built accessible boat, deck, sand and water play elements, tee pee, rocker, balancing beams, rock steppers and the relocated rubber crocodile from the existing playspace
- Universal designed park furniture including shelter, picnic table, seating, drinking fountain, bin and bike repair station adjacent to the playspace
- Picnic area adjacent to Park Lake Drive, including shelter, picnic tables, seating, BBQ, bin and irrigated turf
- Public art and wayfinding
- Additional tree planting and landscaping
- Extension and upgrade of pedestrian lighting to northern end of the dam
- Relocation of the aerator into the main lake
- Minor fencing and handrail upgrades

The draft plan has been informed by feedback provided in the Stage 2 Dry Creek Corridor Concept Plan community engagement process. In November/December 2021, the community was consulted and asked for ideas about what changes people wanted to see along sections of the Dry Creek Corridor, with a view to addressing connectivity and accessibility, and improving the recreation opportunities available.

The design applies Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles and best practice principles in the Inclusive Play Guidelines. The design also incorporates universal design principles to support the outcomes of Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

The draft plan takes into consideration work to date on the Wynn Vale Dam Safety Asset Audit. Council staff are also aware of the issues associated with the large number of native White Ibis within the island at Wynn Vale Dam and are working on addressing the issues.

Future stages of works for Wynn Vale Dam include a potential future second picnic shelter, shade sails and rubber softfall in the playspace, and pedestrian bridge upgrades. These will be incorporated into the updated Dry Creek Corridor Masterplan in line with Council's endorsement of the final concept plan.

Play opportunities at De Pledge Court

Council manages all playgrounds in accordance with Council's Playground Guide. This classification defines the types of play equipment that would typically be provided. The playspace at De Pledge Court to the north-west is categorised as a neighbourhood level playground and caters for people living within a 2km radius. This playspace was constructed in 2017 and still has an asset life of 19 years, however lacks inclusive access and shade.

Neighbourhood playgrounds are larger, offer diverse play equipment, and will generally provide play opportunities for one or two age groups. Neighbourhood playgrounds generally include the following play types: sliding, swinging, balancing, spinning and climbing. Passive, imaginative and sensory play elements may also be considered including nature play and accessible elements.

Amendment of the Community Land Management Plan for Wynn Vale

Wynn Vale Dam is part of the Wynn Vale Community Land Management Plan (CLMP). This CLMP does not currently note the inclusion of shade sails. Should this infrastructure be installed in the playspace as part of a future stage of works, the Wynn Vale CLMP would need to be amended to reflect this change.

Have your say

Before Council makes any further decisions about the proposed upgrades for Wynn Vale Dam, Council would like to understand the community's views of the draft concept plan. The plan provides a high-level overview of what's proposed for Wynn Vale Dam, including example images of play equipment and other elements around the dam.

For more information and to provide feedback:

- Visit **haveyoursay.cttg.sa.gov.au/wynnvaledam**
- Review the information available, including the high-level concept plan
- Complete the inline feedback form. You can provide feedback on the proposed upgrades. If you would like a hard copy feedback form posted to you please contact us. Copies will also be available at Civic Centre reception, 571 Montague Road, Modbury.

We value your comments and would appreciate your feedback **by 5pm, 16 May 2023**.

All feedback received on this proposal will be presented to Council for its consideration before any further decisions are made about Wynn Vale Dam. Those who provide feedback will be advised of the Council meeting date when the matter will be considered and following this, the Council's decision.

Pending the outcomes of community engagement, it is anticipated that works would be completed by 30 June 2024, as per the timeframe for spending the State Government grant funding.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding this proposed upgrade, you can use the Question & Answer tool at the website address provided in this letter, or you are welcome to contact Victoria Masterman, Team Leader City Strategy on 8397 7444.