

Precinct resolution

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MEETING DATE: 02 April 2025 **FILE:** F2024/00015

ACTIONED TO: Todd Clarke, Director City Services

RESOLUTION NUMBER: Resolution 02042025(1)

Resolution

Background

- Constructing private usage buildings on public land is an unnecessary loss of green space and unfair to the entire community.
- Parts of the public space is being utilised by 3 schools as playground space throughout the day during school days and this reduces the limited informal open space that already exists.
- Snape Park has sufficient existing outdoor facilities to accommodate the needs of the cricket club. Recent lighting upgrades have increased usage of the park for the club.
- The proposed building is out of character with surrounds and will be visually overbearing.
- Proposed car parking as part of the overall project is less than existing car spaces, creating reduced on street parking for local residents.
- Snape Park is too small to accommodate the traffic and activity that would be generated by this training facility. Heffron park is much better suited with appropriate open space, area and accessibility.
- Unnecessary and inefficient spend of over \$5m of Council funds on a facility for wet weather usage at only certain times of the year.

Resolution 02042025(1): That Council immediately defer making a decision on the Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Snape Park upgrade until detailed consultation is undertaken with the local community. Such consultation should re-examine the entire concept including whether Stage 2 could be prioritised and whether Stage 1 could be scaled down to cover the existing footprint of the cricket nets and be publicly accessible. That Council immediately defer making a decision on the Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Snape Park upgrade until detailed consultation is undertaken with the local community. Such consultation should re-examine the entire concept including whether Stage 2 could be prioritised and whether Stage 1 could be scaled down to cover the existing footprint of the cricket nets and be publicly accessible.

Council response

Will be included in the feedback results from community consultation report to Council Mid 2025.

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ACTIONED TO: Tony Lehmann, Manager Integrated Transport

RESOLUTION NUMBER: Resolution 02042025(2)

Resolution

Background

The Botany St and Bunnerong Rd intersection is dangerous. It is very wide and cars enter Botany Street from Bunnerong Road at high speed. And there are significant volumes of pedestrian traffic on this section of road. There are also issues with the flow of traffic in this general vicinity.

Resolution 02042025(2): The Precinct requests that Council improve the safety of the Bunnerong and Botany Street intersection by improving pedestrian safety (such measures could for example include a median island, pedestrian refuge and kerb blisters) similar to the treatment on the corner of Bunnerong Rd and Birdwood Avenue. Such measures could also improve traffic flow.

Council response

Thank you for the Precinct's suggestion. As it happens, I too have had significant concerns about this wide "bell-mouthed" intersection for some time. In particular, I had concerns about the 27 metre wide exposure of pedestrians to moving vehicles. Because Botany Street meets Bunnerong Road at a shallow 45° angle, pedestrians walking along the eastern path of Bunnerong Road have had a very long crossing distance. I also have had strong concerns that northbound Bunnerong Road motorists treat right turns into Botany Street like a "shallow angled freeway off-ramp". The shallow angle means rat-running through traffic motorists can exit Bunnerong Road at speed.

Given the above concerns, I arranged for a redesign of the intersection, and I managed approvals and local consultation through the Traffic Committee processes in 2023. Once implemented, pedestrians' exposure to moving vehicles will be reduced from 27 metres down to only 10.8 metres. And right-turning motorists will have to turn more slowly, through a 90° bend, to enter Botany Street.

I can report that funding is now available for this project and that construction is due within the next two months. For the information of the Precinct I have attached, on the following page, a copy of the final design.

I consider that, once this intersection is adjusted, the resultant outcome will be a safer environment for all road users.

