



## **Coombs Playspace at Holden's Creek Pond January 2020 Update**

Consistent with the Coombs and North Coombs Estate Development Plans, and the Coombs Landscape Strategy, a Play Space is currently being planned for Edgeworth Parade, adjacent to Holden's Creek Pond. The Play Space is intended to be an inclusive play space with something of interest for all ages as well as visitors to Holden's Creek Pond and the Molonglo River Corridor.

In August 2019 the Suburban Land Agency (SLA) appointed an independent consultancy, Communication Link, to develop and undertake the Stage 2 Engagement with community. This focused on:

- the views on the draft design within individual stakeholder groups including local residents, existing and future users of Holdens Creek Pond and surrounds and interested community or stakeholder groups,
- the size, scale and proposed inclusions in the current design, and
- the application of the new Transport Canberra and City Services standards for Municipal Infrastructure (published in April 2019).

During the six-week consultation program, representatives of Communication Link engaged with the community at four pop-up events, including the Molonglo Valley Markets, three on-site outreach events, two community workshops as well as feedback from door-knocking, meeting with near neighbours and a survey. 350 pieces of feedback were recorded over the period.

The SLA has now carefully reviewed this feedback and undertaken further due diligence on sporting and play facilities in Coombs and adjacent suburbs and in the future Molonglo Town Centre. The Agency has also considered the various publicly available planning documents that existed at the time of the release of land in Coombs.

Based on this review, a revision to the design will be undertaken consistent with the attached specification.

The revised design will not require a development application, however the project will undergo a second preliminary sketch plan phase before progressing through to a final sketch plan, construction documentation and tender, and construction. Sketches and 3D renders of the final design with more details of the final specification will be released publicly once completed. Design and construction timeframes will also be released once confirmed.



## Revised Design Specification

### Elements to be retained

- Discovery Play Zone - 0-5 age group
- Exploration Play Zone - 2-8 year age group
- Thrill Play Zone - 5-15 year age group
- BBQ and shaded picnic area

### Elements to be removed

- Multi-Sport Court
- Toilet Facilities
- Sculptural Mist Play Zone

### Design changes to specific elements

- Discovery Play Zone
  - Design to consider appropriate safety fencing, shade and additional swings
- Exploration Play Zone
  - Design to consider shade and additional swings
  - Height and location of the element to consider sight lines from neighbouring properties
- Thrill Play Zone
  - Height of the Birds Nest element to be reduced
  - Location of the Birds Nest to consider sight lines from neighbouring properties

### Parking and site requirements

- Taller play elements to be clustered and benched-in at the steeper, western end of the site and in accordance with the required road, pond and existing infrastructure buffers
- The flatter, eastern end of the site to provide a kick around area and seating and access paths for passive recreation
- Seating and shading to be provided at the pond's edge
- Site landscaping and new plantings to extend through to Yorston Street
- Number of parking bays to be reduced and re-oriented parallel with Edgeworth Parade where appropriate