

Montague Village Green

Community Design Plan

Community Ideas and priorities for West End's new \$1.5 million park project

Council is seeking community ideas and feedback to help guide new park improvements to Davies Park. The community design plan combines a number of ideas raised by our community during recent years through The Green Space Strategy and in various workshops about Davies Park. The Council funds are not sufficient to improve all the areas around Davies Park so we seek to focus funds on the Montague Road frontage, since it is the main opportunity to create a vibrant public space in the heart of our neighbourhood.

Vision

To create a village green fronting Montague Road, making lost space vibrant.

The village green seeks to open up Davies Park. Montague Village Green will be a park that residents can see and use, central to our neighbourhood and reclaiming what is currently fallow land adjacent to sporting club fences or lanes.

By treating the Montague Road park frontage as a people space, we will start the process of changing Montague Road into a slow local street. Even a boulevard one day!

Montague Village Green is another potential community anchor space like the new Bunyupa (Thomas Street) Park: vibrant greenspace connected to our streets. It will provide free informal play and respite areas for young and old: with facilities we currently do not have.

By adjusting fences and lease boundaries we can retain all sporting functions as well as creating a freely available park three times the size of the new Bunyupa park!

Key Elements

- The Jane Street Community Garden is a much-loved hub in West End. Land either side of the current garden should be set aside as part of a permanent larger lease area that allows the food garden to cater for the additional 20,000 people coming to West End. By relocating some fencing to tops of mounds, the Jane Street Community Garden can use and maintain the outer banks facing the street, providing additional space for larger productive plants and trees. Park funds should be allocated to consolidate the food gardens.
- The markets could spill to the village green through a looping pathway so that the vibrancy of Saturday spills into our neighbourhood street (Montague Road).
- The access road retains slow vehicle movement but can become a shared zone with a pedestrian focus and it would allow the markets more space.
- A youth skate play space could use fallow land to the corner and near the Montague Road entry.
- A safe mid-block crossing near Scott Street would assist with high pedestrian movement and traffic calming.
- An event space with a small stage could be built into the Village Green, providing a community venue for music and gatherings.
- A universal access toilet to be located to the bank edge of the village green.
- A small children's boardwalk playground under the fig trees could provide a focus area. The avenue of shade trees could extend next to the soccer field to shade play and market spaces.
- A publicly accessible hard-court sports area can be created where the defunct volleyball court areas are.

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