

CAMPASPE SHIRE COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASE



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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE VICTORIA PARK & SCENIC DRIVE MASTER PLAN

Campaspe Shire Council is developing a new master plan for Victoria Park and Scenic Drive, Echuca, and members of the community are invited to provide input into the future development of this key regional sporting and leisure precinct.

Victoria Park and the immediate surrounding area play host to a range of activities including tennis, Australian football, cricket, netball, fire brigade training and events, and water skiing. Scenic Drive, adjacent to the park, is an expansive natural bushland area with significant cultural heritage that extends to the Murray and Campaspe rivers, and is primarily used for nature-based activities, picnicking and recreational walking and cycling.

Campaspe Mayor, Cr Adrian Weston, said the master plan would provide council with direction for the area's improvement, development and usage in the long-term future.

"The aim of the Victoria Park & Scenic Drive Master Plan project is to enhance the amenity, access and usage of the area, so it better serves the needs of the community for many years to come," Cr Weston said.

"The project will involve a review of the previous master plan developed in 2010, particularly capturing opportunities associated with the confirmed second Echuca Moama bridge.

"The result will be a new integrated master plan that outlines the planned urban design, land use, wayfinding and infrastructure improvements to the significant public reserves that form part of this large and popular precinct."

Specialist planning consultants, Insight Leisure Planning and Fitzgerald Frisby Landscape Architects, have been awarded the contract to develop the master plan.

Council has launched a community consultation program to help guide future directions and inform the draft master plan.

"Council is keen to hear from members of the community, particularly current users and other stakeholders of the reserves," Cr Weston said.

"To have your say, simply complete the online community survey on council's website at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au

"We're also encouraging written submissions, comments and suggestions. Submissions don't need to be formal; a simple letter or email with dot points would suffice."

As a guide, written submissions could consider:

- what is working well
- what could be improved
- whether or not their current needs are being met, and if not, what is missing
- any other comments, suggestions or feedback in relation to possible future use, development or improvement of the Scenic Drive and Victoria Park reserves.

The online survey and written submissions need to be lodged by Friday, 28 April.

Submissions can be emailed to f.neele@campaspe.vic.gov.au or posted to Mr Fraser Neele, Senior Planner at the Campaspe Shire Council.

For more information on the Victoria Park & Scenic Drive Master Plan project, contact council on 1300 666 535.

To coordinate an interview or seek further information contact:

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