The City of Port Lincoln is preparing an Open Space Strategy that will define the Council’s future management and improvement of public open space across the City. The Strategy will ensure that public open space is managed and developed in a coordinated and sustainable way, to achieve maximum community and environmental benefits.

Over the years Council has steadily invested in improving the City’s parks, reserves, sports grounds and public spaces such as the multi-stage Heritage Trail development, Whait Reserve, Wellington Square and Centenary Oval. You are now invited to help develop the plan for our future open space to meet the needs of the community, ratepayers and visitors.

**What do we expect from Public Open Space?**

Public open space includes all of our formal (leased/organised) and informal recreation areas, ranging from parks, reserves and playgrounds to sports grounds and bush and creek corridors. Open space is important to individual and community quality of life, providing opportunities for relaxation, health and fitness, community interaction, learning and children’s play.

Public open space is about more than just recreation. It is also highly valued for contributing to:

- **Amenity** – greening the urban environment and aesthetic value (e.g. Eyre Park on the Lincoln Highway)
- **Conservation and biodiversity** – protecting natural features, habitat and cultural sites (e.g. Dennis Westlake Reserve on Lipson Place)

- **Utility** – stormwater management (e.g. Mallee Park Drainage Reserve on Bel Air Drive)
- **Transport and access** – pedestrian and cycle linkages/networks (e.g. the Heritage Trail between Springfield Drive and Stuart Terrace)
- **Tourism** – tourist destinations/attractions and linkages between attractions (e.g. the Parnkalla Trail and Foreshore Reserve).

Our open space collectively needs to enable a mix of recreational activities and experiences to cater for a variety of community needs, and it must be fit for its intended use.
Want to know more?

A copy of the Open Space Strategy Discussion Paper is available for viewing/purchase:

- Online at the City of Port Lincoln website at www.portlincoln.sa.gov.au.
- City of Port Lincoln Council Office at Level One, Civic Centre, 60 Tasman Terrace, Port Lincoln.
- Port Lincoln Library, 2 London Street, Port Lincoln.

Have your say

As part of the consultation process, you may comment on the Open Space Strategy Discussion Paper by making a written or online submission to the City of Port Lincoln.

All written submissions should be labelled “Submission - Open Space Strategy Discussion Paper” and may be submitted by the following methods to reach the Chief Executive Officer, City of Port Lincoln by no later than 9.00am on Monday 5 December 2016:

- By post to the City of Port Lincoln, PO Box 1787, Port Lincoln, SA, 5606.
- By email to plcc@plcc.sa.gov.au with subject heading noted as “Submission – Open Space Strategy Discussion Paper”
  OR
- Complete the online submission form at www.portlincoln.sa.gov.au

What happens next?

After this public consultation phase on the Discussion Paper the feedback and ideas from the community will be used to form the direction of the Draft Open Space Strategy for our city.

There will be further public consultation on the Draft Open Space Strategy and it will be amended to reflect any necessary changes before being presented to Council for adoption.

Further information

If you would like further information about the Open Space Strategy Discussion Paper, contact:

- URPS 08 8333 7999; or
- email mail@urps.com.au with subject heading noted as “Information on Open Space Strategy Discussion Paper”.

JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION

URPS consultants will be available for the community to ask questions, make comment and find out more about the Open Space Strategy Discussion Paper, (appointments advisable - phone 8333 7999) on:

Thursday 24 November
9am – 5.30pm @ Nautilus Arts Centre - Foyer

Friday 25 November
9am – 5.30pm @ Train Playground, New West Road

What do you think about the Public Open Space in Port Lincoln?

A Discussion Paper has been prepared by consultants, Urban & Regional Planning Solutions (URPS) and WAX Design. It provides background information and maps, and poses a number of questions and observations for discussion.

The key intent of the Discussion Paper is to find out your thoughts and ideas on the open space within our City. As communities grow and change over time, open space should be flexible and responsive to the changing needs of the community.

What do you think of the city’s parks, sports grounds, natural/creek, bush reserves, dryland reserves and drainage in terms of:

- Existing supply of Open Space;
- The Amount of Open Space;
- The Type of Open Space;
- The Hierarchy of Open Space; and
- The Function and Amenity.

Please take the opportunity to read the Discussion Paper that can be found online at www.portlincoln.sa.gov.au and/or available in hardcopy form from the Council Office and Port Lincoln Library.