

# 260 Sydney Road Park Close to Home



**Merri-bek**  
City Council

## Project Information Sheet - March 2023

### What is the Park Close to Home initiative?

The "Park Close to Home" initiative is about improving access to open space across Merri-bek. The initiative is helping to ensure that Merri-bek's community live within 500 metres walking distance to a park or open space, and within 300 metres for those living in our busiest areas.

Council has recently purchased the property at 260 Sydney Rd in the heart of Brunswick (opposite the Brunswick Town Hall) to turn it into a public open space.

### What has the community said so far?

In 2022, we presented three 'Design Ideas' to the community, and asked for feedback on each idea. People told us they wanted to see:

- Lots of trees and greenery – a calm, natural environment.
- A flexible space which could also be used for community activities
- Diverse places to sit in the sun and in the shade, including a lawn area

You can find further details about the community consultation feedback and how we've responded on our website:

[conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/260sydneyroadpark](https://conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/260sydneyroadpark)

### Draft Concept Design and naming of the new park Have your say from March 20 - April 16!

The feedback you shared has helped us to shape the Draft Concept Design which you can view in detail on the website. Please share your thoughts with us on the draft design. You can also make a submission for a new name for the park online, by phone or in-person. Turn over the page for information on how to get in touch with us.

The plans and images shown are artist's impressions and illustrate an established project (15+ years). The scope of works and design is subject to review by authorities, further costing, and community feedback



Artist's impression (view from the street)



Artist's impression (view as you enter the park)



Artist's impression (view from within the park)

### Merri-bek Language Link

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### When is all this happening?

#### 2021

##### Community Engagement Round 1

In 2021, we asked the community what they wanted to see on the site and we received 60 submissions.

#### 2022

##### Design Ideas and Community Engagement Round 2

Based on your feedback, we created three design ideas for the new public space and asked for your thoughts and ideas on each. We received over 200 submissions and lots of great feedback!

##### Draft Concept Design

Based on your ideas and feedback, site investigations and preliminary costings, we have completed a Draft Concept Design.

#### 2023

##### Community Engagement Round 3

From March 20 - April 16 we are asking for your feedback on the Draft Concept Design, as well as submissions for a name for the park. Head to the website to see the plans or get in touch with us by phone or email.

##### Detailed Design

We will work with landscape architects, engineers and other specialists to develop detailed plans for the project's construction.

#### 2023-2024

##### Tender and Construction

Building work will happen between ~ November 2023 and June 2024. We will seek competitive and experienced contractors to construct the design in a timely and considered manner.

These dates and timeframes are indicative at this stage. As we develop a more detailed plan we will engage directly with those stakeholders most likely to be impacted to ensure we reduce disruption as much as possible.

### Stay informed and have your say

#### Online

[conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/  
260sydneyroadpark](https://conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/260sydneyroadpark)

Or scan the QR code



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Look for the “+ Follow” button on our Conversations page and register to get updates during the project.

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#### Have a suggestion for a name for the park?

You can make a submission via the website or in person, at Merri-bek Civic Centre at 90 Bell Street, Coburg. You can also post or email your submission to:



**Matthew Delia**

*Property Officer*

Merri-bek City Council

Locked Bag 10, Merri-bek 3058.



[mdelia@merri-bek.vic.gov.au](mailto:mdelia@merri-bek.vic.gov.au)

**Important!** All submissions must be in writing and should include the reference NAM/2022/1, your name, residential address and background information about why you have suggested that name. Submissions must be received by 5pm 23 April. Go to the website or scan the QR code for more information about the naming policy and criteria.