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## **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION BALGOWAN PUBLIC SPACE PROJECT**

### **Project Summary**

Balgowan Progress Association Inc (Progress Association) proposes to work in partnership with Yorke Peninsula Council (Council) to rejuvenate the public space west of the Balgowan Caravan Park (approximately 700m<sup>2</sup>), bordered by the road to the boat ramp and the clifftop. The land is Crown land under the care, control and management of Council and zoned Open Space.

As part of the Algal Bloom Summer Plan and other support packages, the State and Federal Governments are investing to support local coastal communities.

Balgowan Progress Association has been approved to receive \$50,000 through this funding and \$45,427 in Thriving Communities Program funding for this project.

### **Purpose**

Yorke Peninsula Council invites public comment on the proposal to deliver the Balgowan Public Space Project.

### **Background**

The Progress Association seeks to address the lack of appropriate public space in Balgowan. The township has experienced significant growth in recent years however Balgowan's public space options remain minimal. Progress wishes to expand the available green lawn space and include more picnic tables and seating options as well as replace the old public shelter with a much larger undercover area and new barbecue facility to encourage positive recreation, enhanced social opportunities and to complement the nearby playground area.

### **Proposed Works**

The proposal includes an enhanced and expanded undercover barbecue facility and an adjacent lawn area for residents and visitors to enjoy. The new facilities would encourage positive recreation, enhance social opportunities, and complement the nearby playground area.

The project proposes to:

- Clear the site (including removal of planted native and non-native trees, excluding the palms along the boat ramp driveway)

- Install lawn and irrigation
- Construct a pedestrian pathway on the western side of the area to improve access to the boat ramp and adjacent breakwater, which will involve clearance of a small portion of indigenous native vegetation
- Extend fencing along the clifftop
- Remove the existing ageing barbecue structure
- Construct an expanded undercover barbecue facility with concrete flooring



Figure 1 Proposed location



Figure 3 Proposed area to be cleared



Figure 2 Proposed area to be cleared

## Considerations

### Land tenure and purpose

The land proposed for redevelopment falls within a parcel of Crown land under the care, control and management of Council. The dedicated purpose for the parcel is Recreation/Caravan Park/Car Park/Public Convenience/Kiosk/Boat Ramp. The proposal complies with the dedicated purpose of the land (as opposed to if the purpose of the land was for conservation).

### Native (indigenous) vegetation

Clearance of native (indigenous, not planted) vegetation requires approval under the Native Vegetation Act 1991. If the proposal is supported, an application will be made to the Native Vegetation Council.

### Tree Management Policy

Council's [PO162-Tree-Management-Policy.pdf](#)

(<https://yorke.sa.gov.au/content/uploads/2022/11/PO162-Tree-Management-Policy.pdf>)

outlines the only circumstances in which Council may approve a tree removal request are:

- the tree poses an unacceptable risk to public safety;
- the tree is causing substantial damage to public or private property or infrastructure and alternative methods for minimising the impact will not be effective;
- the tree is dead, diseased or damaged and cannot be revived to a sustainable condition (subject to 4.6.10);
- the tree is detrimentally affecting the health of a nearby resident, the request is supported by evidence from a medical specialist, the species of tree is uncommon in the vicinity of the applicant's residence and alternative options for managing the issue are not feasible;
- the tree restricts vision for safe vehicle movement or unreasonably restricts access to property and other alternatives such as relocation of access points or effective pruning cannot be achieved;
- the tree is a pest tree (declared for control under the Landscape SA Act 2019) and removal is consistent with Council's established budgetary priorities for the management of pest plants on Council land;
- the tree is not of Aboriginal Heritage significance (such as a Scar Tree); or
- tree removal is required to facilitate improvements to Council infrastructure and the infrastructure cannot practicably be redesigned so as to avoid the need for removal.

For this proposal, the Progress Association argue that tree removal is required to facilitate improvements to Council infrastructure and the infrastructure cannot practicably be redesigned so as to avoid the need for removal.

Noting, trees that do not meet any of the removal criteria specified above will not be removed or substantially pruned for any of the following reasons:

- the tree shades a private garden or solar panel installation;
- the tree causes nuisance by way of leaf, fruit or bark shedding;
- the tree provides habitat to wildlife that causes nuisance by way of noise, droppings or litter;
- the tree obscures or potentially obscures advertising signage; or the tree obscures or potentially obscures views.

A resolution of Council may authorise the removal of a tree on Council land in circumstances where the tree does not meet any of the removal criteria specified above but is causing an extreme nuisance to community infrastructure.

### **Timeline**

Following the consultation period, a report outlining the outcomes of the consultation process will be presented to Council for consideration.

### **How do I provide my feedback?**

#### **Written Submissions**

Submissions must:

Be in writing

Be received by (Tuesday May 12 2026)

Be addressed to:

#### **Community Consultation**

Balgowan Public Space Project

PO Box 57

Maitland SA 5573

Email: [admin@yorke.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@yorke.sa.gov.au)

Please indicate in your submission if you wish to be heard before Council on this matter.

### **What happens to my feedback?**

Information gathered through the public consultation process will assist Council in its deliberations regarding the proposal.

Submissions received will be collated and presented in a report to Council, where required.

### **How do I know my feedback has been received?**

All feedback (submissions or correspondence) will be acknowledged.

### **Contact Person**

For further information, please contact:

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