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Vision unveiled for Angas Recreation Park

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People are being asked to comment on a vision for the future use of Angas Recreation Park as a place of recreation, enjoyment and green open space for the whole community.

After several months of input by a community working group, The Barossa Council has released a draft masterplan for the Park and is asking for community feedback on the concepts, which include:

- Redeveloped clubrooms, function centre and spectator precinct
- Relocated or rebuilt Show Hall options
- Second junior oval/recreational green
- Landscaping and tree management
- Traffic management plan for a safer park
- More non-sporting spaces and activities

Community consultation will run until 23 October and people can make comment in a variety of ways, including at two community forums and at the Barossa Farmers Market.

Community Project Director Jo Thomas emphasised the plan is a draft only, and all public feedback will be considered before Council decides on a final version.

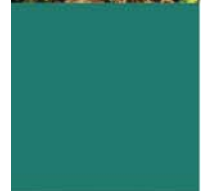
"We recognise the challenges of balancing the needs of a vast range of users, and this can potentially be quite emotional when priorities differ," Jo said. "However, without exception the working group members have highlighted the importance of preserving the green, parkland views and the need to improve traffic management in the facility.

"The Park is unique in that it caters for so many different interests, from formal sporting activities to unstructured activities like dog walking and exercise groups, in addition to events and people who simply enjoy the peaceful, shady environment that the Park provides. This has always been the case with Angas Recreation Park since the land was first gifted by George Fife Angas for both sporting and passive recreational purposes.

"Our aim is to have a consultation process that takes account of all of these views so that the end result is respectful, shared use of the Park for future generations."

Jo also acknowledged many people have an emotional connection with the Show Hall, which could be relocated or rebuilt.

"While relocating the Show Hall to a more central spot within the Park may not be everyone's preference, we need to recognise that refurbishing or retro-fitting will also come at a significant cost, including the duplication of facilities such as kitchen spaces



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and toilets that will be incorporated in a shared, multi-function extension to the clubrooms," she said.

"We are asking people to carefully consider the options before they give feedback and talk to us if they want further clarification."

Angas Recreation Park masterplan is part of The Big Project. More details on providing feedback and the information session times are available at ourbetterbarossa.com.au or see Council's facebook page for updates. People can also make written submission via barossa@barossa.sa.gov.au

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