

Eildon Reserves Redevelopment – Deliberative Panel

Welcome Pack

Exploratory Panel Sessions

Thursday 23 February, 5.30 – 8.30 pm

Saturday 25 February, 2.00 – 5.30 pm

Saturday 4 March, 2.00 – 5.30 pm

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Unless otherwise noted, the views expressed in our work represent those of the participants and not necessarily those of our consultants or our clients.

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Welcome to the Deliberative Panel!

On behalf of Murrindindi Shire Council's Mayor, Councillors and CEO, thank you for giving up your time to assist us in making decisions regarding the way forward for the Eildon Reserves Redevelopment. We are looking forward to hearing your recommendations.

As a Panel member, you will deliberate over two options:

Option 1: Proceed with sale of land to support project delivery within the current scope, as per proposed timelines. This will include considerations for new use opportunities for the land parcels if sold

Option 2: Do not progress with the sale of land, and the project either does not proceed, or it proceeds at a much-reduced scale with fewer benefits to the local economy and user experience.

Your efforts will help determine the best outcomes for the Eildon community.

In this guide, you will find an overview of the project, the Panel's scope of discussion and what it means to be a Panel member.

The Panel will explore:

- the journey so far, from how the project was initially identified as a need, to how designs were developed in consultation with the community
- the connection between the proposed sale of parcels of land and the need to fund elements of the project
- the benefits of selling current underutilised land parcels
- the trade-offs for not selling the land parcels to part fund the project
- the current housing shortage in Eildon and the options for how to utilise the land parcels, if sold
- recommendations from the community to Council on the way forward for the Project.

Why a Deliberative Panel?

The Deliberative Panel is a group of community representatives coming together to learn about and discuss issues in detail over a series of three sessions. This approach provides a way for citizens' to work through complex matters. The sessions will provide a space for participants to grow their understanding of the Eildon Reserves Redevelopment project, and consider the merits associated with proposed land sales. The Panel, supported by professional facilitators from Capire Consulting Group, will work together to establish a recommendation for Council. This deliberative process will also provide an opportunity to further build a relationship between Council and community.

How was the Deliberative Panel selected?

The Deliberative Panel's selection was managed independently by Capire Consulting Group (Capire). This Deliberative Panel will comprise approximately 20 – 25 participants who represent the diversity of the Eildon community as closely as possible. Participants self-nominated through an Expression of Interest (EOI) process which asked key demographic questions. Where a target demographic group was overrepresented in EOI responses, participants of that group have been selected due to the number of EOIs being within the maximum panel size required. This ensures the membership represents to the best of its ability a 'mini' Eildon.

About the project

Eildon Reserves Redevelopment will provide a range of positive benefits to our community's local and regional economy by significantly enhancing our recreation offering, attracting more visitors, promoting investment and providing a boost to local businesses.

This project is made possible with funding support of

- \$3.5 million from Regional Development Victoria's (RDV) Regional Tourism Investment Fund
- \$400,000 from Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund (LRCI).
- \$600,000 Sports and Recreation Victoria (SRV) Community Sport Infrastructure Fund
- \$138,000 Department of Families Fairness and Housing (DFFH) Changing Places Program



What do the stages of construction include?

Stage 1 (Funded by RDV, LRCI & DFFH)	Stage 2 (Funded by SRV)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Regional Play Space• New Regional Splash Park• New picnic shelter• Upgraded Park furniture• Amenities upgrades to DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) standards• Pedestrian Safety Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Senior Play Space• New Flying Fox & Swings Area)• New Skate Park

Elements of the project that are not currently included in Stage 1 and 2 are: pump track, additional footpaths and lighting, and improvements to parking in the area.



Why is Council considering selling parcels of land?

Council must make a financial contribution of \$1.2million to secure the grant funding for the project. It is proposed to provide \$400k towards the \$1.2M contribution from the sale of two areas of open space land within the Eildon township. These areas are shown in red and blue, with the Eildon Reserves Precinct development area shown in orange.



11 Seventh and 10 Eighth Streets

The proposed sale involves two adjoining properties (shown in red below), one at 11 Seventh Street Eildon and one at 10 Eighth Street Eildon



18 Twenty First Street

This proposed sale involves two existing open space titles (Lot 1 and Lot 2) at 18 Twenty First Street (shown in red below). These are currently part of a broader piece of open space that also includes the green shaded area known as Lot 0, which is not proposed for sale.



Relevant Council plans and strategies are:

[Click here for](#) **Recreation and Open Space Strategy**

The intent of this Strategy is to provide Council with a framework to plan and manage the future development of recreation and open space assets and services throughout the Shire for the next 10 years.

[Click here for](#) **2021-2025 Council Plan**

[Click here for](#) **Lake Eildon Masterplan**

VISION: The Lake Eildon region will fulfil its potential as Australia's premier inland water destination, with enhancement of its water-based tourism assets, activation of nature-based tourism, and improvement to the visitor experience in the key destination villages surrounding the Lake

What you can expect being part of the Deliberative Panel

Your role

You have been selected to be a Deliberative Panel member as you bring a unique community voice and perspective to the conversation. We ask that you listen to the viewpoints of others, fairly represent your community, and be generous in sharing your local knowledge with other Panel members and Council.

How you are expected to conduct yourself

In agreeing to be a part of this process you will be required to attend and participate in all three sessions. You are expected to arrive on time and remain for the duration of each session. If you are unavoidably delayed, please communicate with the contact person; Natalie Matheson, Community Engagement Officer, phone 5772 0333 or mobile 0409 020 464 or email nmatheson@murrindindi.vic.gov.au.

Throughout the process you will be expected to take advantage of the information provided to learn as much as you can, to treat all people in a respectful and courteous manner and allow others to express their views. We ask that you assist in creating a welcoming and inspiring environment by having an open mind and being prepared to consider alternative views.

The tasks you will undertake through this Deliberative Panel can be complex, and have many impacting and competing factors, however we ask that you 'stay on topic' and focused on the scope of the conversation.

Are you allowed to talk about what happens during the sessions?

Generally, yes. Talking to your family, friends and networks about this project is encouraged, and you will be able to share and consider new information with them, to help them to understand challenges being faced by Council. Over the course of the sessions there may be issues which are raised that should remain confidential. If this is the case, we will inform you at the time. You may be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement.

As a Deliberative Panel member, you are not authorised to speak to external third parties on behalf of Council about the project without written prior consent. If you are contacted by an external third party, such as the news or media, it is expected you will refer these contacts to Council's Communications Team at communications@murrindindi.vic.gov.au who will arrange for a formal response on behalf of Council.

What can you expect over the sessions?

You and your fellow Deliberative Panel members will work together over the sessions to collaboratively develop recommendations that will inform the next steps for the Eildon Reserves Redevelopment.

The discussions to develop the recommendations will be led by an independent facilitator. This will involve whole group conversation as well as small group work.

Working in a group can be really stimulating and inspiring. With lots of views and ideas being shared you might feel excited about the project. Other times, you may experience feeling frustrated for example, when discussions go off on tangents. The discussions might feel disordered, or you may feel you don't have the right information to achieve a meaningful outcome. During the sessions you are likely to experience all of these emotions. This is typical of working in a large group exercise.

What will happen to the Deliberative Panel outputs?

The Deliberative Panel will work to produce recommendations to be considered by Council and informing Council's decision making regarding the sale of the two land parcels. Council have committed to adopting the Panel's recommendations if 80 percent of panellists agree with the recommendation(s) put forward.

Each session will have a specific focus and goal, as outlined below.

Overview of sessions

An overview of the Deliberative Panel sessions is provided below, an agenda will be presented at the beginning of each session. Sessions will be held in the meeting room at Eildon Primary School. Light refreshments will be provided.

Session	Objectives	Outputs
Panel Session 1 23 February (Thursday) 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help the panel get familiar with the project, the team and each other.• Introduce participants to their role, purpose and outcomes of panel sessions.• To agree principles for how we are going to work together to make recommendations.• Present key information about the Eildon Reserves Redevelopment project and the journey so far including consideration of wider community feedback.• To develop and agree criteria to develop recommendations for Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principles for how to work together• Shared understanding of the project, including history• Criteria to develop recommendations for Council
Panel Session 2 25 February (Saturday) 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To build curiosity and explore different ideas and options.• To ideate, converge and identify common aspirations.• To delve deeper into the impacts of the options.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shared understanding of options available to fund the redevelopment, including benefits and trade-offs• Identified common aspirations and explore impacts of options for funding the Redevelopment
Panel Session 3 4 March (Saturday) 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assess options and agree preferred option through consideration of information presented to date• Develop recommendations for Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All information provided is considered• Agree preferred option for funding the Redevelopment• Finalise recommendations to Council

Pre-session reading material

As well as this guide, we ask that Deliberative Panel members visit the project page on The Loop at <https://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/eildonpark> where you can explore the Frequently Asked Questions and view the final designs in the Document Library.



Scan the QR code to access the Loop.

To take part the preference is for you to be able to attend all workshops. There will also be background materials made available to Panel members prior to the first workshop and potentially more reading required between workshops.

The panel sessions will be interactive, with lots of opportunity for discussion and collaboration in deciding the future of the Eildon Reserves Redevelopment. The sessions will be facilitated by our independent engagement consultants, Capire Consulting Group. Please discuss any issues about your attendance with your facilitators, Denise and Charlotte from Capire Consulting Group.

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