

OLD MANS VALLEY
FEEDBACK ON CRITERIA
FROM MEETING 16 FEBRUARY 2010

- 1. Contains at least one large flexible sportsground for organised sport.**
 - Could Council clarify how it came to the conclusion that the community wanted a Draft Criteria 1. Suggestion – Survey ratepayers.
 - (add to this) and allows for passive recreation. Pedestrian access should be provided to the area by way of walking tracks.
 - Need to consider targeted usage for large sportsground – in terms of infrastructure (grandstands, etc) and spectator numbers.
 - Consider community’s interest in dumping sporting ground.
 - Are there cheaper options for recreational use – no sports fields? More passive recreation?

- 2. Maintains appropriate access to the neighbouring quarry pit area for filling and its future use as open space.**
 - What does Council mean by “appropriate access” for filling? How, time, cost, implications?

- 3. Complies with open space zoning for active and passive recreation.**
 - Stage development over a number of years.
 - Check Threatened Species Act in relation to requirement for remnant trees and clumps of trees.

- 4. Appeals to a wide range of ratepayers and residents.**
 - Consults with local Darug people either directly through Aunty Edna Watson or through HATSIC (Hornsby Aboriginal & Torres Island Community).
 - More specific categories e.g.

- 15-25 years: skateboard, BMX, Gallery = graffiti but organised.
- Family Groups: facilities e.g. BBQ facilities
- Community Gardens
- Option 2 – caters to a wider range of ratepayers.
- Levy: Be charged to builders and developers – after all – they already paying for building parks and money paid in the past where is it gone?
- Considers a comprehensive range of recreational activities and facilities e.g. BMX, amphitheatre, aquatic park, dog park.

5. Creates a significant recreation asset responding to the changing needs of a growing shire.

- Must consider existing and planned alternative facilities in the shire.
- Changing needs.

6. Responds to local opportunities for amenity, heritage, bushland and biodiversity and tourism in its design.

- Heritage – that's not just about the few "archaeological" remnants. The whole valley was once an orchard so couldn't something of that be reflected in the development plan?
- Maintain source of water for sporting field watering.
- Add "opportunities and needs" and "biodiversity and restoration".
- Return as much as possible back to native bush for the "bush shire".

7. Optimise the site in a cost effective manner

- Takes into account the need for adequate parking and road access.
- Consider options for private/public funding – joint venture development options.

- Option 2 – Build passive areas first so can be used ASAP. Then add sports field when finances permit.
- Affordability – minimise impact on ratepayers.

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FEEDBACK ON OTHER CRITERIA
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- Sorry, I think it is too early to be trying to make these plans. Sadly, nothing can be done till the unstable land has been made safe and the quarry filled (meaning a road will have to be built first – which will cost \$15M). Sorry.
- The site inclusive of all our community including indigenous, non-English speaking and youth.
- Provides options to realise the plan in a staged approach to a) speed up usability/accessability for the community and provides b) more opportunities for fundraising land time (DOABLE).
- Options to maximize self funding.
- No noise or light impacting neighbouring houses (i.e. night time use).
- A good balance between formal sport and informal recreation.
- Appealing to a wide range of ethnic communities i.e. Tai Chi.
- Encouraging a lifestyle of environmental and social sustainability through activities e.g. community gardens, water re-use, solar.
- Gardens that vary from others in the area → art, sculpture.
- Will they charge admission to the park? That will help defray the cost. On the other hand it will increase pressure on street parking, just as at Fagan Park.
- Prefer Option 2 – cheaper and meets the interest of a wider range of people.
- Evaluating the cost effectiveness of a staged development (DOABLE).
- Both options would be good BUT we can't afford them.
- No cricket.
- Encourage folk and ethnic dancing.
- Skateboard Park.
- Wilderness.

- Delete 1 all. Delete 4 all. Delete 5 “recreation asset” change to “natural asset”. Delete 6 – change to “responds to opportunities and need for heritage and bushland/biodiversity”. Delete 7 all. Add “offsets human development by restoring native flora and fauna communities (with no human use of the site).
- If we have to have option 1 or 2 – our table preferred option 2 very much.
- Why not have a terraced garden going down the steep area going to the playing field?
- Impact on existing residents.