



PLACEMAKING

ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT

THE OLD BUFFALO SITE – PHASE ONE

9 NOVEMBER– 19 DECEMBER 2019

Report Completed for the Youth and Recreation Officer
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INTRODUCTION

On 29 November, we sought ideas from community on the redevelopment of the Old Buffalo, on the banks of the Patawalonga.

The recent removal of the HMS Buffalo Replica from Wigley Reserve, on the banks of the Patawalonga, has created an opportunity for this space to be reinvigorated and repurposed for the community to enjoy.

During phase 1 of engagement, we engaged with the local community and key stakeholders to identify key themes regarding the look and use of this space into the future.

The key themes identified during this phase of engagement will be used to inform the creation of draft concept designs for the site for the second phase of wider community engagement.

This report provides the engagement methodology and engagement outcomes.

All submissions have been collated and are available in the appendix of this report.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

This community engagement ran from 29 November to 19 December 2019, a total of 21 days.

The views of the community were collected via:

- Council's website - The Council website provided the opportunity to complete an online survey.
- Hardcopies were available upon request
- Emails

And promoted through:

- A registered user update - via email to a 15,000 database.
- Corflutes were put up on site.
- CoHB Twitter account every week for the duration of the engagement.
- Two Facebook posts were put on the CHB page reaching over 10,000 people.
- Newsfeed on the City of Holdfast Bay corporate and engagement sites.

ENGAGEMENT FORMAT

Formal feedback forms online.

1. What would be the best community use of the old Buffalo site? (select up to 3).

Eating and drinking/Recreation and leisure/Landscaping or natural environment/Arts, culture and historical/Community events/Other (please specify)

2. Which of the following supporting infrastructure do you think would enhance the space? (select your top 3)*

Lounge seating/Picnic tables & BBQs/Access to water's edge/Shade – natural/Shade structure/Amphitheatre
Power access for food trucks / events/Wi-Fi/Dog facilities i.e. water bowl and dog bag dispenser/Lighting
Signage/wayfinding/Kiosk/restaurant/Other (please specify)

3. Who would you like to see benefit from the redevelopment of this space? (select up to 3)*

Young families/Community groups/Sporting Clubs/Young people/Adults/Seniors/Visitors/day trippers/Other (please specify)

4. Upload any designs, drawings, concepts or examples of what you have seen elsewhere that would suit this space.

5. Comments

Demographic data

DATA ANALYSIS

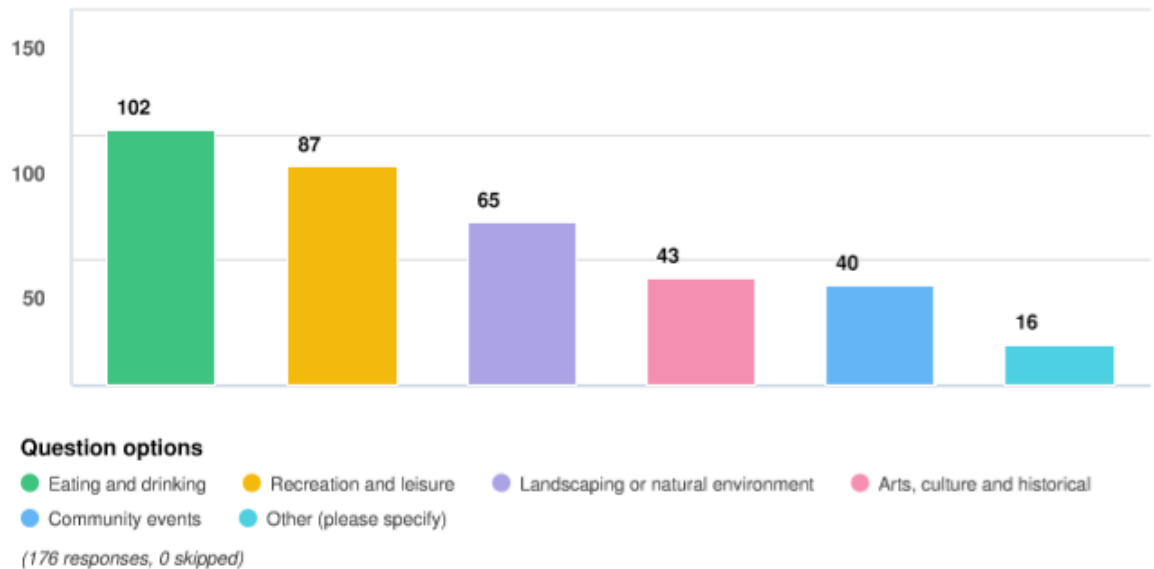
All data has been independently reviewed by the Digital Engagement Partner.

OUTCOMES

One hundred and seventy six (176) formal submissions were received during the engagement period and one email submission.

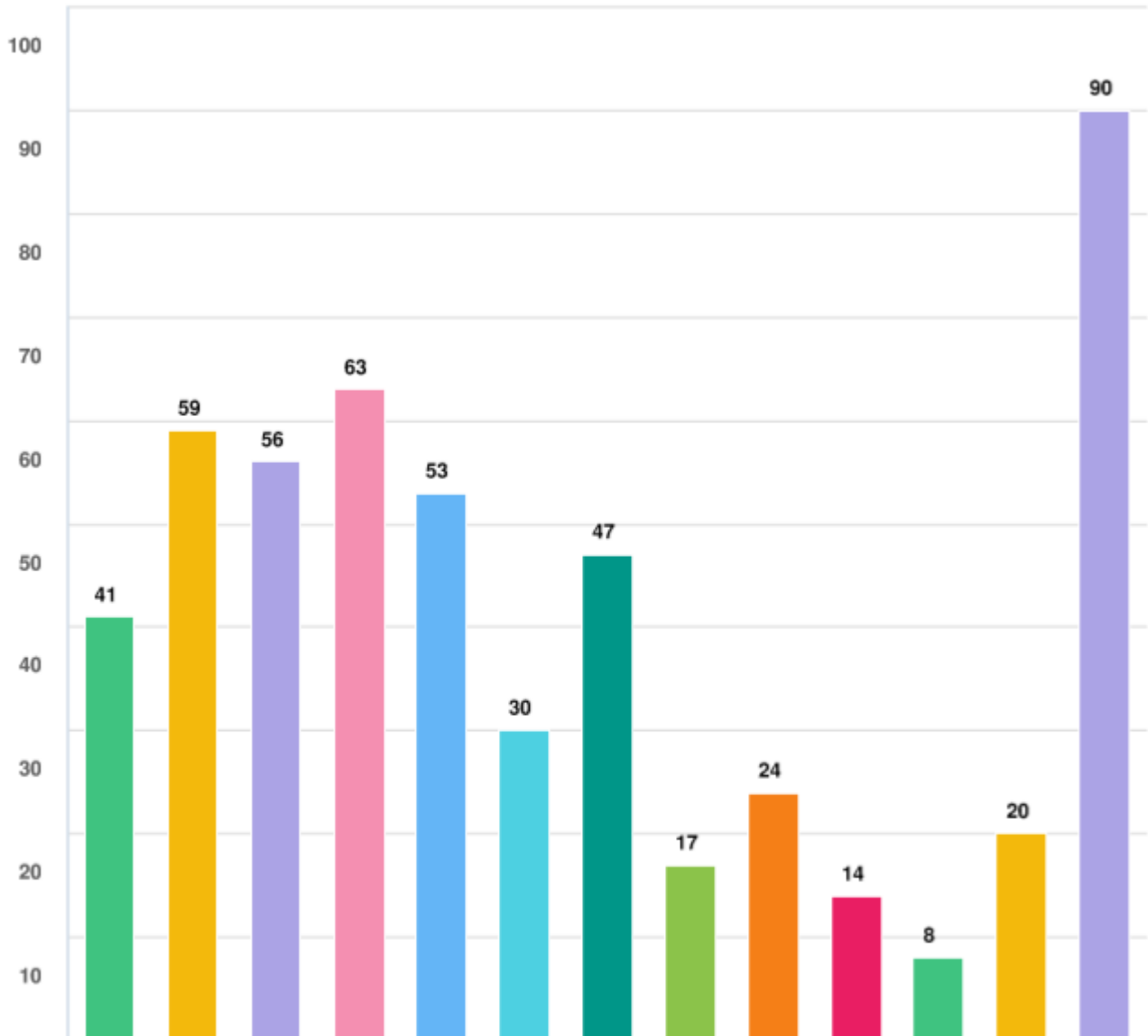
1. What would be the best community use of the old Buffalo site? (select up to 3).

- There were 102 votes for eating and drinking.
- 87 voted for recreation and leisure.
- 65 participants voted for landscaping and natural environment.
- 16 had other suggestion than those listed ([see appendix 1.](#))



2. Which of the following supporting infrastructure do you think would enhance the space? (select your top 3)

- 90 participants wanted a kiosk/restaurant.
 - 63 participants wanted natural shade.
 - 59 participants wanted a picnic and bbq area.
 - 20 participants selected other ([see appendix 2.](#))
- NB. Only 18 responded with other comments.



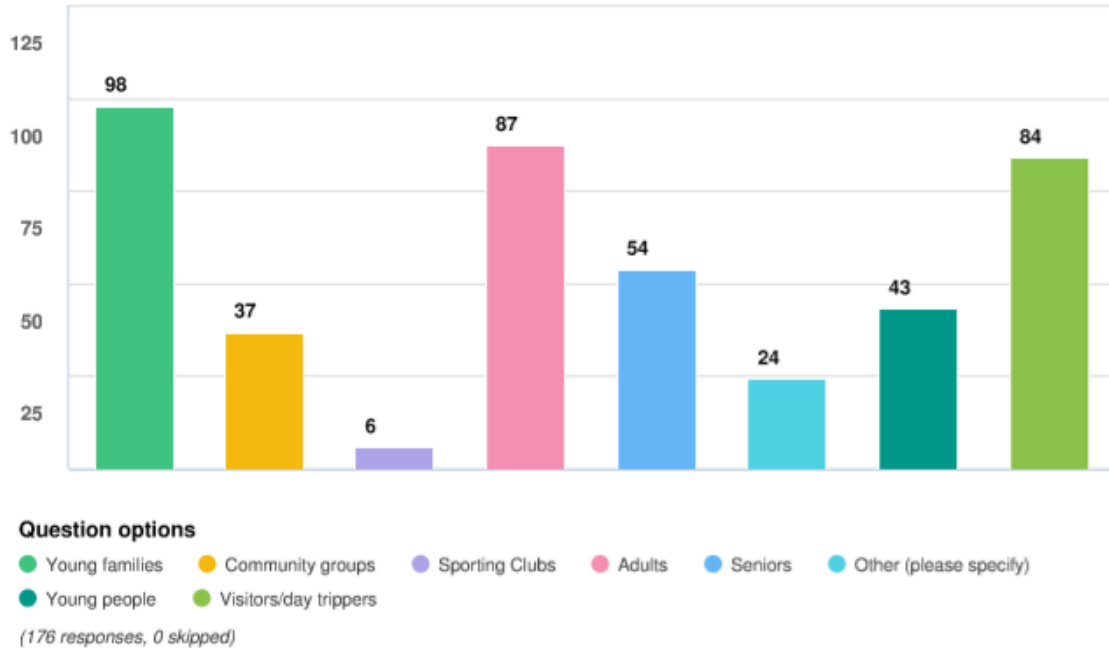
Question options

- Lounge seating
 ● Picnic tables & BBQs
 ● Access to water's edge
 ● Shade - natural
 ● Shade structure
- Ampitheatre
 ● Power access for food trucks / events
 ● Wi-Fi
 ● Dog facilities i.e. water bowl and dog bag dispenser
- Lighting
 ● Signage/wayfinding
 ● Other (please specify)
 ● Kiosk/restaurant

(176 responses, 0 skipped)

3. Who would you like benefit from the redevelopment of this space? (select up to 3)*

- 98 selected Young families.
- 87 participants selected Adults.
- 84 participants selected Visitors/day trippers.



3. Upload any designs, drawings, concepts or examples of what you have seen elsewhere that would suit this space.

Fourteen (14) participants uploaded photo images.

While the concepts uploaded were varied, themes expressed a desire for interactive water features, playground equipment, (shaded) seating, arts and sculptures, a permanent kiosk infrastructure or a homage to the replica HMS buffalo.

See appendix 3.for concept designs.

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK and COMMENTS

It was expected this engagement would attract a high volume of local residents from around the area. The high volume of participation indicates that this is an area/project the community feel strongly about.

Therefore the engagement levels would be low to medium. The passive participation for this engagement was also high (number of view to the page).

Feedback received from the community throughout the engagement period has shown the highest level of interest for the old Buffalo site to be reinvigorated into a space for eating and drinking with inclusion of café or restaurant, recreation and leisure activities including water access or a natural open space with landscaping/vegetation, natural shade, seating and BBQs. Respondents would like to see this space repurposed for the benefit of children and young families, adults and visitors to the area.

COMMENTS:

- 36 comments received supporting the development of a café, kiosk, bar or restaurant with a further 12 requesting a deck over the water
- 17 comments relating to recognising the history of the area including, Kaurua significance, Buffalo replica, landmark or sculpture
- 14 comments requesting that the site be returned to open space, native vegetation, natural shade, seating, place to relax
- 10 comments discussing a public pool, children's water park
- 9 comments requesting space and amenities to support community events and performances

See appendix 4. for list of full comments

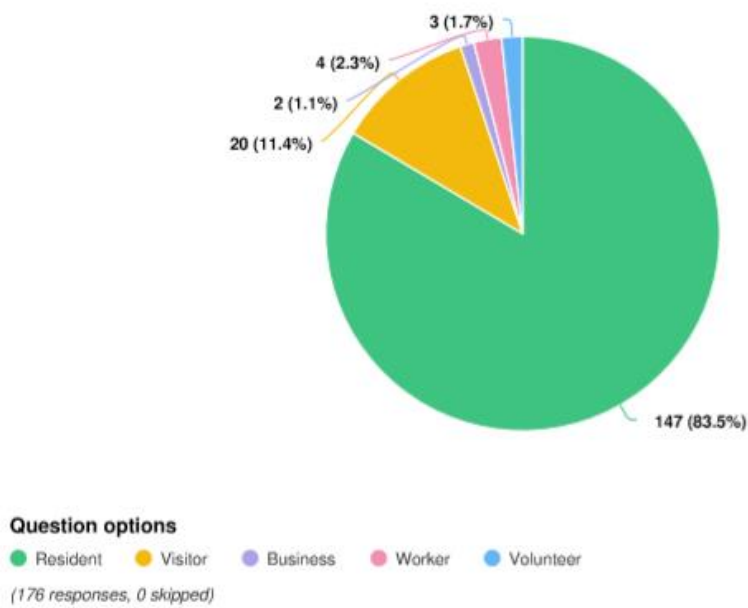
HOW THE FEEDBACK WAS RECEIVED

- One email submission
- 176 submissions via Your Holdfast online survey.
 - The project page was visited 354 times.
 - Traffic to the site came from the engagement newsletter, directly, Google, the CHB site and Twitter
 - 20 people viewed the FAQs.

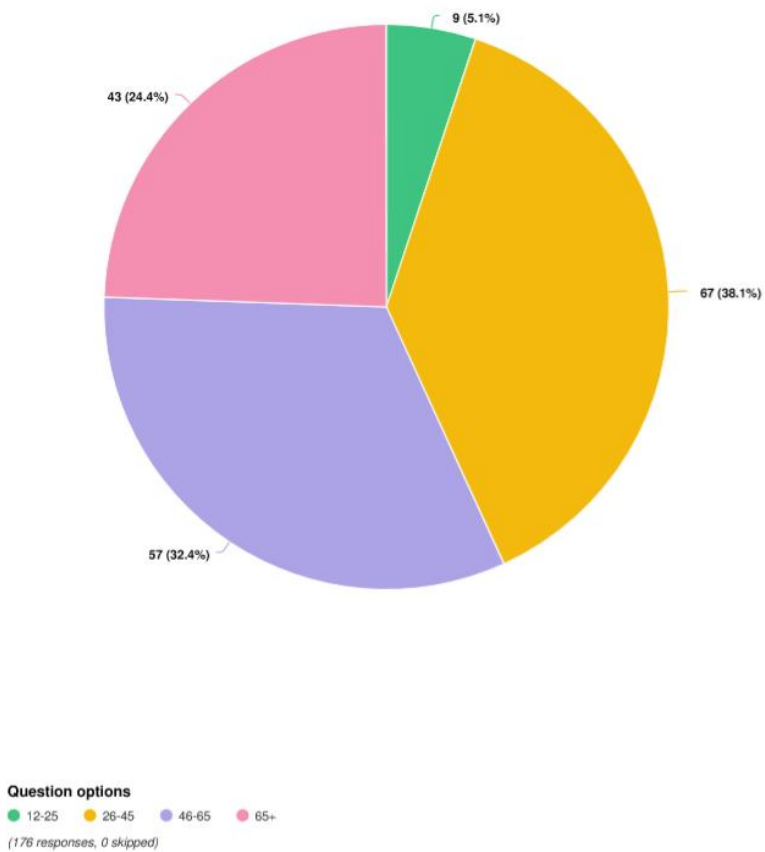
NB. A detailed proposal for Wigley Reserve including the Old Buffalo Site from a commercial business was received but is not recognised as community feedback. At this stage we are not seeking business proposal and have omitted the proposal from the community engagement.

PARTICIPANT TYPE

- 147 identified as residents of the City of Holdfast Bay
- 20 identified as visitors.
- 4 identified as workers.
- 3 identified as volunteers.
- 2 identified as businesses.



AGE

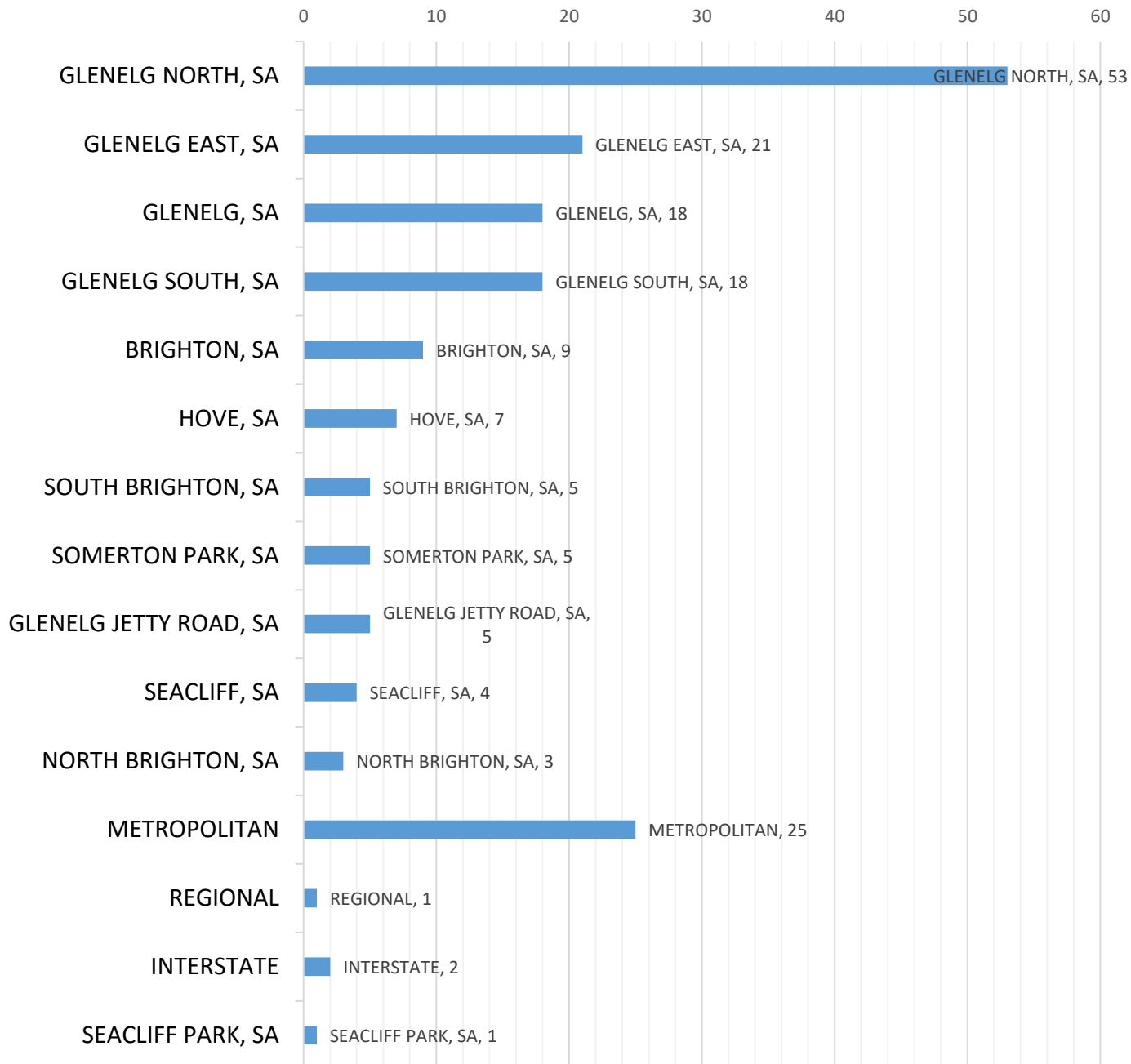


- 5.1% (9) were between the ages of 12-25.
- 38.1% (67) were between the ages of 26-45.
- 32% (57) were between the ages of 46-65.

- 24.4% (43) were 65+.

SUBURB

- 149 participants identified as coming from Holdfast Bay
- 25 participants came from metropolitan suburbs
- 1 from a regional suburb
- 2 from interstate



APPENDIX

Appendix 1. What would be the best community use of the old Buffalo site - selected other *(all comments are written verbatim)*

1. ,Public pool and jacuzzi!
2. A large picture of the Buffalo - wall art perhaps on board or concrete slab. Not obscuring view.
3. Buffalo Replica to fill in the gap and bring heritage back Rent \$\$\$ the area to someone who wants to build something useful to the public that will bring money to the Council To create more ideas for the Holdfast Kids who are not of age don't understand to not go there and if someone Drowns then someone Can take the matter to court
4. A hub for education and events for sustainable living - from events showcasing water-wise and sustainable gardening, beekeeping, eco-living ideas and how to reduce the human footprint by accessing low-carbon transport ideas - the list is endless!
5. The Buffalo was a landmark for Glenelg and Glenelg was known of it so we need a landmark that will get people to notice Glenelg again
6. Community Garden Project
7. Water park that incorporates the grass area and nature play combined with the patonga
8. Water feature
9. Rodney Fox shark museum
10. A place like Plant 4 in Bowden with nature play, market stalls and food, a place to have community events live music etc
11. Recognition of local indigenous history with some sort of display...? Images of how it was....
12. Leave it as parkland
13. Mini Buffalo to take cruises on the Patawalonga
14. return it to parkland with access to water
15. A calm, shady resting area to contrast with busy playground.
16. Outdoor discovery point/centre about the Patawalonga Lake

Appendix 2. *(all comments are written verbatim)*

1. ,A small kiosk/cafe to service the new Wigley Reserve playspace and/or a SQID/wet land space to improve stormwater flowing into the Pat.
2. Public pool and jacuzzi!
3. Seating
4. Duck pond for kids or pool for all
5. Lighting,a planting of native trees and a natural seating area of logs e.g. to offer a contemplative environment. Perhaps a subtle plaque or carving in the local kaurna language for ' ' 'welcome
6. I believe it would be better to create a restaurant similar to the buffalo all it takes is well advertise meant which the buffalo didn't receive
7. Kids swimming pool
8. Wetlands

9. ,I think a wharf or deck extending out a small way from the waters edge to complement a cafe on the bank where the Buffalo was.
10. I was wondering whether you could a bit of a protruding area over the water with a clear base and edge so kids (& adults) could see the water and possibly sea creatures underneath. A small sand area beside it could be nice too. Perhaps also promoting water and environmental awareness at the same time.
11. A giant water feature
12. I think an infinity pool with glass against the river side, make it a Public pool, no cost entry!
13. Community garden
14. Another Buffalo , what an attraction & I live in Perth . So sad on my last visit to see it gone Adelaide you could have done something to save it ...sob sob
15. Power access for food trucks / events,Deck out over the water.
16. Kiosk/restaurant,The actual buffalo area should be decked and shaded. Use the old tram. 50% kitchen with take away 50% inside seating.
17. Adequate lighting, visibility and security measures at night to discourage unwanted use and behaviour in this area.
18. A means of highlighting the historical nature of the area and to maintain/highlight the existing historical items nearby.

4. Appendix 3 – Uploaded designs and concept designs

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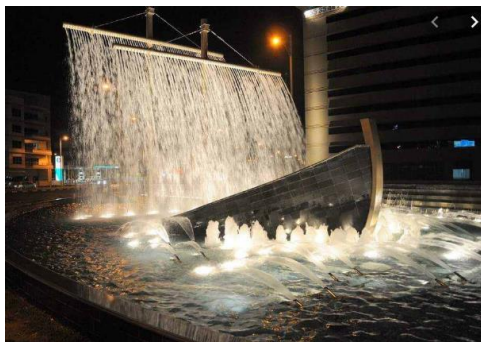
5.. Natural shade and some artificial shade over various subtle water features similar to Henley & Mosely Square interactive water play areas.

Colours to be blue/natural and textures to be as natural as possible. No gaudy bright colours to detract from the beautiful park and water surrounds. Perhaps something also in glass like the sculpture in the Botanic Gardens

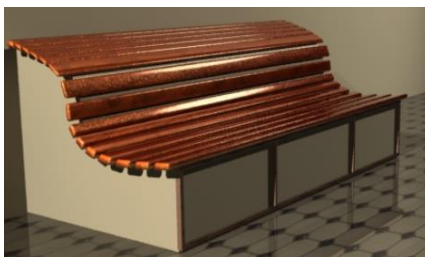
Needs to be some acknowledgment of HMS Buffalo and the Historical significance, including indigenous people, of the area. Perhaps some wrought iron screens - made by local artists The Weigall Reserve at Marleston has a fabulous tribute to the horse trotting history <https://www.jpe.com.au/projects/weigall-oval> (below left)



Victor Harbour as the Whale Tail water feature – Glenelg's should reference the Buffalo

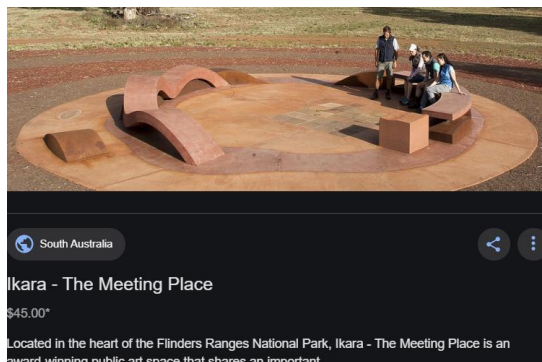
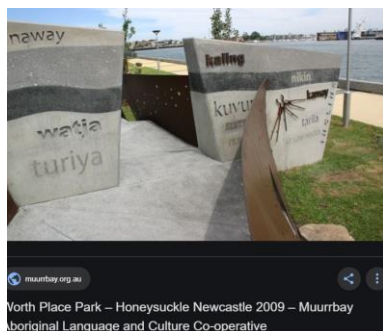


Seating idea:



Art and Screen ideas – Nautical, Maritime, Indigenous, etc:





South Australia Artists:

<https://www.alchemyironworks.com.au/contact-us.html> Basket Range

Silvio Apponyi <http://www.apponyi.net/> Brilliant South Australian sculptor

<https://kangarooislandsculpturetrail.com/phil-baines/> and <https://kangarooislandsculpturetrail.com/bev-willson-poetry/>



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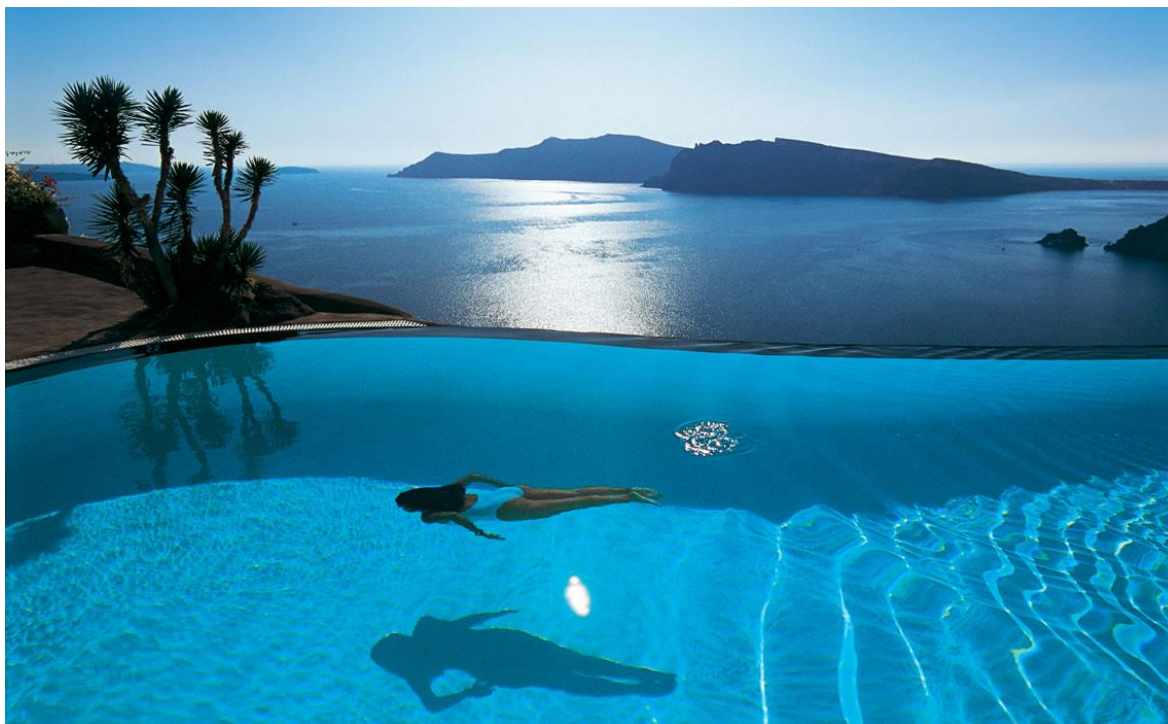
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Appendix 5. Comments (all comments are written verbatim)

An area like the Broadway Kiosk, but with better design. The concept but Troy de Young was not a bad template.
Make sure the space is repurposed for multiple user groups not just residents living adjacent.
A smaller scale bar based on the Arbory Bar or Afloat on the Yarra at Melbourne would be a great attraction. Otherwise a community event space for informal BBQs, gathering or food trucks and or / performances such a porch sessions would be great
Could the old Tram be made into a cafe offering morning and afternoon tea like the one in McLaren Vale.
Keep it as open space. Seating, tables and bbq facilities with natural shade would benefit all age groups
Maggie Beer restaurant is a good example of water front dining.

It should not be used for any commercial interests
Just remediate the site and walking path to enable an open vista up the waterway, with seating too.
Any cafe should be at the heritage tram site which has become an eyesore.
This area would benefit from a kiosk or café with outdoor shade cover over tables and chairs
Glenelg is tired, dull and boring. This would be a great opportunity to utilise a fantastic outdoor space and make it VIBRANT. Colour, seating, activities, pop up trucks, sporting events, theatre. The options are endless, but please, let's do it right. Jetty Road is disgusting with so many empty shops and dirty footpaths. Holdfast Marina is like a morgue (blame the expensive parking and the tram not going down Colley Tce). We have great weather, great beaches and it is just all so terribly dull.
Let's plant trees and shrubs to provide much needed shelter from wind & sun, provide a little more habitat for other creatures and thus make the area a peaceful & attractive place to spend some time.
Please leave as open space with access to waters edge, but the current cars meets and one of events are great on Wigley reserve
Lack of proximal parking is a big issue so the site development must be low in that requirement
I'd like to see the space given some focus/ interest so that there is a reason to walk, or ride, there - eg interesting play structures, inviting landscaping with seating and shade - making it a nice place to hang out in nature
The birthplace of South Australia, we need to keep some of or heritage, history and character.
Would like to see a fish Haven or a Boardwalk

With the number of recent applications and approvals for high density residential developments nearby, I feel a cafe would be best suited for this land. It would provide for the local community (those within walking distance) while also providing a destination place for those outside of the immediate area.

With the recently confirmed playground upgrade, this will also provide a great place for families and parents to grab a coffee as they watch their children play.

Providing a kiosk inside recreational spaces has proven a success around the world, with the Greenhouse Cafe in centennial Parklands a great example of this.

With a small car park also available for additional bicycle parking, it could prove to be a destination place for weekend cyclists, who travel from far and wide to the area at the moment, to enjoy a coffee.

Wigley reserve also currently holds a number of weekend events (car shows, charity events etc.), a permanent cafe would help cater for these events, providing a benefit for those hosting events and the cafe itself.

I feel this is a great opportunity for the council to make this area work for now and the future.

There are many recreational offerings in and around this area. Much of the man made offerings are unattractive in an area of great natural beauty. Im so glad the Buffalo is gone; when is the tram going? I would love to see a lovely patch of natural vegetation planted here. If this is not an option then a lighting/sound sculpture by a high profile indigenous artist that commemorates the Kurna people.

Something similar to the Broadway kiosk with good coffee and a bar. Large outdoor and undercover seating area that can be used all year round to compliment the new play space.

Just make Glenelg glamorous again maybe put more location for people to park their boats near where Buffalo REPLICA was and charge rates to them for the area

This would be a good area for a small kiosk and/or food truck (and water station) that could sell ice cream, drinks and simple snacks for people using the play area.

I live just down the road from here and have visisted this area mostly for the car club meets that happen here (including showcasing my own cars at times). I am also starting a family soon and look forward to opportunities for young families at this space.

Would be great to have a kids swimming pool to go with the playground

Whatever is chosen, please use South Australian businesses and artists!

A cafe kiosk similar to the Broadway cafe would be ideal. For locals that use to visit Plank at the Haven Marina no longer have anywhere for a bite to eat with a view of the water in that local area.

A deck over the water, with acoustic music or lounge bar with afternoon chill out dj etc would be inline with eastern states. Thinking wharf bar style in Manly

Perfect spot for water edge cafe/bar and facilities for community events.

I would like to see a natural indigenous inerpretative trail. There must be a dreamtime story involving the Patawalonga. Its about time we honoured the people who lived here for 60,000 years.

A multipurpose community area which could be utilised for concerts, speech's (amphitheatre or similar). Also a hub for community events such as fork in the road food trucks, similar to the open space surrounding Hart's mill.

There is already a new playground going in, so I don't think further child orientated space would make sense. A cafe or kiosk would serve well for dog walkers, visitors to Glenelg and also the many people who come to use the playground

The area was used as an eating area and should be used in that respect perhaps a restaurant. There is all ready many playing, grassed areas and water activities in the area.

A nice modern cafe with indoor and outdoor seating... develop a walking path through the area around the river
The Graham Cornes reserve, put a statue up of him.
Something which includes sustainable power generation (solar panels)
A little kiosk which is dog friendly where you can grab a coffee, drink or ice cream and enjoy the space. Make it safe for little kiddies near the water. Lots of natural Shade and seats
I would like to see holdfast council build a big playground with picnic tables, barbecues, lots of shade and the playground be suitable for all ages from toddlers through to young teens. A playground with a mixture of nature play and man-made equipment would be amazing. I would use a space like that with my young children weekly if not more often!
A shaded structure right on the water with seating/tables for eating drinking on the actual site where the Old Buffalo was, with a kiosk established in the old tram where people could buy food and drink to eat whilst overlooking the water and marina area.
Thankyou
I have lived in Glenelg for almost 20 years and seen it go from the place to be to what we have know there are more homeless people and beggars than ever and it is a struggle to get people to go to Glenelg it is time to bring back Glenelg to its big ways befor it is two late there is so much that can be done and ezy so why is it like even the Mayer has embarrassed the residents that pay all of these rates
A cafe or small eatery I feel would be well patronized and bring a holiday feel to the area. A design which would reflect the holiday vibe and enhance the experience of the area and be a support to the many events held nearby.
I think a little coffee shop would be great here, I've seen some fantastic ones made from shipping containers. With the new park going in it will be full of mums and mums need coffee!!
I just this a water feature with beautiful lighting at night and the sound of water next to the waters edge would be a peaceful noise all year round but it does need a place to buy coffee/drinks and ice cream
When I first found out about the demolition of the Buffalo I made the attached file with a hope that one day we would be able to put it to use. I believe that the city takes too much spotlight away from the western suburbs in way of activations. lets bring the "festival state" name back to other suburbs and utilise the Patawalongas unique river frontage and the deck activation through summer to attract people from all around SA back to glenelg. this will boost all the local economy and open up various hidden gems Glenelg has to offer to persons out side of Holdfast bay
Mike
My favourite choice would be an amphitheatre as Adelaide is known for its festivals. It could be used during the fringe as a venue.
Ex-Pat (Glenelg/Adelaide) Now living in Townsville, we have a large public pool that is free to use and the local businesses all thrive off the people that go there. It includes an art/performing arts area, restaurant, and kiosk! #foodforthought
Make a historical site in keeping with the old tram and Glenelg being the first place Europeans settled.
I think that the location of the old tram is a low profile one. The removal of the imitation "Buffalo" will only exacerbate this. The only remaining element of history there then will be the old diving bell. I am scratching my head for anything we might suggest that could build on a display of Glenelg history and contribute to a "----new and exciting community space---"
What about a display of the history offshore along coast of Holdfast Bay. It's not far from the wreck of The Barcoe (not sure spelling) and other wrecks. The ghost of The Buffalo will remain so the site could be not only nautical but history of reef and other underwater features of interest. Fish, biological, geology, old sailors, tall ships, modern yachting , sea rescue, life saving, storms, Jetty old and new. Throw in the Queen arriving I'm sure there are many interesting facts in the sea that you could dig up. Also history of The Pat couldn't be left out.

<p>Glenelg does not have a true water front cafe. This spot has a unique outlook and could be a magnificent venue for dining.. I suggest a mixture of alfresco casual dining with a deck overhanging the lake. Why not add temporary mooring spots for cannoes and row boats etc with a few steps up to the cafe? This could bring life to the Pat. (Even a hire point for canoes should be considered) Add an inside dinning space with large glass windows overlooking that pictuesque location and I think you will have a winner.</p> <p>If you google London's Lake Serpentine Cafe you will see most of what I am talking about. Their row boat hire is nearby.</p>
<p>Sand pits, faux beach and a small kiosk linked - the whole area maintained by a private operator would be great. Playgroups, family get togethers could all be created from a small coffee shop and extension to the Wigley Playground with a unique beach themed play space.</p>
<p>Please get Rodney Fox shark museum back</p>
<p>The Glenelg Historical Society has already commissioned Liquid Metal Studios for the design of a life sized sculpture of Pioneer Woman, Mary Thomas with an unnamed Aboriginal child which could be located on this site together with a restaurant and cultural centre serving and selling local produce including indigenous/Aboriginal food, similar to what is done at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington DC. This would be a great attraction for overseas visitors as well as the local public.</p>
<p>A nice pub with live music</p>
<p>Maximise beautiful view, restaurant/bar with decking</p>
<p>We do not have a community garden that is on display. Visitor or residents who frequent this area would see this and start conversations about sustainability and gardening with friends and family</p>
<p>Children's entertainment. free classical music shows. School productions.</p>
<p>The buffalo site should provide a cafe or food trucks. A place for people to buy food. And example semaphore near the jetty. Always busy. Travelled to WA Busselton jetty, amazing park with close food facilities</p>
<p>I think this is the perfect place for a Marina/ harbour bar. I feel it is prime location especially if on a pontoon bar. Melbourne and Sydney have them and they are super popular. It would be a great asset and tourist attraction to Glenelg. Take inspiration from Luckys beach club and Mosleys beach club!</p>
<p>More quiet areas and shaded seating are required for seniors. Too much emphasis is placed on noisy family areas.</p>
<p>A kiosk would be fantastic for locals and visitors. Especially as it's close to the play ground</p>
<p>I would like to see a relaxing viewing platform looking over the Pat with a cafe/ wine bar based in the old tram.</p>
<p>A cafe would be great</p>
<p>A place like Bowden plant 4 shed!!!!</p>
<p>I think that a small cafe would be perfect for this spot</p>
<p>This site lends itself to a licenced bistro with waterside dinning as well as a cafe for coffee etc</p>
<p>We visit plant four Bowden often, yet we are from Glenelg. We so which this modern family friendly, design could be at least slightly replicated in our neighbourhood.</p>
<p>I always thought it could be something like the Ponyfish Island bar and restaurant in Melbourne (Southbank). http://www.ponyfish.com.au/ The views are great and the location too. I have been living in Glenelg and Glenelg North for 13 years and there are no great options for dinning and bars, mainly with ocean/lake views. Henley Beach is doing a much much better job! It would be great to have a trendy and cool option in Glenelg.</p>
<p>Something small would be best - whatever is built shouldn't diminish the natural beauty of the area. I like the idea of providing access to the water from the area, and building structures for shade and BBQ would greatly increase interaction with the site. Everything needs to be done with an eye to keeping the dolphin and fish populations safe.</p>

Please leave this space for the public to enjoy and don't build anything there except maybe some comfortable seating.
Think what I said above says my thoughts...Don't need another cafe selling coffees here though..
Having a covered deck over the water would take advantage of utilizing the waterscape.
A peaceful place to have a meal/drink with great scenic water views.
I would definitely be against a statue of Bart Cummings which I understand is one option suggested by the mayor
There should be installed dedications to Locals who have done wonderful things for Australia and SA. Use the type of glass and aluminium uprights that are already in use along the waterfront. This will give people something to do. eg Bart Cummings, Chappell Bros, Jimmy Melrose. " I didn't know they came from the area" moment. There should be around 12 of these around. Call the area "BUFFALO COVE"
should have made more effort to save the Buffalo Old tram on display
No more cafes please
Now that the replica has gone, the site has no intrinsic significance -- restore it to the same river/lake frontage
Some sort of coffee stall and seating would further enhance the existing use of space for BBQ and the park.
Something similar to the Broadway kiosk. It would be a pleasant and relaxing environment and enjoy a coffee.
Open up the Tram to exhibit historic photos of the area.
we use the park everyday for fitness and it would be great to have an undercover area that we could use during winter but that the community could also use for events and get togethers that wasn't restricted by general tables chairs and bbqs
I think build a replica tall ship and turn it into a restaurant
Love to see coffee van here.
Lots of lovely trees to play under and shade too.. Lots of water play. Gorgeous tropical flowers. Loose parts play. Wooden easels for drawing.
I would like to see a waterfront cafe/kiosk to service the play area and any events that are held on Wrigley Reserve. It could also be a nice place just to sit and sip a coffee while looking out over the water.
Return space to parkland. No more gimmicky, awful, money earning/wasting ventures the council is known for
This is Hazbeans Cafe in Albany WA. It has so many similarities to Wiggly Reserve including a vintage car day etc. what about asking Veloce on the Marina to do a pop-up! They have a very loyal following, great efficient service. Experience is everything for this sort of venue. Please don't get your best mate or some wannabe without runs on the board to set up a business...
I think having a natural shady area there with interpretive signage would be great. There could be information about the dolphins that frequent the area and then information about how people can help ie, not to feed them, approach distances etc.
Would be worried about having access to water's edge here, as there is a busy playground nearby. Would like this to be a calm, secure area at night for walkers and residents.

Thank you for providing an opportunity for community contributions to this project.

It would be wonderful to have an outdoor discovery point/centre about the Patawalonga Lake here. Interpretive signage could be incorporated with natural shade, seating, outdoor art and an observation area. Topics could include the dolphins that regularly frequent the Patawalonga, how the public can help them (e.g. by not feeding them, maintaining approach distances, not littering), the lake management system, the lake ecosystem, and its historical and cultural background. Some discovery trails or activities could also be featured.

We have a few safety concerns regarding water access here as:

- It could encourage more fishing in this area and increase the risk of entanglement for the dolphins, especially if there is a structure jutting out over the water.
- If kayaks, paddle boards and other recreational users launch from here, they would be in a small, high-traffic area between the boat lock and marina. Additionally this area can have strong currents when the water gates open.
- Young children could wander over from the unenclosed playspace that is planned in close proximity, and fall into the water.
- If the sunken area is maintained (where the Buffalo used to be), this area would not be visible from the road and could pose security and noise issues at night. There are already often broken bottles and other evidence of nocturnal activity in this area.

In general, could you please ensure that there are adequate lighting, visibility and security measures at night to discourage unwanted use and behaviour in this area.

We would be happy to help coordinate the collection of dolphin information from the relevant organisations.

Regards,

Patawalonga Dolphin Volunteers

Appendix 7 - email

Dear Mayor and Elected Councillors

I provide feed-back, as requested, suggesting appropriate “community” use of the former Buffalo site. This representation is a reflection of the views of the 82 house-holds and rate payers resident in Marina East at 33 Colley Tce, Glenelg.

1. Create a precinct to encourage “free play” activity for the 3 – 10 year old group, previously catered for by the existing Wigley Reserve Play-ground. The proposed remodelled Wigley Paly hub appears to cater more for adventure play for the older group of 6 – 14 year olds.
2. This could be achieved by dumping 30 tonnes of beach sand in the Buffalo “carve out”. This would provide a suitable terrain for running, jumping, sand castle building activity – recently a temporary mound of sand was left for a few days on Glenelg beach It was instantly colonised by bands of children, becoming a community asset for kids play, climbing up the hill, rolling down the hill, posing as queen/king of the mountain etc. This is the kind of community feed-back that should not be ignored!
3. A safe/shallow sea-side paddling experience could be provided by fencing in a portion of the Patawalonga basin water, allowing access to water play yet restricting children from the deeper waters of the basin.
4. Shade protection should be provided over the area and perhaps a small fresh-water wading pool supplied from the recycled water piped to the Reserve – some addition filtration may be required.

5. A small café serving coffee/snacks to supervising parents/walkers would be appropriate, with suitable outdoor furniture and landscaping.

Having provided a positive contribution, may I add further feed-back of a slightly critical nature:

- The recently posted notice on the Buffalo site calling for community comment by 19 December (approx. 6 days' notice) hardly qualifies as "community consultation".
- This site should be returned to exclusive community recreation – not a commercial enterprise as suggested by the tone of a recent article – see fwded letter published in The Messenger, 18 December.
- Residents/rate payers in the vicinity of Wigley Reserve request more effective community consultation. We are aware that submissions from small numbers of residents in relation to developments on other Council community reserves are taken not of and acted on. There are 82 house-holds immediately adjacent to Wigley Reserve, who support and congratulate Council on the many excellent community amenities provided on Wigley Reserve; however, we sometimes get the impression that our concerns are not given serious consideration because we are 'only' apartment dwellers.

Thank you for your attention to this feed-back and I trust in your careful consideration of the issues raised.