

**FISHERMANS BEND PLANNING REVIEW PANEL: DRAFT AMENDMENT
GC81**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION NOTE

SIN NUMBER:	4
DATE:	28 March 2018
PRECINCT:	All CCZ precincts
FRAMEWORK REFERENCE:	Figure 17, page 57
SUBJECT:	Linear Park provision
NOTE:	
REQUEST:	What is the intended role/function of Linear Parks? Is the 12 metre width is considered enough in this environment?

RESPONSE:

What is the intended role/function of Linear Parks?

1. Located on the southern side of thoroughfares, where possible, linear parks will have a multifunctional role, providing places for all types of activity including active pursuits, relaxation, community events, incidental recreation, playgrounds and dog off-leash areas.
2. Linear parks will be the organising structure within Fishermans Bend, providing linkages between existing and future public open spaces and precincts. They will be designed to make active transport and healthy activities accessible and easy, located beside recreation loops for walking, cycle and running to encourage residents and workers to walk, run and cycle.
3. Sections of linear parks will provide spaces for unprogrammed active sports for ball sports, including hit up walls and half courts.
4. Linear parks will also narrow existing roads to allow pedestrians to cross roads with ease.
5. Linear Parks will be designed to improve water sensitive urban design outcomes, in addition to rain gardens and swales. In major rainfall events they will convey stormwater and provide a small to medium amount of detention.
6. Linear parks as green infrastructure will deliver structural diversity of ground cover, mid-storey cover and large canopy tree providing habitat and corridors for wildlife between larger open spaces. These plantings and tree canopies,

along with the reduction in impervious surfaces will minimise the urban heat island effect cooling the urban environment in Fishermans Bend.

Is the 12 metre width is considered enough in this environment?

7. The minimum width of 12 metres for linear parks was developed by the Fishermans Bend Taskforce in consultation with City of Melbourne, City of Port Phillip, Sport and Recreation Victoria and Parks Victoria.
8. The minimum width of 12 metres is in addition to footpaths, cycling and traffic lanes, providing urban greening, and small break out spaces for the afore-mentioned functions including and passive recreation.
9. Through effective design and screening through structures and vegetation more intimate spaces will be provided. A width to length proportion is often used to ensure the effectiveness of linear open space. A minimum width of 12 metres enables a variety of activities to be undertaken within linear open space.
10. The approach of Sport and Recreation Victoria is to ensure that active public open spaces are flexible and multi-functional, wherever possible. Linear parks will provide additional area for active pursuits such as basketball and other court sports, running and incidental activities.
11. Ecological connectivity and habitat along a minimum 12 metre width will be further strengthened beyond normal street tree plantings creating green linkages between larger green spaces.
12. Linear parks in activity centres, such as Buckhurst Street will provide up to a 16-metre wide civic/plaza character with more hard surfacing and multifunctional uses, to embrace social interaction and connectedness across the community and providing safe routes to schools.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil