

# Churchill Road Pocket Park

## Project Update – What We Heard



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### Churchill Road Pocket Park Artist Impression



Artist impression for illustration purposes only, vegetation shown at maturity. View from northern end of the park, looking to the south.



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**We're creating a pocket park near the new Torrens Road bridge and returning vacant land to the community to be used as open green space. The pocket park will be at Churchill Road in Ovingham.**

Pocket parks enhance lifestyle and community connectivity, they are visually pleasing and support a safe and connected transport network.

## What we heard

Between Monday, 31 July and Friday, 25 August 2023, we engaged with the local community to seek feedback so we could understand what is important to you. This information is helping us create the landscaping plan for the new pocket park.

Some of the things that you told us are:

- there is strong support for keeping the existing established trees that create habitat for local wildlife and birds;
- we should plant large canopy trees to provide shade and reduce pollution, but with consideration for maintaining visibility and line of sight for safety;
- we should put seating in shaded areas; and
- we should plant a low-maintenance grassed area for the community that is environmentally conscious and considers the gradient of the site and potential water run-off.

We've listened and where possible included these suggestions into the design by retaining the established trees and increasing the number of large canopy native trees that will be planted.

We also heard the following suggestions which we have provided to Council for their information and future consideration:

- including a community garden;
- using rain capturing swales (channels) across the slope to reduce watering requirements;
- fruit trees planted along swales;
- formal and informal recreation facilities; and
- functional elements such as a water fountain, dog bag dispensers etc.

We will start to prepare the pocket park for landscaping starting next year. We expect that landscaping will finish in late 2024 when the pocket park will be transferred to the City of Prospect to own and undertake any further development at their discretion.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

## Further Information

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