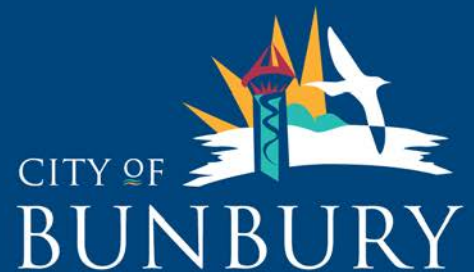


# MEDIA STATEMENT



Monday, 18 July 2016

## **Boulters Heights Reserve: we want your feedback!**

The City of Bunbury is calling upon the community to have its say on the (draft) Boulters Heights Reserve Management Plan.

Boulters Heights Reserve is located on the western perimeter of the CBD overlooking Stirling Street. It is a highly visible public open space and includes the Apex lookout. The staircase which begins on Wittenoom Street and leads up to the lookout is popular amongst fitness fanatics, visitors and locals alike.

The reserve comprises a mix of introduced and native trees including Peppermint and Tuart. It is home to native fauna such as the Western Ringtail Possum and Black Cockatoos.

The City of Bunbury has prepared a plan in order to guide the management of the site into the future.

The main objectives of the plan are to;

- maintain and enhance the site's visual and recreational amenity
- address issues such as fire risk and infrastructure maintenance needs
- preserve and enhance the site's cultural heritage and environmental values

Sustainability and Environmental Planning Team Leader Ben Deeley said the draft plan was a long-time coming and Council, key stakeholders, including adjoining residents, had all been consulted.

"Now we want to reach out to the broader community and hear what they have to say," Mr Deeley said.

"The area is well loved by locals and it is important for them to have the opportunity to comment.

"Our focus will be to preserve the flora and fauna as well as revitalise and maintain the existing infrastructure."

Community members interested in having their say can complete an online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/75BRV7W> or visit the City of Bunbury Customer Service building at 4 Stephen Street for a hard copy of the survey. Surveys will also be placed at the Bunbury City Library and Withers Community Library. Consultation closes at 5pm Monday 8 August 2016.

**ENDS**

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