

Apex Park Submissions

No.	Summary of Submission	Officer Comment
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Skate Park requires facilities for simultaneous use for all ages/skill sets ● Retain Park fencing ● Include water fountain/refill stations ● Nature Play facilities (eg. Kellerberrin) 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. Fencing to remain.
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looks great ● Good fencing (not chain wire) around the whole area ● I don't think solar panel charging station is necessary ● A ping pong table will not work in a public space, balls & bats are needed and when these are lost or stolen what is left is a useless table ● Youth, especially girls just want a comfortable place to sit and chat. 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. Fencing to remain.
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Skate Park requires facilities for simultaneous use for all ages/skill sets ● How will the ping pong etc be monitored ● Open grass area needs to be present and kept green! Great section to just kick footy or picnic ● Why is the shed becoming open? It currently provides shelter on windy day ● Ensure benches so parents can watch kids near skate park ● Carpark needs resurfacing ● Thank you for this opportunity 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design.
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Add one of those run concrete tracks for scooters, around the outside of the skate park ● Can the half court have lights so the kids can play basketball into the evenings? Switch potentially or timer switch 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design.
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I do like the overall concept ● Keep a bit more of a fence around the whole playground area especially grassed areas mainly onto barrack street, kids kicking footy etc ● Hopefully the train line fence could have an upgrade ● Do agree with not worrying about a water play area I would rather see the children's pool upgraded at the Merredin pool ● A path from the train crossing into the park linking with the rest of the pathways 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. Fencing to remain.
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please include drink fountains/water bubblers for children 	Noted – a drinking fountain is proposed within the concept
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looks awesome ● Retain park fencing 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. Fencing to remain.
8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Retain Park fencing ● Too many 'bushes/trees' to create a fence would detract from the visual aspect 	Noted. Fencing to remain.

9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min of 2-3 BBQ with shelters and seating areas across park • Bush tucker garden, with some history of the area and places to visit • Agricultural themed play equipment • Parking for cars with caravans, trailers etc • Merredin information boards • Have a theme eg agriculture/indigenous to reflect the history of the area.) 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. A barbeque and drinking fountain is proposed within the concept
10.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This looks amazing and well done to the very productive Shire at the moment • Somewhere to fill up water bottles 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design.
11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looks fantastic! Love all of the trees and landscaping and play elements • Water play area for small children or a nature style one with creek and hand pump with water tray table • A scooter/bike track for younger children including low hills, crossings, road signs etc near the skate park • Drink fountains 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Shire of Merredin is committed to looking after the natural environment including through sustainable water management. The design proposes a naturally designed drainage system which can take small rainfall events and is suited to winter creek play. Other water play elements have not been included in the design as such facilities can be difficult and expensive to maintain to ensure optimum public health/hygiene.</p> <p>During the detailed design phase, it is intended to introduce gentle slopes and undulations to the proposed track around the early years playground (western play area). The Shire considered a larger pump/scooter track as part of the design discussions. While no formal decisions or investigations have been made about the creation of a pump track in town, such development was not considered appropriate for Apex Park given the size constraints. However, Council is committed to investigating the feasibility of a future pump track in town and has ear-marked other sites, such as the old civic bowling green site, if the project were feasible.</p> <p>A drinking fountain is proposed within the concept</p> <p>All other comments to be resolved during detailed design</p>
12.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball court- timed light system • BBQ's • Fencing around playground area • Water bottle filling station 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. Fencing to remain. A barbeque and drinking fountain is proposed within the concept
13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full fence surrounding area • Water play area like on Geraldton Foreshore • Plenty of water fountains • Nature play area • Flying fox 	<p>Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. Fencing to remain.</p> <p>The Shire of Merredin is committed to looking after the natural environment including through sustainable water management. The design proposes a naturally designed drainage system which can take small rainfall events and is suited to winter creek play. Other water play elements have not been included in the design as such facilities can be</p>

		difficult and expensive to maintain to ensure optimum public health/hygiene.
14.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan looks great and when complete, will make an awesome attraction for our town and a fun space for families to gather and youth to hang out • Maintain a fence around the park, or at least part of the park (playground) to ensure safety • Lots of shade, including shade sails over playgrounds • Water fountains or areas to fill up a waterbottle • I don't think a water park is necessary • The skate park is a big draw card, so would like to see that made a focal point with a range of areas to cater for different ages and skill ability • The basketball court is an excellent idea , as well as the nature playground and flying Fox 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. Fencing to remain.
15.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This looks amazing and will make Merredin a place people want to visit and stop • 'Pump Tracks' are the latest craze for children of all ages, even adults can use them. They can be ridden on by BMX or mountain bikes and depending on what surface they are made from, scooters can also use them • Do the playground areas have fences? As a parent of young children, a fenced area is somewhat more protective. 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. Fencing to remain. During the detailed design phase, it is intended to introduce gentle slopes and undulations to the proposed track around the early years playground (western play area). The Shire considered a larger pump/scooter track as part of the design discussions. While no formal decisions or investigations have been made about the creation of a pump track in town, such development was not considered appropriate for Apex Park given the size constraints. However, Council is committed to investigating the feasibility of a future pump track in town and has ear-marked other sites, such as the old civic bowling green site, if the project were feasible.
16.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great to see some work finally being done to revitalise the park however work around the existing shade trees 	Noted.
17.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wonderful initiative • Try and retain as many of the mature trees as possible • Green space • Garden areas for adults to use as well. • RV (and large vehicle) parking needs to be considered • Water parks 	Noted.
18.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looks great • A fence is essential along side that road 	Noted. Fencing to remain.
19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope this happens soon before my kids are to old to take advantage • A drink station 	Noted - a drinking fountain is proposed within the concept

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar lights for night time play or push button lights that run on a timer • And cameras incase for safety • Safe access from the great eastern highway would be nice 	<p>Access to Apex Park is constrained by the fact that it is bordered by a railway line and busy railway crossing. A key element of the overarching CBD Redevelopment Master Plan is to create stronger pedestrian access and linkages throughout the CBD. This is aimed to assist with moving pedestrians safely through the designated pedestrian railway crossings, via dedicated paths to key sites such as Apex Park.</p>
20.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike paths for the little ones by no direct way for a little child to ride there bike to the park if you have to cross a train track and rust cars flying up to get on the highway so dangerous 	<p>Noted. Access to Apex Park is constrained by the fact that it is bordered by a railway line and busy railway crossing. A key element of the overarching CBD Redevelopment Master Plan is to create stronger pedestrian access and linkages throughout the CBD. This is aimed to assist with moving pedestrians safely through the designated pedestrian railway crossings, via dedicated paths to key sites such as Apex Park.</p>
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great idea but it worries me there all is no access to the park from the highway that is safe 	<p>Noted. Access to Apex Park is constrained by the fact that it is bordered by a railway line and busy railway crossing. A key element of the overarching CBD Redevelopment Master Plan is to create stronger pedestrian access and linkages throughout the CBD. This is aimed to assist with moving pedestrians safely through the designated pedestrian railway crossings, via dedicated paths to key sites such as Apex Park.</p>
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety is a main concern the train lines and the main highway there in no safe or direct access to the park from these other then walking over the trial lines while cars are flying around the corner 	<p>Noted. Access to Apex Park is constrained by the fact that it is bordered by a railway line and busy railway crossing. A key element of the overarching CBD Redevelopment Master Plan is to create stronger pedestrian access and linkages throughout the CBD. This is aimed to assist with moving pedestrians safely through the designated pedestrian railway crossings, via dedicated paths to key sites such as Apex Park.</p>
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access from southern side of Merredin • There is no designated crossing. Kerbing is high and footpath not in the best condition. 	<p>Noted. Access to Apex Park is constrained by the fact that it is bordered by a railway line and busy railway crossing. A key element of the overarching CBD Redevelopment Master Plan is to create stronger pedestrian access and linkages throughout the CBD. This is aimed to assist with moving pedestrians safely through the designated pedestrian railway crossings, via dedicated paths to key sites such as Apex Park.</p>
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pump track. The one at dwellingup is a fantastic example • A water play area. Collie playground has a nice example of this 	<p>During the detailed design phase, it is intended to introduce gentle slopes and undulations to the proposed track around the early years playground (western play area). The Shire considered a larger pump/scooter track as part of the design discussions. While no formal decisions or investigations have been made about the creation of a pump track in town, such development was not considered appropriate for Apex Park given the size constraints. However, Council is committed to investigating the feasibility of a future pump track in town and has</p>

		<p>ear-marked other sites, such as the old civic bowling green site, if the project were feasible.</p> <p>The Shire of Merredin is committed to looking after the natural environment including through sustainable water management. The design proposes a naturally designed drainage system which can take small rainfall events and is suited to winter creek play. Other water play elements have not been included in the design as such facilities can be difficult and expensive to maintain to ensure optimum public health/hygiene.</p>
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plans are fantastic, clearly a heck of a lot of thought has gone into this, well done as looks like all bases are covered. Thank you so much this is so needed for our families and visitors. 	Noted.
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have heard that the fencing around the park is to be removed. If that is the case what mental giant thought that it would be a good idea to allow kids of any age free access to a major road. You could also take down the fencing along the railway side so the kids could play with the trains I love the concept Suggest forming a group of parents who have been to various other play parks throughout the state to get a feel for what works and what doesn't I personally can't see the table tennis being functional for more than a couple of days before there's no paddles and no balls 	Noted. Fencing to remain. There has been a significant amount of consultation on this project to date however there will be further consultation on the skate park detailed design.
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please leave existing trees Add water play elements 	Noted. The Shire of Merredin is committed to looking after the natural environment including through sustainable water management. The design proposes a naturally designed drainage system which can take small rainfall events and is suited to winter creek play. Other water play elements have not been included in the design as such facilities can be difficult and expensive to maintain to ensure optimum public health/hygiene.
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This new concept looks fantastic! Keep the fence around the outside (along Barack Street and the train line) for kids' safety and less stress on parents of younger ones Were toilet facilities closer to the playground area It looks great! How exciting for Merredin, thank you 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Fencing to remain.</p> <p>Existing Toilets will remain having recently been upgraded. However, the new park layout is proposed to create better, more visible access to these toilets and improved surveillance. A barbeque and drinking fountain is proposed within the concept.</p>
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nice toilets and water refill essential. 	<p>Noted – water refill to be considered during detailed design.</p> <p>Existing Toilets will remain having recently been upgraded. However, the new park layout is proposed to create better, more visible access to</p>

		these toilets and improved surveillance. A barbeque and drinking fountain is proposed within the concept.
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am absolutely behind any improvements in youth infrastructure. The playground design looks great • Prefer the option of a playground closer to IGA because I felt that it would get more incidental use • Greatest concern about the current park location is the lack of facilities nearby. 	Noted.
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drink fountains • Access to the park from the highway without in fear of getting hit by a train or a car due to the intersection 	<p>Noted – A barbeque and drinking fountain is proposed within the concept.</p> <p>Access to Apex Park is constrained by the fact that it is bordered by a railway line and busy railway crossing. A key element of the overarching CBD Redevelopment Master Plan is to create stronger pedestrian access and linkages throughout the CBD. This is aimed to assist with moving pedestrians safely through the designated pedestrian railway crossings, via dedicated paths to key sites such as Apex Park.</p>
32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This plan looks amazing!! • A water play area would top it off • Let's take bits and pieces from all the other playgrounds from around our district, the good things, the things that didn't work and make ours AMAZING! • Listen to what the kids want and what the parents want • Great work guys! 	<p>Noted. Access to Apex Park is constrained by the fact that it is bordered by a railway line and busy railway crossing. A key element of the overarching CBD Redevelopment Master Plan is to create stronger pedestrian access and linkages throughout the CBD. This is aimed to assist with moving pedestrians safely through the designated pedestrian railway crossings, via dedicated paths to key sites such as Apex Park.</p>
33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed plan for apex park looks amazing!! • Wondering if there was any chance to get a water play area as well? • A fence around it all 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Shire of Merredin is committed to looking after the natural environment including through sustainable water management. The design proposes a naturally designed drainage system which can take small rainfall events and is suited to winter creek play. Other water play elements have not been included in the design as such facilities can be difficult and expensive to maintain to ensure optimum public health/hygiene.</p> <p>Fencing to remain.</p>
34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazing! Well overdue and LOVE IT!! 	Noted.
35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be good if you could extend the skate park a lot more then what the plan shows. Kellerberrin have a massive skate park in a town with a lot less kids. I think it will bring a lot more travellers with kids to stop in this town for longer and spend some money 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be good if you could extend the skate park a lot more then what the plan shows • I like the upgrade of play equipment and basketball court • Water station is a great idea 	
36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fantastic design and concept • Have a water fountain in the BBQ area • A water play area would allow for year round play • A fence around the boundary is necessary for child safety • Fantastic idea and look forward to seeing it come to life. 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. Fencing to remain. A barbeque and drinking fountain is proposed within the concept
37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firstly, this looks amazing and congratulations to everyone involved • Fencing is definitely needed for safety of everyone • A water station for filling up water bottles would be a bonus • I love the "zones" for age appropriate play. If you can pull off something amazing like Katanning have that would be a major draw card to bring people back into Merredin • This town has so much potential and it's a shame to see people drive straight through. This is a fabulous start! 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. Fencing to remain.
38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitely a fence around and water fountain 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. Fencing to remain.
39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking pretty good • I am glad that the existing trees are going to be retained, as it takes a long time for new trees to establish and grown to that size • It would be good if the shire could use soft permeable pavement methods that (A) allow water to infiltrate rather than run off, and (B) provide a softer surface to walk on (which is kinder on the knees • I like the idea of having things to climb on. I hope they are suitable for adults too 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design.
40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Something to refill water bottles is a must • More seats & shelters near skate park please. We parents have currently no where to sit if our younger kids are using the skate park • Improving the skate park is an awesome idea and #1 on our wishlist. Not sure if bikes and scooters should mix tho. Maybe bikes can go elsewhere like roy little park or next to swimming pool • A water playground in spring/summer/autumn would also be great 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. The Shire of Merredin is committed to looking after the natural environment including through sustainable water management. The design proposes a naturally designed drainage system which can take small rainfall events and is suited to winter creek play. Other water play elements have not been included in the design as such facilities can be difficult and expensive to maintain to ensure optimum public health/hygiene.
41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plans for Apex Park look fantastic, I can't wait to see it all finished. 	Noted.
42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please keep the fence so ours kids are safe! Removing the fence will be dangerous for the kids and the passing traffic. 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. Fencing to remain.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could the shire please let the kids of Merredin choose the “big play equipment” - shortlist 5 options and let the kids choose - after all it the kids that use it so why shouldn't they have a say? Give them ownership of the park and they will love it 	
43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do NOT remove fencing!!! 	Noted. Fencing to remain.
44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This plan looks amazing! It looks like there is something for everyone. • I think a water play section would be brilliant in the Summer months. Water that spurts up from the ground like sprinklers on a timer would be enough. No play equipment is necessarily needed, just something for the kids to run around on and stay cool. 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. Fencing to remain. The Shire of Merredin is committed to looking after the natural environment including through sustainable water management. The design proposes a naturally designed drainage system which can take small rainfall events and is suited to winter creek play. Other water play elements have not been included in the design as such facilities can be difficult and expensive to maintain to ensure optimum public health/hygiene.
45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some water play features would be great 	The Shire of Merredin is committed to looking after the natural environment including through sustainable water management. The design proposes a naturally designed drainage system which can take small rainfall events and is suited to winter creek play. Other water play elements have not been included in the design as such facilities can be difficult and expensive to maintain to ensure optimum public health/hygiene.
46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please keep the fence!! • There is no reason to access the park off Barrack St so why have it open? There is a gate halfway down the road side for park access if needed. Please keep the fence - for the safety of our children and those visiting our awesome new park!! 	Noted. Fencing to remain.
47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The charging stations; are they sturdy? Will they be locked away at night to prevent vandalism? • The basketball court; I'd love to see this closer to the middle of the playground so that the little kids can use it too. Perhaps on the vacant lawn near the long table? • The playground with the tunnel slide looks to me like it's smaller than the existing playground equipment. There appears to be limited ability for a parent to climb in with their child and personally I wouldn't let my little kids go down a tunnel slide without inspecting it first for damage and liquids. This type of slide probably isn't suitable outside a monitored playground. I think we could find a better piece of equipment than that. Love the rest. • Hope the toilets will also get an upgrade and maybe put closer to little kids side as they're the ones that use it most. 	Noted – to be resolved during detailed design. Existing Toilets will remain having recently been upgraded. However, the new park layout is proposed to create better, more visible access to these toilets and improved surveillance. A barbeque and drinking fountain is proposed within the concept.
48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan for the Apex Park redevelopment is fantastic! 	Noted.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will create an incredible community space and be a wonderful hub for community gatherings • The incorporation of native vegetation as well as tech and play spaces is great • Please make this a priority to continue the path to re-invigorate the CBD and attract visitors and resident 	
49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please can a 'pump track' with different levels (difficulty), for different ages kids, be considered? • I think it would be absolutely fantastic for the youth of Merredin, both for fitness and socially. 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>During the detailed design phase, it is intended to introduce gentle slopes and undulations to the proposed track around the early years playground (western play area). The Shire considered a larger pump/scooter track as part of the design discussions. While no formal decisions or investigations have been made about the creation of a pump track in town, such development was not considered appropriate for Apex Park given the size constraints. However, Council is committed to investigating the feasibility of a future pump track in town and has ear-marked other sites, such as the old civic bowling green site, if the project were feasible.</p>
50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The design looks amazing! We can't wait. • I was wondering if there is some sort of brick wall included that kids can kick a soccer ball against? 	<p>Noted – to be resolved during detailed design.</p>