

Report by Rob Bourke, Director Operations

RECOMMENDATION

That the concept plan for the Australian and Korean Memorial Gardens be further developed based on concept 2 included in the community consultation process.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Council of the responses received from the Strathfield community in regards to the proposed Australian and Korean Memorial Gardens at Bressington Park.

REPORT

The Strathfield community have for many years expressed a desire to develop a community facility at Bressington Park. This desire has been supported by Council and most recently Council at its meeting on 6 August 2013, resolved (Minute No. 185/13):

- “1. That Council endorse the proposed change of name for the project, to become the Australian and Korean Memorial Gardens project.*
- 2. That Council commence a community consultation process in relation to an Australian and Korean Memorial Gardens at Bressington Park.*
- 3. That Council approve the General Manager to commence discussions with relevant State Departments to seek in-principle support for the Australian and Korean Memorial Gardens, with the view of the Gardens becoming a potential Public-Private Partnership.”*

In accordance with the above resolution the community was asked to provide comments on two concepts for the proposed Australian and Korean Memorial Gardens. An advertisement inviting comment was placed in the Inner West Courier Mail on the 29 October 2013. The proposal was also advertised via Council’s website from the 29 October 2013. The proposal was open for comment for 21 days, with submissions closing on 19 November 2013.

Sixteen (16) responses were received by the closing date, of which fourteen (14) were in favour and 2 were opposed to the project. Of the favourable comments, concept 2 received eleven (11) favourable responses.

Given the favourable comments received for concept 2, it is suggested that concept 2 be used as the basis to further refine the proposed design.

A summary of the responses received through the community consultation process is attached.

REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT

No referral was required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Summary of Community Consultation Responses