

Bald Hill Landscape Masterplan – Questions and Answers

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What is a Landscape Masterplan?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Landscape Master Plan is an overarching plan for an area that provides guidance on the future layout and intent of a site. It provides details of the proposed 'end product' and describes the steps required to get to this desired outcome.• Landscape architects, urban planners, urban designers, traffic planners, engineers and community engagement specialists all have a role to play in the development of a Landscape Masterplan.
Why does Bald Hill need a Landscape Masterplan?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Given Bald Hill's popularity, its current facilities are in need of refurbishment or replacement to maintain a safe and appealing environment for site users. Council decided to step back and take a strategic view of the problem and the opportunities for the site.• By carefully planning the refurbishment/replacement of facilities through a masterplanning process, Council aims to both fix the issues and enhance the values of the site that are so loved by locals and visitors.
What happened to the last draft Landscape Master Plan?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council prepared a draft Landscape Master Plan in 2011. This was made available for community comment in October 2011. The community's response to the draft plan and their concern that they weren't involved in helping to develop and draft Landscape Masterplan resulting in Councillors voting to remove the plan from public display and restart the planning process.
Why can't you just leave Bald Hill alone?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When the weather is favourable, Bald Hill Reserve is a magnet for locals, tourists and the gliding community and commonly attracts more than 3,000 people on weekends. This popularity creates problems as the site's car parks and amenities were not designed to manage such large volumes of visitors.• People's enjoyment of the site is being impacted by road safety concerns, buses blocking access to car parks, dated toilet facilities and odour issues associated with the aging septic system. We need to make plans to fix these issues, while at the same time protecting and enhancing the features that attract so many locals and visitors to the site.• We are not in a position where we can 'do nothing' to the site. Council has a responsibility to ensure the site is safe and has appropriate facilities for users.
How will this process be any different from the last?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council has acknowledged that there is a delicate balance between protecting access to the intrinsic beauty of the site, managing Bald Hill's high visitation safely and providing appropriate amenities for visitors.• As such, Council has appointed Arup, a built environment and engineering consultancy, to revisit the Landscape Masterplan for Bald Hill Reserve and have briefed us to work with the local community, stakeholders and other users to achieve this balance.• Arup will lead the new masterplanning process on Council's behalf.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultants will have a fresh set of eyes and a different point of view which will ensure this process is different from the last. • The consultants are also keen to work with the community from the start of the masterplan process so that community concerns and ideas can be addressed in the plan.
What is Arup?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arup is a built environment and engineering consultancy that Council has appointed to facilitate the preparation of the Landscape Masterplan for Bald Hill Reserve. • Arup’s multidisciplinary team for this project includes urban designers, landscape architects, traffic engineers, planners and engagement specialists.
How can I get involved?	<p>You can participate in the discussion in a number of ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online at www.collaborativemap.org/baldhill - Leave your mark on the map to show us what’s important, what needs improving and any ideas you have for the site. Available online anytime from anywhere until 11 May. • Design charrette – A half day design session will be held on Friday 4 May. Places are limited, call 1800 657 248 or email baldhillmasterplan@arup.com.au to register. • Community information session – Drop into the Helensburgh Community Centre (26 Walker Street, Helensburgh) on Saturday 5 May at a time that suits you between 10:00am and 2:00pm. The team will be available to answer your questions about the masterplanning process. • Community design session – As part of the community information session we will be running 45 minute design sessions at 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm and 1:00pm on Saturday 5 May at the Helensburgh Community Centre (26 Walker Street, Helensburgh). Places are limited, call 1800 657 248 or email baldhillmasterplan@arup.com.au to register. <p>If you would like to talk to a member of the Arup team about the planning project, please don’t hesitate to call 1800 657 248 or email baldhillmasterplan@arup.com.au.</p>