

**1. How do you currently use Weston Park?**

The park is used for the following activities: walking, cycling, running, petanque, picnicking, the train, SIEVX memorial, and the tree house (when there), family-oriented activities such as informal games of cricket, frisbee, soccer, and barbeques, Hobdays (Hobdays Cottage is the restaurant/gallery near the nursery).

**2. What are the most important aspects or features of Weston Park that should be preserved and/or enhanced? (not in any particular order)**

- Beaches
- Views and vistas preserved but not ‘enhanced’ by removal of any established trees
- Natural shoreline
- Birds
- Place for families
- Open spaces and varied, separated spaces
- Wilderness feel and natural environment

**3. How could access to the park be improved, as well as movement for vehicles, cycles and people through the park?**

- Clean up the undergrowth and weeds on lake edge on the east side
- Provide footpath access to the park, and cycle path access to the park entry point.
- Provide a path adjacent to the shoreline, for walking NOT cycling. A shoreline path allowing cycling would compromise the safety of those enjoying the walk, especially small children, and older walkers. Cyclists are already well-served by cycle paths in Yarralumla.
- Make the park accessible by public transport, with the proviso that a bus, for safety reasons, should not encroach too closely onto areas where cyclists and pedestrians would be accessing the Park.
- Increased number of seats around the park to facilitate rest spots (for seniors, children)

**4. What additional facilities could be provided within the park to improve its use?**

Additional facilities that would improve the park include:

- Creative play spaces, and creative play equipment
- Adult sporting facilities, such as a petanque pitch in a shady area
- Better picnic table facilities (in clusters), especially in shaded areas
- Tree shade
- Shelters and toilets
- Increased number of seats (see #3.)
- Barbeques and drinking fountains
- Treehouse, natural or artificial, partly for historical reasons
- Ongoing active management and upkeep of toilets, barbeques, etc

**5. How important is achieving biodiversity within the park by the introduction of a wider range of plant species?**

Yes, but still maintain the general overall aesthetics.

**6. What activities, including recreational activities and events, should be part of Weston Park's future?**

- Water based activities, picnics, walking (as mentioned before).
- One off, one-day only community events such as Father's Day and Teddy Bears' Picnic; a petanque tournament
- Mixed views are held by committee members on having a free-run dogs' area.
- Mixed views are also held on banning dogs altogether from Weston Park

**7. What opportunities are there for partnerships, such as funding partnerships, to deliver an agreed future for Weston Park?**

- CIT (Horticulture Dept) – mixed views from committee on 'funding partnerships', with some committee members wary of funding partnerships, as expecting something in return that might not be appropriate for the Park; i.e. no private investment partnerships, as some potential for monopoly in controlling Park facilities might arise.
- Education programs are acceptable.

**8. What infrastructure needs does your organisation have in relation to planning Weston Park's future?**

- Toilets and picnic facilities
- play spaces
- beaches and access to the water;
- vehicle control.

**9. How do you think we can interpret better Weston Park's history and, furthermore, the history of development of Canberra's landscape?**

- Interpretative signage and trail.
- Children's history trail including local indigenous history

**10. What do you consider to be the three most important improvements that could be made to Weston Park?**

- 1) Shoreline pathway in the park, and cycle path to the park entry
- 2) Picnic facilities
- 3) Play spaces for children and adults, some with specific, designated uses as outlined in #4.

**11. Any other comments that will help us with the planning of the park?**

- Allow for ongoing funds for management
- Not Floriade or other large-scale events of more than one day

- Sufficient car parking for on-site events to prevent parking encroaching on suburban areas, while attempting to not change the aesthetics of the park by adding in designated car parks that can only be used for parking.
- Find ways of preventing large amounts of traffic going through Yarralumla for any approved one-day events, e.g. special one-day bus service?
- Maintenance and protection of fauna and flora
- Small kiosk only for sale of, for example, ice cream, coffee, while retaining the sit-down café adjacent to the nurseries.
- Speak to NCA re plan for Yarralumla recreation hub, which would be adjacent to this area.
- Promoting alternate forms of transport – footpaths, cycling and public transport
- The committee, as a whole, felt strongly that the aesthetic qualities of the park should be maintained, as being a quiet ‘natural’ place for families to enjoy, and as being intrinsic to the ‘bush capital’ appeal.