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A review of the Detail Design Report, discussed at the Information Session held on Sunday 11 June, 2023.

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We are in the process of moving from Hold Point 2 to Hold Point 3 in the Project's timeline!

Newly appointed Director of Operations Ross (Rosco) Marshall has been working hard with the Project Consultation Group (PCG) and various stakeholders to ensure that the facility is at an excellent standard for all potential users and sporting groups.

On Sunday 11 June, we held an information session that the community was invited to attend, especially those surrounding the VC Mitchell Park site. A lot of great questions were asked, and we are in the process of updating our website to add an FAQ section and provide as much information to you as possible.

Some key points that were discussed at this session included the following:

- When looking at the layout of the building, we are considering multiple user groups accessing and using the facilities that will be available. For example, for disability access and inclusion purposes, we are working to ensure that a safe accessibility ramp is added to the site. Not only that, but we are also ensuring that walkways are wide enough for people to be able to comfortably sit or stand, and still have room for foot traffic, wheelchairs, prams, and other such visitor accessibility requirements. This has also been done for the tiered seating that will be alongside the main oval leading down from Pavilion 1, which was changed from 4 tiers to 3 to allow for this extra room.
- The function rooms have also been a hot-topic, particularly with a sliding partition-style wall being chosen to allow for rooms to be separated, allowing multiple events to run at once, or to create one large area to allow for a maximum capacity of approximately 250. There is also room to accommodate a stage if needed for concerts, ceremonies, presentations, or other function types.



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- Some areas don't require as much attention as others, one of which being the retaining wall. It has stood the test of time and aside from visuals, it does not require replacing. A great idea that was suggested at the information session was for it to become a mural painting space, and perhaps children could contribute to it. Alternatively, an artist could be engaged to bring a splash of colour in and make it as pleasant as the new buildings.
- Rosco has been engaging with a local hospitality businesses and industry experts. A lot of the feedback, advice, and knowledge that Rosco received was utilized when designing the canteen and kitchen, and how food services would be managed and run to an excellent standard.

From this point onwards, Rosco and the PCG will be continuing their focus on refining the design of the facility and value management. Hold Point 3 is scheduled for September with demolitions and construction works planned to begin in October.

If you have any questions, we encourage you to browse the information provided on the Shire website, call us via (08) 9780 4200, or email us via shire@donnybrook.wa.gov.au

