

Lake Windemere Revitalisation Project

APRIL 2015 UPDATE - COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION

The City of Salisbury is preparing to commence the Lake Windemere Revitalisation Project, which will be undertaken in three stages.

Stage One works will begin this month (April 2015) and are scheduled for completion in Winter 2015, subject to weather conditions. It will include:

- Flood protection works in the Lake Windemere reserve; and
- · Landscaping improvements.

This stage will improve our ability to capture and contain stormwater from the areas surrounding the Lake Windemere reserve both now and into the future. The need for works was highlighted by storm events over the past few years, some of which caused local downstream flooding issues.

The capacity of the lake will be enlarged partly by constructing two new levee banks. A new open swale drain will also be excavated to capture upstream floodwaters and direct them into the lake.

Efforts have been made in the design process to minimise the removal of regulated and significant trees; however, some conflicts have been found to be unavoidable. One significant tree and three regulated trees need to be removed and these were chosen after a survey found them to be in poor health. Some other removals are also required for works to enlarge the lake capacity, but these trees are not classified as regulated or significant. None of the trees in the reserve are remnant native vegetation.

PLEASE BE ADVISED:

Lake Windemere Reserve is recognised as a popular thoroughfare for pedestrian traffic and efforts will be made to retain this where possible. However, public access to some walkways may be blocked during construction works and alternate routes will need to be taken. These areas will be sign-posted accordingly.

PROJECT NEXT STEPS

The Lake Windemere Revitalisation Project will be undertaken in three stages. It was developed after community consultation in 2011 and approved by the Council's Elected Members.

While Stage One has already been outlined, Stage Two will involve upgrading the playground, which is scheduled for completion by Spring 2015.

Stage Three is the commencement of the residential project approved as part of the Master Plan overlooking the park and lake. This is located on the former community centre and car park site, and the adjacent reserve.

PROGRESS TO DATE

- Council made the decision in 2007 to close the Salisbury North Community Centre
- A masterplan for the Lake Windemere and former Community Centre site was developed, involving significant community engagement on the future inclusions within the reserve and the format of residential housing across 2011 and 2012.
- The community centre was demolished and the site cleared ready for future residential development.
- The revocation of the community land classification over part of the Lake Windemere Reserve and Community Centre site to support the development for residential housing was completed, informed by further community consultation in February 2013.
- Engineering and landscape design were completed for the flood protection and reserve upgrade works due to commence in early 2015.

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