



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Interpretation of West Park Strategic Plan**

Burnie City Council today released interpretive images of the West Park Strategic Plan and redevelopment to better inform the community as to Council's vision for the site.

The images, produced by architect and urban designer Gary Cole from Environmental Service and Design, are one interpretation of what is possible within the scope of the Strategic Plan, and will provide guidance for future developers.

Burnie City Council Mayor, Alderman Alwyn Boyd said he considered that any West Park re-development would result in an enhanced public space for community use including leisure, recreational and cultural activities.

"We hope the community will welcome this exciting interpretation as Council has done. We want West Park to be a space that the entire community can use and be proud of," Alderman Boyd said.

"During the development of the interpretive images a number of elements were identified such as the use of the landscape to form a natural amphitheatre at the eastern edge and the need for a natural coastal buffer using indigenous flora which connects to Burnie Park.

"Other features include the use of a boulevard to connect the boardwalk from West Beach to the West Park Oval and the upgrade of the West Park Grove intersection to access the new development.

"The interpretation also outlines that above ground car parking will be kept to a minimum and spread out across the Park in a way that is sympathetic to the site."

Mayor Boyd said throughout the public consultation process it had become clear that the Burnie community wished to retain the sport, leisure and recreational activities enjoyed at West Park.

"The community wanted to enjoy better use of the open space at West Park as well as ensure that community and cultural activities can be undertaken there," Ald Boyd said.

"These images are a representation of the key elements of any re-development and some of the possibilities contained within the Strategic Plan principles and West Park Guidelines.

The images are available on the web at [www.burnie.net](http://www.burnie.net) or from Customer Services at the City Offices

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