

Hi,

I am a resident of Dillons Point Road and a daily user of the Taylor River Reserve. To access this reserve from our home you walk through a small grassy area off Snowden Crescent (Please see on map 1). This is a fantastic area that has a large flat area with mature trees which is largely underutilised but would be an excellent place for multiuse urban green space- including an accessible playground for children and outdoor exercise area for seniors.

According to Lee, Jordan & Horsley (2015) urban green spaces allow for health-promoting activities, such as physical activity or rest and relaxation, to take place. In this way, they have a direct relationship with the quality of life of urban dwellers. Conversely, neighbourhood environmental decay in rundown areas, such as Dillons Point Road, negatively affects residents' sense of security and heightens perceptions (and possibly the incidence) of crime. One US study suggests that urban greening may counteract this as there were observed reductions in vandalism following the greening of vacant urban land. There was also an increase in physical activity, which may have been due to residents being more inclined to exercise in a cleaner, greener, and "safer" environment.

There are no children's play areas in the Dillons Point area, the closest being Bollinger Park or Pollard Park and I feel this is not only needed my local Dillons Point Road neighbourhood but would also serve the large amount of foot traffic that comes through our area from Elizabeth Street etc. As you may be aware, there is an access route to town from the Elizabeth/ Lucas/ Budge Street area over the Elizabeth Street Bridge, past our house at 24 Dillons Point Road, down Snowden Crescent and then onto the Taylor River Reserve track (past the Boathouse Theatre). Children from these areas would also get great use from a playground in this area and would benefit from a safe place to play.

There is also a large amount of elderly living on Snowden Crescent and in the Retirement Village on Dawkins Place who would also benefit from a safe area to exercise and socialise.

Many thanks,

Chloe Dixon

Potential location of new reserve/ playground:





Map of Dillons Point Area:





Outdoor exercise ideas:





Playground idea:

