

In March 2022 the much-loved Winchelsea Common reopened for the community to enjoy the new gravel loop walking track suitable for all abilities, a small fenced off-leash dog area and a mown grass play area. The walking track winds through beautiful old River Red Gums with an understory of native grasses and wildflowers.

Surf Coast Shire Council and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) have joint responsibility for the Common with Council responsible for the dayto-day management of the site, and DEECA, as the land owner, being ultimately responsible for how the Common is managed. An area within the Common had previously been designated through the Future Use Plan (2016) - 2017) 'to be fully remediated with an active recreation zone area e.g. bike riding. This is the former Go-Kart site, a capped area that contains contaminated soil from elsewhere on site. An Environmental Management Plan is in place for the Common which outlines restrictions on this space including excavation and movement of contaminated soils. Works must be delivered within an allocated budget of approximately \$150,000 and works must be completed by the end of this year.

Surf Coast Shire is proposing to activate this area through improved access and amenity so community members can fully appreciate the beauty of the Common's flora and fauna.

The proposed scope of works include:

- a new crossover from Gladman Street to the existing walking path
- a new internal pathway to circumnavigate the area showcasing the significant tree and the landscape
- seating to enjoy the surrounds, and
- signage (wayfinding and interpretive).



Winchelsea Common Upgrade Works

Proposed Works

This concept plan shows the proposed scope of works as follows:

- 1. High quality walking track extension (to match the existing perimeter track)
- 2. Seating
- 3. Crossover
- 4. Signage (wayfinding)
- 5. Signage (interpretive)
- 6. Collapsible bollards (to restrict access types)

The following page includes example materials to be used in the proposed works.





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Proposed Materials

1. Walking track



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4. Signage (wayfinding)



5. Signage (interpretive)



6. Collapsible bollards



