

Project News

Project number: D-3868 Meridan Downs Park

June 2020

Meridan Downs Park - disc golf course proposal

Summary

The Sunshine Coast Disc Golf Club's goal is to establish a permanent home on the Sunshine Coast.

Disc golf is a growing family friendly, fun, all-inclusive sport. A course on the Sunshine Coast would provide a home for local players and the community while helping to grow the sport.

The club has identified Meridan Downs Park as an ideal home for a disc golf course. Council supports the installation of a permanent course on the Sunshine Coast and would like your feedback on the proposed location at Meridan Downs Park.

What is disc golf?

Disc golf is played with similar rules to that of traditional golf. Players throw a disc (looks like a frisbee) from a designated tee to an elevated metal basket to complete each "hole" in the least number of throws. The winner is

determined by the player who completes the course in the fewest number of throws.

The sport is easy to learn regardless of age and ability, yet can be challenging to master. Disc golf is an inexpensive sport – a disc costs approximately \$20.

Disc golf offers a new recreational opportunity for the community while providing an avenue for social interaction in a fun, safe and healthy environment.

Disc golf course details

For the purpose of seeking community feedback, Sunshine Coast Disc Golf Club have developed a course design (refer to Figure 4) for Meridan Downs Park through funding provided by council's Community Grants Program.

The design features a 9-hole course that utilises the open, natural wooded areas of the park. The course orientates tee pads and baskets away from footpaths in order to avoid potential conflicts with other park users.



A note from your local councillor

I'm confident that most residents appreciate the merits of introducing a new recreational activity, but it's very important that we hear the views of the local community. By completing this survey, council can consider your feedback on whether the introduction of a permanent disc golf course at Meridan Downs Park is supported by local users.

I encourage you to have a chat with your neighbours, to ensure strong community feedback on the proposal is received.

Regards,
Cr Rick Baberowski

The course would require the installation of permanent infrastructure including the following:

- **An information sign** – outlining course map and rules.
- **Tee signs** – a sign at each launch point.
- **Tee pads** – fixed, flat in-ground marker or 1.5m x 2.5m concrete pad for each launch point.
- **Disc catcher basket** – fixed, aluminium disc baskets on steel posts.



Figure 3 - Example tee marker with disc catcher basket

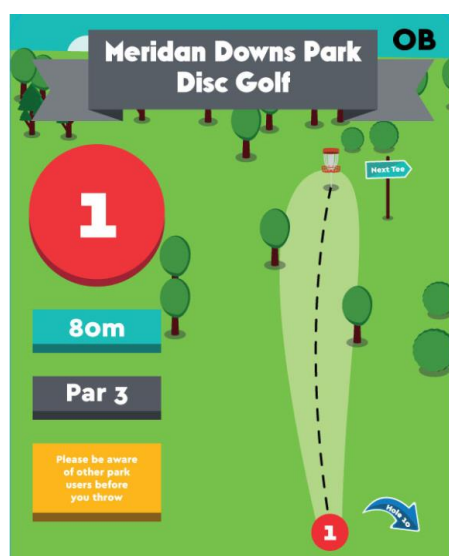


Figure 1 - Example tee sign



Figure 2 - Example information sign

How much will the project cost?

It is estimated that the supply and installation of disc golf infrastructure will cost approximately \$25,000.

The club has been successful in obtaining funding to the amount of \$20,000 through various grant programs to supplement their contribution toward the installation of course infrastructure.

The club will seek further funding if required for project completion.

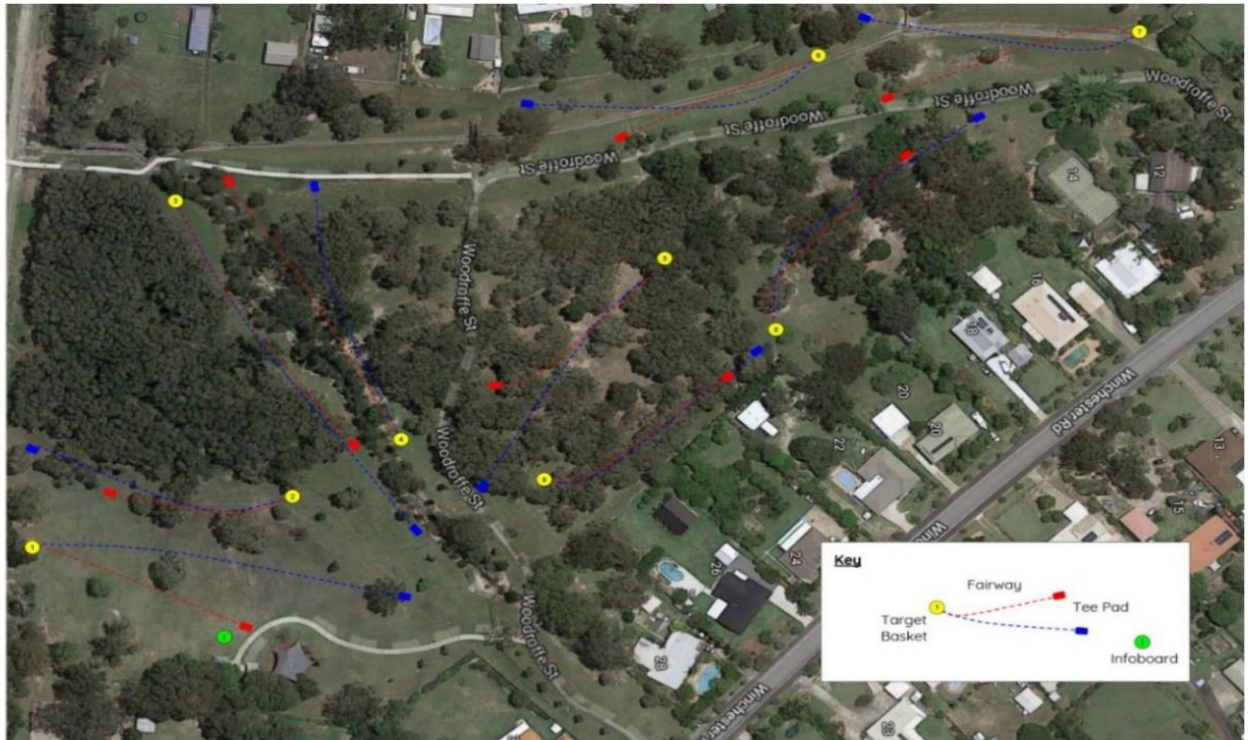
Dog Off-Leash Area (DOLA)

Meridan Downs Park is currently a dog off-leash area under the Local Laws Act.

Little Mountain Common is also a fenced dog off-leash area within short walking distance from Meridan Downs Park (refer to Figure 5 below).

It is important to note that Council *is not* proposing to remove or change in any way the current dog off-leash provisions for Meridan Downs Park.

The proposal to introduce a disc golf course is viewed as a value-adding experience and provides additional opportunities for the local community to engage in a new recreational activity.



Meridan Downs Dual Tee 9 Target Course Design Layout

Figure 4: Meridan Downs Park Disc Golf Course Design



Figure 5 - Dog Off-Leash Areas – Meridan Downs Park and Little Mountain Common

Have your say

Council is seeking community feedback regarding the proposal for installation of permanent disc golf infrastructure for a 9-hole course at Meridan Downs Park.

Your views and feedback regarding this proposal is essential to help shape the future of the park.

Please provide your feedback via the online survey by visiting council's website or alternatively you can complete this form and return it via post to:

Meridan Downs Park

Att: Sports Planning & Development

Sunshine Coast Council

*Locked Bag 72, Sunshine Coast Mail Centre,
Qld, 4560.*

Submissions close **5pm Friday 17th July 2020.**

Questionnaire

Q1. How often do you use Meridan Downs Park?

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Rarely

Q2. Do you use Meridan Downs Park to exercise dog(s) off-leash?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

And if yes, is this use:

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Rarely

Q3. What other activities do you like to do in Meridan Downs Park?

- ☐ Picnicking
- ☐ Barbecuing
- ☐ Ball throwing/kicking
- ☐ Recreational activities with children
- ☐ Running/walking
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Q4. Do you use the Little Mountain Common fenced dog off-leash area to exercise dog(s) off-leash?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

And if yes, is this use:

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Rarely

Q5. Do you support the installation of a permanent disc golf course in Meridan Downs Park?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If no, please provide your reasons why:

Q6. Do you have any other comments regarding the proposed disc golf course, such as on the design proposed, potential review periods etc.?

Where to from here

Council will review your feedback to understand the community's views on this proposal.

Updates regarding the project will be posted on council's website.

Further information

To find out more about this project, please contact council's Sport & Recreation Officer on 5441 8353 or via email sportrec@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

To access the online survey, visit council's 'Have Your Say' website –

<https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/open-consultation>