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Jarvis Park upgrades to start this June

Upgrading playgrounds and increasing garden beds to attract native fauna will be the focus of improvements to Jarvis Park in Coolbellup this financial year.

Cockburn council approved \$400,000 for upgrades to Jarvis Park as part of its Coolbellup Revitalisation Strategy.

The City created a landscape design guided by public feedback and after further extensive consultation with the Coolbellup community, work will begin in June.

Anton Lees, Manager of Parks and Environment, said based on community feedback, the City will retain the small basketball hoop and extend the large basketball hoop to a half-court.

It will not build the proposed perimeter pathway or install exercise equipment, and erect one shelter and barbecue instead of two.

The Parks and Environment team will relocate just one or two grasstrees but only if they encroach safety fall zones on the basketball court or playground, during the construction phase.

Mr Lees said while the City never planned to remove grasstrees from Jarvis Park, it had proposed to relocate some to new bushland beds in the park.

"There was an option to relocate single specimen grass trees that are currently growing in turf, to proposed bushland planting zones to extend their life span and spare them from being over watered," Mr Lees said.

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"Based on the community's feedback we will direct the majority of funding to the playground upgrade and creating native planting beds underneath the canopy of Marri trees.

"This will improve the value of local plant species in the park, and promote fauna

habitats and environments."

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