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Ms Liz Paterson  
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Willoughby City Council  
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Dear Ms Paterson

**Re: Improvements to Harden Park**

This is in response to Julie Whitfield's letter of September 24 inviting the Association to offer ideas for improvements to Harden Park. Our thoughts are as follows:

1. We would like to see the area of the park maximised within Council-owned land.
2. The three car parking places now in Garrick Lane should be retained but not necessarily in the same location, which is awkward to access. Street car parking places are highly valued by shops and businesses in Northbridge Town Centre.
3. Presumably, the emergency exit from the Plaza would need to be retained.
4. The park badly needs re-landscaping, preferably with native species suitable for the location. Many of the current trees and shrubs could remain.
5. The park could be provided with improved seating for shoppers and Plaza shop staff to relax.
6. The park should receive much more regular maintenance and care than it has received in the past. There should be rubbish bins that are routinely emptied. Shopping trolleys should be collected regularly. The trees, shrubs and lawn should be maintained properly.

7. The park is rightly nick-named “the ash-tray” as it used by Plaza shop staff who are smokers. Smoking should either be banned in the park or Plaza management should be made to clean up after the smokers.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter McNair', written in a cursive style.

Peter McNair  
President

Copy: Ward councillors