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Mr Gynt Drinan  
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Willoughby City Council  
Level 4, 31 Victor Street  
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Dear Mr Drinan

### **Willoughby City Council – Artarmon Village Green**

The Artarmon Progress Association strongly support greater utilisation and activation of the Artarmon Village Green that runs along the eastern side of the Artarmon train station.

Opportunities for Artarmon Village Green:

- **Public toilet facilities.** Toilet facilities are urgently needed and have been requested by residents and businesses for many years.
- **More people friendly and smart street furniture** in public places matters more than ever due to increasing urbanisation, denser city living and movement to remote working. A variety of street furniture along the Village Green would activate the area, benefiting residents and local businesses: seating to meet friends over coffee/lunch; benches and picnic tables for street meetings and gatherings; individual chairs to relax/read a book (see indicative images below). It is important to have seating with back support as well as benches.
- **Space for street fairs and markets.** Residents have expressed a strong desire to hold regular community festivals and events to foster community pride, strengthen relationships and stimulate the local economy.
- **Space for street performances.** There is strong community demand for public performances from local school bands, performing arts groups and buskers.
- **Provide access to utilities:**
  - o access to water to wash hands & fill up a water bottle (without needing to leave your belongings and go to the public toilet).
  - o access to electricity to enable street performances, markets, and phone/laptop recharge facilities.
- **Planting more trees** to mitigate the urban heat island effect and provide shade.
- **Interactive water fountains/features:** are popular in parks and gardens. Water features create a destination, bring psychological benefits (soothing effect), act as a natural humidifier, and can also reduce noise while creating a calming sound.

The Village Green is significantly underutilised, and the APA is very keen to meet with representatives to discuss opportunities for renewal.

Yours faithfully



Georgina Roussac  
President

### Who we are

The Artarmon Progress Association, Inc. (APA) was founded in 1906 as a not-for-profit group and our objectives are to promote the welfare, physical and intellectual advancement of the suburb of Artarmon and the City of Willoughby, to protect the interests of the residents, and to encourage a keener spirit of citizenship and mutual help amongst residents.

Our newsletter, the Artarmon Gazette, is distributed quarterly to over 5,000 homes and businesses in Artarmon. We regularly communicate with residents and act as a conduit between local residents and elected representatives on matters concerning our local community.

### Street furniture to activate public spaces:





*Georges River Council – Mortdale ChillOUT Hub*

ChillOut Hubs feature public WiFi, device charging, seats and tables, smart bins, smart drinking fountains, lighting, planter boxes and artwork (some run via solar power)

**Water feature images:**

