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Plan of Management + Master Plan



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which Darrell Jackson Gardens and the Inner West Council Area is located, the Gadigal and Wangal Peoples.

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Introduction + Executive Summary

Inner West Council have produced a Plan of Management priority list identifying which open spaces within the Inner West LGA are in greatest need of review.

In 2022, Welsh + Major were engaged by Inner West Council to develop Plans of Management and accompanying Master Plans for the five top priority parks.

This document contains a Plan of Management and Master Plan for Darrell Jackson Gardens. Darrell Jackson Gardens is located in Summer Hill and is bounded by Carlton Crescent to the north, and Smith Street to the south. It consists of approximately 1.6 hectares (4 acres).

Plan of Management

The Plan of Management [POM] is a guiding framework which directs the future vision, planning, management and use of the park. It will be used to inform the development of the park over the next ten years.

Master Plan

The Master Plan is a design report outlining the actions required for improvement, intended to guide the physical upgrade of the site over the next ten years. It does this by suggesting how the strategies set out in the Plan of Management can be translated into site specific gestures for application to the park.

How to use this document

Development of the POM and Master Plan involved some overlap of research and analysis. As such the POM and Master Plan were undertaken simultaneously, and are presented together within the same document.

The site has been considered and designed as a whole, but for ease and clarity within this document it has been presented as four zones.

Developing the Plan of Management and Master Plan involved the following processes:

- Policy review identifying the opportunities and constraints presented by national and local government initiatives.
- Demographic review identifying the local community profile.
- · Review of site ownership and legal categorisation.
- Identification of applicable statutory conditions and legislation.
- Undertaking a detailed site analysis.
- Undertaking Community Engagement though drop in sessions and an online survey.
- Analysis of the outcomes of the Context Review, Site Analysis and Community Engagement Outcomes to develop Key Objectives and Strategies for management and action.
- Application of the physical strategies within the Draft Master Plan



Key features of the Master Plan:

(01) Interpretation strategy

Develop interpretation strategy to highlight significant historic aspects and monuments of the park. This should have two components: a map component to guide park visitors to significant sites in the park, located at key points such as close to park entry points, and low impact interpretation strategies close to significant sites, which could include elements such as inscriptions or imprints in footpaths and small informative plaques close by. The interpretation strategy should be engaging and educatiing for both children and adults and highlight the history of the park. Elements which should be highlighted include historic sandstone plaque.

(02) Reduce size of playground enclosure

Extend understorey planting around reduced playground to increase biodiversity + improve aesthetic of park entrance from Hardie Ave.

- 03) New trees planted alongside playground
- (04) Upgrade existing primary pathways from Smith Street + Hardie Ave

05) New amenities block

Provide safe and inclusive provisions for all park users. New amenities to include: 1x accessible WC + baby change and 3x Unisex ambulant WCs with communal wash basin

- (06) Rejuvenate planting of gardens towards Smith Street.
- (07) Plant understorey planting to predominately mulched gardens to promote biodiversity and screen surrounding houses/commercial buildings.
- (08) New integrated seating under shady trees.
- (09) New pathway connection to Carlton Cres. alongside existing skate park

(10) Double basketball court

to meet growing needs of community use

- Existing concreted slope to be excavated to provide space for additional hoop
- (12) Retaining wall and fence to the north softened by additional planting
- (13) New lighting to basketball court + skate park for extended use during early morning and evening

Plan of Management Stakeholder Targets and Activities

The Plan of Management Process has a number of engagement targets both internally and externally. These Include:

Community and External Stakeholders:

- The Local Inner West community
- Neighbouring properties
- · Sports clubs
- User groups

Activities Include:

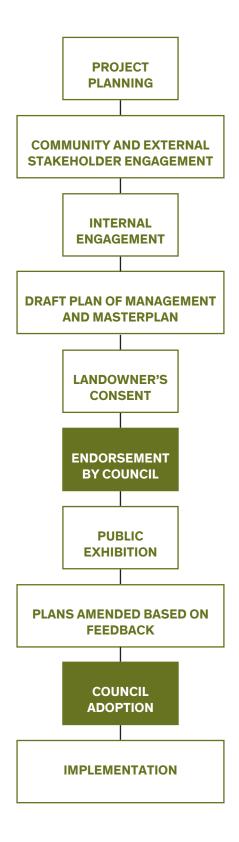
- Onsite drop-in sessions
- Online survey, comment, and/ or discussion

Internal (Council) Activities Include:

- Internal workshops
- Online survey, comment, and/ or discussion
- Meetings, phone calls, and written submissions



The Plan of Management Process: Stages



1.0 Context Overview

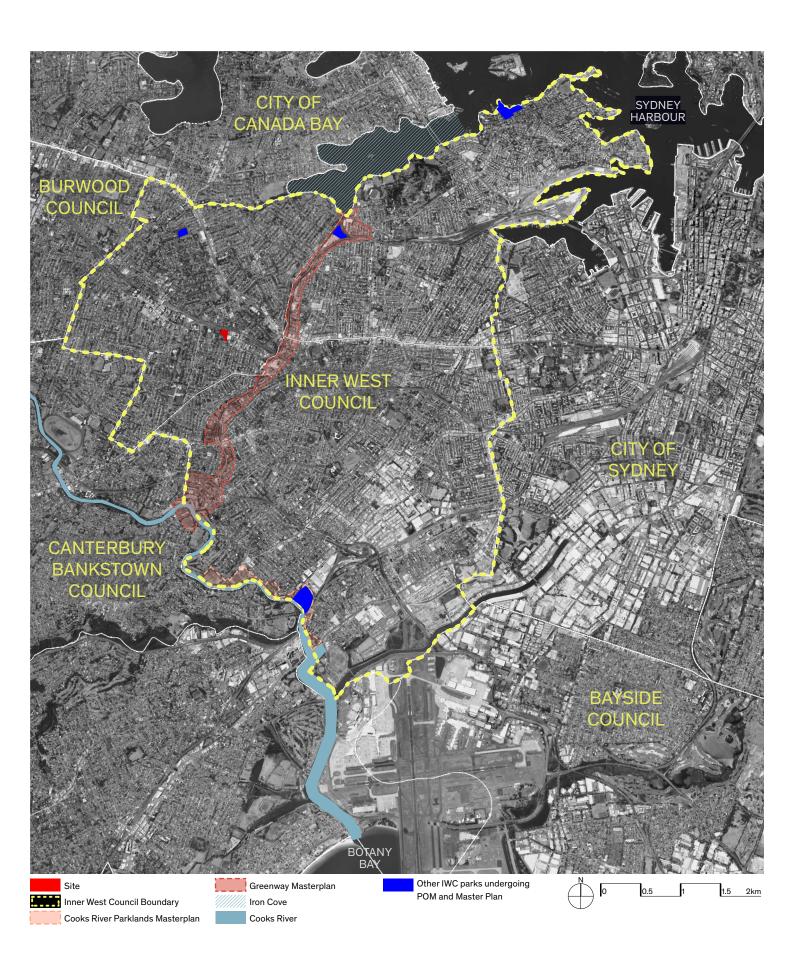


 $Park\ sign\ +\ memorial\ gardens\ from\ Smith\ Street.\ Photography\ by\ Welsh\ +\ Major.$





1.0 Context Overview Regional Context





Regional Context

Inner West Council

The Inner West Council area is located five kilometres west of the Sydney Central Business District (CBD). It was established when the former councils of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville merged in May 2016. Five wards make up the council: Ashfield, Balmain, Leichhardt, Marrickville, and Stanmore.

The Inner West Council has a resident population of 192,000 people, and spans 36km² from the banks of Parramatta River at Birchgrove in the north east, to the Cooks River at Dulwich Hill in the south west.

In total (including non-Council owned land), there is 321.6 hectares of open space within the Inner West, making up 9.1% of the total land area. Based on the 2016 population, this equates to 16.4m2 of open space provision per person.

There are 278 Council-owned or controlled parks and sporting grounds, totalling 256 hectares. This makes up 7.3% of the total land area of the Inner West.

Existing Recreational Needs and Future Projections

Recreation Needs Study - A Healthier Inner West, published in 2018 and then updated in October 2021, is a study commissioned by Inner West Council in 2018 providing an analysis of the existing recreation facilities within the LGA, including their current and predicted usage. The document breaks down the Inner West into 4 catchment areas to provide accurate information regarding the future needs of each catchment.

Darrell Jackson Gardens lies within Catchment 2 - West.

The Inner West community is expected to grow with an additional 34,815 residents projected by the year 2036. If new open space is not provided the amount of open space per person will decline from 16.4m² to 14.3m² per person within this time frame.

Population growth will also result in additional pressure on current sporting and recreational facilities, and it is anticipated that additional facilities will be needed, and that current facilities will be required to intensify their usage to meet demand.

Based on industry benchmarks, by 2026 there will be a total gap of:

- 3 summer sporting grounds
- 5 winter sporting grounds
- 6 indoor (multipurpose) courts
- 9 outdoor (multipurpose) courts
- 0.9 indoor leisure centre (dry)
- 0.6 indoor leisure centre (aquatic)
- 0.5 skate park/facility.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Community engagement completed for this Study investigated recreation participation in the Inner West. Local participation in recreation broadly corresponds to national and state participation trends - walking is the most popular activity at a local, state and national level.

Across the spectrum of recreation activities, people participated most often in "active recreation" activities, with 80% of survey respondents participating at least weekly. This was followed by personal fitness, with 66% of people participating at least weekly.

In total, 4.5% of people engaged did not participate regularly (at least weekly) in recreat (of any kind), and an additional 1.4% participal regularly in "passive recreation" but not any other kind of recreation.

Figure 18 shows the most popular ecreation activities across all community engagement types.

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Walking

(Most popular activity in the survey with 34% participating at least weekly, 3rd most popular in the community map 5^{rs} in the school workshops, popular in the multicultural focus groups).



Walking for transport

(2^{et} in the survey with 24% participating at least weekly



Playing in a playground/playing in a park/taking children to play

(3° in the survey (24%), 5° in the community map, 4° in the school workshops, high in multicultural focus groups)



Personal fitness/outdoor fitness

(4% in the survey with 23% participating at least weekly)



Walking the dog

(5° most popular in the survey (23%), 4° most popular in the community map, 6° in the school workshops)



Cycling

(6th in the survey (19%), 2th in the community map, 3th in the school workshops)



Swimming

in the survey (19%), most popular activity in the community map and school workshop:



Running

(8% in the survey with 18% participating at least weekly)



Relaxing in a park

(9th in the survey with 16% participating at least weekly)



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(10th in the survey, with 13%). *It should be noted that the survey was completed by a high number of hockey players.)

Key differences between different groups:

than the general community.

· Females used children's playgrounds, aquatic

and the Greenway more often than females

People who speak a language other than English at home used all facilities less regularly

centres and footpaths more often, while males used cycle paths, sporting fields and courts,



Football

11th in the survey (10%), 2nd in the school workshops



Tai Chi, table tennis, and badminton were also popular activities amongst the older population of people who speak a language other than English at home.

Figure 18 - Most popular recreation activities identified through community engagement completed for the Inner West Recreation Needs Study (Source: Cred Consulting, 2018)

POPULAR INNER WEST PLACES FOR RECREATION

The most popular recreation spaces in the Inner West identified through a range of consultation activities:

- Footpaths, streets and town centres
- · Cycle paths
- Bay Run
- Cooks River foreshore path
- Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centr
- Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre
- · The GreenWay
- Steel Park
- · Private gyms
- Hawthorne Canal/Richard Murden Reserve
- Enmore Park
- Ashfield Park

e GreenWay

The most common types of facility that people visited for recreation in the Inner West:



Parks (80% of people using them at least weekly)



Footpaths, streets and town centres (75% at least weekly)



Sporting fields/courts (38% at least weekly)



Aquatic centres/baths (37% at least weekly)



Children's playgrounds (36% at least weekly)





Reviewed Documents

Our Inner West 2036; The Inner West Community Strategic Plan (endorsed by council 06/2022)

This plan identifies the community's vision for the future, outlines long term goals, strategies to get there and how to measure progress towards that vision. It guides all of Council's plans, policies and budgets.

The strategic directions set out are:

- 1 An ecologically Sustainable Inner West
- 2 Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport
- 3 Creative communities and a strong economy
- 4 Healthy, resilient and caring communities
- 5 Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

Among the stated aims, those which apply directly to the regeneration of public parkland are to increase community satisfaction with: connected natural areas + increased biodiversity, improved health of waterways, public infrastructure which fulfils the needs of diverse communities, safe networks of transport.

Recreation Needs Study - A Healthier Inner West

Cred Consulting for Inner West Council, published 10/2018, (Updated Oct 2021)

Analysis of the current and projected recreation needs of the Inner West community, with a view to both maintaining and improving social and mental health as the population of the Inner West Council (IWC) area continues on its projected path of growth and change.

The study identified that the IWC area lacked sufficient public open space for the growing population. It outlines a strategic 'action' framework and explores how this framework could be applied.

The study undertook extensive engagement with the community to determine both recreational participation within the inner west as well as comments and suggestions about the quality of public open space within the LGA. These findings form a body of information about community needs and desires for public open space which have informed this Plan of Management and Master Plan.

Other Documents Reviewed:

- Inner West Local Environment Plan 2022
- Going Places An Integrated Transport Strategy for Inner West, adopted March 2020
- Inner West Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan, August 2021
- Inner West Council Public Toilet Strategy, May 2020

Our Inner West 2036



SD1 - An ecologically sustainable Inner West

- The Inner West community is recognised for its leadership in sustainability and tackling climate change
- Provide the community the information, knowledge, and tools for a sustainable Inner West
- Share successes and publicise community and Council achievements in sustainability
- 2. An increasing and resilient network of green corridors provide habitat for plants and animals
- Maintain and increase Inner West's urban tree canopy
- Manage and improve Inner West's mid and understorey vegetation
- Protect, connect and enhance natural areas, biodiversity corridors and sensitive habitat

- 3. Waterways are healthy and the community is water-sensitive, treating water as a precious resource
- Implement water-sensitive policies and projects to improve the health of our waterways
- Capture and use water from Inner West catchments
- Identify and plan for river swimming sites
- 4. Air quality is good and air pollution is managed effectively
- Improve air quality through effective regulation and education
- Facilitate alternatives to private motor vehicle use to reduce exhaust emissions
- Minimise air pollution through policy and regulation

- 5. Inner West is zero emissions, climate adapted and resilient to the changing climate
- Respond to the Climate Emergency and implement the Inner West Climate and Renewables Strategy to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions
- Develop and implement a whole of Council climate adaptation strategy to build resilience to the changing climate
- 6. Inner West is a zero waste community with an active share economy
- Move towards a circular economy to avoid waste, reuse, share and recycle through education, information, projects and initiatives
- Publicise and broaden access to local reuse and recycling infrastructure
- Increase recovery of organic material and provide a food organics recycling service to all households



SD2 - Liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport

Development is designed for sustainability, net zero and improves health and wellbeing of the community

- Pursue integrated planning and urban design across public and private spaces to benefit community and local environment needs
- Monitor local development and ensure it meets legislative requirements for safety and amenity
- The unique character and heritage of neighbourhoods is retained and enhanced
- Provide clear and consistent planning and management that respects heritage, accessibility and the distinct characters of urban centres

- 3. Public spaces are welcoming, accessible, clean and safe
- Plan, deliver and maintain public spaces and infrastructure that fulfil and support diverse community needs and life
- Ensure private spaces and developments contribute positively to their surrounding public spaces
- Advocate for and develop planning controls that retain and protect existing public and open spaces and provision of additional public and open spaces
- 4. People have a roof over their head and a safe, secure place to call home
- Increase social, community and affordable, livable housing with good amenity, across the Inner West

- Encourage diversity of housing type, tenure and price in new developments
- Assist people who are homeless or sleeping rough
- 5. Public transport is reliable, accessible and interconnected
- Improve public transport services
- Provide transport infrastructure that aligns to population growth
- 6. People walk, cycle and move around the Inner West with ease
- Deliver safe, connected and wellmaintained networks of transport infrastructure
- Manage the road network to increase safety and prioritise active and public transport over private motor vehicles
- Collaborate on innovative, accessible transport options





SD3 - Creative communities and a strong economy

1. Creativity and culture are valued and celebrated

- Create opportunities for all members of the community to participate in arts and culture and pursue creative lives
- · Celebrate and promote awareness of the community's history and heritage
- 2. Inner West remains the engine room of creative industries and services
- Promote the Inner West as a leading destination for creativity including street art, live music and performance
- Enable creative and cultural industries to thrive through targeted investment and support
- Build new content, audiences and professional opportunities through local programs, including for young and emerging creatives

The local economy is thriving

- Assist businesses growth, innovation and improvement
- Encourage new enterprises in Inner West

4. Employment is diverse and accessible

- Manage the strategic future of industrial and employment lands
- Collaborate with business and industry on social and environmental initiatives



SD4 - Healthy, resilient and caring communities

1. The Inner West community is welcoming and connected

- Celebrate, value and respect the diversity of the Inner West community
- Foster inclusive communities where everyone can participate in community life
- Address social inequity, obstacles to participation and social exclusion
- 2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and culture flourish and enrich the Inner West
- Centre Aboriginal and Torres Strait

- Islander needs and voices at the heart of initiatives, policies and strategies
- Celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and history

3. People have opportunities to participate, and develop their health and wellbeing

- Provide facilities, spaces and programs that support community health and wellbeing
- Build connected communities and provide opportunities for social participation

4. People have access to the services and facilities they need at all stages of life and all abilities

- Plan and deliver infrastructure and services for the changing population and those with disabilities
- Provide quality children's education and care services to ensure a strong foundation for lifelong learning
- Provide facilities, resources and activities for lifelong learning
- Improve the quality and use of existing community assets



SD5 - Progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership

1. Council is responsive and servicefocused

- · Deliver responsive and innovative customer service
- Monitor performance and implement continuous improvement to meet the changing needs of the community
- 2. Council makes responsible decisions to manage finite resources in the best interest of current and future communities
- Undertake visionary, integrated, long term planning and decision

- making, reflective of community needs and aspirations
- Ensure probity and responsible, sustainable, ethical and open local government
- Manage public resources to achieve financial sustainability
- 3. People are well informed and actively engaged in local decision making and problem solving
- Inform communities through multi-channel communications
- Support local democracy through inclusive participatory community engagement

- Support evidence-based Council decision-making
- 4. Partnerships and collaboration are valued and enhance community leadership creating positive change
- Advocate for emerging community issues
- Build resilience and capacity of local leaders, groups and communities
- Work with suppliers to deliver positive outcomes for the community, economy and environment

Recreation Needs Study -A Healthier Inner West

Key Findings:

A number of findings about recreation within the Inner West are highlighted by the report. These include its benefits and its changing perception and role within society generally. These have assisted in providing a foundation for the strategies and objectives of this Plan of Management and Master Plan. A summary of the key findings includes;

- Darrell Jackson GArdens is on e of the 10 most visited parks in the LGA
- Participation in recreation brings significant health and social benefits to individuals, including mental health benefits and improved development outcomes for children and young people.
- Recreation provides benefits at the community level, supporting community cohesion and community development, and public health benefits.
- A majority of Australians participate in sport or other physical activities at least 3 times a week.
- Nationally, the most popular recreation activities include walking, fitness, swimming, cycling and running, and this is reflected by local participation trends in the Inner West.
- The major change in participation in recreation is a trend to more flexible and non-organised participation.
- Children have declining access to unsupervised participation in recreation activities, with Planet Ark estimating that only 35% of Australian children play outside every day, compared to 72% a generation ago.
- People with disability have lower levels of participation in recreation and are less likely to take part as a spectator.

Open Spaces:

The study indicates that Summer Hill, falling into Catchment 2, has a below average provision of public space per person at 10.2m2 and an expected 8.7m2 per person by 2036. The benchmark for the combined LGA in 2036, as stated in this study, is 14.3m2 per person.

Sporting Capacity:

The park includes one of 5 skateparks in the LGA. Usage rates were not included as part of the study. The study does not indicate the capacity of the mini cricket oval.

By 2036, Catchment 2 will have a gap of:

- · 2.2 summer sporting fields
- · 6 winter sporting fields
- 1.5 outdoor multipurose courts
- 0.7 indoor leisure centres
- 2.7 indoor multipurpose courts
- 0.4 indoor aquatic centres

Objectives:

The report found a number of opportunities for improving recreational spaces within the LGA through a needs and gaps analysis. These opportunities were grouped into broad themes. Key opportunities which relate to the scope of this Plan of Management have been summarised below.

NEED

Increased quality of open space to optimise use, address demand and meet higher and more diverse needs

Well maintained public toilets, water bubblers and bins in parks.

Picnic and BBQ facilities, seating and shade for informal social gatherings, as well as informal grassed passive recreation areas.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Multi-use, flexible open space that is designed to support sharing and reduce conflict between users
- Extend the Inner West Council Public Toilet Strategy, May 2020 recommendation that all residents and visitors be within 400m of a public toilet that is open during daylight hours throughout the LGA.
- Provide space for social gatherings outside of the home.



New facilities in parks including: table tennis tables; outdoor gyms including for seniors, and hard surfaces with shelter for tai chi.

Lighting and design of parks to increase (feelings of) safety. Lighting should be fauna-friendly and use sustainable technologies to support environmental outcomes.

Improved lighting to support evening and night time recreation opportunities after work hours.

Improved walkable connections to open space and recreation opportunities.

Improving sporting building infrastructure, amenities blocks to increase usability and support safety, and support the participation of women and people with disability in sport.

Signage and wayfinding on cycle routes. Safer shared paths, and/or separate bike/pedestrian paths.

Cycling infrastructure including end of trip facilities and bike parking.

Play spaces for older children / young people;

Play opportunities for other age groups and abilities.

Increased access to recreation opportunities for older people.

Informal, flexible and social recreation opportunities that cater to a time-poor population.

Inclusive recreation opportunities for people with a disability.

Inclusive recreation opportunities for people from the LGBTQI+ community

Inclusive recreation opportunities for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

New off leash dog parks, including dog swimming and water

Ongoing provision and maintenance of existing dog off leash areas:

Managing and preventing conflicts between users of parks, particularly children and dogs.

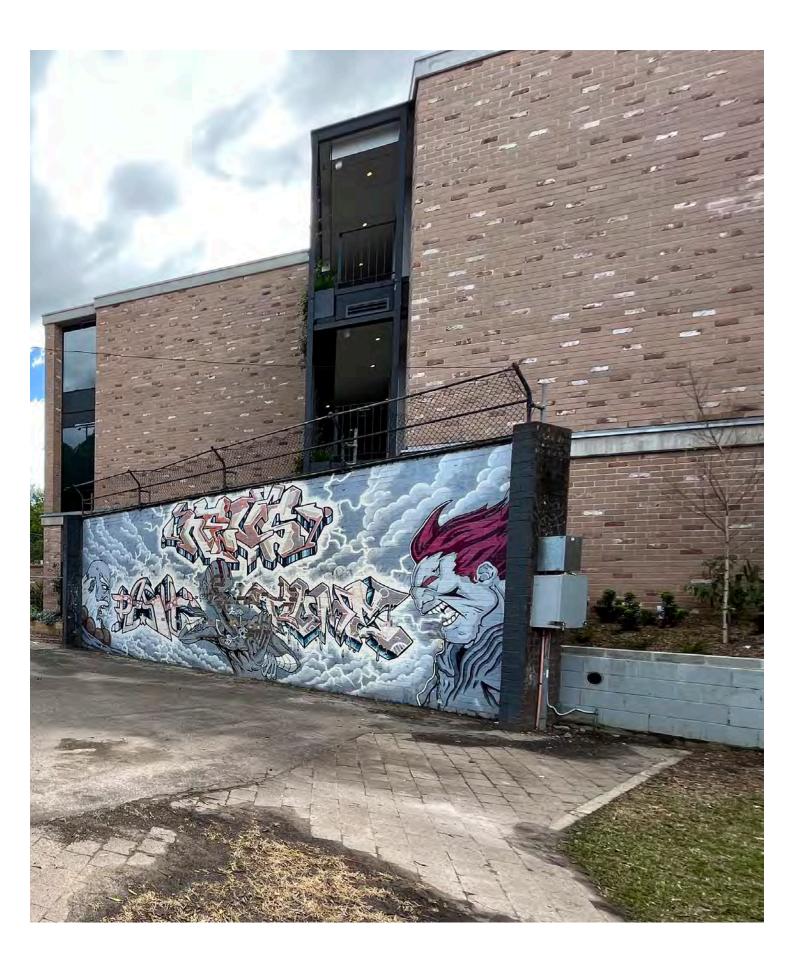
- Provide equipment and designated areas for a diverse range of outdoor activities.
- Street lighting around perimeter to connect park with surrounding streets and to Summer Hill CBD.
- Lighting in specific areas of park for informal night time use, e.g. dog walking, running paths and areas for informal sport.
- Improved connections to Summer Hill public transport options
- Improved access paths to Summer Hill CBD, specifically to provide safe accessible entry.
- Review throughout the LGA.
- Cycling infrastructure at connections to public transport and recreation facilities.
- Play for older children such as basket swings, trampolines, climbing walls, monkey bars, flying foxes
- Innovative play spaces such as nature play, and adventure/ junk play.
- Include inclusive play equipment in all playgrounds, rather than only in some dedicated inclusive playgrounds.
- Footpath improvements, specifically to consider steepness of paths into the park.
- More recreation opportunities for older people.
- Improved lighting on streets and in parks to enable night time use including for informal activities.
- Prioritise accessibility in the upgrades of recreation facilities in parks, for example in new amenities buildings.
- Audit of Council's recreation facilities and parks and whether they are accessible.
- Welcoming bathroom amenities for gender diverse people.
- Recreation opportunities located close to public transport and promoted in community languages
- Recreation programs targeting people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Recreation opportunities that reflect popular activities
- Clarity in signage to enable regulation and enforcement.
- Design of parks and playgrounds to minimise conflict e.g. planting borders 10m from playgrounds to identify dog free areas.

2.0 Categorisation / Ownership, Statutory Conditions and Legislation

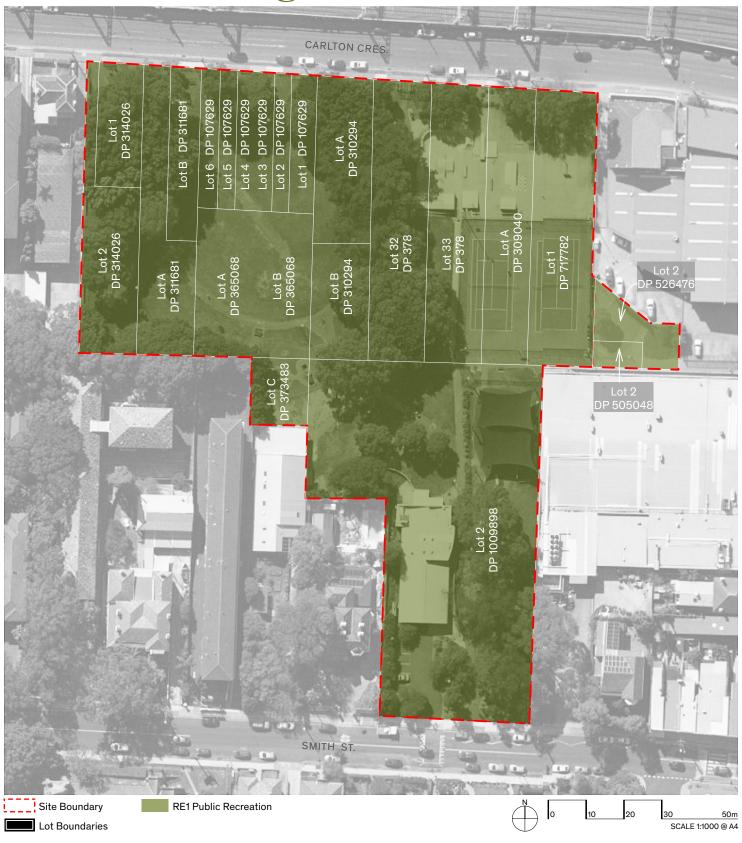


View towards tennis courts from Hardie Avenue plaza. Photography by Welsh + Major.





Lots and Zoning





Land Ownership + Zoning

Community land - Local Government Act Requirements

Public land as defined under the Local Government Act 1993, must be classified as either community or operational land.

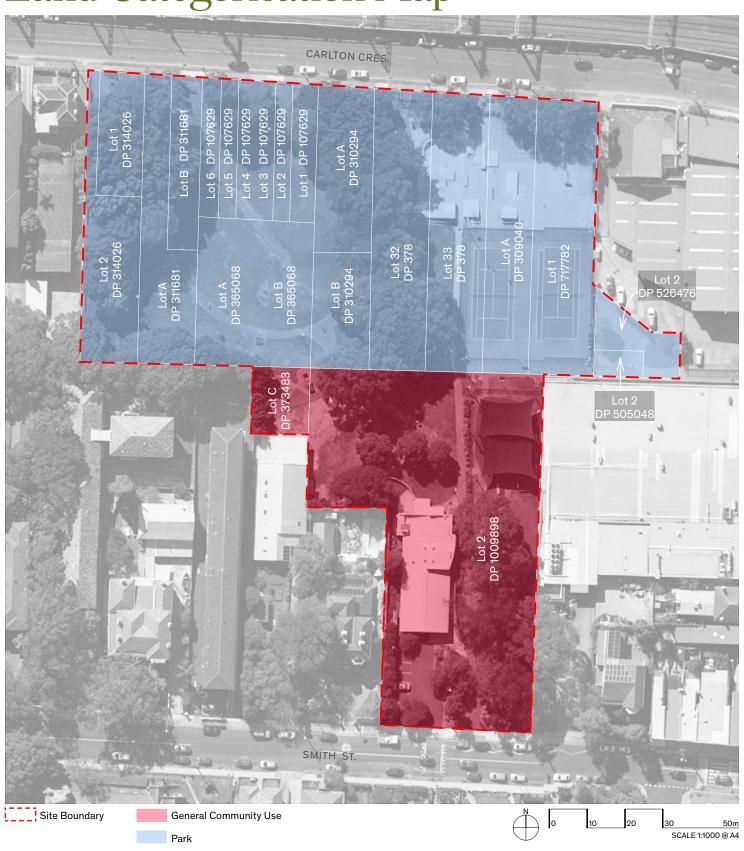
'Operational' land comprises land that serves a commercial or operational function (e.g. offices, works depot, car park, sewage pump station, etc.), or land that is being retained for commercial or strategic reasons. The range of controls that apply to Community land do not apply to the use and management of Operational land.

'Community' land is generally public park land set aside for community use. Development and use of this land is subject to strict controls set out in the Act such as Community land cannot be sold, or leased or licensed for more than 30 years. In addition to these controls, the Act requires Councils to have plans of management for all Community lands.

A plan of management places each piece of Community Land into one or more of five categories which impact on how they can be used. These are: Natural area; Sports ground; Park; Area of cultural significance; or General community use. Community Land is still subject to zoning controls and a plan of management operates as an additional control over that piece of land.

Lot/DP	Name & Location	Ownership & Classification	Area	Notes
Lots 1 - 2 DP 314026	Darrell Jackson Gardens, 91 Carlton Cres	Inner West Council	1160m²	-
Lot A + B DP 311681	Darrell Jackson Gardens, 91 Carlton Cres	Inner West Council	1160m²	-
Lot A + B DP 365068	Darrell Jackson Gardens, 91 Carlton Cres	Inner West Council	1190m²	-
Lots 1 - 6 DP 107629	Darrell Jackson Gardens, 91 Carlton Cres	Inner West Council	1130m²	-
Lot A + B DP 310294	Darrell Jackson Gardens, 91 Carlton Cres	Inner West Council	1140m²	-
Lot 32 - 33 DP 378	Darrell Jackson Gardens, 91 Carlton Cres	Inner West Council	2235m²	-
Lot A DP 309040	Darrell Jackson Gardens, 91 Carlton Cres	Inner West Council	900m²	-
Lot 1 DP 717782	Darrell Jackson Gardens, 91 Carlton Cres	Inner West Council	1220m²	-
Lot 2 DP 1009898	127-131 Smith Street	Inner West Council	4560m²	-
Lot C DP 373483	35 Smith Street	Inner West Council	1390m²	-
Lot 2 DP 505048	Summer Hill	Inner West Council	90m²	-
Lot 2 DP 526476	Summer Hill	Inner West Council	270m²	-

Land Categorisation Map





Council Land Categorisation

Category (Crown land)	Core objectives (as defined by the Local Government Act 1993)
PARK	The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a park are— (a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and (b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and (c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.
GENERAL COMMUNITY USE	The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public— (a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and (b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

Existing Park Conditions





	Use of land or structure (on adoption of the PoM)	Condition of the land or structure (on adoption of the PoM)	Future Condition (targeted following adoption of the PoM)
01	Cricket pitch	Good	Good - maintain
02	Timber entry pergola	Good	Good - maintain
03	BBQ area + furniture	Good	Good - maintain
04	Open playground + shade structure	Good	Good - maintain
05	Skate park	Fair	Fair - maintain
06	Basketball half hoop	Poor	Good - upgrade
07	Tennis courts	Good	Good - maintain
08	Plaza	Fair	Fair - maintain
09	Pathway to Hardie Street	Poor	Good - upgrade
10	Enclosed playground + shade structure	Fair	Good - upgrade
11	Public toilet	Very Poor	Good - replace
12	Community centre	Good	Good - maintain
13	Community centre car parking	Good	Good - maintain
14	Smith Street gardens	Fair	Good - upgrade
15	Lighting	Fair	Good - upgrade

Zoning + Classification

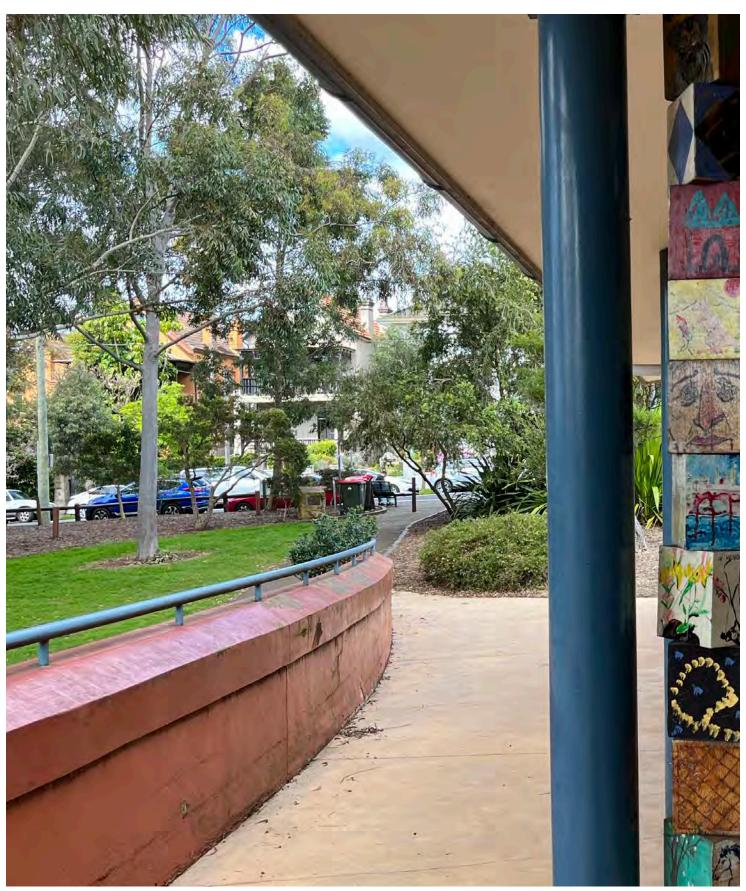
Inner West LEP: RE1 'Public recreation'

Other Relevant Legislation

- Native title Act 1993 (cwlth)
- Companion Animals Act 1998.
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992.
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- National Construction Code 2019.
- National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974

- State Environmental Planning Policy (infrastructure) 2007
- Work, Health and Safety Act 2011.
- **Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016**
- Vegetation SEPP

3.0 Leases + Licences



Summer Hill Community Centre. Photography by Welsh + Major.





An Overview

The Local Government Act allows Council to grant leases, licences or undertake works over all or part of Community Land.

Where exclusive control of all or part of an area or facility is proposed or desirable, a lease is appropriate. There are also other factors which may influence the granting of a lease. These include the level or scale of investment, the necessity for security measures and the relationship between the activity on the land and the activity of the controller of the land.

The activities undertaken by a leaseholder should be compatible with any zoning or Council requirements and provide benefits and services or facilities for the users of the land. Terms and conditions of a lease should reflect the interest of the Council, protect the public and ensure proper management and maintenance.

Where short term, intermittent or non-exclusive occupation or control of all or part of an area or facility is proposed, a licence may be used. Providing there are no conflicts of interest, several licences may apply concurrently.

In considering whether to grant any lease or licence, Council should take into account the consistency of the proposal with the values and management strategies of this Plan of Management, particularly with regard to the following:

The Lessee/Licensee is responsible for ensuring the area is maintained to a standard which is acceptable to Council.

There is a need to define the times the land or facility will be available for use by the Lessee/Licensee, the impact of the lease/licence on the public/private space use of the Parks, the impact on maintaining the Parks as one cohesive open space.

The Plan of Management for Darrell Jackson Gardens allows for the provision of leases and licences in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Crown Lands Management Act 2016, Crown Lands Management Regulations 2018 and any subsequent legislation. Future leases and licences will be authorised consistent with this Plan of Management, the Inner West Council Local Environment Plan (2022) and any other applicable legislation. Any licences for biodiversity works are permitted.

Any leases, licences on crown land (a use agreement) on Crown land may impact native title rights and interests. Any use agreement issued on Crown land must be issued in accordance with the future act provisions of the Native Title Act 1993 and in accordance with Part 8 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 unless native title is extinguished. For Crown land which is not excluded land this will require written advice of one of Council's native title managers that it complies with any applicable provisions of the native title legislation.

What are Leases and Licences?

A lease is a contract between the land owner, and another entity granting to that entity an exclusive right to occupy, use or control an area for a specified time.

A licence allows multiple non - exclusive use of an area. Short term licences and bookings may be used to allow the best overall use of an area.

Council's leasing and licensing is governed by its Land and Property Policy.

Authorisation of Leases and Licences

The Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act) requires a lease or licence of community land be authorised by a Plan of management (PoM). The lease or licence must be for a purpose consistent with core objectives of its categorisation and zoning of the land.

The maximum period for a lease or licence is 21 years if granted by Council or 30 years if granted by Council with the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

This PoM expressly authorises Inner West Council as land manager of Darrell Jackson Gardens to grant leases and licences for the purposes and uses which are identified or consistent with those in Table 1.01 and Table 1.02. The leases and licences authorised on this land align with original gazetted purpose of "Public Recreation".

Leases and licences for the use of an area of land need to permissible under this PoM, the LG Act, the Local Government Regulations 2005, Crown Lands Management Act 2016 (CLMA), Crown Lands Management Regulations 2018 and Inner West Council LEP 2022, and pursuant to a development consent if required.

Any proposed lease or licence for more than 5 years must be by tender unless it is to a non-profit organisation.

Any proposed lease, licence other than short term or casual public notice must be given and be in accordance with section 47 of the Act.



Current Leases and Licences

None.

Future Leases and Licences

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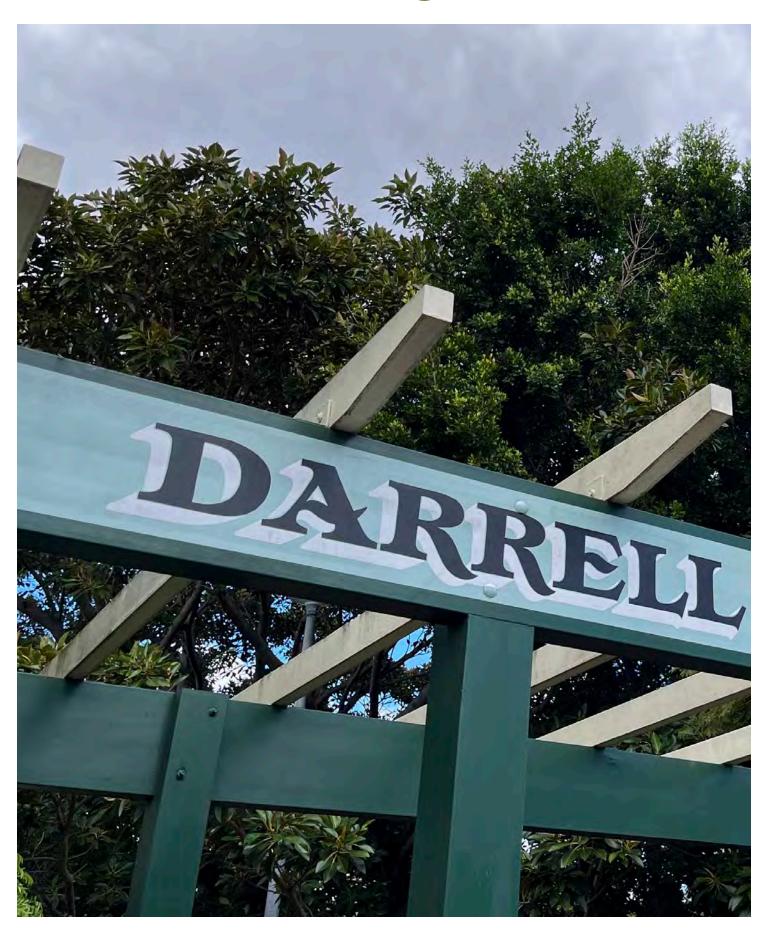
Long Term Use for Up to 30 Years. The maximum period for a lease or licence is 21 years if granted by Council or 30 years if granted by Council with the consent of the Minister for Local Government

Type of arrangement/ categorisation and facilities	Purpose for which licensing/ leasing will be granted
Licence: Sports Grounds	Organised sport including but not limited to soccer, rugby, cricket, oz tag
Licence: Sports Grounds	School and community group recreation and education use
Lease: General Community Use Building	Bowling club and associated uses including but not limited to restaurant and bar. Sporting club and associated uses including but not limited to filming, training, storage, fitness classes and management of an indoor gym.
Lease: General Community Use Building	General Community Use Cafe/kiosk including outdoor seating and tables
Lease: General Community Use Building	Non- Government Organisations (NGO's); incorporated not-for -profit organisations, charity service providers, and sporting and community organisations for non- commercial purposes Childcare and outside school hours care services Community garden
Licence/ Lease: General Community Use Buildings	Bistro, restaurant, function venue with the provision to sell alcohol.
Licence: General Community Use Building	Creative industry/Artist in residence
Licence: Park	School and community group recreation and education use
Licence/ Deed: Park	Community garden and associated uses including minimal storage, compost facilities, worm farms.

Type of arrangement/	Purpose for which 12 month licence
categorisation and	will be granted
facilities Licence: Sports Ground	 Seasonal licences Sporting fixtures and events Uses reasonably associated with the promotion or enhancement of sporting groups, fixtures and events Use as per the sporting ground allocations policy; Training from Tuesday - Friday; Games Saturday + Sunday
Licence: Sports Ground	School and community group recreation and education use
Licence: Sports Ground	Commercial fitness trainers
Licence: Park	School and community group recreation and education use
Licence: Park	 Delivering a public address Public performances Picnics and private celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings Conducting a commercial photography session Filming including film / television Community events and festivals Commercial dog walking Playing a musical instrument or singing for fee or reward Advertising Catering Community, training or education Community garden Environmental protection, conservation or restoration or environmental studies Exhibitions Functions Hiring of equipment Meetings Outdoor cinema Site investigations Sporting and organised recreational activities Storage Emergency purposes including training

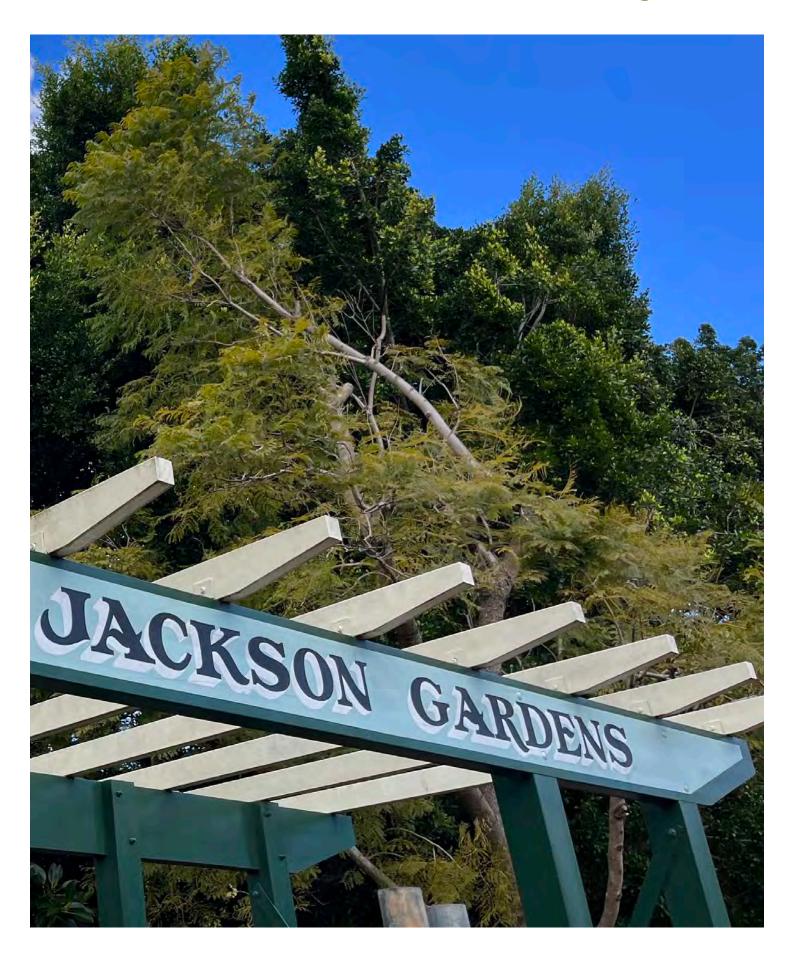
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4.0 Master Plan Strategies



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Overview

The key objectives outline a broad vision for the future of Darrell Jackson Gardens. They have been derived from the opportunities and constraints outlined in the Site Analysis and Community Engagement Outcomes. They have also been informed through a precedent study of successful local, national and international parkland projects.

Key strategies offer practical measures for how these objectives can be implemented within Darrell Jackson Gardens.





ACCESS+INCLUSIVENESS

Key Objectives and Performance Targets:

- Ensure that the park and its assets are accessible for all visitors.
- 2. Provide facilities which cater for a range users.
- 3. Provide high quality amenities which are inclusive and accessible.

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Upgrade existing pathways and entry points.
- Increase mixed-use park area by reducing the clubhouse courtyard
- Ensure new and upgraded facilities are inclusive and accessible.





SENSEOFPLACE+COMMUNITY

Key Objectives and Performance Targets:

- Highlight the significant historic and environmental aspects of the park and build upon them to establish a clear identity for the park and its assets.
- 2. Provide high quality furniture and facilities.
- 3. Continue maintenance of existing park assets.

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Establish an integrated interpretation strategy to highlight assets within the park and the history of the park.
- Where appropriate, establish new high quiality built interventions (eg: Court uprades, new amenities upgrades to existing amenities)
- Maintain existing open green spaces for flexible recreation and improve the quality of under-utilised spaces.



SUSTAINABILITY

Key Objectives and Performance Targets:

- 1. Support local ecology and biodiversity + protect existing vegetation within the park
- 2. Maximize opportunities to connect with nature in and around Darrell Jackson gardens
- Integrate sustainable measures into new and existing facilities.

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Maintain health and extent of existing canopy, densify and diversify flora within the park by introducing understory planting to southern boundary
- Improve planting quality and diversity throughout Darrell Jackson Gardens
- Design and upgrade facilities with sustainable principles and measures.



SAFETY

Key Objectives and Performance Targets:

- 1. Increase the perceived sense of safety by the introduction of carefully designed built elements
- 2. Ensure park users feel safe entering and leaving the park

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Create opportunities for passive surveillance around the site
- Provide consistent after dark lighting around primary routes
- Consider pathway junctions from Smith St, Carlton Cr and Hardie St



SPORTS+RECREATION

Key Objectives and Performance Targets:

- Continue a balance of sports and general community use of the park and maintain sports and recreation facilities
- 2. Maximise the use of the courts ground after dark

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

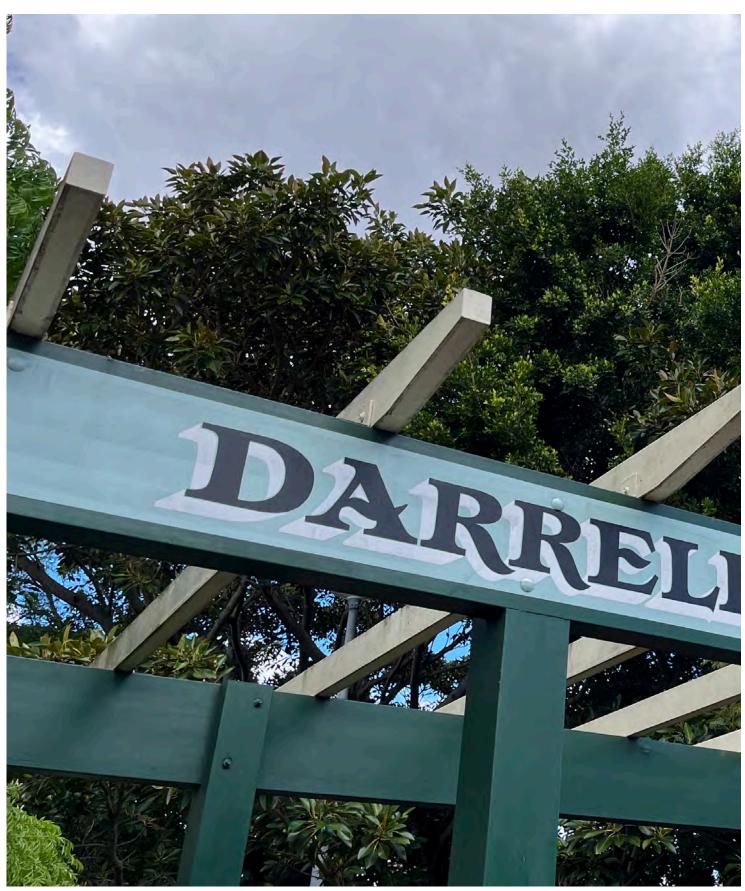
- Maintain the sporting ground and courts for both sports use and general community use and maintain shared community access to park assets.
- Improve flood lighting lux levels and allow the extension of hours of use

PROPOSED METHODS OF PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

The proposed methods of performance assessment for each of the strategies listed may be one, some or all of the following practical measures:

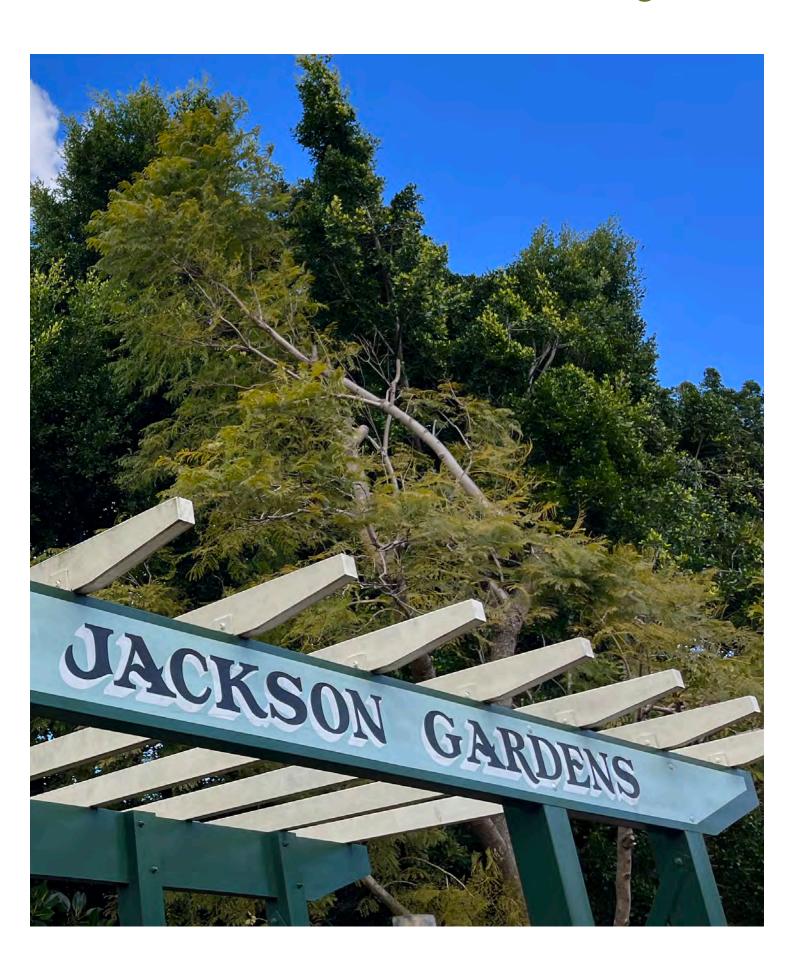
- Assessment of success through observation by Council staff generally
- The monitoring of use of implemented aspects of the masterplan by Council staff
- Implementation of visitor surveys
- Assessment of success through observation and feedback of maintenance staff
- Monitoring use of particular areas by park wardens and/ or CCTV
- For new lighting and buildings: Assessment of energy consumption rates and projected life cycle energy consumption
- Assessment through observation by Council ecologists
- Assessment through consultation with key sporting groups, licence and lease holders.

5.0 Draft Master Plan



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Draft Master Plan Darrell Jackson Gardens, Summer Hill





Draft Master Plan Darrell Jackson Gardens, Summer Hill





5.0 Draft Master Plan Proposed Plan





Proposed Plan

(01) Interpretation strategy

Develop interpretation strategy to highlight significant historic aspects and monuments of the park. This should have two components: a map component to guide park visitors to significant sites in the park, located at key points such as close to park entry points, and low impact interpretation strategies close to significant sites, which could include elements such as inscriptions or imprints in footpaths and small informative plaques close by. The interpretation strategy should be engaging for engaging for both children and adults and highlight the history of the park. Elements which should be highlighted include historic sandstone plaque.

(02) Reduce size of enclosed playground

Extend understorey planting around reduced playground to increase biodiversity + improve aesthetic of park entrance from Hardie Ave.

- (03) New trees planted alongside playground
- (04) Upgrade existing primary pathways from Smith Street + Hardie Ave

(05) New amenities block

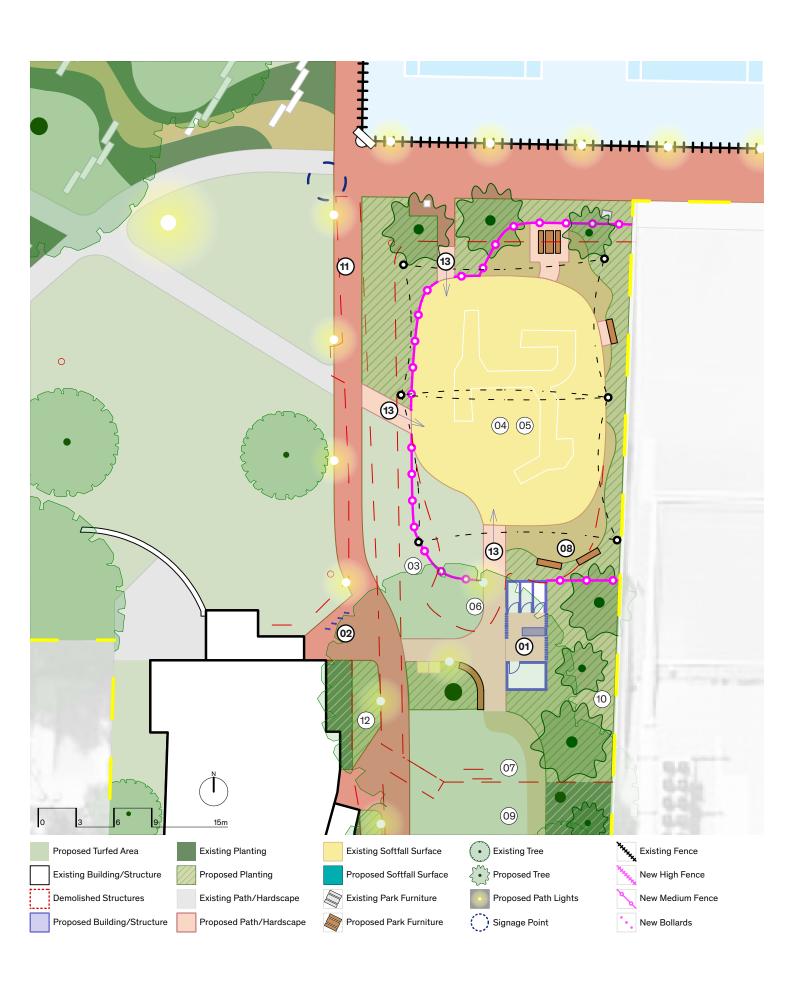
Provide safe and inclusive provisions for all park users. New amenities to include: 1x accessible WC + baby change and 3x Unisex ambulant WCs with communal wash basin

- (06) Rejuvenate planting of gardens towards Smith Street.
- (07) Plant understorey planting to predominately mulched gardens to promote biodiversity and screen surrounding houses/commercial buildings.
- (08) New integrated seating under shady trees.
- (09) New pathway connection to Carlton Cres. alongside existing skate park

(10) Double basketball court

to meet growing needs of community use

- (11) Existing concreted slope to be excavated to provide space for additional hoop
- (12) Retaining wall and fence to the north softened by additional planting
- (13) New lighting to basketball court + skate park for extended use during early morning and evening
- (14) Pedestrian Crossing for future investigation





Precinct A

- (01) New amenities block within existing fenced playground location to provide safe, hygienic and inclusive facilities for all park users. New amenities to provide:
 - 1x Accessible WC + baby change
 - 3x Individual unisex ambulant WCs, with communal basin.
- 02 New connecting path + bike racks to improve circulation and access to new amenities.
- (03) Reduced enclosed playground area to soften edges + provide additional space to open areas.
- (04) Primary existing play structure to be retained. Other play items to be removed.
- (05) Existing shade structures to be retained.
- (06) Existing soft fall to be reduced and upgraded.
- (07) Fenced area to be reduced.
- (08) Provide seating areas alongside modified play ground area within the fence zone for safety and supervision.
- (09) Extend planting from gardens to the south around modified playground to increase biodiversity, increase shade + improve aesthetic appeal of park centre.
- (10) Tree line along eastern boundary to extend around modified playground.
- (11) Upgrade existing primary path to provide safe + accessible circulation throughout the park.
- (12) New path readjusted away from community centre to provide additional space for planting alongside existing community centre building. Existing narrow gardens lack space for planting to thrive.
- (3) New playground entry to improve access + movement throughout enclosed playground area.





Precinct B

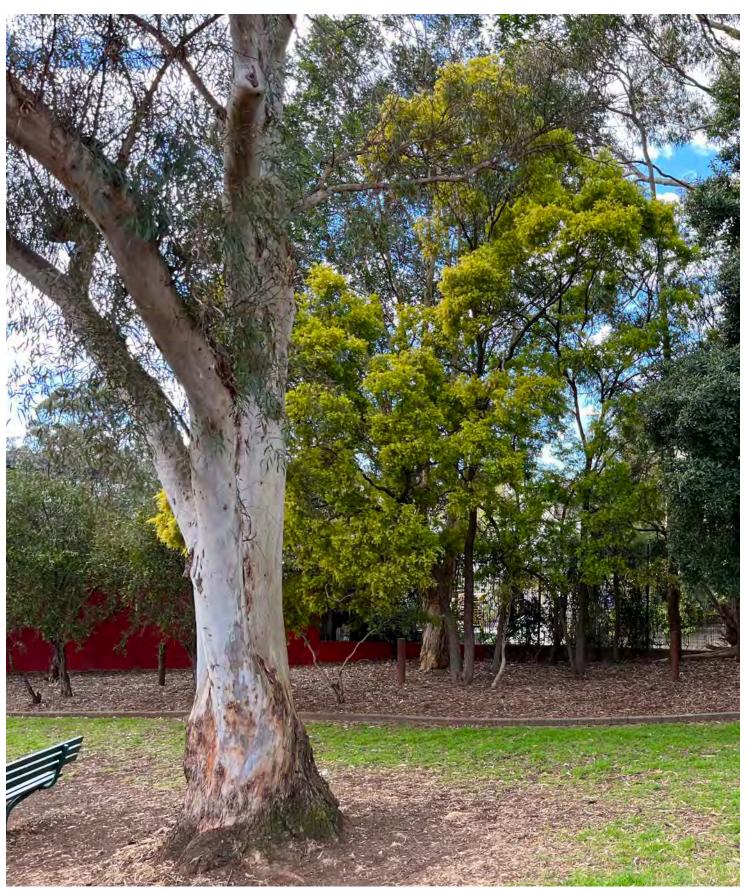
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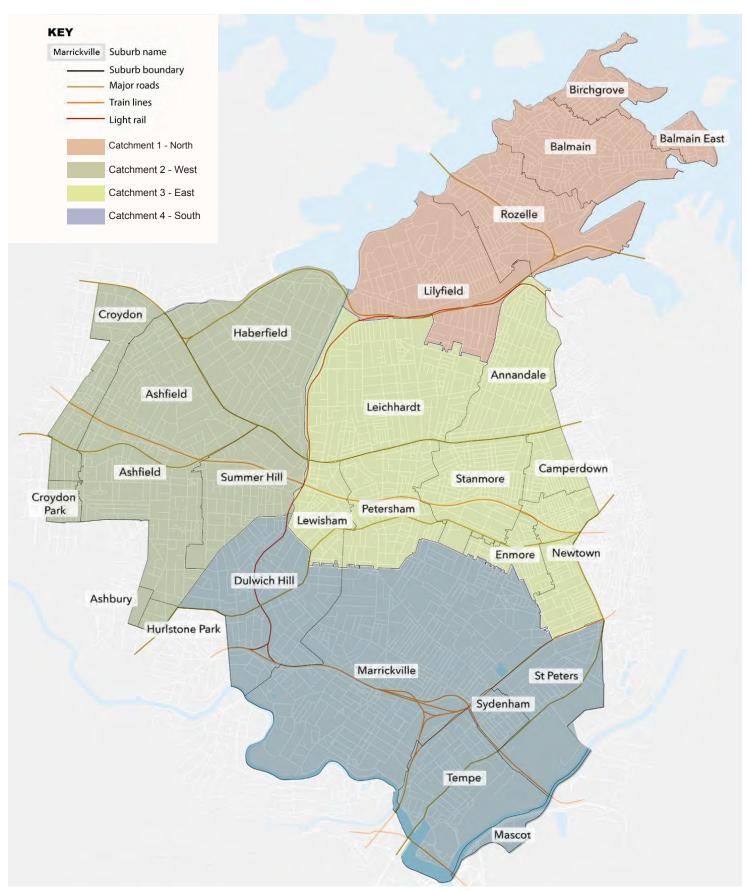
- (02) Upgrade existing primary pathway from Smith Street
- 03) Enhance the Garden element of the park Rejuvenate planting of the gardens adjacent to Smith Street which the park is named for
- (04) Plant understorey planting to predominately mulched gardens to promote biodiversity and screen surrounding houses/commercial buildings.
- (05) New integrated seating under shady trees.
- (06) Pedestrian Crossing for future investigation

Appendix A

Site Analysis



Darrell Jackson Gardens. Photography by Welsh + Major



Inner West Council area and suburbs. Recreation Needs Study - A Healthier Inner West.



Demographics

Overview

This section outlines the current community profile of Summer Hill using data from the 2021 ABS Census from Profile i.d., as well as future projections outlined in Recreation Needs Study - A Healthier Inner West, Updated 2021 (Cred Consulting). To further analyse this data, the LGA was broken down into 4 catchment areas. Summer Hill falls into catchment 2.

Catchment 2's population is characterised by a higher proportion of people aged 18 to 34 years old and seniors and elderly people. This catchment area has a considerable number of residents who were born overseas and speak a language other than English at home.

Population growth

In 2021, the estimated resident population of the Inner West was 183 772 people. The population decreased by 7422 people or 3.8% between 2016 and 2021. The growth rate of Greater Sydney during this period was 7.8%. Summer Hill has experienced a steady population between 2016-2021.

Despite this short term dip, Inner West Council estimates significant population growth by 2036.

Open space provision

The Inner West has an estimated 321.6 hectares a of open space which equates to 9.1% of the total land area.

In 2016 the provision of open space per person was 16.4m2. In 2016, catchment 2 had a provision of open space per person of 10.1m2 with an estimated 8.7m2 by 2036.



01 Summer Hill - Age + disability profile. Recreation Needs Study - A Healthier Inner West.



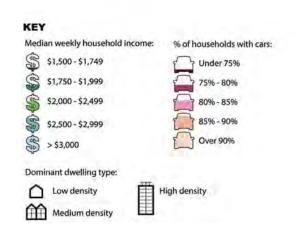
02 Summer Hill - Cultural profile. Recreation Needs Study - A Healthier Inner West.



03 Ashfield - Density, income + housing profile. Recreation Needs Study - A Healthier Inner West.









Demographics

Age + disability profile

Spaces that are inclusive of all age groups, accessible and flexible should be prioritised to cater for current and future population needs.

Summer Hill has an above average proportion of babies and children (0-12yrs), young people (12-24yrs) and people reporting a need for assistance.

Cultural Profile

Almost a third of the Summer Hill population identify as speaking a non-English language at home. Nepali is the most common language spoken in the community at about 4% of residents.

Density, income + housing profile

Summer hill has a range of dwelling types, with medium density living the median housing density.

The suburb has a median income below average for the Inner West at \$1750-1999 per hpusehold, per week.

80-85% of housholds own at least one car.





Neighbourhood Context

Local Character

Darrell Jackson Gardens is located in the centre of Summer Hill. The park sits directly west of Summer Hill CBD, within 5 minutes walking distance of businesses along Lackey Street.

There are entry points on three sides of the park, to the north, south and east. The park has street frontage on Smith Street and Carlton Cres, which separates the park from the train line. The third point of entry, and the most traversed, is a pedestrian walkway linking to the CBD via Hardie Ave.

To the south of the site, medium density housing, comprised of detached and semi-detached houses dominate the streetscape. These houses are predominately pre-war federation style houses.

To the west of the park, 3/4 level apartment buildings dominate the residential landscape. There are over 30 existing high density living buildings within the block before Prospect Road. Residents of this high density living environment place great significance on their access to nearby outdoor public spaces.

Major Roads

No major roads bound the park. Carlton Crescent, following the train line, is a busy road which runs to the north of the park.

Public Transport

The park is a five minute walk from Summer Hill train station.

Bus services following Carlton Cres are within a 5 minute walk from the park. A number of other buses have sports within a 10 minute walk of the park along Junction Rd, Victoria Street and Liverpool Road.

These include:

- Bus Route N50, with stops from Liverpool to City
- Bus Route 413, with stops from Campsie to Central Pitt St
- Bus Route 406, with stops from Five Dock to Hurlstone Park

Cycle Routes

The local area is lacking in designated cycle lanes + trails. The suburb is reasonably well connected by bike friendly roads, however missing portions of road impact an overall cycle network. Smith Street is a bike friendly road which connects directly to the park.

Local Parklands

Darrell Jackson Gardens is the largest and most connected park in Summer Hill, although a number of other parks also serve the community.

John Paton Reserve lies within a 5 minute walk of the site to the south west.

Within a 10 minute walk, the smaller Allman Park, Carrington Street Playground and Underwood Reserve serve residential areas heading away from the central CBD.

Ashfield Park lies only 10 minutes walk to the north.



01. Historic entry gates (north-west entry gates) / 02. Bus Stop. / 03. Fitness station / 04. below-ground water tank / 05. Pavilion Dressing Sheds / 06. Sporting ground / 07. Seating along embankment / 08. Shady Area alongside axial footpath / 09. Roadside embankment with saplings / 10. Open grassed area used for occasional events



Existing Conditions

Overview

Darrell Jackson Gardens offers a wide range of activities and experiences which serve the diverse Summer Hill community. Located adjacent to the CBD, the park acts as both a thoroughfare and a meeting place for locals and visitors. Undergoing a rennovation in 2022, improvements were made in focused areas throughout the ark, much of the existing built structures + landscape are run-down and in poor condition.

Character

The park fosters a vibrant sense of community. With a diverse range of offerings, the park caters to families and people of all ages. The northern precinct is sports focused, while offering areas of seating and leasire. The centre of the park is very family oriented with a bbq area adjacent playground areas. While the memorial gardens to the south offer a restful retreat from the busy CBD.

Activity

The park is well utilised by the community for a number of activities. The sporting ground itself is used for both sporting events and informal sports, as well as joggers running around the perimeter of the sporting ground. The tennis courts are well used by the community who like the self directed operating system. The grassy areas are also popular for unstructured recreation, with people relaxing, meeting for picnics and gatherings or dog walking.

Furniture

Much of the furniture in the centre and north of the park has been upgraded in 2022. Two new picnic tables are located alongside a new bbq area and playground. A number of new picnic tables and bench seats are located around the cricket oval.

There are a number of older painted timber bench seats at the skate park and in the memorial gardens to the south of the park.

Bins in the park are free standing red wheelie bins. There are no fixed bins or recycling bins in the park.

Under the tree canopy alongside the tennis courts new sandstone block seating has recently been added to the park.

The park has two playground areas. In the centre of the park is a new playground area with two play structures, in ground trampolines, swings and a number of nature play items. An older enclosed playground area is located adjacent to the Hardie Ave park entry. The play equipment in this area is in fair condition, but is outdated and does not cater to a broad age group.

A water bubbler and bottle filling station is localed in the centre of the park between the tennis courths and playground. This is in good condition and of the current style of Inner West amenities. A doggie bowl is not included in this water station.

Lighting

There are a number of tall light poles throughout the park for general park lighting. These lights are quite old, but do provide light to critical areas of the park.

Flood lighting to the tennis courts has recently been upgraded in 2022. No flood lighting is provided to the skate park or basketball area. Previous lighting to this areas was removed with the 2022 reprovations.

Lighting along the pathway to Hardie Ave is particularly limitied resulting in safety concerns by park users.

Signage & Wayfinding

Signage throughout the park is composed of mixed styles, with no consistant language. As a result, signage and wayfinding can be confusing and difficult to follow.

There is no park map located in the park.

There is a park sign which reads 'Darrell Jackson Gardens' along Smith Street. Nearby, a sign of park rules clearly stipulates dog rules and provides other park information. Borth signs bare the current Inner West branding.

Signage for the tennis courts are provided by the entry gate. Signage bares a combination of branding from the former Ashfield Council and Inner West, although signage is clear to identify rules and instruction.

Tree Cover + Planting

Varying levels of tree cover help to create different conditions of shade throughout the park. Large established trees, including Plane trees, Port Jackson Fig, Camphaloral and other varieties surround the junior cricket pitch, creating a wide band of shaded area for spectators and other park goers.

Four Jacaranda trees stand on the grassy bank to the north of the community centre. The southern corner of the park, the



Tree Cover & Understorey Planting



Existing Structures + Facilities



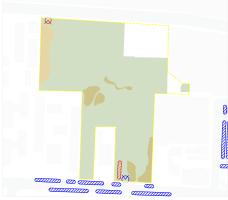
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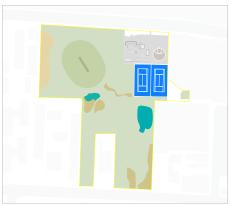
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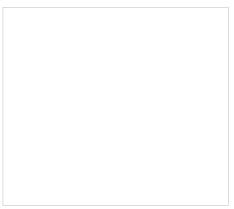
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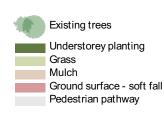
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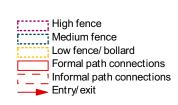


Sports + Recreation Grounds



Gradient (Approximate)











memorial gardens, is filled with a combination of tall Gum tress and smaller native flowring tress including Bottlebrush.

The new pathway circuit around the sports oval have strips of undersotrey planting floowing the paths. Garden beds and boundary plating extends around the new open playground area to soften edges of the palyground areas.

There is a lack of understorey planting in the memorial gardens, with mulch filling the garden beds beneath the native trees. Alongside the existing community centre building, a number of narrow garden beds are in very poor condition, with plants struggling to thrive.

Fauna Linkages

The park is bound by the railway line to the north and Summer Hill CBD to the west. These two urban conditions are barren of fauna habitat. To the south and east, leafy streets create oppertunity for trees to link and expand habitats beyond the boundary of the park. The lack of understorey planting to the north significanly limits habitat and animal pathways throughout the park.

Ground Cover & Surfaces

The existing pathways vary in material and condition. Existing paved pathways are in poor condition, with and uneven surface and loose paving creating safety risks.

The sports oval is flat and grass grows well in areas exposed to sunlight. Grass areas below trees are barron with only dirt and dropped foilage from overhead trees offering any groundcover in these areas.

Softfall in playground areas appears to be in good condition.

The skatepark has been resurfaced and painting in 2022 and is in good condition to meet future needs. Likewise, the tennis courts have been resurfaced in 2022 to keep up wear from general community use.

Services & Drainage

Underground powerlines connect the existing light poles in the

A stormwater channel runs from the western boundary down towards a pit at the footpath junction at the south western corner of the tennis courts. The cricket oval and greater park has good drainage.

Boundary Conditions

To the east and west the park is surrounded by large commercial buildings + multi-residential apartment buildings. These are screened with high fences. The far west boundary consists of

a very delapidated timber fence, with a chainlink screen above reaching approximately 4m height. Other fences to the west are painted metal with chainlink screens to the same height. These fence are generally in poor condition. To the north and south, where the boundary follows the pedestrian footpath, a low open timber fence provides some separation. These fences are typically in good condition.

Tall chainlink fences screen the neighbours from the tennis courts and skate park. The lower east boundary is defined by a neighbouring commercial building + planting.

Pedestrian Access & Existing Pathways

The park is accessible on three sides, with a full frontage onto Carlton Cres. to the north, a pedestrian path to the CBD to the west and an entryway to the south. As such, the park is commonly used as a thoroughfare for Summer Hill residents. Some missing pathway links can be identified within the park, as evidenced by damaged groundcover where a path might exist.

The existing paths throughout the park vary in material, including paving, bitumen and concrete. Typically, paths are in poor condition. Junctions of pathways are messy and dilpaidated. Bitumen paths are particualrly damaged. Edges of the paths are breaking off to create rough and uneven surface conditons.

Vehicular Access Points, Roads and Car Parking

To the top north western corner of the park, a layback and a single removable bollard allows service vechicles to enter to the park.

There is street parking on both sides of the road along Carlton Cres. to the north. A carpark to the east of the park within the CBD is within walking distance (100m) from Hardie Ave. There is also street parking along Smith Street to the south with a small on-site carpark to the community centre. This car park offers one accessible parking space alongside 4 standard spaces.

Existing Structures and Heritage Significance

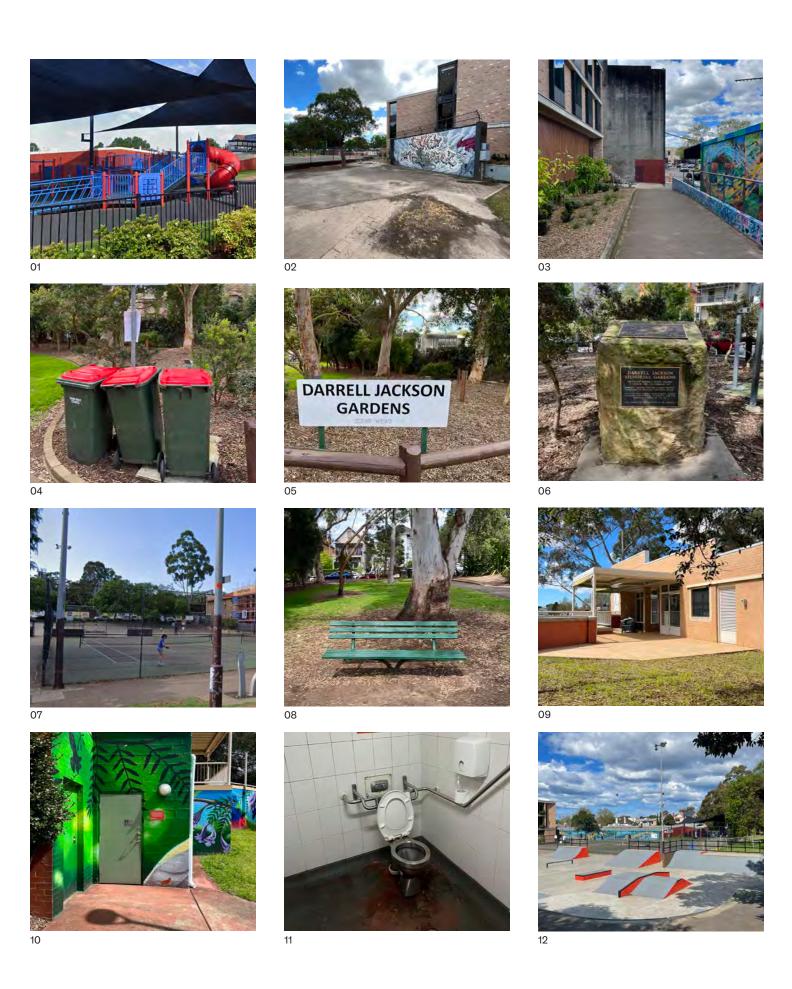
The park has a historic temiber entry pergola from Carlton Cres which has recently been relocated and restored.

The community centre is in fair condition, but has little connection to the park which limits its use.

Information on the community centre and OSHCTBA.

A sandstone plinth with inlaid plagues provides history on the park and Darrell Jackson's life. This monument is in good condition.

The existing playground structures and sails over play areas are in good condition and provide adequate shade to these areas.





Constraints + Opportunities

Based on the Analysis set out over the previous pages, the following opportunities present themselves within Darrell Jackson Gardens

There are opportunities to:

- Provide safe and accessible toilet facilities which are inclusive of all park users.
- Remove contradictory, confusing and low quality signage.
- Establish a design for new signage that communicates the civic and historic character of the park.
- Install a park map at well selected locations. The park map should include a tactile section. Clearly identify park assets and public toilet locations. The map should communicate the civic and historic character of the park.
- Maintain existing sporting facilities + upgrade floodlighting to maximise use for future communities.
- Investigate expansion of basketball precint to meet growing needs of the community.
- Improve lighting along pathways for safety of users travelling through the park outside of daylight hours.
- Rejuvinate the existing memorial gardens to expand biodiversity + improve historic celebration within the park.
- Increase public art within the park.
- Maintain to

01. Enclosed playground / 02. Vacant area along Hardie Ave / 03. Walkway towards Summer Hill CBD / 04. Typical park bins 05. Park sign and memorial gardens along Smith Street / 06. Darrell Jackson memorial plaque at Smith Street / 07. Tennis courts / 08. Typical park bench / 09. Community centre / 10. Entrance to public toilet / 11. Public toilet interior / 12. Skate park

Appendix B

Community Engagement



View of Community Consultation in Progress. Photography by Welsh + Major.

Overview + Engagement Strategies

1.0 Summary

Inner West Council engaged the community for input in the preparation of a 10-year plan for Darrell Jackson Gardens, which includes a Plan of Management and a Master Plan. Community engagement was carried out with two drop-in sessions at Darrell Jackson Gardens and via the online platform Your Say Inner West (YSIW).

1.1 Background

Plans of management must be prepared for all types of parks on community land. Community engagement is a critical step in the preparation of a Plan of Management, forming one of the first stages of the process. Community feedback is then taken into consideration alongside stakeholders and expert advice to form a draft plan of management and master plan, which is presented for further community input prior to the final document being decided upon by Council.

Inner West Council has established a parks planning priority list, which nominates which open spaces it feels are in greatest need of new or updated Plans of Management. Darrell Jackson Gardens has been nominated as high priority within the Inner West Council area.

The purpose of engagement was to establish key issues that the community may have in relation to Darrell Jackson Gardens, as well as highlighting aspects of the park which are highly valued. Contributors were encouraged to include ideas, comments and suggestions to assist in prioritising the focus of key strategies and outcomes for the future.

1.2 Engagement method

The methods of engagement were:

- Online on yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au through survey and user posts
- Drop-in sessions held in the park

1.3 Promotion

The initiative was promoted by a number of means, including:

- Your Say Inner West project page
- · On-site signage
- Media release
- Social media
- E-news
- · Council website
- · Email to identified groups

All promotion collateral directed people to the online submission form on YSIW and to the two park drop-in sessions.

2.0 Engagement Outcomes

Outcomes of community engagement have been separated into feedback received at the drop-sessions, feedback received through online engagement and feedback from organisations and stakeholders.

The Darrell Jackson Gardens page received 108 visits. 7 contributions were made to online forms + discussion.

2.1 Drop-in sessions

Inner West Council's held two drop in engagement sessions that were held at Darrell Jackson Gardens, one on Saturday morning 10.09.22, 11am-1pm, and the other on Saturday afternoon 17.09.22, 2-4pm.

The material consisted of two A1 panels, which displayed an overall map of the park and some images of current parts of the park or activities and features of other parks in order to prompt discussion.

2.2 Online Survey

The online survey included multiple choice and essay style questions for more detailed feedback. Quantitative responses to the multiple-choice questions are displayed visually in graphs. Written responses have been themed to create word maps accompanied by summarised responses.

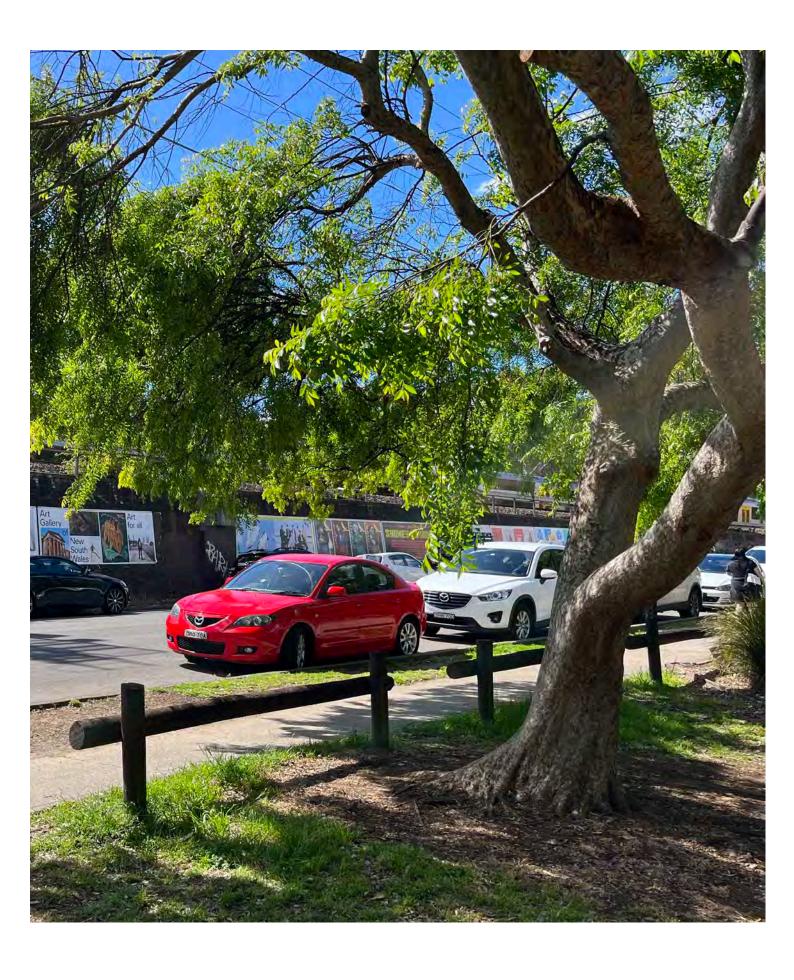
2.3 Online 'Share your visions'

The YSIW website also offered the opportunity the community to post a public comment on the page, to which other users could like, dislike and comment in response. Posts to the page have been collated and summarised in this document.

2.4 Stakeholder meetings

May be input pending council engagement





2.1 Drop In Sessions

Overview

To engage park users during the drop-in sessions, two A1 sized printed boards were used. The first panel highlighted with labels the existing features of the park, shown on a map. The second panel presented eight image prompts of both existing and proposed features of the park.

Park visitors were asked to identify the facilities and areas they liked the most, and which facilities and areas they felt had room for improvement through coloured stickers on the panels. Further comments were welcomed through post-it-notes placed on the panels and A4 forms which participants could fill in.

The sessions were productive with a number of park visitors approaching the team and engaging with the material to have their say. The comments have been themed and are presented without hierarchy.

Have your say on 10 - year plans for Darrell Jackson Gardens



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Community feedback has been themed for ease of reference:

Biodiversity and green space

- A number of users who engaged with the consultation value the open green spaces and requested that openness be maintained or expanded upon.
- Users requested more planting, including flowers and 'bush tucker' species throughout the park.

Recreational use

- Users requested lighting, safety and access improvements to enable early morning and evening use.
- There was support from a number of users for an off-leash dog area in the park.
- Other users requested an off-leash time for areas within the park.
- Many users valued the children's playground and supporting infrastructure.
- A number of users requested more variety in play equipment offered in the park, for a range of age groups.
 A sandpit, flying fox, swings, climbing equipment and in ground trampoline were requested items.
- Some users requested water play be integrated into the playground area.
- Users valued the skate park area and supported the resurfacing of the skating ramps.
- One user suggested the skate park have better delineation between beginner and expert equipment.
- One user request regulations on alcohol be reconsidered in the park to allow alcohol at social gatherings in the park.

Cricket pitch and Sporting facilities

- A few participants suggested a roll-out cricket pitch.
- A number of users were concerned about flying cricket balls in the park, with popular picnic areas close to the pitch.
- There was support for retention and upgrade of the tennis courts.
- Users requested another half basketball court.
- One user made a comment about the orientation of the basketball court, suggesting it be re-oriented to face south to avoid sun exposure and glare.

- Some users felt that the concrete ramp adjacent to the basketball court was underutilised space which could be used as an extension of the basketball area or skate park.
- A number of users requested cricket nets in the park.

Lighting

- Many users were keen for the park to be lit for early morning and evening recreation.
- Users requested lighting times start earlier, following instances where lights turn on well past sunset and activities in the park are forced to pause.
- Users mentioned the importance of lighting for the basketball hoop, which is often used after dark.

Facilities and furniture

- Users requested more seating, particularly picnic style seating, alongside the playground areas for safety and supervision of children.
- Many users commented on the importance of shade structures over playground areas.
- Users were supportive of new or upgraded toilet amenities, noting the poor lighting, poor presentation and lack of maintenance of existing toilet.
- Users were in support of having additional toilets in the park, with the inclusion of baby change facilities.
- Users requested more water stations in the park, particularly towards Carlton Cres.
- Users requested bike parking be offered in the park.
- Some users were keen to expand the BBQ area and shelter.

Movement and parking

- Users requested upgrades to the existing pathways within the park, noting the dilapidated condition of paths.
- One user requested more parking.

2.2 Online Survey

Overview

An online survey was conducted in August and September 2022 through the 'Your Say Inner West' (YSIW) website, seeking feedback on a range of questions regarding Darrell Jackson Gardens. The survey included multiple-choice and essay style questions and was open for public response for five weeks from 04.08.22 to 11.09.22.

Quantitative responses to the multiple-choice questions are displayed visually in graphs and word cloud diagrams below. Text based responses to the essay style questions have been grouped into themes, and issues which featured the most prominently have been summarised below.

Of all participants to the site, 5 submissions were made to the online survey. Participants could choose to skip questions if they preferred. The percentage of participants who answered the question is stated alongside the figure diagrams throughout this document.

A number of essay style questions were asked, to establish community opinion of Darrell Jackson Gardens in more detail.

Demographics of Participants

Q1: Age Group

See figure 1

Of the 5 participants who contributed to the online survey none were below 24 years of age and only 1 person was within the 25-34 age bracket. The other participants who took park in the survey were between 35-54 years of age. No contributions were made by persons over 55 years of age.

Q2: Gender

See figure 2

40% participants identified as female, while 60% identified as male. No participants identified themselves as non-binary or as using other pronouns.

Q3: Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? See figure 3

No participants identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Q4: Do you identify as having a disability?

See figure 4

One user identified as having a disability, the remain contributors answered no to the question.

Q5: Suburb

See figure 5

Four participants were residents of Summer Hill and one user skipped the question.

Q6: How do you get to Darrell Jackson Gardens? *See figure 6*

Responses to this question were gathered in a multiple choice format, but allowed users to select multiple answers if applicable.

All users surveyed walk to Darrell Jackson Gardens.

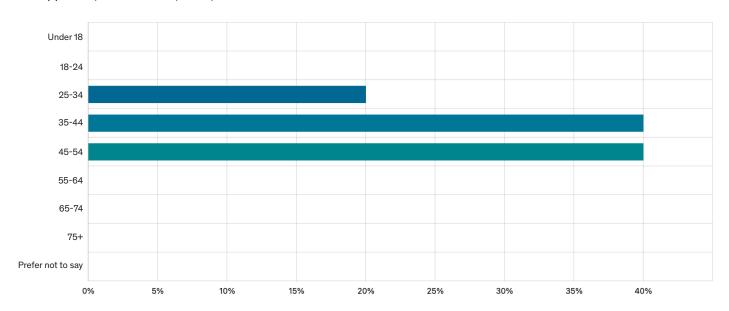
Q7: How often do you visit Darrell Jackson Gardens? *See figure 7*

Out of those surveyed, 80% visit frequently, either daily or multiple times a week. One respondent visits the park a few times a year.



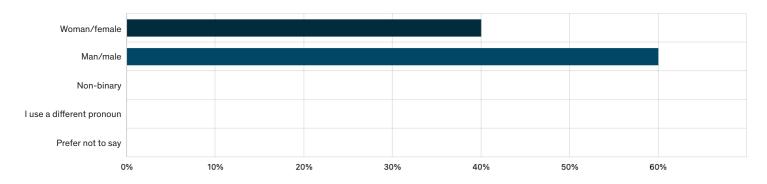
Q1: Age Group

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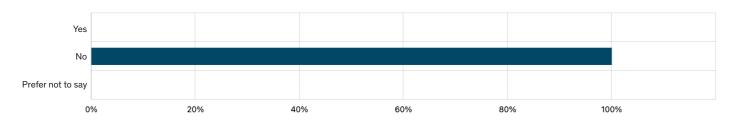
Q2: Gender

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Q3: Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

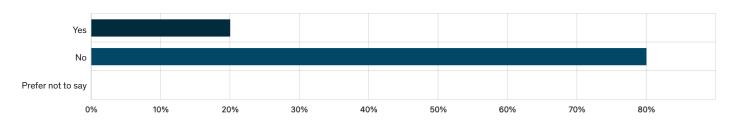
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2.2 Online Survey

Q4: Do you identify as having a disability?

Figure 4. Skipped: 0 | Answered: 5 (100%)



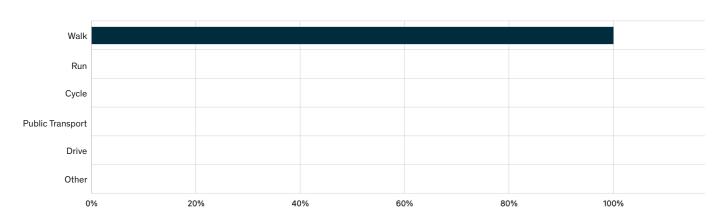
Q5: Suburb

Figure 5. Skipped: 1 | Answered: 4 (80%)

Summer Hill

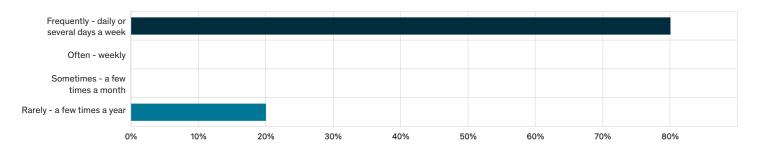
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Q7: How often do you visit Darrell Jackson Gardens?

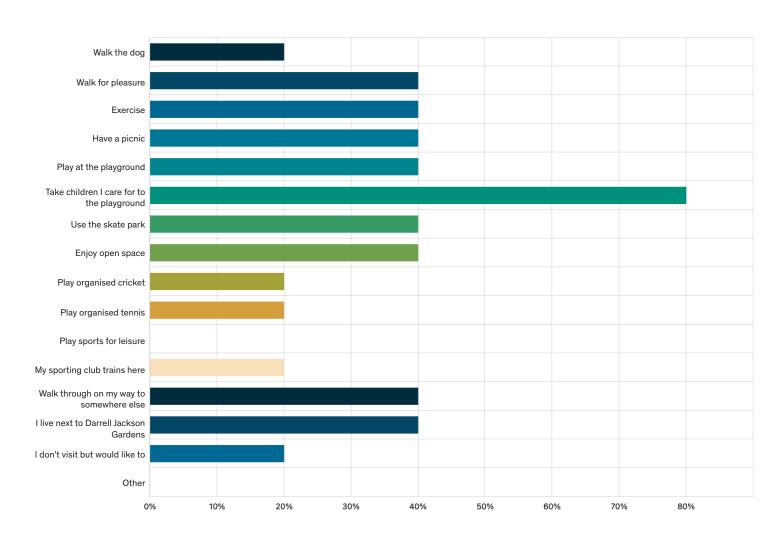
Figure 7. Skipped: 0 | Answered: 5 (100%)





Q8: What are the main reasons you visit Darrell Jackson Gardens?

Figure 8. Skipped: 0 | Answered: 5 (100%)



Q8: What are the main reasons you visit Darrell Jackson Gardens?

See figure 8

Responses to this question were gathered in a multiple choice format, which allowed users to select multiple answers if applicable. On average, users each selected five responses to the question, highlighting the diversity of park use + activity.

Other common activities can be observed in the graph above. Passive exercise and recreation was more popular amongst respondents than organised sports.

None of users surveyed identified 'sports for leisure' or 'other' as a reason they visit the park.

2.2 Online Survey

Q9: What stops you from visiting Darrell Jackson Gardens?

This essay style question received no input from participants. As such, no data or word cloud for this question is included in this document.

Q10: Please describe what you value about Darrell Jackson Gardens, e.g. what it looks like, how you use it or how it makes you feel.

See figure 9

All participants engaged with this question, leaving thorough responses and highlighting a number of positive attributes of the park within their responses. As highlighted in the word map, the 'Sense of Community' was identified as the parks biggest asset.

The root of what users valued most about Darrell Jackson Gardens was repeatedly attributed to:

- Access to open green space in a dense residential and urban environment;
- The large established trees which create separation from the streets and harbour a sense of relaxation within the park;
- Outdoor space for metal health and well-being;
- Shady areas under trees and shade structures for sun protection while picnicing or relaxing in the park;
- Family friendly values and sense of local community fostered within the park;
- Ability for children to play freely, away from roads and other safety concerns;
- The tennis wall to the east of the park, which allows for informal practice;
- The fenced playground area for children;
- The range of activities offered to cater to the whole community;
- Space to gather;
- The shaded winding pathways throughout the park, as both a thoroughfare and for leisurely use;
- The skate park for all ages of kids;

Q11: To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

See figure 10

Successful aspects of Darrell Jackson Gardens were highlighted by responses to this question:

- All users feel safe when they visit Darrell Jackson Gardens during the day;
- 100% of users think Darrell Jackson Gardens has a nice

- character;
- All users surveyed feel apart of the community when they visit.

Less successful aspects of Darrell Jackson Gardens were also highlighted by responses to this question:

- Users feel substantially less safe in the park after dark than during the day. Most users felt unsafe;
- Less than half of users feel that the park is well maintained.
- 40% of users disagreed that it was easy to find information on the park, while the other 60% were unsure.

Q12: What don't you like about Darrell Jackson Gardens? See figure 11

- Grassed area next to the fenced playground and alongside the community centre feels underutilised and disconnected from the park;
- The alleyway to Hardie Ave is dirty and dangerous;
- Area to the west boundary is underutilised, lacking furniture for picnics or sitting;
- Lack of open space in the park;
- Hard edges to the tennis courts and skate park which don't feel integrated into the park;
- Lack of wayfinding, specifically a common meeting place in
- Awkward pathway junction at the centre of the park;
- Existing play equipment which is too rough on young children;
- Lack of cricket nets;
- Unhygienic and unsightly bathroom under the community
- Underutilisation of the community centre;



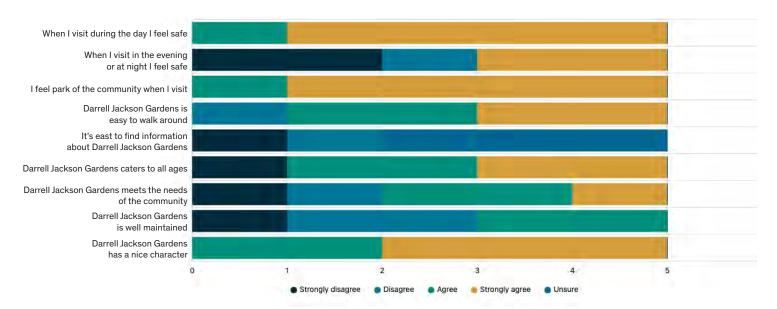
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Q12: What don't you like about Darrell Jackson Gardens?

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2.2 Online Survey

Q13: What should be the main priority for the park planning? See figure 12

- Reducing built up areas and maintaining open grassed space;
- · Maintaining unstructured play areas;
- · Increasing shaded sitting areas for picnics;
- Improving the look of the park with increased planting;
- Increased cleaning and maintenance of play equipment and amenities;
- Improving sporting facilities in the park with additional seating around sporting zones;
- Utilising the grassed area to the south towards Smith St;
- Improved safety with upgraded lighting and amenities;
- Investigating an area for off-leash dog play.

Q14: Do you have any other comments about Darrell Jackson Gardens?

See figure 13

Users requested additional art and sculpture in the park.

One user suggested a fence or planting buffer along Carlton Cres to improve safety of children from the road.

A comment was made about parking congestion around the park.

One user saw an opportunity to recognise Aboriginal heritage through increased public art, interpretive signage and renaming.

Comment was made that the park was not big enough to sustain an off-leash dog area, despite there being no dog park in Summer Hill.

Q13: What should be the main priority for the park planning?

Figure 12. Skipped: 0 | Answered: 5 (100%)



Q14: Do you have any other comments about Darrell Jackson Gardens?

Figure 13. Skipped: 1 | Answered: 4 (80%)





2.3 Share Your Visions

Overview

The Community were also encouraged to make a post on the YSIW website. These posts, in the structure of a social media platform, could be liked and commented on to encourage community members to engage with eachothers views on the

The page received 2 posts which and 2 likes from other users.

The outcomes of the 'Shared Visions' for Darrell Jackson Gardens are gathered below with a summary of each post:

"Tennis hitting wall"

This post was made to highlight the importance of the mural wall near the walkway to Hardie Ave as secluded place for passive recreation. One other user liked this post.

"More seating options at DJG"

This post requested more seating in the park and a greater variation of the seating types/arrangements offered.



Tennis hitting wall

Posted by John a month ago

The tennis hitting wall is a critical part of the park. Its value is important for a number of reasons. Often I see young adults using the wall, as finding hitting partners or taking coaching is very expensive and that person can develop skills using the wall. While waiting for the courts it's great to warm up. If you don't have someone to play with you can use that wall and it's a excellent workout.

♥ I Likes ● 0 Comments

Above: example of 'post' format from YSIW website. Supporting image not supplied by participant. Image by Welsh + Major