

2. Statutory Context

The statutory framework to guide the preparation and operation of the plan of management for Easton Park is primarily set by the:

- Local Government Act 1993
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

In addition, the other legislation, regulations and environmental planning instruments of relevance to the plan of management are:

- Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000
- Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2000
- Companions Animals Act 1998
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992

2.1 Local Government Act 1993

The Local Government Act 1993 (Local Government Act) is the legal framework for the system of local government in NSW.

Provisions of the Local Government Act relating to plans of management are set out below. These prescribe the content of the plan; categorisation of land and objectives relating to these categories of land; and procedures relating to public notice, exhibition and amendments to the plan.

Integrated Planning

On 1 October 2009 the NSW Government introduced a range of initiatives designed to integrate and improve long term strategic planning within NSW Local Government. The reforms require that Local Government develops a series of inter-related plans comprising a:

- 10-year community strategic plan establishing strategic objectives (local priorities and future aspirations) together with strategies for achieving those objectives;
- Resourcing strategy including asset management planning, a workforce management strategy and long term financial planning. The resourcing strategy is to plan for the resources required to implement the strategies established by the community strategic plan that the council is responsible for; and
- Delivery program for every four years showing how projects and programs are going to be delivered during a council's term in office. The delivery program is to detail the principal activities to be undertaken by the council to implement the strategies established by the community strategic plan within the resources available under the resourcing strategy.

Leichhardt Council is in the process of completing its resourcing strategy and delivery program. The work carried out to date has confirmed the need for infrastructure improvements. In addition to ensuring that all existing assets are maintained Council also has other statutory responsibilities for example the implementation of its Disability and Discrimination Act Action Plan.

As such, in developing a Plan of Management, Council has a responsibility to ensure that the contents of the plan can be funded over a reasonable period of time.

To facilitate this requirement Council staff will be assessing individual elements of the Plan of Management in terms of:

1. Their being a demonstrated need or requirement supported by relevant documentary evidence.

2. The likely cost and the cumulative impact on Council's capital works program.
3. The likely delivery date in the context of other items already listed on the Delivery Program. In this regard Council list individual items in one of the following three categories:
 - a. short term (1-5 years)
 - b. medium term (5-15 years)
 - c. long term (15 years plus)

Prescribed Contents for Plan of Management

Clause 36 of the Local Government Act provides that a Council must prepare a plan of management for community land. This clause provides that a plan of management must set out:

- the category of the land,
- the objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land,
- the means by which the council proposes to achieve the plan's objectives and performance targets,
- the manner in which the council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets, and
- may require the prior approval of the council to the carrying out of any specified activity on the land.

The plan of management must include a description of the:

- the condition of the land, and of any buildings or other improvements on the land, as at the date of adoption of the plan of management, and
- the use of the land and any such buildings or improvements as at that date, and
- must:
 - specify the purposes for which the land, and any such buildings or improvements, will be permitted to be used, and
 - specify the purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise, and
 - describe the scale and intensity of any such permitted use or development.

Clause 37 of the Local Government Act provides that a plan of management prepared for land not owned by a Council:

- (a) must identify the owner of the land, and
- (b) must state whether the land is subject to any trust, estate, interest, dedication, condition, restriction or covenant, and
- (c) must state whether the use or management of the land is subject to any condition or restriction imposed by the owner, and
- (d) must not contain any provisions inconsistent with anything required to be stated by paragraph (a), (b) or (c).

Categorisation and Objectives for Land

Clause 36(4) requires that the land the subject of the plan of management be categorised as one or more of:

- a natural area
- a sportsground
- a park
- an area of cultural significance
- general community use

The classification of Easton Park is discussed in Part 6.

Procedures for Public Notice, Exhibition and Amendments to Plan

Clause 38 of the Local Government Act provides that the Council must put the draft plan of management on exhibition for a period not less than 28 days. A public notice must specify that submissions can be made on the draft plan of management after the day the exhibition period ceases, for a period of not less than 42 days.

Clause 39 of the Local Government Act provides that prior to the public notice being issued on the draft plan of management (Clause 38), the draft plan of management must be submitted to the owner of the land, and to include any provisions required by the owner of the land.

Clause 40 of the Local Government Act provides that after receiving submissions, the Council has the option to amend the plan of management or to adopt it without amendment. Should Council make amendments, it must again exhibit the plan in accordance with Clause 38 this is, unless the amendments are not considered as substantial, in which case, the plan can be adopted without the requirement for further exhibition.

2.2 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) provides for a system of environmental assessment and planning for development in NSW. The EP&A Act establishes a hierarchy of planning instruments which zone land and regulate specific types of development across the State.

The EP&A Act is the principal environmental planning legislation controlling the development of land in NSW. All State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs) and Local Environmental Plans must be consistent with the objects and controls contained within the Act. They include:

- the management, development and conservation of natural and artificial resources,
- the promotion and co-ordination of the orderly and economic use of land,
- protection, provision and co-ordination of communication and utility services,
- provision of public purposes,
- provision and co-ordination of community services and facilities,
- ecological sustainable development, and
- the provision and maintenance of affordable housing.

2.3 State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007

Division 12 Parks and other reserves of the Infrastructure SEPP provides that development is permitted without consent for the following purposes where it is carried out by or on behalf of a council on a public reserve under the control of or vested in the council:

- (a) roads, cycleways, single storey car parks, ticketing facilities and viewing platforms, outdoor recreational facilities, including playing fields, but not including grandstands,
- (c) information facilities such as visitors' centres and information boards,
- (d) lighting, if light spill and artificial sky glow is minimised in accordance with AS/NZS 1158: 2007, Lighting for Roads and Public Spaces.
- (e) landscaping, including irrigation schemes (whether they use recycled or other water),
- (f) amenity facilities,
- (g) maintenance depots,
- (h) environmental management works.

2.4 Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2000

The Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2000 (LEP) is the primary statutory instrument for controlling land use and development in the local government area of Leichhardt.

Zoning

The subject land is primarily zoned 'Open Space, Recreation and Leisure' (Clause 24) under the LEP. (A small part of the parkland adjacent to the rear of the houses along Burt Street is zoned 'Residential').

The objectives of the 'Open Space, Recreation and Leisure' zone are to:

- (a) to maximise the provision of open space in order to provide a diverse range of settings and recreational opportunities to meet the needs of the community,
- (b) to ensure the equitable distribution of, and access to, open space and recreation facilities,
- (c) to retain, protect and promote public access to foreshore areas and provide links to existing open space,
- (d) to ensure development is compatible with any Parks Plans of Management, Landscape Plans and Bicycle Plan adopted by the Council,
- (e) to conserve and enhance the ecological role of open space, including flora and fauna diversity (including the genetic, species and ecosystem diversity of flora and fauna), habitat corridors and the potential of open space to cleanse air, water and soils,
- (f) to provide opportunities in open space for public art.

Development allowed without development consent in the zone includes for the purpose of:

- ancillary sporting structures
- open space embellishment
- playgrounds
- recreation areas

Development allowed only with development consent in the zone includes for the purpose of:

- clubs
- community facilities
- community gardens

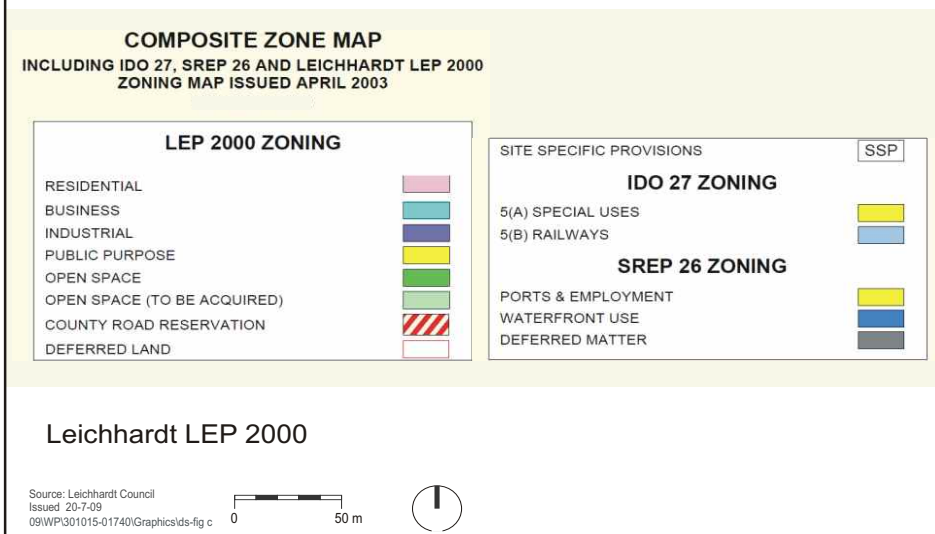
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- jetties
 - kiosks
 - public amenities
 - public transport stops
 - recreation facilities
 - demolition
 - subdivision

All other development outside of these purposes above as defined by the LEP is prohibited in the zone. The LEP defines the types of key development set out above. The Masterplan for the Easton Park Plan of Management (refer to Section 8) proposes the additional use of “kiosk” at Easton Park. This is a permissible use with consent from Council. Kiosk is defined in the Leichhardt LEP 2000 as:

a structure used for the provision of food and drink for the refreshment of users of the open space in which it is situated. That use must be secondary to the principal use of the open space.



Easton Park -
Lot 1 DP 723951, Lots 1&2 DP 797903



Zoning Fig 3

Conservation Areas and Heritage Items

The Leichhardt Heritage Conservation Map identifies Easton Park as a locally significant “Landscape” heritage item. It is located in a Conservation Area.

The objectives in the LEP relating to heritage conservation (Clause 15) are as follows:

- (a) to protect, conserve and enhance the cultural heritage and the evidence of cultural heritage, including places, buildings, works, relics, townscape, landscapes, trees, potential archaeological sites and conservation areas, and provide measures for their conservation,
- (b) to protect, conserve and enhance the character and identity of the suburbs, places and landscapes of Leichhardt, including the natural, scenic and cultural attributes of the Sydney Harbour foreshore and its creeks and waterways, surface rock, remnant bushland, ridgelines and skylines,
- (c) to prevent undesirable incremental change, including demolition, which reduces the heritage significance of places, conservation areas or heritage items,
- (d) to allow compatible and viable adaptation and re-use of the fabric of heritage significance,
- (e) to ensure the protection of relics and places of Aboriginal cultural significance in liaison with the Aboriginal community.

The LEP contains related provisions concerning the development of heritage items or in the vicinity of heritage items. This requires the consent of Council.

2.4 Companion Animals Act 1998

The NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 (Companion Animals Act) has as its object, the “effective and responsible care and management of companion animals.”

The Companion Animals Act includes responsibilities for dogs in public places and public places where dogs are prohibited.

Clause 13 of the Act (‘Responsibilities while dog in public place’) sets out;

A dog that is in a public place must be under the effective control of some competent person by means of an adequate chain, cord or leash that is attached to the dog and that is being held by (or secured to) the person.

This section does not apply to a dog accompanied by some competent person in an area declared to be an off-leash area.

Clause 14 sets out that there are some places where dogs are prohibited. These include:

- Children’s play areas (within 10 metres of any playing apparatus provided in that public place or part for the use of children);
- Food preparation/consumption areas;
- Recreation areas where dogs are prohibited (for public recreation or the playing of organised games and in which the local authority has ordered that dogs are prohibited);
- Child care centres.

Leichhardt’s Access to Open Space Strategy for Dogs is a strategy that determines levels of access of dogs to open space, in accordance with the Companion Animals Act.



Access to Open Space for Dogs – Easton Park (Source: Leichhardt Council, Access to Open Strategy for Dogs)

The figure above shows the areas of the park that are subject to off-leash restrictions, as found in Council's adopted Open Space Strategy for Dogs. Associated with this figure are the following restrictions:

- On-leash – Playing field other than when any sporting activity is being conducted
- Off-leash – Southern end
- Prohibited – Eastern area comprising children's playground
- Time share - Nil

2.5 Disability Discrimination Act 1992

The Commonwealth *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Discrimination Act) sets out to eliminate discrimination against persons with a disability, including in relation to goods, services and facilities and access to premises.

The Discrimination Act sets out provisions relating to "Access to Premises" (Section 23). This makes it unlawful to discriminate against a person on the basis of their disability that includes denying access to or use of premises or facilities that are public; or by the path of travel to the premises. Exceptions to this rule include if the making of the access to premises would qualify as 'justifiable hardship' on the person who provides the access.

Section 24 of the Discrimination Act sets out provisions relating to goods, services and facilities that make it unlawful to discriminate against a person on the basis of their disability by refusing to provide the person with

the goods or services or in the manner in which those goods, services or facilities are provided to the person. Exceptions to this rule includes if the provision of the goods or services or makes the facilities available would qualify as 'justifiable hardship' on the person who provides the goods or services or makes the facilities available.

2.6 Rozelle Suburb Profile

The Rozelle Suburb Profile describes the existing and desired future character of the area including the Easton Park Distinctive Neighbourhood of which Easton Park is a part.

While there are no specific objectives or controls relating to Easton Park specifically, or to open space, or generally, it provides an indication of how the surrounding area may develop. Part 1 Landform refers to: The visual focus of the neighbourhood is the park after which the Neighbourhood is named. Additionally the dense mature trees along Burt Street form the green heart of the neighbourhood.

3. Consultation

Preliminary Consultation

Two stages of preliminary public consultation were conducted prior to formal exhibition of the draft plan of management. These consultation stages comprised:

1. Invitation for Written Submissions; and
2. Community Consultation Session prior to development of options.

An additional community consultation session was held during the formal exhibition period.

Invitation for Written Submissions

Residents in the vicinity of Easton Park were notified by a letter drop of the intention of Council to prepare a plan of management for Easton Park and written submissions were invited.

Seventeen (17) written submissions were received in relation to Easton Park. Of these submissions:

- 13 representations were made by park users;
- 3 from soccer club representatives; and
- 1 from the Leichhardt Bicycle Users Group

The key issues raised in the written submissions related to:

- Soccer clubs would like to maintain their current access.
- Shading of oval from trees is a problem as grass doesn't grow properly; doesn't drain well; and becomes a "dust bowl". Recommendation to trim these trees to permit sunlight access.
- A path is needed that circumnavigates the whole oval that is wide enough for use both directions, with connection to the playground and from the playground to Lilyfield Road.
- Support the idea of a picket fence around the oval as historically there used to be one; it would look attractive; and it would also keep dogs off the oval.
- Support regular lighting of the oval so that it can be used by all.
- Insert more seating around the oval. The seating currently sited under Fig trees are too shaded, not well maintained, and fruit drops on them.
- Upgrade canteen to be bigger with outdoor seating area and BBQ's. Alternatively, site new BBQ's and picnic tables on hill. There was broad support for a café at the site of the existing amenities building.
- Upgrade toilets/reconfigure toilets with a view to the oval to discourage anti-social behaviour, and/or achieve this by making the toilets only for use by payment. Increase natural light to toilets.
- Secure storage space for soccer equipment is required.
- More bubblers, water taps and bins around the park are needed.
- Develop a half basketball court/multi-purpose court.
- Upgrade playground with rubber/Astroturf ground surface as mulch is problematic (it's dirty, babies eat it, etc) and repair play equipment.
- Install new play equipment (eg. spinning top, climbing frame, flying fox, net swing) that disabled children can use and equipment for younger children.

- Install new swings or fix the problem of mounding underneath existing swings.
- Install bike track to Denison Street or to the play area.
- Bike parking facilities at playground is needed.
- Install CCTV for surveillance of litterers and anti-social behaviour.
- Install signage relating to dog areas; provide more dog poo bags; and more ranger enforcement.
- Parking is at a premium so provide line marking in the carpark for more efficient parking. Limit parking times which would prevent boats parking permanently in the carpark.
- There needs to be parking near the off-leash dog area, or the off-leash area extended.
- Traffic calming (eg. speed bump) is needed on Denison Street to slow down traffic.
- Establish a community garden and a committee to oversee its use.
- Plant tall trees in grass such as Lemon Scented Gum or Angophora ssp.
- Use more native plant species.
- Plant groundcovers under Fig trees to tidy the area.
- Generally need more frequent maintenance of infrastructure and planting.

A full summary of the issues raised via written submissions can be found at Appendix 1.

Community Consultation Session

Residents in the vicinity of Easton Park were notified by a letter drop of the community consultation session that was held in Easton Park on 26 September 2009. A number of notices were also erected in the park to notify people about the consultation session. The workshop was held in the park because of good accessibility to surrounding residents and because it gave residents the opportunity to show presenters their issues 'first-hand' in the park.

This community consultation session was attended by approximately 18 members of the public.

The key issues raised in the community consultation session related to:

- Suggestion of picket fence to the playing field. There was originally a picket fence pre-war, but this was burnt during the depression. This would be effective in keeping the dogs off the playing surface. Recycled plastic version of the pickets is an alternative to the timber version which may be expensive to maintain.
- Suggestion to have lighting left on all of the time. Safer pedestrian lighting to be considered. Need to consider light spill.
- Need to consider sustainability issues.
- Suggestion to move the playground to the east. Playground not accessible from existing paths.
- Need a path to circumnavigate the park.
- Would be great to have a bike track.
- Soccer club the 'pulse' of the park – a season identifier.
- Maintain and improve the park using the same elements that are in place presently.
- Need to have a well managed booking system for the formal areas of the park.
- Need to manage sports use. Issue of non-organised sporting usage.
- Playground surface not appropriate. Need a surface other than mulch. Drainage issue and wheelchair access to playing facilities needs to be incorporated in improvements.

- Consideration of teenage playing facilities, including a potential basketball net.
- Toilets not considered safe for children.
- Broad support for a café/kiosk facility, would also provide passive surveillance, better utilisation of the park.
- Consideration of the needs of sports groups, change facilities, storage space.
- Opportunity for community garden in the eastern corner.
- Need to have access to contact in council for maintenance.
- Road crossing at Denison Street should be looked at as there are visibility issues. Perhaps speed management required.
- Fast moving cars are still an issue on adjacent streets.

A full summary of the issues raised in the community consultation session can be found at Appendix 2.

In addition to the preliminary consultation with the public, a briefing session was held prior to the draft plan of management being submitted to Council for consideration prior to its exhibition.

During the formal exhibition period, a further consultation meeting was held on-site (20 February 2010). This was attended by 20 residents and one Councillor.

The issues from that meeting are summarised below:

- Concern about speed on Denison Street.
- Seating under Fig trees are well utilised but need maintenance. Support moving existing path and establishing seating and tables. Seating is required in the off-leash dog area.
- Support removing a few Fig trees (which one person did not support). Energy Australia should be contacted to promote use of bundled cables to enable ease of trimming of Fig trees.
- More bins are required to encourage people to pick up dog litter. On Saturday and Sunday the bins are overflowing. They should be emptied Friday and Monday.
- Support for lighting to remain on for a couple of hours following completion of sports training.
- Question if basketball half court will be lit. The answer was that it will not.
- Question that when the playground is due to be redeveloped, will there be consideration given to the PoM. The answer was that there would be.
- Question relating to general timing for works.
- The existing toilets are a huge issue – will not allow their kids to use them.
- Signage for dog access is inconsistent with the Dog Access Strategy to Open Space.
- Serious consideration needs to be given to any new landscaping, furniture etc and its required maintenance, because there is the view that the existing landscaping and facilities are not maintained very well.

Formal written submissions were also received and are summarised in Appendix 1. The submissions and issues raised have been considered and, where appropriate, a number of changes have been made to the Plan.



Community consultation session held at Easton Park on 26 September 2009

4. Historical Context

4.1 Easton Park

The site of Easton Park was originally formed through reclamation of the former embayment to Rozelle Bay in the 19th Century, where “five acres of low-lying probably flood liable land was dedicated for a public reserve in 1890”.* The land was originally part of a grant made to William Balmain in 1800.

Easton Park was proclaimed as a park by the Governor on Friday 9 May 1890:

Now, therefore I, Charles Robert, Baron Carrington, the Governor aforesaid, with the advice of the Executive Council...declare the land...which has been resumed for the purposes of a public park at Balmain...and shall be named Easton Park.**

The Sewer Pumping Station within the Park, owned by Sydney Water, was constructed between 1902 and 1904, is listed on the State Heritage Register.

The figure below shows an aerial photograph of Easton Park in the year 1943. The larger area of the cricket ground, the sewer pumping building and air raid shelters are clearly evident



Aerial Photograph of Easton Park in 1943. (Source: NSW Department of Lands, Spatial Information Exchange: SKM 2007 from RTA photography)

* Leichhardt Heritage Review: Stage 2 prepared for Leichhardt Council by Godden Mackay Logan

** New South Wales Government Gazette N0.247 Friday 9 May 1890.

5. Present Use and Future Opportunities

5.1 Condition and Use of the Land and Existing Structures

The table below outlines the key site elements of Easton Park, their condition and present use. A brief description and summary outline of the condition of the elements is provided in the table below, incorporating a summary outline of the priority for improvements (having regard for their suitability and condition, and the masterplan incorporated in Section 8).





The priorities for improvements as set out in the table below have been categorised in accordance with the following:




Priority	Timeframe
High (H)	Short (0 - 5 Years)
Medium (M)	Medium term (5 - 15 Years)
Low (L)	Long term (15+ Years)
Regular Maintenance	Ongoing
Not Applicable (N/a)	-

Item	Description	Condition	Priority for improvement
Building	Hip roofed, brick and corrugated iron amenities building incorporating a public toilet	Fair - Building does not address sportsground; does not provide enough storage space; and needs expanded kiosk. Recommend replacement with new building that addresses the sportsground. Refer to Landscape Masterplan. In the short term address anti-social behaviour issues by modifying toilet building to improve visual surveillance.	M H



Item	Description	Condition	Priority for improvement
<p>Footpaths</p>  	<p>Concrete footpaths of varying widths.</p> <p>Asphalt footpath along the Burt Street alignment</p>	Fair	M
Fences			
	Timber rail to car parking	Poor	H.
	Playing field enclosure	Fair.	M
	Playground enclosure	Poor	H

Item	Description	Condition	Priority for improvement
Playing Field			
	Grassed, rectangular shaped playing area	Fair. Regular assessment to be made.	Ongoing
Signage			
	Regulatory signage relating to dog access.	Fair. Requires review.	M
Park furniture			
	Water fountain for dogs located adjacent to the playground	Fair. Incorrectly located	H.
	Large wheeled bins, attached to fixing posts. Timber slatted seating and table.	Fair	M - H.

Item	Description	Condition	Priority for improvement
Children's playground			
 	Children's play equipment comprising swing, climbing structure and slide, and overhead shade structure	Fair - The existing playground is restricted in size, form and play value.	M - H.
Passive open space			
	Well maintained open space. Central area utilised for off-leash dog exercise. Underutilised area to the east	Grass cover requires regular maintenance following winter over the off-leash dog area.	Ongoing.

5.2 Description of Proposed Future Development and Permissible Uses

The table below describes the purposes for which land at Easton Park may be used; the purpose as relates to future development of the land; and the scale and intensity of the development.

Area/Item	Purposes for which land or buildings are permitted to be used	Purpose for which further development of land will be permitted (lease or licence)	Scale and intensity of permitted use or development
Open Space	Continue use for informal recreation, childrens play, off leash dog exercise in accordance with LCAMP.	General park furniture and landscape improvements including new paths. Improvement and expansion of the children's play area and equipment. Opportunity for a community garden, and new half-court basketball practice area.	Refer to Masterplan
Playing field	Organised and informal recreation and sporting activities		Refer to Masterplan. To be consistent with existing Council policy relating to sports field management and evening training use including lighting.
Amenities Building	Storage for play equipment and nets; public toilets; change facilities	Redevelop and/or renovate existing building. Possible kiosk to operate under licence arrangement. In the short term consider modification of the building to address anti-social behaviour.	Refer to Masterplan

5.3 Site Accessibility and Operation

Public Transport

Public transport to and from the location is primarily provided by buses. The nearest bus service to/from Easton Park is from Victoria Road or Darling Street, Rozelle, around 400m from the park. There are regular bus services along Darling Street (routes 440, 445,) the 440 from Rozelle to the city via Leichhardt, and the 445 service runs from Balmain East Wharf via Leichhardt to Hurlstone Park.

Parking

Easton Park has a parking bay along Dension Street for approximately 20 vehicles, and perimeter parallel parking available adjacent to the park along Lilyfield Road and Burt Street.

Pedestrian

There is an existing footpath along the southern edge of the park to Lilyfield Road. This is proposed to be retained.

There is also an existing footpath between the sportsground and existing Fig trees to the north of the site to Burt Street. This footpath is proposed to be removed and replaced with a footpath closer to the sportsground.

A footpath around the sportsground was requested during consultation with residents, for use by parents with prams, dog walkers, and general use.

The Landscape Masterplan shows proposed footpaths across the site. A wide footpath (2.5m wide) is proposed around the sportsground. Pedestrian footpath connections (1.8m wide) are then proposed from this footpath to facilities/different uses on site (proposed kiosk, playground, community garden, dog access area, carpark) and to park entry points to surrounding roads.

The main entry to the park is from Lilyfield Road. New entry stairs and an accessible ramp are proposed for the park adjacent to the kiosk.

Bicycle

Leichhardt Bicycle Strategy identifies Lilyfield Road as a key east-west regional cycle route. This route follows all of Lilyfield Road, the southern section of Victoria Road and the Anzac Bridge crossing. The need for bike parking facilities near the playground was raised during consultation with residents.

Bicycle parking facilities are proposed at the entrance to the park from Lilyfield Road between the proposed kiosk and existing playground. Refer to the proposed Landscape Masterplan

5.5 Trees and Vegetation

Existing Trees and Vegetation

Leichhardt Council does not currently have a Significant Trees Register. The park contains 16 trees noted as significant in the Tree Management Plan for Leichhardt Council's Heritage and Significant Trees 2008. Easton Park is listed as a "landscape" heritage item under "Lilyfield Road" in the Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan and is noted of "local" heritage significance.

There are 15 x mature *Ficus microcarpa* var. *hillii* (Hills Weeping fig) and 1 x *Ficus macrophylla* (Moreton Bay Fig) existing in the park.

All trees in Leichhardt LGA are protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

Leichhardt Significant Heritage Tree Management Plan

The Tree Management Plan for Leichhardt Council's Heritage and Significant Trees (March 2008) does not have an open space hierarchy category for Easton Park.

The Tree Management Plan for Leichhardt Council's Heritage and Significant Trees 2008 sets out that Easton Oval receives a regular maintenance service by Leichhardt Council.

The figures below describe the recommended maintenance regimes for specific trees across all of the open space areas the subject of the plan.

Tree	General Maintenance Requirement	Common pests and diseases
Hills Weeping fig (<i>Ficus microcarpa</i> var. <i>hillii</i>)	Remove dead wood/prune rubbing and heavily end weighted limbs & mulch.	Fungal pathogens (airborne & soil borne)/ foliar insects.
<i>Ficus macrophylla</i> (Moreton Bay Fig)	Remove dead wood/prune rubbing and heavily end weighted limbs & mulch.	Fungal pathogens (airborne & soil borne)/ foliar insects.

Tree Summary of Observations (Source: Tree Management Plan for Leichhardt Council's Heritage and Significant Trees 2008)

Degree of Soil Compaction	Number and Species of Trees	Tree Age	Tree Health	Tree Condition	Description of Site Specific Works Required
Low	15 x <i>Ficus microcarpa</i> var. <i>hillii</i> 1 x <i>Ficus macrophylla</i>	Mature	Good	Good to fair	Remove dead wood, prune heavily end weighted & rubbing limbs as required and apply mulch to primary root zone of trees not mulched. Top up mulch to existing mulched trees as required.

Site Specific Tree Management Plan – Easton Park (Source: Tree Management Plan for Leichhardt Council's Heritage and Significant Trees 2008)

Notes to the latter table:

- Tree Age - refers to a full sized tree with some capacity for further growth

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- Tree Health - refers to the tree's vigour as exhibited by the crown density, leaf colour, presence of epicormic shoots, ability to withstand disease invasion, and the degree of dieback.
 - Tree Condition - refers to the tree's form and growth habit, as modified by its environment.

5.6 Current and Projected Recreational and Open Space Needs

Leichhardt Recreational and Open Space Needs Study

Open Space

The NSW benchmark for open space provision has historically been 2.83 hectares per 1,000 people. When this is applied to the Leichhardt LGA, no suburb in the LGA is in excess of this standard. The average provision of open space in Leichhardt LGA is 1.60 ha /1,000 people (refer to table below) or 1.65ha/1,000 people based on 2001 population figures that were used in the Leichhardt Recreational and Open Space Needs Study. When this outcome (based on the 2001 population figure) was compared against other Sydney LGAs the result was low. The highest provision in Leichhardt was Lilyfield (2.56 hectares / 1,000 people) while the lowest is Annandale (0.73 hectares / 1,000 people).

Open Space Provision in Leichhardt LGA

2008/9	
Open space Acquisition (ha)	0
Total open space (ha)	85.57
Total open space (m2)	855700
Population	53,217
Open space per person (m2)	16.08

Source: State of the Environment (SoE) report 2008-09

The suburb of Rozelle, where Easton Park is located, has open space provision of 1.68 ha/1,000 people, that is slightly higher than the Leichhardt LGA average. The report mentions that there are a large number of pocket parks in the LGA that are highly valued by residents. However it was noted that they are limited in their flexibility and should be promoted for 'multi-use'.

Recreational Facilities

Provision of outdoor recreational areas/facilities for young people (aged 14 to 24 years) is lacking across the LGA and is limited to five informal basketball courts and 1 skate facility.

Field surveys conducted of playground facilities revealed that while there was an equitable distribution of playgrounds across the LGA that they were limited to catering for 2-7 years. It was concluded that older primary school children (7-12 years) and teenagers are not well provided for. The study called for a large-scale "all abilities" playground in the LGA.

Analysis of existing facility provision across the LGA noted:

Against facility provision benchmarks for popular sports, there is no over supply of facilities, however, there appears to be:

a less than optimum number of facilities for cricket, indoor court sports, soccer and tennis. In fact the shortage of facilities for all of these sports is significant, given the current demand for facilities by existing clubs, the gentrification and growth of the population (and subsequent likely increase in demand), and the evidence of degradation of sports grounds through overuse.

It is predicted that there will be continuing strong growth in junior soccer players which will drive demand for additional soccer fields.

It was concluded that across the LGA:

There is expressed demand for indoor sporting facilities, additional soccer fields, a synthetic hockey field/s, AFL ovals and netball courts.

6. Classification of Land

6.1 Categorisation and Objectives for Land

Clause 36(4) of the Local Government Act requires that the land subject of a plan of management be categorised as one or more of:

- a natural area
- a sportsground
- a park
- an area of cultural significance
- general community use

According to these classifications, Easton Park can be categorised as “a park”, “a sportsground” and “an area of cultural significance”.

6.2 Core Objectives

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a park (Clause 36G) are:

- to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and
- to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and
- to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a sportsground (Clause 36F) are:

- to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and
- to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as an area of cultural significance (Clause 36H) are:

- to retain and enhance the cultural significance of the area (namely its Aboriginal, aesthetic, archaeological, historical, technical or research or social significance) for past, present or future generations by the active use of conservation methods.
- Those conservation methods may include any or all of the following methods:
 - the continuous protective care and maintenance of the physical material of the land or of the context and setting of the area of cultural significance,
 - the restoration of the land, that is, the returning of the existing physical material of the land to a known earlier state by removing accretions or by reassembling existing components without the introduction of new material,
 - the reconstruction of the land, that is, the returning of the land as nearly as possible to a known earlier state,
 - the adaptive reuse of the land, that is, the enhancement or reinforcement of the cultural significance of the land by the introduction of sympathetic alterations or additions to allow compatible uses (that is, uses that involve no changes to the cultural significance of the physical material of the area, or uses that involve changes that are substantially reversible or changes that require a minimum impact),
 - the preservation of the land, that is, the maintenance of the physical material of the land in its existing state and the retardation of deterioration of the land.

7. Strategy and Action Plan

The following strategies and actions aim to address key ongoing management issues relating to Easton Park and also to outline a long term vision (as incorporated in the Masterplan - refer Section 8) for the park. That vision seeks to address accessibility, useability and amenity issues identified through the consultation phases.

7.1 Specific Objectives

The priorities for improvements as set out in the table below have been categorised in accordance with the following:

Priority	Timeframe
Short term	0 - 5 years
Medium term	5 - 15 years
Long term	15+ years
Ongoing	Ongoing

The figure below sets out the objectives and performance targets for Easton Park; strategies to achieve the objectives and performance targets; ranks their priority; and provides performance monitoring criteria.

Objectives and Performance Targets	Strategies to achieve objectives and performance targets	Priority	Performance Monitoring
Context			
To value and maintain Easton Park in its current balance of passive open space and sporting activity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue use of sportsground for organised/regular sport events and impromptu sporting use via the current booking system with Leichhardt Council. 	Ongoing	Learn from surveys and general observation about increased levels of patronage of the park and sportsground.
To maintain Easton "park" and "sportsground" as the key sporting and recreational venue for the local community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct a pedestrian network around the oval and link to roads and key facilities on site. 	Long term	
To facilitate informal use of the Park adjacent to the sportsground through improved landscaping, path network, new/upgraded amenities building, seating and upgraded/new play facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide the opportunity for a new/upgraded amenities building that better addresses the oval and incorporates a kiosk, toilets, change rooms, and storage space, with outdoor seating associated with the café. 	Long term	
Make improvements that would provide an attractive passage and enable views into the park along Lilyfield Road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair/upgrade existing play equipment and provide new equipment. 	Medium term	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide new seating and water bubbler. 	Short term	

Objectives and Performance Targets	Strategies to achieve objectives and performance targets	Priority	Performance Monitoring
Ownership			
In accordance with Council ownership, promote broad community access to facilities and open space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All future leases and licences to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993. Develop the kiosk which would operate in accordance with a licence under the Local Government Act 1993. Continue to support use by existing sporting clubs of the sportsground and encourage general public access to sportsground when not in use by sporting clubs. Ongoing use of the sportsground to be controlled and managed by Council. Committee to be established for community garden that may be an incorporated body. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Long term</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	Greater range of people using the park of all access abilities, providing a range of quality recreational experiences and opportunities for park users.
Use			
Promote Easton Park as a key outdoor sporting and recreational precinct in the suburb of Lilyfield.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enable broad community use of the sports playing fields without compromising the ongoing use by sporting clubs. 	Ongoing	Increased patronage of park and sportsground.
Maintain current sporting club access to sportsground and provide broader community use outside of these times.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain the children's playground in current location with improvements to play equipment. Provide new surface beneath play equipment to replace mulch. 	Medium term	Greater range of people using the park of all access abilities.
Provide facilities that offer new opportunities/activities at the park, ie. community garden, basketball/multi-purpose half-court.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop new community garden in eastern corner of site. Develop new basketball half-court / multi-purpose court to west of oval. 	<p>Long term</p> <p>Long term</p>	

Objectives and Performance Targets	Strategies to achieve objectives and performance targets	Priority	Performance Monitoring
Sporting Facilities and Amenities			
Upgrade sporting facilities and associated amenities to be of a high standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve facilities and amenities (including toilets, change facilities, kiosk) suitable for organised sports and unstructured sports play. 	Long term	Completion of redevelopment works in accordance with the Master Plan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop new amenities building with kiosk, toilets, change rooms and storage, and with outdoor tables and seating associated with the kiosk. 	Long term	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair/upgrade and provide additional play equipment in current playground location for a range of ages, from toddlers to young teenagers. 	Medium term	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce new circular bike learning track for young children around playground. 	Medium term	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce new basketball/multi-purpose half-court to western edge of sportsground. 	Long term	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider resurfacing sportsground. 	Long term	

Objectives and Performance Targets	Strategies to achieve objectives and performance targets	Priority	Performance Monitoring
Access and Circulation			
Provide pedestrian paths that reflect key desire lines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New perimeter asphalt pathway linking all elements of the parkland. New path circuit around oval is to be 2.5m wide; new paths elsewhere are to be 1.8m wide. 	Medium term	Completion of redevelopment works that are provided to disability standards.
Provide new fencing around the sportsground and community garden.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insert new path entry at eastern location (community garden); and at north-west location to connect to potential pedestrian crossing. 	Medium term	
Consider the accessibility needs of the full spectrum of the community in terms of the design of facilities/landscape improvements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New path linkages: path circuit around oval; between Burt Street and playground/kiosk; kiosk and carpark; kiosk to community garden; and along edges of roads inside the park where appropriate. 	Medium term	
Insert appropriate directional and interpretative signage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remodel entrance to park at Lilyfield Road to incorporate new steps to the kiosk and an accessible ramp. 	Medium term	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocate asphalt pathway from beneath figs to the edge of playing area. 	Medium term	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove existing concrete footpath to the western edge of the park and replace with planter at the roadway edge beneath the Fig trees. 	Medium term	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain current companion animal (dog access) arrangements at the park. 	Ongoing	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide new picket-style fencing to the oval that would reflect the fencing type provided in the past; would keep out dogs from the oval (that is a prohibited area for access by dogs), and keeps sporting spectators away from the oval boundary lines. 	Medium term	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace existing fencing to playground with low wall to western edge along new path, increasing in height along the southern edge. Connect to enclose around the new community garden. 	Medium term	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide fence to new community garden, if possible, open palisade style fencing. 	As required	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide signage to provide directions or interpret history of the park. 	Medium term	

Objectives and Performance Targets	Strategies to achieve objectives and performance targets	Priority	Performance Monitoring
Traffic and Parking			
<p>Maintain existing off-street parking adjacent to the Park on Denison Street and consider parking restrictions.</p> <p>Consider traffic calming, and pedestrian crossing along Denison Street.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a traffic management plan to consider traffic and pedestrian safety hazards, and parking issues, including restrictions to parking. Consider restricting off-street parking relating to the Park at Denison Road to 2 or 4 hours. Clearly signpost to reflect these changes. Consider traffic calming measures and related signage to Denison Street, to slow traffic that is driving along this street from the north down the hill. Consider installation of pedestrian crossing from the north-western corner of the site. 	Ongoing	<p>Increase in frequency of visits by parking enforcement officers recorded.</p> <p>Installation of signs relating to traffic and parking.</p>
Cultural and Heritage Significance			
<p>Recognise and maintain the heritage significance listing of trees in the park.</p> <p>Recognise and reflect the park configuration dating back to its establishment.</p> <p>Interpret the Park's history through signage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain all mature trees in the park and ensure arborist conducts a health check and possible maintenance of significant trees in the park every 5 years. Introduce interpretive signage at key entry points. 	<p>Medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p>	<p>Arborist conducts health check and maintenance of significant trees every 5 years.</p> <p>Monitor implementation of Master Plan.</p>

Objectives and Performance Targets	Strategies to achieve objectives and performance targets	Priority	Performance Monitoring
Landscape Character and Visual Amenity			
<p>Improve the visual presentation of the park at the street frontages.</p> <p>Promote views through to the sportsground.</p> <p>Provide a consistent landscape palette across the park and sportsground that would unify it as one park.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain all mature trees. Establish new trees to south-western embankment along Denison Street. Incorporate shade tolerant groundcovers along the edge of Burt Street under existing Fig trees. Establish native grasses and other native plants to the eastern edge of playground. Expand planter bed along the edge of Lilyfield Road. Provide low and high storey plantings to the northern edge where new community garden is to be located. Develop landscape edge to the western boundary along Denison Road. Remove existing concrete footpath to western edge and replace with planter at roadway edge. Incorporate shade tolerant ground covers. Provide seating at the following locations: key spectator viewing points next to sportsground; around playground; facing into dog area; to basketball half-court; and to generally take advantage of views/ vistas. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Short term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>As required</p> <p>Medium -long term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p>	<p>Completion of Master Plan recommended improvements.</p>

Objectives and Performance Targets	Strategies to achieve objectives and performance targets	Priority	Performance Monitoring
Sustainability and Biodiversity			
Promote the use of native indigenous plant species that would contribute to biodiversity. Promote plant species that are drought tolerant. Maintain existing mature trees in the park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain mature native trees species. New soft landscaping to comprise predominately native species. New community garden could showcase sustainable (permaculture, organic) practices. Consider incorporating both individual and communal plots. Consider the establishment of a water tank for use for irrigating the community garden. This could harvest rainwater from the roof of the new amenities building. 	<p>Ongoing As required</p> <p>Long term</p> <p>Long term</p>	Completion of tree and other planting.
Safety			
Maintain clear sightlines to permit surveillance from surrounding roads to people and property. Promote lighting to key pedestrian desire lines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide new pathway lighting along the new path connecting Denison Street car park to the kiosk and from the kiosk to Burt Street. This may comprise 'beacon' lighting which only illuminates the path. Conduct an assessment of proposed path compliance with the Australian Standard for accessibility (AS 1428.1) to ensure all widths and gradients of paths and access points to the park can meet this standard where possible. New accessible ramp to be provided at Lilyfield Road entrance at amenities building. Address anti-social behaviour issues associated with toilet block. In the short term modify toilet block to improve passive visual surveillance. 	<p>Short - Medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Short term</p>	<p>Introduction of new pedestrian lighting.</p> <p>Park user survey measures perceptions of safety relating to the park.</p>

Objectives and Performance Targets	Strategies to achieve objectives and performance targets	Priority	Performance Monitoring
Management and Maintenance			
Promote design improvements and management practices that would reduce maintenance costs and promote cost efficiencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue current management arrangement for use of sportsground that includes booking with Council. Basketball/multi-use half-court to be for informal use with no booking required for use. 	Ongoing	Council does not increase annual maintenance costs/budget. Council receives positive comments.
Continue practice of booking to use the sportsground.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct regular trimming of existing Fig trees to north of site to facilitate sunlight access to sportsground. 	Ongoing	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the dog bag dispensers have a constant supply of dog bags and are checked on a regular basis. 	Ongoing	

8. Master Plan

Develop landscape edge to the western boundary along Denison Street. Provide pathway connection opposite Easton Street. Consider installation of pedestrian crossing at this location.

Relocate asphalt pathway from beneath the figs to the edge of playing area. Consolidate planting area incorporating shade tolerant ground covers along the edge of Burt Street.

Establish basketball half court (no court lighting). Provide mesh fence to garden behind.

Remove existing concrete footpath and replace with planter at the roadway edge beneath the figs. Incorporate shade tolerant ground covers.

Remodel retaining wall at the corner of the playing field to enable accessible path of travel.

New picket fence and pathway to sports playing field (gated at each side).

Perimeter asphalt pathway linking all elements of the parkland.

Establish new trees to south western embankment.

New pathway lighting along the path connecting the Denison Street car park to the kiosk.

Expand planter along the edge of Lilyfield Road.

Remove existing fence to toddler playing area. Establish new paths along the western and southern perimeter of the park area, expanding the playing area. Edge with low seating wall at the western edge, increasing in height to the south. Extend as an enclosing fence to the community garden. Introduce new circular toddler bike training track, and establish native plants to the eastern edge. Provide new soft fall to play equipment. Provide additional seating.

Remodel entry to incorporate new steps to the kiosk and accessible ramp from Lilyfield Road.

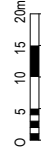
Replace existing amenities block with building incorporating kiosk, storage area, change facilities and toilets. Provide outdoor seating area to the north with opportunities for overlooking the playing field and the playground. In the short term modify existing building to address anti-social behaviour issues.

New path entry at eastern location.

Location for potential community garden. Edge to residential areas with low and higher storey plantings. Provide perimeter enclosing fence.

Introduce new signage at each entry point. Provide seating allocations that capitalise on outlook, views, and where appropriate, shade, and a new bubbler.

EASTON PARK - CONCEPT MASTER PLAN



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9. Appendices

Appendix 1

PRELIMINARY STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION – INVITATION FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Submission Number	Category	Issues Raised
1	Soccer Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing 1,500 team players and officials 37 of club's teams train on park from Tuesday to Friday, from 3:30pm – 9:00pm The park is used by the club on Saturdays and Sundays Saturday mornings there are 250 Under 6's and 7's playing Saturday afternoon and Sunday's are other age groups playing The Club is grateful to also have access to Sydney Secondary College – Leichhardt Campus for training. They would also like access to Glover Road field. Wish to maintain current access arrangements to oval for training and games. The lighting provides adequate coverage. Parking is okay. Drainage to north side of field a problem because of shade from trees. Cricket pitch needs to have an even surface. Insert more bubblers/taps for drinking water. Would like to access ground on Monday nights for training so that can spreadout training. Goal post should have hooks permanently attached. Grass coverage of oval needs improving. Canteen needs upgrade/rebuild to meet current standards. There is anti-social behaviour associated with toilets. The advent of Small-Sided games means that large amounts of equipment are required that need to be stored on site. Some new lock-up space would therefore be beneficial.
2	Soccer Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The request made at the consultation session for lights to be kept on into the evening to enable general park use would benefit the club's needs. This would eliminate the current system of turning the flood lights on and off for training by text message. The pictures of the picket fence presented by a local resident represented the passion and pride felt by residents which they want to bring to the park. An upgrade to the canteen/amenities block would be supported by strong demand on Saturdays and Sundays by their players and supporters. The need for teenage recreation is critical, such as a half basketball court or a multi-purpose court.

Submission Number	Category	Issues Raised
3	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A path is needed that circumnavigates the whole oval for people with prams and children on scooters that is wide enough for use both directions • Additional waste bins are required, including recycling bins • Upgrade playground to meet current standards and provide equipment suitable for toddlers, and add rubber/Astroturf ground surface, and security lighting to discourage vandalism • Upgrade toilet facilities • Maintain Fig trees • Relocate picnic tables under Fig tree because they are always covered in bat droppings. Relocate to western side adjacent to Denison Street • Add one or two picnic tables in fenced playground area for supervision
4	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They use the park twice a week because of their young child • Support dog access to park • Would like to see 5-10 large eucalypts planted in the grass that have smooth trunks, such as Eucalyptus citriodora (Lemon Scented Gum/Spotted Gum) or Angophora spp. • Seats and benches on north side of park require maintenance. • There needs to be 1-2 weeks/monthly maintenance checks of the playground to ensure there are no broken parts. • The kiosk should be refurbished to improve appearance, eg. bricks be rendered, pergola extended for shading, or a paved area to north-west corner of kiosk so that parents can have an area for coffee, and insertion of 1-2 electric BBQ's. • More seating is required 1-2m outside of steel fence so people for spectators. • Seats and benches on north side of park need regular maintenance as posts are partially removed at times. They are not well sited in the shade because of fruit dropping from the trees.
5	User Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install small bike circuit for young children on flat area along Denison Street frontage. Or even just a paved track form existing path on Burt Street to play area. • Bike parking is needed at play area.

Submission Number	Category	Issues Raised
6	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value the park and use it regularly. Install Astroturf or other appropriate fall surface to playground. Mulch discourages families from using playground as it is messy, dusty, stays wet to long after rain, and babies eat it. Install path from playground so that it will join paths along Burt Street and Lilyfield Road. Install Play equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> spinning' play equipment, like spinning ring at Mort Park or look to Powerhouse Museum. Install climbing wall at edge of current play structure Like the hippo cubby at new park below LPAC but in form of a rocket. Install more picnic tables and benches Plant groundcover under trees to tidy it up The playground is prohibited for dogs although this is ignored by dog owners and dogs – these areas may as well become off-leash or need greater enforcement. Monitor and maintain fence to playground to be more vandal proof. Replace because small dogs can get through. Some chain links need to be removed from swings. Monitor and remove graffiti regularly. Install pedestrian crossing to Denison Street. Repair climbing rope. Upgrade toilets. Install water feature.
7	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install BBQ's, more seating and a pathway right around the park, for people with prams and others.

Submission Number	Category	Issues Raised
8	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install picket fence around oval – this is what used to be there. • Install path all of the way around the oval. • Undercover picnic tables on top of hill. • New flying fox in playground area as there is room. • New turf in playground area • All changes be made to suit disabled children – a wheelchair-bound child living nearby is unable to play in park • Kid's bike track along side of playground (community garden not required here as there is one nearby) • Upgrade equipment to be suited to small children • Net swing, like at Mort Park – that disabled child can use
9	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog owner that visits the park daily. • Do not let more sports use the park as there is already a lot of rubbish left from use and residents clean up after them. • The oval turns to mud from overuse. • More bins are required all around the park. • More plantings of native plants required to encourage birds. Landscape entire perimeter of park. • Park needs to be maintained weekly so there is no rubbish. • Maintain park as "leash free". • Recommend installation of CCTV for surveillance of litterers and anti-social behaviour. • Refurbish toilet blocks and attached building. Insert BBQ in this area. • More seating required around the park for spectators etc with bins located near them.

Submission Number	Category	Issues Raised
10	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park is integral to daily life for many Rozelle residents. • Playground is “significant asset”, although it requires maintenance - fencing is broken in parts which means parents have to supervise all of the time because children can get through gaps in fence • The park is frequently used by dogs and their owners and there is a large amount of dog faeces, which when given regular use by other people, is a problem. Suggest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Installing more signs and dog dispenser bags; and – Conducting ranger patrols • Establish a community garden: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Residents directly bordering park do not have much garden. – This could be 5m square area near the children’s playground. – This would promote ecological sustainable development and which would influence children’s values. – Form committee to liaise with Council for responsibility of decision-making and duties.
11	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a 1 year old child and a dog. • Oval looks very dry and either needs irrigation, less sport on it, or both. • While oval is regularly mown, surrounding areas are not. This should be done. • Maintenance of picnic tables required as they are often broken. • Surface of playground is problematic for crawling babies who will get dirty, scratch themselves, and eat mulch – a complete synthetic surface is needed. • Synthetic mound under swings is problematic for older children. Either lower mound or install more swings suitable for older children. • Install electric BBQ’s and covered tables in dog walking area. • Install play equipment for younger children.

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12	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The women's toilets currently don't function. Propose that there be toilet access by payment – and this would discourage drug dealers. • Parking at the Denison Street and Lilyfield Rd end of the park is at a premium as it is occupied by employees and customers of nearby businesses. This prohibits park access and use of car spaces by adjacent residents. • Users of the off-leash dog area currently need to park on Burt Street on the opposite side of the park which is on-leash, which creates problems. Parking should be sited next to the off-leash area. The current parking spots are located too far for disabled persons to travel. The area surrounding the oval used to be off-leash and this was changed without any consultation with residents, so that now 3 of the 4 sides of the oval are on-leash. • The lack of access to parking during the week is exacerbated on the weekends when the park is used by "rogue soccer teams" who have not legitimately booked the oval. • Recommend additional seating under the trees closest to the Lilyfield Road end of the park. As this space is used by dogs and children with frisbees, it should be left uncluttered.
13	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions for the park include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Line-marking to demarcate car parking spaces. – Fencing around the oval to make it look attractive. – Increasing the off-leash area to encompass area beyond the playground to the east. – Put a basketball hoop in playground or park. – Ensure there are a constant supply of dog poo bags at all stations in the park. – Improve the tables and chairs to Burt Street so they can be used. – Increase natural light to the toilet block. – Reconfigure toilet block so toilets face the oval for more visual exposure which should decrease the number of men who use the toilet for sex, and make it safer for children to use. – If the oval is fenced this would decrease the available area for use by dogs. The current off-leash area is in front of their house, which generates a lot of noise. The off-leash area needs to be expanded because current area is over-used.

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14	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trees along the Burt Street frontage should be trimmed in order to allow sunlight onto the playing field. In winter there is a strip of the field which never gets any sunlight which means that grass never survives there and that after rain it takes a long time to dry out. • The idea of a picket fence has merit as it will keep dogs off the playing field; will help keep balls in the playing area especially in the younger age groups who do not tend to get much elevation on the ball; and it will add character. • Support the idea of a commercial kiosk, from the viewpoint of adding amenity for the users and raising income for the Council to fund the upkeep of the park.
15	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned at cars travelling too fast from Denison Street turning into Alfred Street. In particular, cars coming fast down Denison frequently cross over to the other side of the road when turning into Alfred, endangering pedestrians (often children and elderly residents crossing to get to the corner shop) and other vehicles, including ours parked at the side of the road. An accident actually happened and a parked car was written-off. • Request that comments be provided to Council officer, John Stephens, for a speed bump to slow drivers down.
16	Soccer Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of car spaces adjacent to the park need to be maximised for park users. There is always one or two boats permanently parked at the Denison Street carpark. These car spaces should be for the use of park users. • Line marking to the capark would enable more efficient use of the space; line markings would enable 4-6 more cars than which currently park there on weekends. • Recommend a 4 hour parking limit of the carpark which would prevent boats parking there permanently.

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17	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In recent years drought has had a big impact on the park. It is hoped when Callan Park is open it will provide relief to this oval which turns into a "dust bowl". • There is an area on the slope (south-western corner) near the park bench which does not hold grass and this should be rectified. • Support cricket nets at the oval – these previously have been requested. • A picket fence to the oval would solve the issue of children scared of using areas with dogs. • However individual pickets may be removed which would result in 'deep tracks' being made by dogs in specific locations. • There is no need to light the park at other times than currently it is for sport as this would be a waste of energy. • Suggest park benches on the hill and permanent footpaths where current wear tracks are located. • Footpath access is needed from the eastern side of Denison Street to Lilyfield Road because people need to walk on the road when the ground is wet. • The current management and usage of the park is good.

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INVITATION FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS DURING EXHIBITION

Submission Number	Category	Issues Raised
1	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support lighting and active use of park which promotes safety. • Fence around playground needs to be maintained. • The current off-lead dog area is well used and an appropriate size. It should not be enclosed. • The toilet is well used by sporting clubs and passers-by. • The single footpath in the park needs to link up to the playground and proposed kiosk. • Replace barrier around park with picket-style fencing which would prevent dog access and be visually pleasing. • Suggest a large seating area that is paved next to playground. • Suggest leasing the BBQ/kitchen area in amenities building. This would make the area more active and likely reduce the perception as a “seedy” area. • The kiosk could use produce from the community garden. • There used to be a community garden on the far side of the playground in the 1960’s. • The community garden could be run by Leichhardt Council to ensure it is for use by everyone and can be used by Council for educational purposes. There could also be open/market days. Grass clippings from mowing the park could be used in compost for the community garden. Funding for the garden could be sourced from Granada’s “Costa’s Garden Odyssey” on SBS. • There needs to be drinking fountains and a tap in the off-lead dog area. • Grass in the off-lead dog area does not grow well. Suggest planting with shrubs. • Suggest removal of one or two large fig trees that would enable others to grow well. • Rubbish bins are needed near the playground and a second near asphalt path to Burt Street. • Suggest that the floodlights are lit more regularly for training and commuters/residents around the park.

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2	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a "bolt" sticking out in the playground area that needs to be fixed/ removed. Support use by soccer teams of the park. Anti-social behaviour on park benches at night at corner at Denison and Burt Streets. It is dangerous to cross the road with poor sightlines. There needs to be a traffic management solution. Do not support basketball hoop as believe it will be used late at night and will disturb residents. The proposal for BBQ's will only burden Council for further maintenance. Council already implement rapid graffiti removal. Dog bag dispensers should be locked because people steal them at night. More shade is needed to the playground. Swings are placed at the incorrect height; and the surface of the playground is wet. More paths are supported – they would be useful for parents with prams. Lights should not be left on all night as surrounding residences have bedrooms to the street. There is no objection to boat being parked at the park.
3	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although has young children, does not use playground anymore because of its poor condition. The fencing surrounding the playground is always broken and needs replacing. The mulch to the playground can hide broken glass and rubbish. And a mulch surface is not good for prams. The play equipment is always dirty. The swings are too low for use by children. Seating is in poor condition and is dilapidated. There is a good range of equipment for children to use. The shade cloth while providing shade for children prevents the surface from drying out.
4	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congratulated Council on the way they ran the consultation workshop. They believe the proposed plans are very well drawn and reflect the needs of the community. Oppose the idea raised by residents at the workshop of removing fig trees on Burt Street. They believe these trees provide much needed shade, they are healthy and their removal could harm the other fig trees.

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5	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not support soccer practice on Monday nights which is currently a soccer-free night, as they believe there needs to be at least one night where there is no noise from training sessions. Believes training sessions should end at 8pm and not 9pm to minimise duration of noise impacts on surrounding residents. Doesn't believe that many people were aware of the draft plan and that they only came by it on the local newspaper.
6.	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the picket fence to the playing field; community garden; new kiosk/toilet block; new basketball half court. Suggest more bubblers, more bins and dog waste bag stands. Picnic tables and BBQ's should be considered under the fig trees but not in the off-leash dog area as these uses are incompatible. Suggest change from long term to medium term priority of new toilet/kiosk building; community garden and basketball half-court. Recommend the Fig trees along Burt Street are thinned, trimmed and two removed where they are too close to other trees, and there should be regular maintenance of the remaining trees.
7.	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the master plan except for the basketball half court as it will generate noise throughout the day and night that will be intrusive. Suggest the Fig trees be trimmed back from their house and that there be more regular cleaning of leaf litter.
8.	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the picket fence to the playing field; community garden; new kiosk/toilet block; new basketball half court. Suggest more bubblers, more bins and dog waste bag stands. Picnic tables and BBQ's should be considered under the fig trees but not in the off-leash dog area as these uses are incompatible. Do not support the planting of trees along Denison Street where the parking bays are. Suggest change from long term to medium term priority of new toilet/kiosk building; community garden and basketball half-court. Recommend the Fig trees along Burt Street are thinned, trimmed and two removed where they are too close to other trees, and there should be regular maintenance of the remaining trees.

Appendix 2

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION - Draft Plan Development Stage

Held at Easton Park on 26 September 2009

Attended by approximately 18 people

Key Issues Raised

- Suggestion of picket fence to the playing field. Originally a picket fence pre-war, but was burnt during the depression. Would be effective in keeping the dogs off the playing surface. Recycled plastic version of the pickets an alternative to the timber version which may be expensive to maintain.
- Issues with the height of the existing rail to the oval
- Suggestion of a grandstand on the hill overlooking the field
- Suggestion to have lighting left on all the time. Safer pedestrian lighting to be considered. Need to consider light spill.
- Need to consider sustainability issues
- Not as well maintained as when a caretaker was in charge of maintenance.
- Need to police the dogs policy
- Enclosure may be an answer to keeping dogs in place.
- Suggestion to move the playground to the east.
- Playground not accessible from existing paths
- New path along Burt Street is fantastic
- Love the green, should not be dominated by paths
- Need a path to circumnavigate the park
- Would be great to have a bike track
- See the park as a series of 'different rooms'
- Soccer club the 'pulse' of the park – a season identifier
- Maintain and improve the park using the same elements that are in place presently
- Need to have a well managed booking system for the formal areas of the park
- Need to manage sports use. Issue of non-organised sporting usage
- Playground surface not appropriate, need a surface other than mulch. Drainage issue and wheelchair access to playing facilities needs to be incorporated in improvements
- Consideration of teenage playing facilities, potential basketball net
- Netball used to be played on the Denison Street end
- Large subsurface cables dissect the park
- Toilets not considered safe for children
- Broad support for a café/kiosk facility, would also provide passive surveillance, better utilisation of the park
- Consideration of the needs of sports groups, change facilities, storage space

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- Opportunity for community garden in the eastern corner
 - Need to have access to contact in council for maintenance
 - Road crossing at Denison Street should be looked at, visibility issues, perhaps speed management required
 - Fast moving cars still an issue on adjacent streets

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION - Exhibition Stage

Held at Easton Park on 20 February 2010

Attended by approximately 21 people

Key Issues Raised

- Concern about speed on Denison Street
- Seating under Fig trees are well utilised but need maintenance. Support moving existing path and establishing seating and tables. Seating is required in the off-leash dog area.
- Support removing a few Fig trees (one person did not support). Eneergy Australia should be contacted to promote use of bundled cables to enable ease of trimming of Fig trees.
- More bins are required to encourage people to pick up dog poo. On Saturday and Sunday the bins are overflowing. They should be emptied Friday and Monday.
- Support for lighting to remain on for a couple of hours following completion of sports training.
- Question if basketball half court will be lit. Answer was that it will not.
- Question that when the playground is due to be redeveloped, will there be consideration given to the PoM. The answer was that there would be.
- Question relating to general timing for works.
- The existing toilets are a huge issue – will not allow their kids to use them.
- Signage for dog access is inconsistent with the Dog Access Strategy to Open Space.
- Serious consideration needs to be given to any new landscaping, furniture etc and its required maintenance, because there is view that the existing landscaping and facilities is not maintained very well.

Appendix 3

Site Survey

