

Marrickville Park Master Plan

Introduction

ASPECT Studios were commissioned by Marrickville Council in collaboration with The Miller Group to prepare a Master Plan for Marrickville Park. The scope included consultation with the local community as well as relevant stakeholders to gain an understanding of the sites current issues and to unlock potential future upgrades and new uses. The Master Plan scope consists of an approximately 2.2 hectare site on the corner of Livingstone Road and Frazer Street including the parcel of land known as the Piles Street site.

The proposed Master Plan for Marrickville Park provides a vision for the future upgrade of the park based on Community and stakeholder feedback and the outcomes of Council's Plan of Management for the site. The refurbished clubhouse will provide upgraded amenity to accommodate Marrickville District Lawn Tennis Club and existing Martial Arts School as well as community facilities, a cafe / bar and toilets. Upgrades to existing park amenities together with new facilities will invigorate the park, increasing activation and creating a community focal point for the area.

Community Consultation

Marrickville Council commissioned the Miller Group to undertake community consultation research to provide an evidence base to underpin the development of the new Master Plan and Plan of Management for Marrickville Park. This included three community consultation sessions and two online surveys which aimed to gather both community and various stakeholder opinions on the current use and future aspirations for the site.

Key comments raised by the community included:

- Mixed use nature of Marrickville Park is highly valued by community
- Unstructured informal open space is desirable
- Increase passive and social uses without over intensification of organised sports
- Remove pedestrian / vehicular conflict within the park
- Improve amenities including playground and toilets
- Enhance walk-ability of the site
- Formalise dog off leash area

Design principles

The ASPECT Studios has developed a number of overarching design principles to guide the evolution of the master plan. These principles have been developed following an analysis of the current conditions and use of the site and community consultation feedback.

These design principles are outlined below:

1. Access

- Provide clear circulation paths throughout the site focusing on a central circular loop connection all park uses
- Complete the 'missing pieces' in the circulation network
- Maximise all abilities access in all upgrades
- Allow for a range of users including pedestrians, cyclists and pets

2. Programme

- Enhance existing park uses through improved amenities
- Introduce new uses / building programme compatible with community and stakeholder aspirations

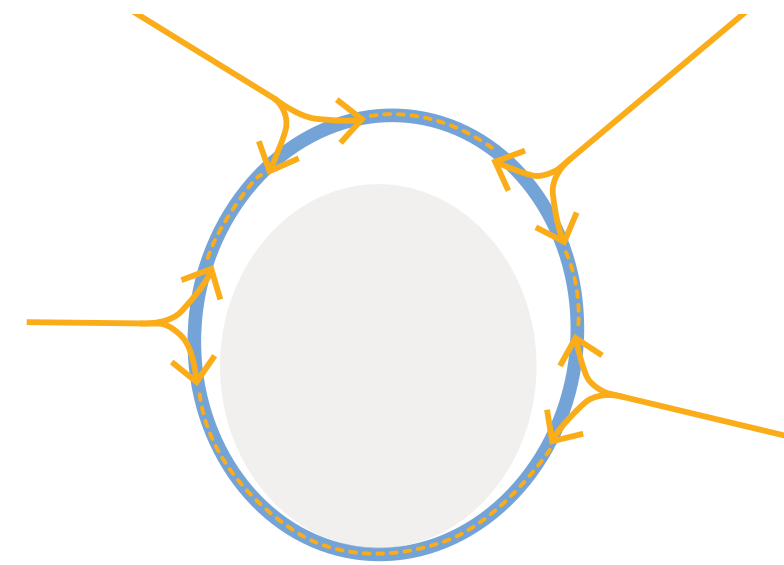
3. Stormwater

- Retain and enhance existing flood retarding basin infrastructure in-line with hydraulic engineering studies
- Apply water sensitive urban design principles such as drainage swales and the use of permeable paving where possible
- Collect excess stormwater for irrigation purposes

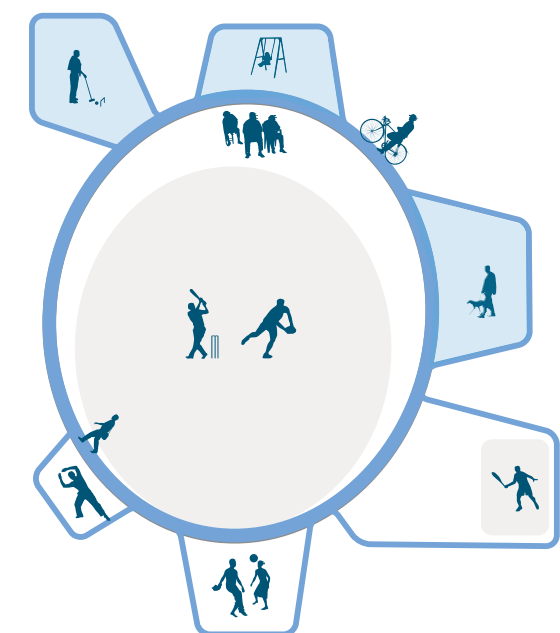
4. Vegetation

- Retain all existing trees of cultural, heritage and ecological value
- Introduce new iconic 'inner ring' flowering trees for increased shade and seasonal colour
- Introduce a predominantly native understorey planting layer in appropriate locations to buffer park boundaries
- Create planting diversity and wildlife habitat

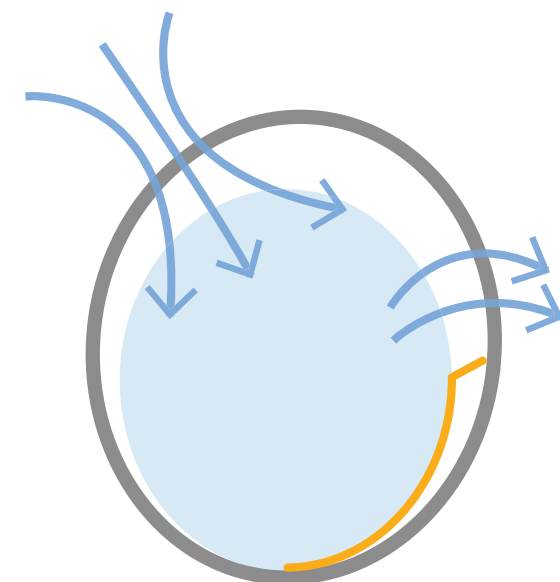
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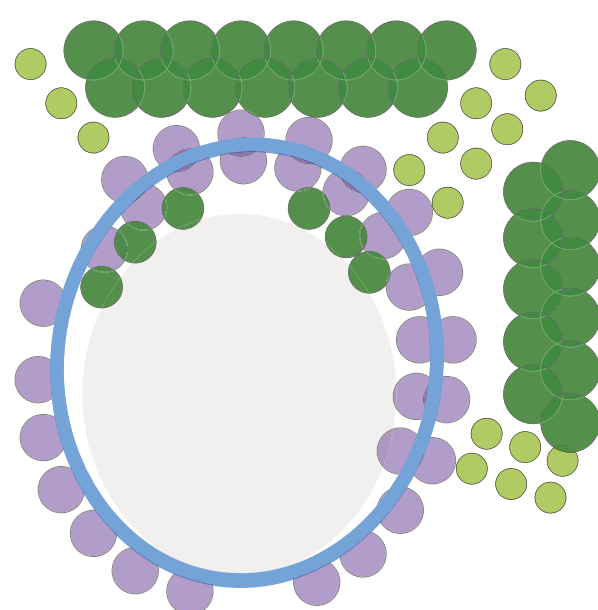
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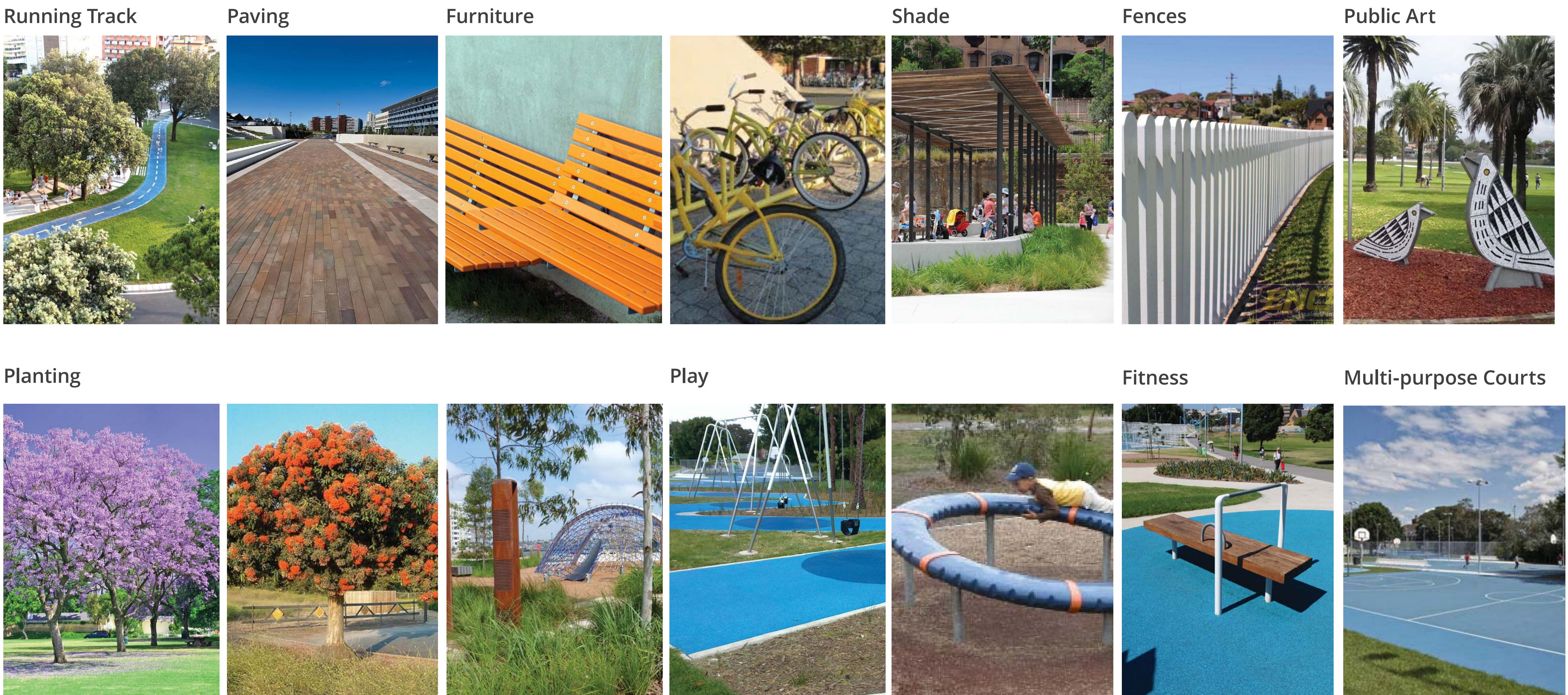
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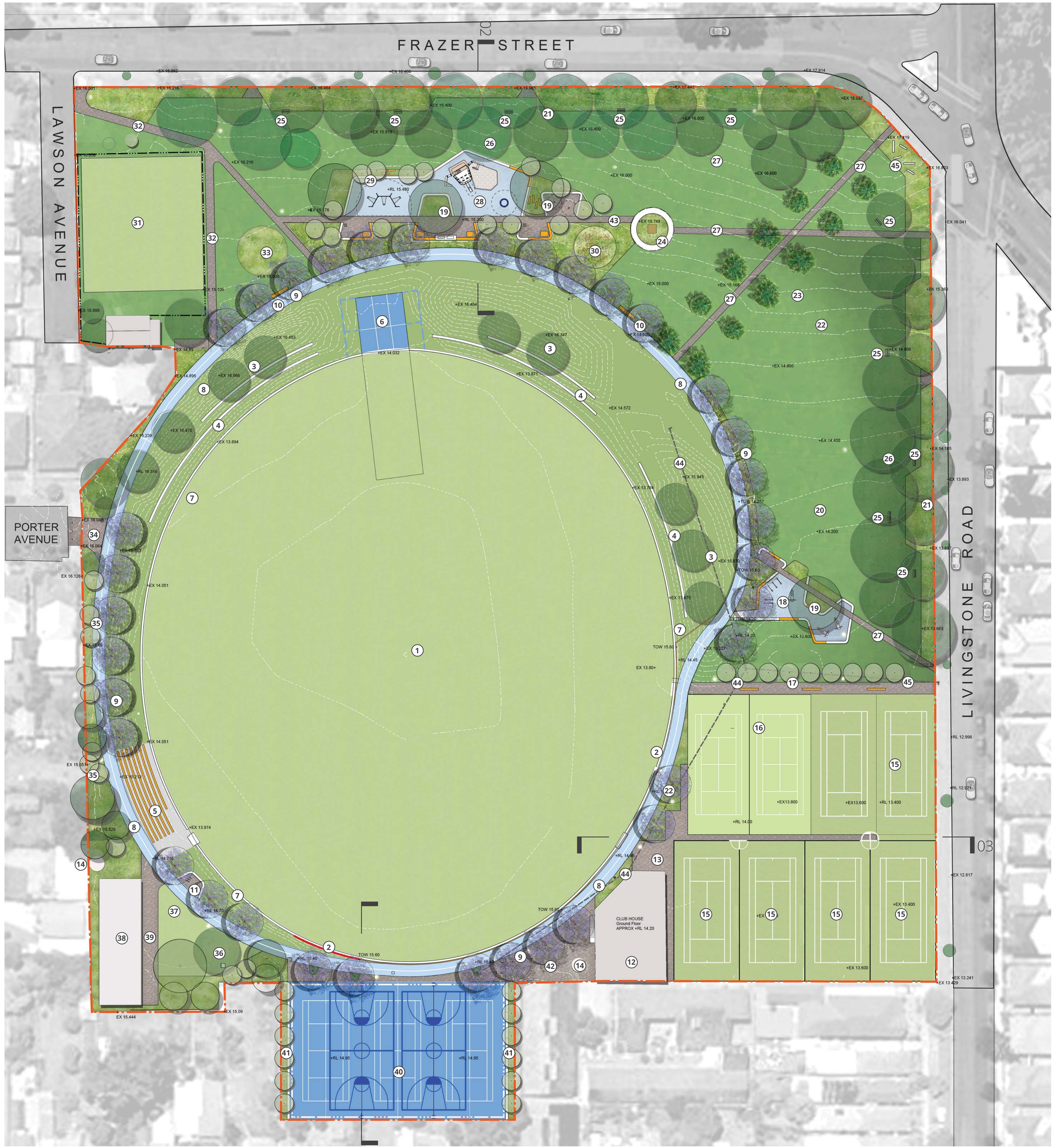
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Indicative Precedent Images



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KEY

1.

Existing sports oval with upgraded lighting.
2.

Dam wall retained and extended where required (shown red) with wall buttressing work to Hydraulic Engineers requirements and stairs provided for access to oval.
3.

Retained turf embankment with existing shade trees - *Lophostemon confertus*.
4.

Proposed informal spectator seating on embankments - pending future detailed study.
5.

Existing tiered spectator seating retained with new timber batten seats and shade sail.
6.

Cricket nets retained with possible expansion (shown dashed).
7.

Retained picket fence to be repaired where required and repainted.
8.

‘The Loop’ exercise track - 3m wide capable of providing maintenance vehicle and emergency vehicle access.
9.

Proposed iconic flowering feature trees around loop path.
10.

Rest points along track with seats and bins.
11.

Existing water fountains retained with new bike racks.
12.

Existing tennis clubhouse retained and upgraded as necessary to service existing users including roof replacement and minor internal improvements. Tennis court fencing removed from entry with design and installation of public art mural on clubhouse facade to better integrate the building and the park.
13.

Paved entry to clubhouse with spectator seating facing courts.
14.

Retained water collection tank adjacent to clubhouse.
15.

6 x existing grass tennis courts retained in current location and securely fenced.
16.

2 x lit synthetic grass courts retained. Courts to be securely fenced.
17.

Brick or concrete pedestrian entry paths between tennis courts from Livingstone Road with bench seating for spectators.
18.

Outdoor fitness zone with exercise equipment on coloured rubber softfall surfacing with bench seating and drinking fountain.
19.

Proposed shade tree - *Angophora costata*.
20.

Dog off leash area with dense planting to south and western edges to buffer adjacent pedestrian / cycle paths. Seats also provided to periphery.
21.

Mass planting of shade tolerant understorey plants, providing a green buffer from surrounding street. Informal paths provide pedestrian access.
22.

Planter containing flowering feature tree with decorative understory planting.
23.

Avenue of Palms. Cocos Palms removed and replaced with *Livistona australis*.
24.

Existing rondel garden and memorial retained with the addition of a World War 2 Memorial commemorating service personnel who were residents of Marrickville and died during this conflict.
25.

Existing benches to be repaired / replaced where necessary including repainting.
26.

Existing rows of Brushbox trees (*Lophostemon confertus*) to be retained.
27.

Proposed brick or concrete circulation paths.
28.

Proposed children’s playground with new play equipment on coloured rubber soft fall, parental supervision seating throughout. BBQ facilities, bins and shade structures provided with periphery low level mass planting.
29.

Decorative flowering feature tree, suggested species - *Corymbia* ‘Summer Red’.
30.

Proposed 200KL Storm-water harvesting storage tank for irrigation. Bioretention planting to be located on top of the tank to filter incoming storm-water.
31.

Retained croquet clubhouse and lawn with fencing.
32.

2m wide brick /or concrete paved pedestrian / cycle shared way path.
33.

Existing rose garden retained.
34.

Porter Avenue entry with paved vehicular driveway and removable bollards, restricting access to maintenance, deliveries and emergency vehicles only.
35.

New native boundary trees and understorey to be installed to enhance existing planting along western boundary of park.
36.

Existing Pepper tree retained (*Schinus molle var. areira*) within open lawn.
37.

Grandstand demolished to open sight lines and replaced with open lawn.
38.

Proposed amenities building accommodating public toilets, change rooms, park maintenance and sporting equipment storage areas, canteen, staff room and soil storage areas.
39.

4m wide paved vehicular access to amenities building
40.

Multi-use courts accommodating 3 x tennis and 2 x basketball/netball courts with interchangeable hoops and sleeves for net posts.
41.

Proposed buffer planting to court boundaries with interface with existing residential development.
42.

Paved service zone adjacent to clubhouse
43.

Existing path to be realigned to allow for increased children’s playground.
44.

Existing power-poles removed with power supply to clubhouse relocated underground.
45.

Existing magpie sculptures designed by Jane Cavanough to be retained.
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Note proposed lighting is indicative only - to be developed in conjunction with a lighting engineer

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Site Sections



Central oval

Running track
3m

Brick paving & spectator seating

Multipurpose courts
Tennis, Basketball, Netball, informal children's learn to ride

Section 01 - Multipurpose Courts



Section 02 - Childrens Playground



Livingstone Road

6m wide entry path from Livingstone Road with spectator seating for each tennis court and provision for vehicular access for timed loading zone

Refurbished tennis clubhouse with external gathering space / occasional loading area

The Loop running track

Central oval

Section 03 - Tennis Courts and Clubhouse