

FORD PARK

MASTER PLAN



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Ford Park South Oval. Image: ACLA.

Chapter 1: Background

Overview

Ford Park is an active sport and recreation reserve located in Bellfield (Council’s West Precinct) that is highly valued by the local community for its vast tracts of open space, pathways and landscaped areas.

The **Banyule Public Open Space Plan** recommends that Council develop a number of destination parks / park activity centres at key locations around the municipality. Whilst Ford Park is not designated as a key location, it is acknowledged that it is a ‘Significant Local Neighbourhood Park’. As such there is potential to create spaces which attract families for longer stays such as picnic areas, increased numbers of tables / seating, informal active spaces and improved landscape features.

The population and demographics in Council’s West Precinct (Bellfield / West Heidelberg) continues to grow and change, creating increased demand on local parks and open space. This change is expected to continue well into the future as the area is included within the Latrobe National Employment Cluster, which seeks to optimise planning for major infrastructure provision, while creating opportunities for people to live closer to jobs and allow businesses to be located closer together. The population in this precinct is predicted to increase by approximately 10% over the next ten years (an additional 771 people), with the current proportion of overseas born residents accounting for 27.1% of the total population, a significant factor in planning future open space provision.

Site Location

Ford Park, is a 9.5ha local neighbourhood park, incorporating two sports fields, a pavilion, grandstand, local playspace, areas of native planting and mature trees. The park is located within 200 metres of the Darebin Creek Corridor and Shared Trail bounded by Davidson Street and the Parks Depot to the west, Banksia Street to the south, Harrison Street to the north and Oriel Road to the east, the latter a declared VicRoads road. As a result of the surrounding street frontages, the park is highly visible from all sides.

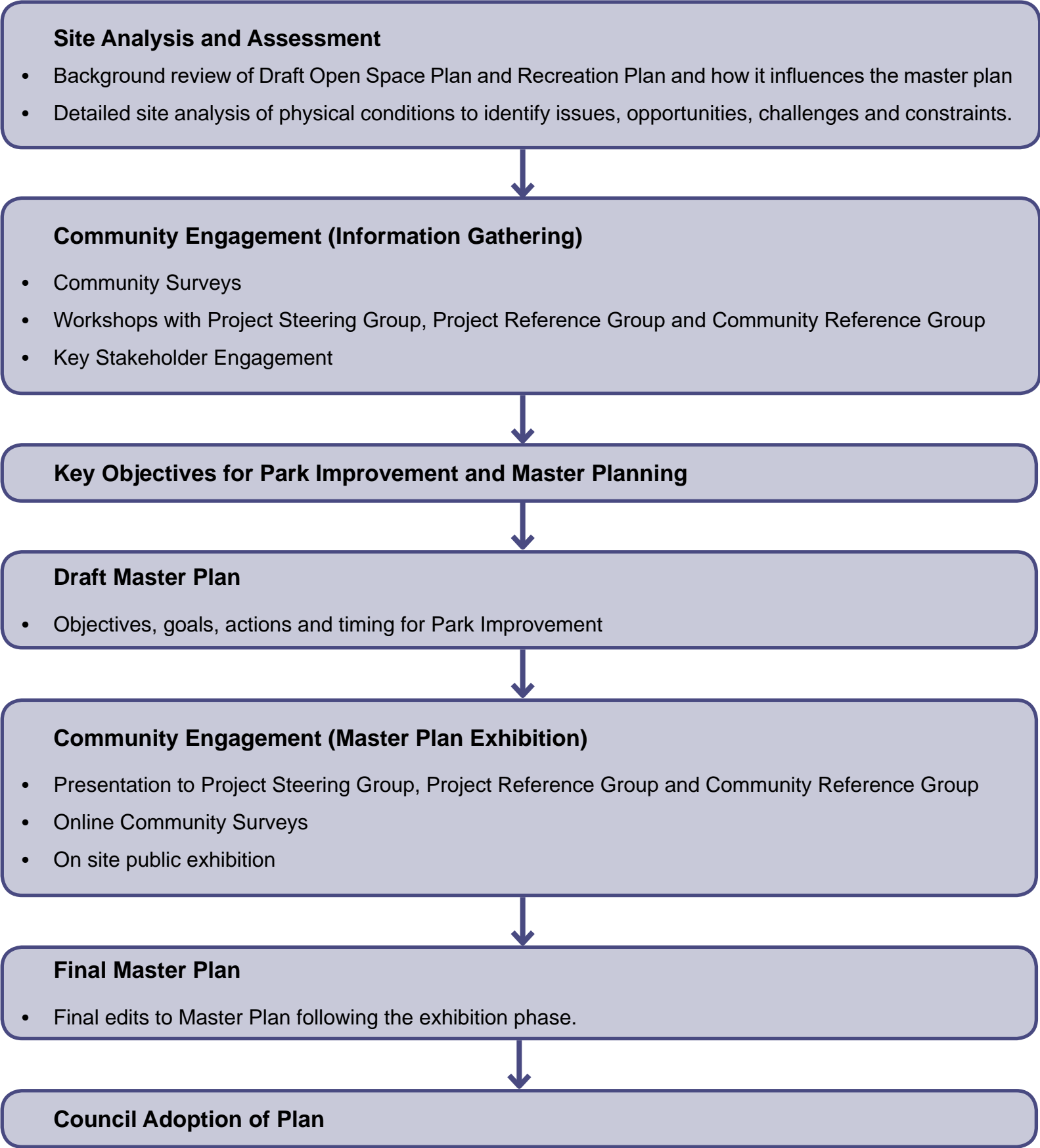


Image: Location map of Ford Park within the City of Banyule West Precinct

Master Plan Aims

The aim of this plan is to prepare an overall master plan, based on expressed community needs and opportunities presented by the parks unique setting, which will guide its future development. The master plan should endeavour to:

- Maximise access.
- Improve connectivity in and around the park and strengthen linkages to adjacent parklands and reserves, including the Darebin Creek Trail.
- Identify facilities which will meet the needs of groups from diverse cultural backgrounds.
- Incorporate items which have currently been agreed to by Council.
- Ensure that operational and maintenance matters are given appropriate consideration.
- Deliver within achievable budget parameters.
- Deliver in functional stand-alone stages.
- Promote protection of and respect for the environment, including native birds and animals.
- Promote community safety, including compliance with CPTED principles.



Council Strategies and Plans

The master plan for Ford Park has been influenced by both the Public Open Space Plan 2016-2031 and Recreation Plan 2013-2017. A description of each is provided below.

Public Open Space Plan 2016-2031

The overall guiding principle of the Open Space Plan is “community health and wellbeing” with a vision to provide high quality, sustainable, accessible and well maintained public open space within a five minute walk of residents. The guiding principle and vision are supported by six objectives. These objectives replicate the six pillars that form the basis for the draft Melbourne Metropolitan Public Open Space Strategy currently being finalised by the Metropolitan Planning Authority.

- Quantity (Is there enough?)
- Quality (How good is it?)
- Access & Connectivity (Can I get there to use it?)
- Equitable distribution (It is available throughout Banyule?)
- Diversity (Will it provide different experiences?)
- Sustainably (Will it affect the environment & will it last?)

Recreation Plan 2013-2017

The vision of the Recreation Plan is to create safe, healthy and inclusive community by encouraging people to actively participate in a diverse range of recreational opportunities to improve health and wellbeing.

This vision will be fulfilled by satisfying five important goals:

- Goal 1:** That council will have affordable, accessible and inclusive opportunities for the whole community to participate in a variety of activities.
- Goal 2:** That council will be a source for community groups and sporting clubs to gain knowledge, ideas and funding opportunities to become more sustainable.
- Goal 3:** That council will strengthen community connections with a variety of groups to create a wide range of opportunities for participation.
- Goal 4:** That council will be proactive in maintaining and upgrading council’s wide range of sporting facilities.
- Goal 5:** That council will have quality communication processes with the community and council partners, and empower community groups and clubs to govern effectively.





Ford Park Boundary at Banksia Street. Image: ACLA.

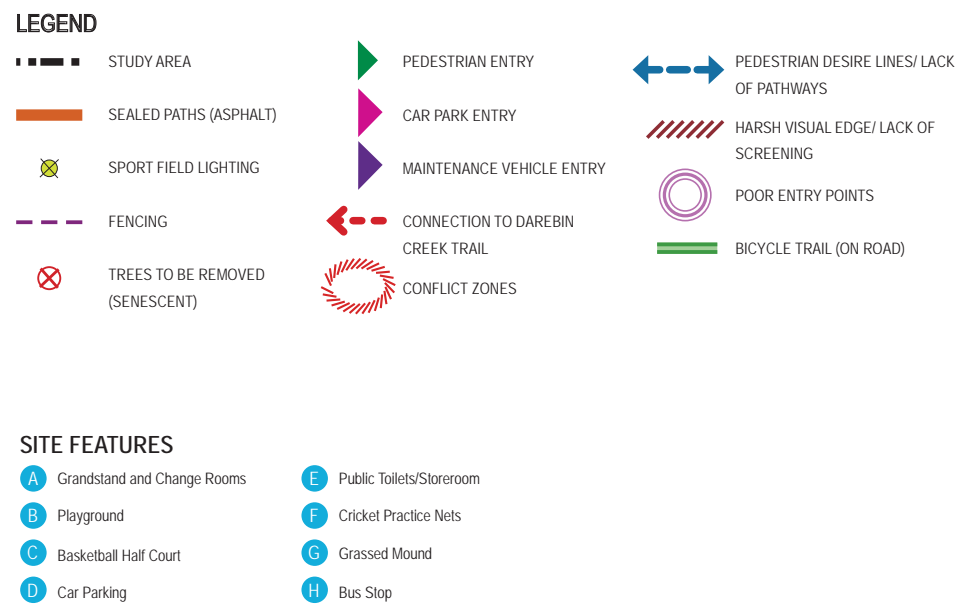
Chapter 2: Site Analysis and Assessment

Introduction

This section of the plan provides a summarised analysis of existing conditions. The purpose of the analysis is to provide commentary on issues and deficiencies identified by the project team whereby recommendations to mitigate the issues can be constructed logically.

The analysis covers a number of areas which include:

- Community infrastructure and social amenities;
- Access and safety;
- Car parking;
- Environment and landscape;
- Sporting infrastructure and facilities; and
- Park maintenance.



Community Infrastructure and Social Amenities

There is a lack of community infrastructure and social amenities such as picnic facilities, shelters, seating and non-competitive recreational facilities. The playground is aged, lacks adequate play value and is inappropriately located near the grandstand. Whilst a replacement playground is required, there are opportunities and space within the park to introduce a number of additional recreational elements which caters for the wider community and different age groups.



Playground



Basketball court drainage issue



Open areas with limited recreational amenity

Access and Safety

Pathways in the park are in poor condition or non-existent and clear connections from potential entry points along Banksia and Harrison Streets need to be made. Access to the northern bus stop from the west is difficult, as is pedestrian access to the park crossing Oriel Road from Perkins Avenue and O’Keefe Street. Pathway connections and formalised park entrances are a fundamental necessity which will need to be addressed by the master plan.

A formalised shared path trail from the Darebin Creek Trail along Banksia Street to Oriel Road is also missing. This link would also benefit from the inclusion of wayfinding signage at Ford Park directing people to the Darebin Creek Shared Trail, Bellfield Community Centre and other nearby destinations, and vice versa.

In addition, the park is extremely dark at night due to inadequate public safety lighting.



Park pathways condition



Typical entrance with post and rail fencing



Difficulties in crossing Oriel Rd from nearby streets

Car Parking

Approximately 100 parking spaces are provided on-site across the two car parks. The car parks contribute to a fragmented pathway system and its rationalisation into a single car park should be considered by the master plan to improve pedestrian connectivity. There is opportunity to consider indented car parking along Davidson and Harrison Street to increase parking numbers in line with anticipated increased park usage.

Vehicle exclusion fencing and bollards around the park and car parks are generally inconsistent in style and in poor condition.



Southern car park



Northern car park



Fencing around the park

Environment and Landscape

There are a number of environmental weed tree species present within the park (such as Pines and Ashes) which do not contribute to the establishment of a native parkland and ecological link to the Darebin Creek. A number of senescent trees have also been identified and it is clear that succession planting will be needed to offset losses and removal of these species in future.

There are no Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) initiatives such as stormwater harvesting, raingardens or vegetation swales associated with car parks or buildings at the site. Opportunities exist to incorporate WSUD and Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) initiatives combined with the implementation of future landscape improvements and building proposals at the park.

A portion of the fence along the Council Depot boundary near the park is visually exposed and could be screened to soften the impact.



Environmental weed tree species



Lack of WSUD integrated with car park



Exposed council depot fence

Sporting Infrastructure and Facilities

The grandstand and change facilities are in poor condition and need to be upgraded to support any future increase in use through the establishment of a key winter tenant at the park and increased female participation in sport. The building is not suitable for multipurpose use and lacks basic accessibility and compliance. Opportunities exist to improve the provision of sporting facilities at Ford Park and to bring change rooms, public toilets and social amenities up to contemporary standards suitable for club and community use.

The north oval is devoid of infrastructure such as coaches boxes, a scoreboard and chain mesh boundary fence for cricket. Increased usage will also demand sport lights on the south oval to support training at the venue.

The cricket nets are not orientated north-south and do not meet the minimum requirement of three practice nets set by Cricket Australia.



Grandstand and change rooms



Public toilet and storeroom



Cricket practice nets

Park Maintenance

There are issues with vandalism, graffiti and rubbish dumping. The master plan will need to consider any increase in Council's future maintenance obligations as improvement works are planned, designed and implemented. The poor condition of elements within the park creates the perception that the park is not well maintained.



Park furniture in poor condition and inaccessible



Rubbish dumping behind grandstand



Park water meter enclosures damaged



Project Reference Group Consultation. Image: InsideEdge.

Chapter 3: Consultation Summary

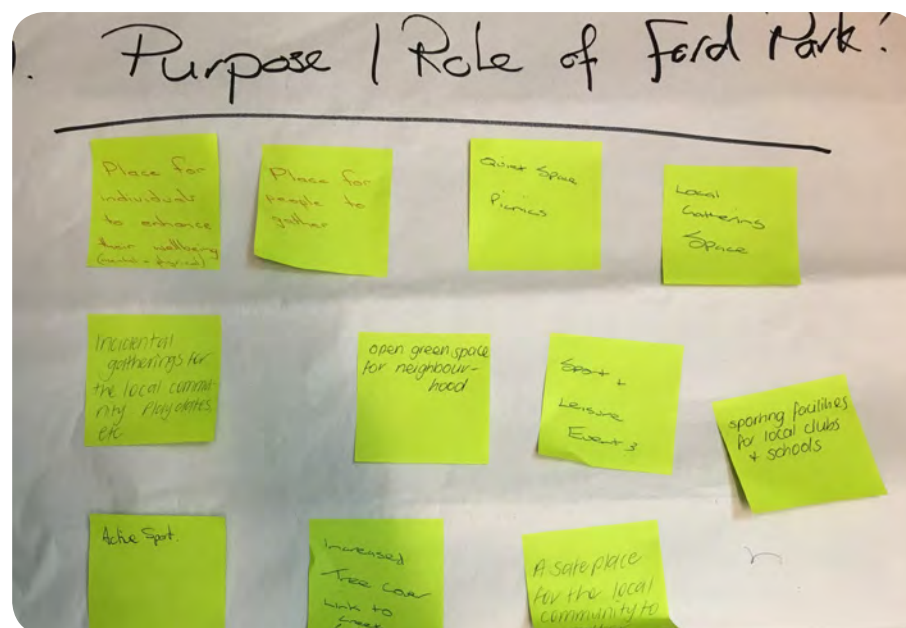
Consultation Summary Results

Introduction

This section provides a summary of consultation activities and an overview of all key findings and priority areas identified to inform the future development of Ford Park.

The following consultation activities were undertaken and designed to collect information on the needs of current and future users of Ford Park.

- Site inspection of Ford Park.
- Commencement meeting with the Project Manager.
- Project Reference Group Workshop.
- Community Reference Group Workshop.
- Online community survey.
- Meeting with West Ivanhoe Junior Football Club and North Heidelberg Football Club.
- Phone interviews with North Metro Cricket Association, Banyule and District Netball Association, Yarra Junior Football League and Northern Football League.

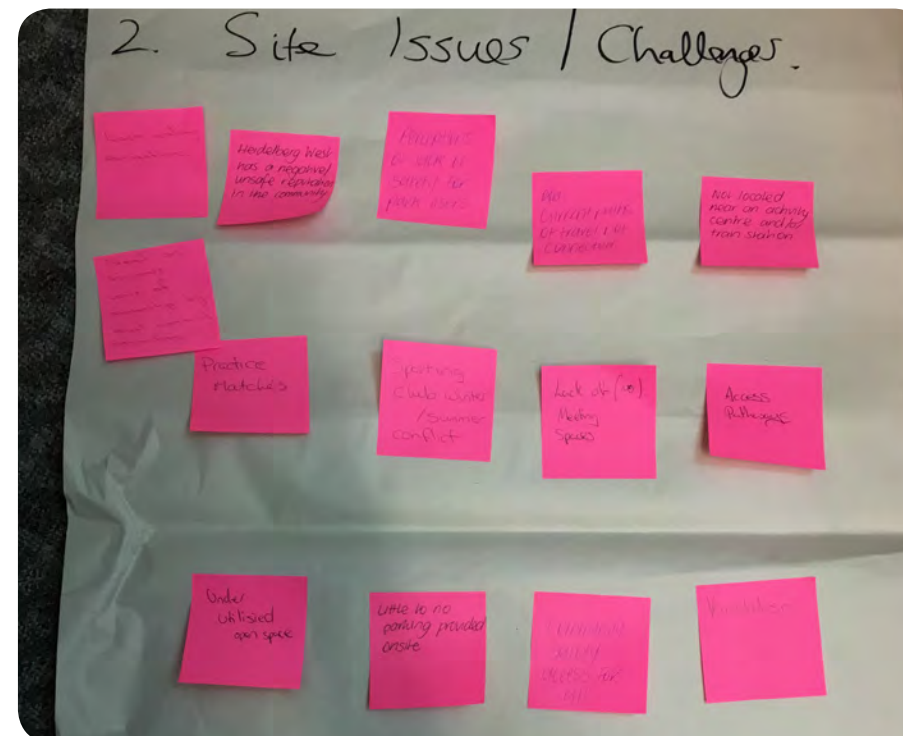


Project Reference Group

The Project Reference Group was established to provide input into the development of the Master Plan. The group comprised representatives from relevant Council Departments which ensured adherence to council strategy and policy. The group discussed a number of issues and challenges for the park including ways the park could be renewed and activated.

The top 5 priority areas for improvement were:

1. Access and connectivity through the park and to the Darebin Creek with improved entry points
2. Upgrade of sports infrastructure
3. Playspaces / equipment / BBQs / social spaces
4. Parking and traffic management
5. Environmental considerations



Community Reference Group

The Community Reference Group was set up to provide feedback similar to the Project Reference Group. Community Reference Group members consisted of representatives from Bellfield Cricket Club, Ivanhoe Junior Football Club, Bellfield Community Centre, Bellfield Residents Action Group and number of other local identities and residents. Discussions focusing on site issues and ideas for improvement were undertaken.

The top 3 priority areas for improvement were:

1. Make it safe – more trees and paths
2. Improve / upgrade public amenities – toilets, BBQs, playground area
3. Upgrade sporting infrastructure

Online Community Survey

An online survey was developed by Council to seek input from user groups and the local community on the development of a Concept Plan for Ford Park. A total of 82 responses were received.

The main priorities for improvement include:

- Better walking tracks
- Improve overall park and community infrastructure
- New playground
- New sport and community facilities
- New BBQ and picnic area

Sporting Clubs

Bellfield Cricket Club

Bellfield Cricket Club is located at Ford Park and is the key summer tenant. A number of issues raised by the club include:

- Lack of lighting and shade
- Broken glass and trip hazards
- Litter
- Access to water

Priorities for improvement include:

- The grandstand and spectator amenities
- Multiple shade areas and meeting points

Ivanhoe Junior Football Club

Ivanhoe Junior Football Club's home ground is located at Ivanhoe Park, however they use Ford Park as an overflow venue. A number of issues raised by the club include:

- Lack of suitable change rooms
- Lack of suitable public amenities for male and female football players and the general community

Priorities for improvement include:

- New community sports pavilion that services both ovals
- Walking tracks
- Better lighting

North Heidelberg Football Club

North Heidelberg Football Club is located at Shelley Park which is isolated and provides little exposure for the club. The club has no junior program and views Ford Park as an opportunity to grow the club due to its location.

West Ivanhoe Junior Football Club

West Ivanhoe Junior Football Club is located at Seddon Reserve. Unfortunately Seddon Reserve will not meet the needs of the club long term as they are growing at a team per year. They currently have three teams.

Their priority is to partner with North Heidelberg Football Club and relocate to Ford Park once the club has fully established. The relocation would require the facility improvements at Ford Park to make the venue more functional.

Leagues and Associations

North Metro Cricket Association (NMCA)

The NMCA has approximately 2,500 registered members across 28 clubs. The association is not aware of any issues with the cricket facilities at Ford Park. There is a strong desire for female cricket locally but there is no current 'home for female cricket'. The association is aware that Bellfield Cricket Club is trying to get more kids to play cricket however is faced with strong competition from soccer (even in summer).

Banyule and District Netball Association (BDNA)

The BDNA run an indoor competition comprising 90 teams on a Saturday morning, 35 teams on Tuesday afternoon and 40 teams on a Thursday night. There is not enough training venues to accommodate the number of teams. The BDNA believes there is opportunity for additional sports at Ford Park, including netball. The BDNA believe Ford Park is underutilised and could definitely be a home for netball.

Yarra Junior Football League (YJFL)

The YJFL believe Ford Park is a good location, fairly central and having two ovals on the one site provides flexibility. They also, indicated that the girl's football competition is growing with 10-12% of football participants made up of females.

Northern Football League (NFL)

Ford Park needs to focus on improving umpire change rooms as there are mixed gender umpiring teams/squads. The NFL is interested and believe that Ford Park could become the home for female football, however there are no real plans by the league at the moment.

Consultation Summary Results

Draft Ford Park Master Plan Response

Community Response

Council sought the community's response to the Draft Ford Park Master Plan and received feedback via a number of avenues:

- Banyule's Community Consultation Web Page – 10 Responses received
- Email – 2 Submissions received
- Community Information Session – 12 Attendees contributed

Responses to the Draft Ford Park Master Plan generally expressed support for the recommendations and noted that implementation of the plan would significantly improve the park's amenity.

There was some concern indicated regarding the unsealed nature of the paths however a number of sealed paths are included in the master plan. The advantages of unsealed paths include reduced physical impact to users, improved muscle development and balance for children and the elderly, alignment with the natural feel of the park and construction based on more environmentally sustainable principles. Council's Aged and Disability Department have also expressed support for the plan and the plan itself is committed to improving access for all.

In addition to the picnic area, which includes BBQ facilities, and the general park furniture there were responses indicating a secondary gathering space or quiet seating area would be a welcome addition elsewhere in the park. As such a suitable spot has been located on the north of the site to include extra furniture among the trees.

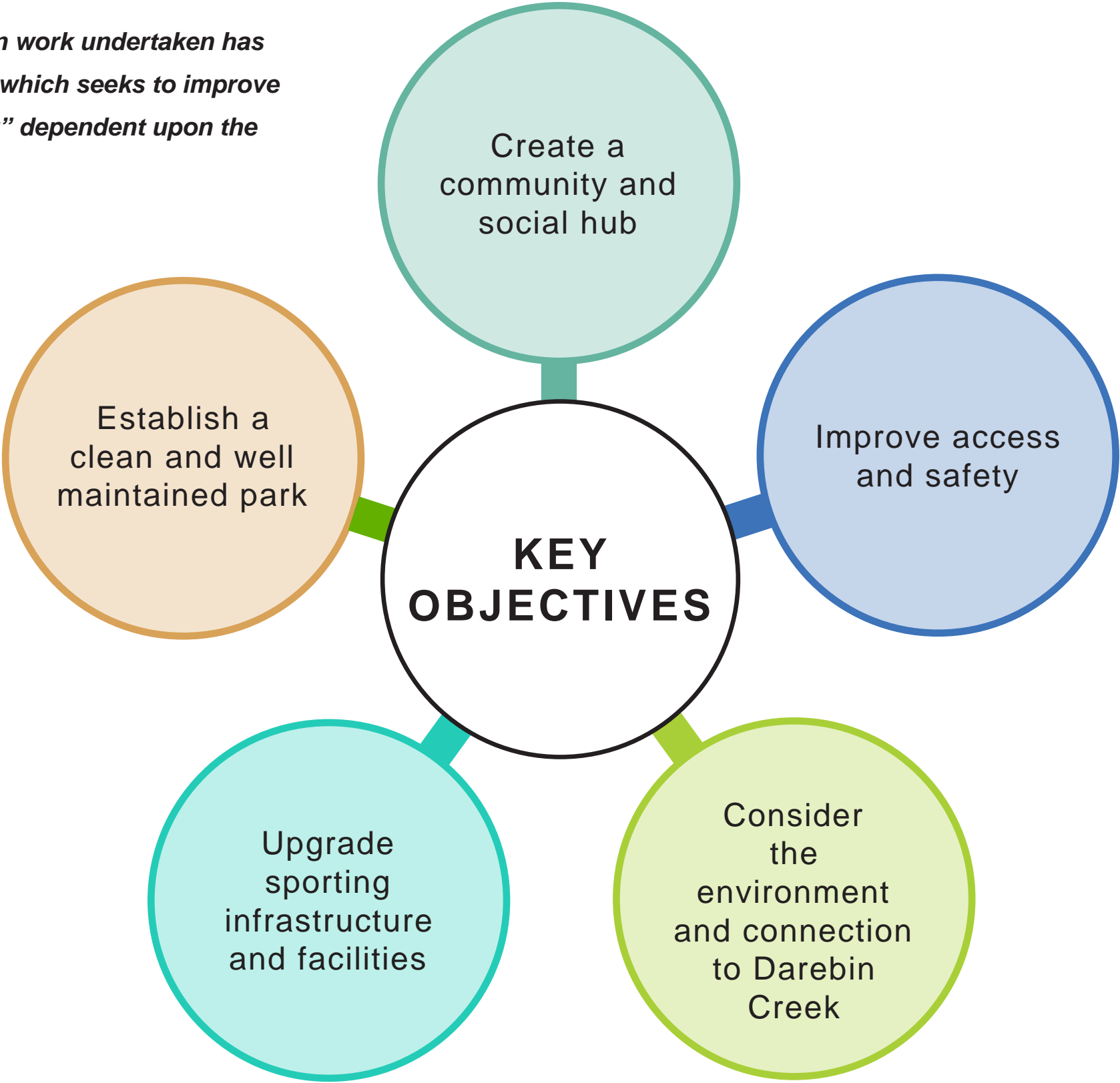




Ford Park South Oval. Image: ACLA.

Chapter 4: Master Plan

The site analysis and consultation work undertaken has resulted in a vision for Ford Park which seeks to improve “community health and wellbeing” dependent upon the delivery of five key objectives:



Master Plan Summary

Harrison Street: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Improve pedestrian access from Skeffington Street and Toohey StreetProvide indented car parking	
Community Recreational Facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide new playspace, youth space multipurpose court with rebound wall, picnic/BBQ facilities, exercise/fitness stations and outdoor table tennis	
Davidson Street: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved access from Carlyle CrescentProvide indented car parking	
Landscape Character: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Gradually replace weedy exotic tree species with indigenous treesAdd additional planting along pathways and around social gathering spacesProvide buffer planting to screen boundary fencingUse high canopy trees and low shrubs to maintain clear sight lines	
North Oval: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Replace existing pipe fencing with chain wire fenceProvide coaches boxes, permanent scoreboard and sheltered spectator areaProvide additional cricket practice net with golf practice cage	
Access and Movement: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Replace existing pathway with 2.2 wide tan trackProvide secondary pathsReplace existing steel pipe fencing with new vehicle exclusion fencing/barrierProvide adequate lighting along pathways. Prepare Strategic Lighting Plan	
Car Parking: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Connect northern and southern car park with internal access roadProvide safe pedestrian crossingIncorporate Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) within car park design	
Community Sports Hub: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Replace existing grandstand with accessible multipurpose community / sports hub and spectator area / plaza. Undertake initial feasibility study.Provide accessible public toiletDrink fountains/taps will be located in strategic high use locations around the park	
South Oval: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide sport training lights	
Dog Off-leash Area: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide fully enclosed dog off leash areaProvide seating, litter bins, dog waste bags and drinking fountain with dog bowls	
Connection to Surroundings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide footpath along Banksia Street to connect to the Darebin Creek Trail	

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Oriel Road:

- Investigate with VicRoads connectivity and safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists.

Park Entries:
(Corner of Banksia St. & Oriel Rd., Oriel Rd. & Harrison St., Harrison St. & Davidson St.)

- Provide park identification signage
- Install feature paving and garden bed display
- Provide casual seating and litter bins

Summary of Goals/Actions



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1.4



Example of picnic facilities



Example of play equipment



Example of nature play



Example of fitness/exercise station

Summary of Goals/Actions

The five key objectives, identified through the site analysis and consultation phase of the project, have been elaborated on in the following tables detailing goals for each with actions and strategies that can be implemented to achieve them.

Objective 1: Create a community and social hub			
Our Goal	Action No.	Action/Strategies	Priority
Provide new playspace to replace the existing	1.1	Remove the existing playspace near the grandstand which has reached the end of its useful life. The playspace lacks interest and does not meet the expectation of playspaces today.	High 0-5 Years
	1.2	Provide a new “neighbourhood” playspace east of the northern oval which caters for a range of younger age groups and comprises a diverse mix of play opportunities and experiences. The playspace should be consistent with the objectives of the Public Open Space Plan in providing for nature based play activities as well as new play equipment. Shade should be provided utilising existing and supplementary tree planting. The playspace should be located within reasonable walking distance and proximity to public toilets and change facilities. A barrier fence should be provided on the Oriel Road side of the playspace concealed within garden beds.	High 0-5 Years
Provide picnic facilities to promote social gatherings and activate public spaces	1.3	Provide picnic facilities within a close proximity to the playspace comprising picnic tables, shelters, electric barbecues, bike rails and bin enclosures.	High 0-5 Years
Incorporate fitness stations in the park	1.4	Incorporate exercise stations in association with walking trails and pathways to promote intergenerational health and fitness usable by all members of the community including the elderly. Three fitness stations should be located in the park: one each in the north, and south close to park entry points and one near the playspace / social hub.	High 0-5 Years
Provide accessible courts and recreational facilities for casual public use	1.5	Remove the existing basketball court.	High 0-5 Years
	1.6	Provide a new multipurpose court line marked for netball, basketball and other ball sports if required.	High 0-5 Years
	1.7	Provide a hit-up rebound wall with tennis net and other ball game line markings.	High 0-5 Years
	1.8	Consider the inclusion of a practice golf cage behind the cricket nets.	High 0-5 Years

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Example of multipurpose court with rebound wall



Example of golf training cage



Example of parkour for youth



Example of youth gathering space

Objective 1: Create a community and social hub (Continued)			
Our Goal	Action No.	Action/Strategies	Priority
Incorporate youth spaces and activities	1.9	Provide youth spaces comprising of picnic tables, seating and protective shelter where teenagers can meet, socialise and study.	High 0-5 Years
	1.10	Provide outdoor ping-pong/ table tennis, bouldering and parkour elements to encourage the activation of spaces by teenagers and adults.	High 0-5 Years
Provide an enclosed dog off leash area	1.11	Provide a dedicated dog off leash area between the planted mound and Council depot in the south-west area of the park. New fencing shall be concealed within existing and proposed garden beds to lessen its visual impact. Entry gates to be provided at the north and south end. Drink fountains with integrated dog drink bowls are to be incorporated into the space including dog litter bag dispensers or signage advising dog owners to take home their litter.	High 0-5 Years

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Example of tan track with vehicle exclusion fencing



Example of vehicle exclusion barrier



Example of CPTED planting



Example of wayfinding signage

Summary of Goals/Actions

Objective 2: Improve access and safety			
Our Goal	Action No.	Action/Strategies	Priority
Provide pathways and furniture within the reserve to improve connectivity, access and comfort throughout the park.	2.1	Replace existing asphalt pathways with a 2.2m wide 'tan track' (primary path) comprising compacted gravel paths to circumnavigate the park with connections to/from park entry points. All secondary paths will be 1.8m wide comprising the same material.	High 0-5 Years
	2.2	Install and distribute new seats and drink fountain evenly across the park.	High 0-5 Years
Improve pedestrian access from adjoining neighbourhood streets	2.3	As Oriel Road is a declared VicRoads road, investigate with VicRoads opportunities to improve connectivity and safety for pedestrians and cyclists. In particular, access across Oriel Road to Ford Park in key entry locations opposite O'Keefe Street and Perkins Avenue East.	High 0-5 Years
	2.4	Create park entry points at each of the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corner of Oriel Road and Harrison Street; • Corner of Oriel Road and Banskia Street; • Corner of Harrison Street and Davidson Street. Park entrances will comprise park identification signage, garden bed displays, feature paving and casual seating.	High 0-5 Years
	2.5	Develop a wayfinding/signage plan for the park including distance indicators for walking / running.	High 5-10 Years
	2.6	Provide a safe pedestrian crossing within the car park with outstand islands.	Medium 5-10 Years
	2.7	Investigate provision of footpath along the south side of the Council Depot to improve the link from the Darebin Creek to Ford Park.	High 0-5 Years
Keep unauthorised vehicles out of the park	2.8	Remove the existing and outdated steel post and pipe rail fence around the park. Consider replacement with bollards or a timber post and pipe rail fence to prevent unauthorised vehicles entering the park.	Medium 5-10 Years

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Objective 2: Improve access and safety (Continued)			
Our Goal	Action No.	Action/Strategies	Priority
Improve safety within the park at night	2.9	Provide park lighting along pathways to improve safety and the use of park facilities the 'tan track' and fitness stations at night. Strategic lighting plan to be developed.	High 0-5 Years
	2.10	Remove redundant light poles which fail to illuminate pathways i.e. the light between the sports ovals.	High 0-5 Years
	2.11	Maintain clear sight lines through the reserve using high canopy trees and low shrubs incorporating Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Principles.	High 0-5 Years
Increase car parking numbers	2.12	Remove car parking facing the northern oval to facilitate the construction of the 'tan track'.	Medium 5-10 Years
	2.13	Provide a connecting internal access road between the northern and southern car park. This could also include drop off/pick up zones.	Medium 5-10 Years
	2.14	Undertake in conjunction with pavilion planning a Parking Study to assess whether 90 degree parking can be achieved along Davidson and Harrison Street to address any increase park usage by sporting clubs and minimise impacts on surrounding residents. If not, provide indented parallel parking along these streets.	Medium 5-10 Years

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Example of WSUD incorporated into carpark



Example of WSUD incorporated into carpark

Summary of Goals/Actions

Objective 3: Consider the environment, landscape and connection to Darebin Creek			
Our Goal	Action No.	Action/Strategies	Priority
Given its proximity to the Darebin Creek, enhance Ford Park's native landscape character	3.1	Gradually phase out environmental weed species such as Ash and Pine and other exotic trees as they near the end of their safe useful life. Simultaneously undertake succession planting using indigenous/native tree and under storey planting.	Ongoing
	3.2	Remove senescent and/or deceased trees and replace with indigenous/native varieties.	High 0-5 Years
	3.3	Add additional tree planting along pathways and social gathering spaces for shade and spatial definition. Trees assist in controlling solar access and create much cooler environments particularly in summer.	High 0-5 Years
Veil undesirable views	3.4	Continue buffer planting along the Council Depot boundary at the car park to screen the boundary fencing	Medium 5-10 Years
Consider water sensitive urban design initiatives	3.5	Investigate the inclusion of raingardens and vegetation swales within the existing and new car parking areas in order to reduce nutrient loads and suspended solids entering the stormwater catchment.	Medium 5-10 Years

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	EXISTING RETAINED FENCE		PROPOSED VEHICLE EXCLUSION FENCING/ BARRIER
	EXISTING ASPHALT PATH		PROPOSED SCORE BOARD 4.10
	EXISTING TREES		PROPOSED EXERCISE STATIONS
	PROPOSED VEGETATION		PROPOSED MAINTENANCE GATES
	PROPOSED PRIMARY PATHWAYS/TRAILS		EXISTING SPORT TRAINING LIGHT 4.5
	PROPOSED SECONDARY PATHWAYS/TRAILS		NEW SPORT TRAINING LIGHT
	PROPOSED CONCRETE FOOTPATH		PROPOSED COACHES BOXES 4.9
	PROPOSED ENCLOSED FENCES 4.7		PROPOSED SHELTERS
	PROPOSED HIGH MESH FENCE 4.8		PROPOSED SEATS



Example of fully enclosed wire mesh fence



Example of chain wire ball catch fence



Example of sport training lights

Summary of Goals/Actions

Objective 4: Upgrade sporting infrastructure and facilities			
Our Goal	Action No.	Action/Strategies	Priority
Establish a primary winter tenant at Ford Park	4.1	Northern Football League and Council to work collaboratively in establishing a primary winter tenant (AFL).	High 0-5 Years
Provide a new multipurpose sports pavilion for use by sporting clubs and community groups	4.2	Remove the existing grand stand as the facility is run down, aged and unable to be expanded upon to increase the number of male, female and umpire change rooms which would otherwise attract a permanent winter tenant at the park	Medium 5-10 Years
	4.3	Remove the existing public toilet building	Medium 5-10 Years
	4.4	Construct a new accessible multipurpose community hub/ sports pavilion to be shared by cricket and football clubs. The pavilion would be available to other community groups with an accessible public toilet facility attached to this building to service increased community use. The sport pavilion will be skirted with spectator viewing areas and terracing where slope allows, including an entry plaza from the main car park.	Medium 5-10 Years
Upgrade the southern oval	4.5	Provide additional sports lighting for training purposes	High 0-5 Years
	4.6	Retain the openness (unfenced) character of the southern oval for community festivals, events and general casual use.	Ongoing
Upgrade the northern oval	4.7	Remove the existing pipe and rail fence around the oval and replace with a 1.2m high black PVC coated chain wire fence.	Low 10-15 Years
	4.8	Integrate into the perimeter fence a black PVC coated chain wire ball catch fence behind the goals at the Oriel Road end to prevent footballs entering the playspace.	High 0-5 Years
	4.9	Provide coaches boxes for home and visitor teams integrated within the boundary fence	Low 10-15 Years
	4.10	Provide a permanent scoreboard.	Low 10-15 Years
	4.11	Provision for an additional cricket practice net as and/or if the cricket club grows. Consideration should also be given to potentially abandoning the current location relocating/reorientating the practice nets north-south.	Low 10-15 Years
	4.12	Provide sheltered spectator area	Medium 5-10 Years

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EXISTING RETAINED FENCE

EXISTING ASPHALT PATH

EXISTING TREES

PROPOSED VEGETATION

PROPOSED PRIMARY PATHWAYS/TRAILS

PROPOSED SECONDARY PATHWAYS/TRAILS

PROPOSED CONCRETE FOOTPATH

PROPOSED ENCLOSED FENCES

PROPOSED HIGH MESH FENCE

PROPOSED VEHICLE EXCLUSION FENCING/
BARRIER

PROPOSED SCORE BOARD

PROPOSED EXERCISE STATIONS

PROPOSED MAINTENANCE GATES 5.2

EXISTING SPORT TRAINING LIGHT

NEW SPORT TRAINING LIGHT

PROPOSED COACHES BOXES

PROPOSED SHELTERS

PROPOSED SEATS

Example steel cage enclosure to meters

Example of bin enclosure

Example of maintenace gate

Example of dog waste bag stands

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Objective 5: Establish a clean and well maintained park			
Our Goal	Action No.	Action/Strategies	Priority
Reduce litter dumping in the park	5.1	Provide an even distribution of litter bins around the park, particularly along pathways, at entry points and social gathering spaces. Ensure the placement of bins is undertaken in conjunction with rubbish collection contractors.	High 0-5 Years
Provide maintenance access to all parts of the park	5.2	Provide maintenance access for ride on mowers and utility vehicles to the north and south of the park including the enclosed dog-off leash area.	High 0-5 Years
Use easily obtainable, replaceable and longer lasting landscape materials for use within the park	5.3	Consider the use of locally available landscape and building materials for replacement and/or top up.	Ongoing
	5.4	Consider the use of materials which have a longer life span such as renewable and recyclables, plastic-wood composite products and steels.	Ongoing
Upgrade and protect utility authority assets	5.5	Provide a new steel cage enclosure over all water meters.	High 0-5 Years