

Memorial Gardens

- The Memorial will be relocated to a prominent central position within the Gardens. To highlight its significance and historical importance, the restored Memorial will be placed in an open paved area, with additional 'Calypso Pines' (the Aleppo Pine) located on either side. As well, the granite drink fountain donated by the Women's War Auxiliary will be relocated to the new Memorial Gardens. The drink fountain will be restored and located in a small paved area behind the Memorial, emphasising its significance and historical importance.
- The garden beds have been realigned and extended to provide additional open space for people to sit and relax, and visually open up the space, allowing views into the Gardens from the Street and within the Park.
- A defined path system leads through the Gardens from Jasper Road and links into the rest of the Park.
- Tree planting, extended from the main area of the Park into the Memorial Gardens, provides a strong visual and physical link between the Gardens and the main area of the Park.

Arthur Street



Open Space Area

- The open space area has been created with the removal of one tennis court. The removal of the tennis court has allowed for improved pedestrian access, with the new pedestrian path and allowed for extended garden bed areas and tree planting, improving the appearance of the Park and creating a pleasant environment within the Park.
- The removal of the tennis court has also visually opened up the space, allowing views to and from the Memorial Gardens and views across to Hodgson Reserve.

Cricket Nets

- The original cricket nets are replaced with new and improved cricket nets.

Bowling Club boundaries

- New chain wire mesh fencing is provided to the bowling club boundaries adjoining the Park.

- A single gate and double gates are also provided to allow for pedestrian and vehicular access (for maintenance) from the Park into the bowling club grounds.

Playground

- The existing playground is to be upgraded and enlarged to provide a greater variety of play experiences.
- The playground is located close to the road and the circulating main path system, allowing for general surveillance of the playground area.
- Seating is provided within the playground area to provide shade and a place to sit.
- To the north of the surrounding area as a family or group orientated activity area, picnic and barbecue facilities and an automated toilet facility are located close to the playground. The proximity of this area to the informal open space of Hodgson Reserve will encourage use of the area.
- Shade sails will shade the play equipment.
- Tree planting will define the perimeter of the Park and open space and activity areas and provide shade.

Informal Picnic Area and Playground

- In order to encourage use of this section of the Park, this area will be developed with facilities aimed at attracting family groups and the public for informal recreational activities, including:
 - The Playground
 - Picnic and barbecue facilities with associated picnic tables and seating.
 - The informal area of Hodgson Reserve for sporting or informal recreational activities.
 - An automated toilet facility.
 - Furniture such as a drink fountain and bike racks.
 - A shelter providing shade and seating.
 - The area is close to the main path system allowing quick and easy access to other parts of the Park.
- Connecting the path system to the Snakes and Ladders activity area to the east of the Park.
- Closer proximity to car parking along Higgins Rd.
- The area is near the Challenge Activity Area, providing a range of activities for a range of ages.
- The informal picnic area will become a defined central meeting or activity zone within this section of the Park.
- New planting within the area will provide shade and create a pleasant environment for users.

Tennis Courts

- The pathway between the tennis courts and the clubrooms is upgraded and connects directly to the main circulating path system.
- Seating provided to the west and south of the courts is for general Park users and tennis spectators.

Arthur Street Pedestrian Precinct

- The pedestrian entry point into the Park is improved and emphasised with the formation of the open paved pedestrian precinct. There is now direct access from the public footpath along Arthur Street and defined pedestrian access from the car park to the pedestrian precinct.
- Coloured pavement, feature planting and separation of the precinct from the car park, also highlight and emphasise the precinct for pedestrian use only.
- The pedestrian precinct leads directly to the clubrooms and the circulating main path system, linking to all other areas and activities within the Park.

Pedestrian path system within the Park

- The new path system provides an improved path system circulating throughout the Park and linking to all areas. The 2.5m wide sealed, pedestrian/cycle path provides all weather access and is accessible for all abilities. Improved Park lighting is located along the path system.

BENTLEIGH RECREATION RESERVE

Bolinda Street

- The existing Park landscape character is strengthened with additional planting of native trees up to the Bolinda Street boundary of the Park. The tree planting creates an informal edge to the Park, emphasising and extending the landscape character of the Park into the residential area.
- Locating the pedestrian path close to the Bolinda Street Park boundary, provides increased pedestrian access through the Park, with additional pedestrian entry points provided along the Bolinda Street frontage.

LEGEND

EXISTING TREES TO BE RETAINED

EXISTING TREES TO BE REMOVED (Approx 67 OUT, TO NEW LANDSCAPE WORKS AND POOR TREE HEALTH)

TALL UPRIGHT NATIVE SPECIMEN TREE SUCH AS Angophora costata - Smooth-barked Apple

NATIVE FEATURE TREES SUCH AS Acacia dealbata - Silver Wattle, Banksia marginata - Silver Banksia, Eucalyptus cephalocarpa - Silver-leaved Stringybark, Eucalyptus psammitica - Coastal Manna Gum

SMALL NATIVE FEATURE TREES SUCH AS Eucalyptus "Little Snowman" - Eucalyptus pauciflora variegata

FEATURE SPECIMEN TREE WITHIN THE ARTHUR STREET ENTRY PRECINCT SUCH AS Washingtonia robusta - Washingtonia sp.

TREE PLANTING Along the Bowling Club frontage and along Arthur Street new tree planting to match the Park native trees

GARDEN BEDS WITH EXOTIC SHRUB AND GROUNDCOVER SPECIES SUCH AS Choisya ternata - Mexican Orange Blossom, Catus species - Rock Rose, Escallonia rubra var. macrantha - Escallonia sp., Grevillea aquatica - Lemon Grevillea, Hebe Blue Gem - Hebe cult var., Paeonia rockii - Rock Rose, Phormium cultivar - Flax, Rosa rugosa - Rosa rugosa Rose

NOTE: Approx 480 new trees to be planted throughout the Park

Snakes and Ladders Activity Area

- This area will serve as a family or group activity area with facilities and elements including:
 - A large 'Snakes and Ladders' game board for family or group use. The game board is constructed of timber mounds to create shade and all abilities access directly off the path.
 - Tree planting located along the perimeter of the open space area available for planting use.
 - Tree planting along the perimeter of the Park will provide shade and create a pleasant environment for users.
 - The circulating pedestrian path around Hodgson Reserve provides access to other areas of the Park. The placement of berms/slopes along the path will encourage use of the Park for informal activities and allow the public to view the activities on Hodgson Reserve.

Hodgson Reserve

- Hodgson Reserve is an informal open space, available for sporting activities and as an alternative training area for organised units and for informal recreational activities.

- Tree planting located along the perimeter of the open space will define and highlight the extent of the open space area available for planting use.

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