

FIVE DOCK PARK MASTERPLAN – OCTOBER 2021



ID No.	Item
1	Oval: Continued use of oval and associated facilities for organised sports (including training and other ancillary purposes) at a district level and school use; on a booking basis; including evening use. Oval to be unfenced to be accessible open space for informal leisure, recreation and community uses (when not used for organised sport).
2	Grandstand/Amenities: New or substantially refurbished, to a similar footprint, style consistent with Park's heritage values, retain mature trees. Include public toilets (daylight hours), change facilities for male and female players and officials. Improve sight lines and connectivity and passive surveillance across the site.
3	Larger improved, playground and adjoining outdoor fitness station: New larger improved playground to service wider catchment and age/abilities range, consistent with Council's playground strategy. Include (at minimum) shade, seating, picnic tables and drinking water. Linked to nearby picnic area. Adjacent outdoor fitness station with all ages/abilities fitness equipment.
4	Picnic area: Expanded with additional picnic furniture/facilities, join to form a single enlarged picnic zone with enhanced landscape setting of scattered/open trees, amenity plantings and open grass. Facilities to accommodate all-abilities access and use. Link to adjacent proposed new larger playground and outdoor fitness station. Consider installation of lighting.
5	Basketball court: Investigate opportunities to upgrade (to single full-sized court or two 3on3 courts) and relocate away from E2 Environmental Conservation zoning.
6	Passive use or community hub: Shared central space/focal point for passive uses, leisure and socialising. Possible outdoor pavilion, "outdoor room" or sheltered seating with amenity plantings. Proximate to picnic zone and cool green zone.
7	Cool green zone: A zone for refuge during the hotter months. Combination of shelters, shade trees/plantings, moist plantings and possibly water gardens. Close to community hub and picnic area.
8	Early Childhood Health Centre: Continued occupancy and use, under lease or licence, of Council-owned building for purposes of operating an Early Childhood Health Centre or other community health facility. Possible internal refurbishment, but no increase in footprint. Long term potential to repurpose as a community use facility subject to liaison with Crown Lands re process to align with the reserve purpose.
9	Former Tigers Five Dock Bowling Club: Lease site for use/operation as a premises providing food and beverage offerings/facilities that services the local community across the day and evening and throughout the week. Approved modifications/upgrading to the existing building, facilities and grounds. Subject to terms/conditions to protect Park values, and minimise impacts and neighbour disturbance, while enabling options for upgrading/development and use.
10	All open lawn areas and ornamental plantings: Retain extensive open lawn areas and retain well managed gardens to reflect heritage character of Park while maintaining passive surveillance across the Park
11	Five Dock Park Tennis Centre: Continued lease for the purposes of a tennis and other court sporting or recreation activities – with terms/conditions to protect Park values while enabling options for future modifications.
12	Cricket nets: Provide twin cricket practice nets for organised cricket training and open/public use.
13	Fenced off-leash dog park: Retain, significantly expanded fenced off-leash dog park to provide improved access and facilities (seating, shelter/shade, water, litter bags and waste bins). Consider installation of lighting.
14	Memorial zone: Bounded by existing ring of conifers, manage as a commemorative/contemplative area and heritage element. Provide all-abilities access to war memorial to (if possible). Provide better visual access to war memorial interior, while improving surveillance of site. Repair Whitford Memorial. Improve care/management of failing conifers, or replace with suitable alternative species.
15	Skate park: Manage, maintain and promote skate park. Progressively upgrade and enlarge (no loss of existing trees or impact on E2 area) to increase range of activities, styles and user safety. Consider installation of lighting. Provide adjacent seating, tables, shelter and BBQ area. Regular risk assessments.
16	Tree plantings / greenweb: Conserve the Turpentine Ironbark trees as identified in the LEP. Retain and extend/reinforce existing tree cover to enhance recreation areas with amenity, shade and softening plantings while maintaining open parkland character and passive surveillance across Park. Link plantings to provide connectivity within Park and to surrounding areas.
17	Formal First Avenue frontage: Retain formal character and layout of First Avenue frontage, including formal ornamental gardens/hedges and tree plantings.
18	Unused Bocce Courts - Explore options to utilise or repurpose the unused Bocce Courts.

Whole Park / Overall Actions (High Priority Actions/Items Only)
Overall/broad Park layout: Retain Park's existing overall/broad layout – in terms of the general location of facilities/developments, activity spaces and usage areas, radial path network, heritage features, presentation and appearance, and entry points.
Park purposes/use: Manage Park for current purposes – organised sport, for school use, accessible open space for independent or informal leisure, recreation and social activities across age ranges, abilities and interests, and levels of exertion, and approved leases. Also provide for casual/occasional use for large social/family groups, weddings, personal trainers and other low-key commercial sports/ leisure/recreation/social/cultural activities, larger community and special events; corporate and commercial events, and commercial filming/photography – under approval/permit.
Scale and intensity of developments: Maintained as largely comparable to the current situation – in terms of the number, size and scale of buildings and other developments within the Park as well as the general extent of paved or "hardened" areas.
Open parkland character and broad lawn areas: Retain majority of Park's existing wide open lawn areas as attractive and usable open space for passive leisure and recreation, including oval when not used for organised sport.
Perimeter tree planting: Reinforce/re-establish perimeter tree plantings to the Park, to maintain/reinstate heritage design feature and significant element in Park's formal layout. Species selected for Fusarium resistance, and heritage and aesthetic appropriateness.
Ornamental gardens/hedges: Maintain/manage Park's gardens and hedges to provide amenity and features of interest, retain Park's heritage character, and provide attractive streetscapes and entry points. Consolidate/rationalisation for surveillance and ease of maintenance if/where required.
Adjacent roads (Ingham Ave, Barnstaple Rd, First Ave and Park Rd): Implement traffic calming measures and install appropriate pedestrian crossings.
Park entrances: Remodel main park entries and adjacent footpaths to allow all-abilities and safer access and improve presentation. Retain high standard decorative, and formal, Park entry at south-west corner.
Bicycle access: Options will be investigated for a cycle path through the park which doesn't adversely impact park user safety and activities.
Internal tree-lined paths: Maintain internal paths and surfaces to high standard, allow sharing with cyclists and mobility scooters, upgrade and add path lighting. Retain, supplement and extend semi-formal tree plantings along path network.
Park furniture/facilities: Upgrade existing park furniture/facilities (seating, benches, shelter, bubblers and water points, bins, etc.) and provide additional items as/where needed (and in a variety of settings and locations), to support casual passive leisure and recreation use.
Lighting: Maintain/upgrade "area" lighting across Park. Extra area lighting where/when necessary, in style consistent with Park's heritage character.
All-abilities access: Existing (and proposed) Park facilities, infrastructure, attractions and key activity areas to offer all-abilities access.
Off-leash dogs: Within enlarged fenced area only (13). Elsewhere dogs on leash only, other than at and within 10m of existing or proposed playgrounds (dogs prohibited), managed in accordance with companion animals legislation and Council's <i>Dogs in Public Places Strategy</i> .
Views: Maintain "long views" within/across Park's open areas, attractive streetscape views from outside Park, and views to City skyline.