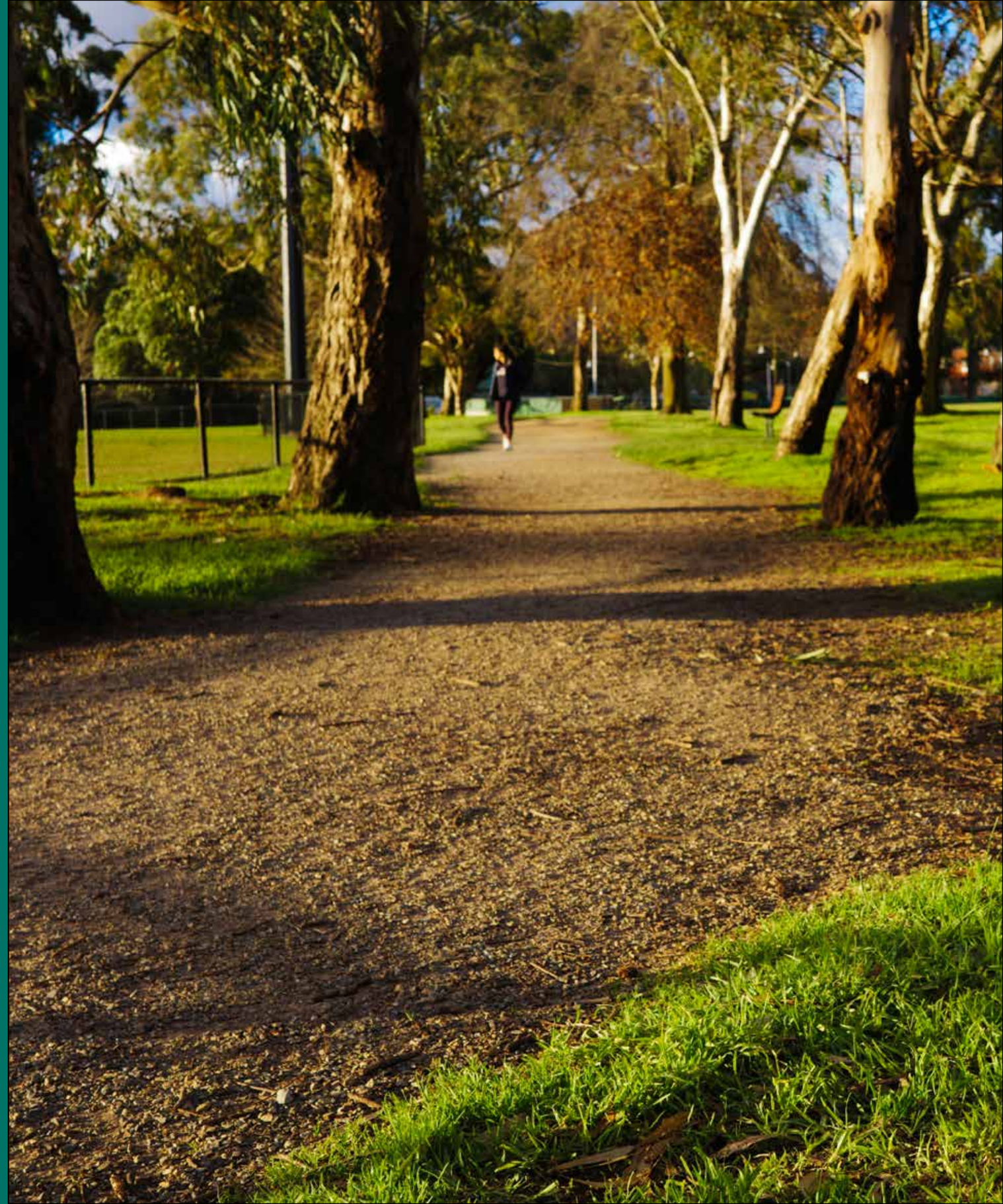
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Myrtle and Macleay Parks Master Plan

Draft Master Plan Report

January 2025



Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners

The City of Boroondara acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and original custodians of this land, and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

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Introduction

This section provides background information about the plan including its purpose and the process.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Myrtle and Macleay Parks Master Plan

The City of Boroondara has prepared this draft master plan for Myrtle and Macleay Parks (the parks) in Balwyn North to seek community feedback on a strategic vision that guides planning and development for the future.

The Vision for Myrtle and Macleay Parks is: *a vibrant, accessible, and well-connected open space. A welcoming environment for all, that supports community well-being and sustainability, and valued for generations to come.*

The master plan will consider both current and future needs of the parks, recommending short-term and long-term initiatives that meet the following key strategic objectives:

- To provide for the community's informal passive recreational needs.
- To provide for the community's diverse structured sporting needs.
- To provide amenities to facilitate visitors' enjoyment of the parks, including park furniture, shade, shelter, public toilets, lighting and paths.
- To reduce conflicts between vehicular and pedestrian circulation within the parks and connections to the neighborhood.
- To improve access and wayfinding throughout the parks.
- To provide for a quality green space and tree canopy that benefits park users and the surrounding neighborhoods.

1.2 Purpose of this report

This report is a component of Phase 2 of the project and proposes new initiatives for Myrtle and Macleay Parks. The proposed initiatives are to be shared with the Boroondara community and stakeholders for feedback, which will be considered and used to finalise the master plan.

The master plan is based upon the information gathered and analysed in the project's first phase including community consultation. This information is documented in the Myrtle and Macleay Background Report and the Myrtle and Macleay Consultation Summary Report.

All diagrams, plans and images in this report are used to assist in communicating ideas. They are indicative only and are not accurate reflections of the final proposed outcomes. The master plan acts as a guide for further planning and design which may include the preparation of additional supporting studies, community consultation as needed.

1.3 Project process

This plan is developed through a collaboration between the City of Boroondara, a consultant design team led by Hansen Partnership, and other key stakeholders:

- the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (WWCHAC).
- tenant sports clubs and organisations.
- the local community.

The project is separated into two main phases:

Phase 1: Review, analysis, and site investigations (completed)

In this phase, background investigations and site analysis combined with community and stakeholder consultation were conducted to understand the challenges and opportunities for Myrtle and Macleay Parks.

Phase 2: Master plan

On the basis of phase 1 findings, ideas are tested, developed into initiatives and presented in a draft Master Plan Report for review and feedback.



Draft master plan summary

This section presents the main objectives of the draft Master Plan for Myrtle and Macleay Parks

2.0 Draft master plan

2.1 Design objectives

Based on the background analysis and the initial consultation findings, key initiatives have been identified to address issues and contribute to the strategic vision for the Parks.

The following key objectives underpin the master plan:

Design Objectives

Access and safety

- Improved traffic flow and parking conditions.
- Improved night-time safety for all park users.
- Accessible, safe and connected pedestrian links.
- Clear wayfinding

Environment, culture and sustainability

- Retention of existing overall natural park character and improvements to park visual amenity.
- Improved long term canopy coverage and biodiversity.
- Enhanced tree health and maximise benefits to the park.
- Minimised ongoing maintenance requirements.
- Enhanced awareness of the Traditional Owners of the parks, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung.
- Sustainable and efficient water use and improved waterway health.

Recreation and facilities

- Improved social gathering and play areas with better access to toilet facilities.
- Improvements to the quality of sporting surfaces, facilities and layouts.
- Safer and longer park use in winter, in accordance with council policies.
- Improvements to the safety and function of pavilions in alignment with existing Council policies.



Figure 1 Artist impression - Macleay Park entry road

Proposed initiatives in this plan are subject to funding and detailed design/assessments where required. All furniture, facilities and pavilion renewals are subject to council renewal procedures where applicable.

2.2 Draft master plan



General Notes:

1. This is a draft plan for consultation purposes only, to be read in conjunction with the masterplan report. Elements in this plan are concepts and shown indicatively only.
2. All park furniture, paths and sporting facilities are subject to Council renewal procedures and policies unless specifically noted.
3. All traffic related proposals are subject to detailed design.
4. Water harvesting initiatives are subject to the Integrated Water Management Strategy actions.

Figure 2 The draft Myrtle and Macleay Parks master plan

2.3 Ideas and places

These images are used to assist in communicating ideas proposed in the master plan. They are indicative only and not accurate reflections of the final proposed outcomes. The master plan provides guidance and further detailed design, studies and consultation will occur as needed.



Water fountain with dog bowl



Gathering area and cultural interpretation



Nature play



Interpretive signage



Fitness station



Dog off-leash friendly area



Artistic wall murals



Hit-up wall with mural



Renewed furniture



Rain garden



Shaded parking



Informal recreation opportunities



Connection gravel tracks



Integrated sculpture art



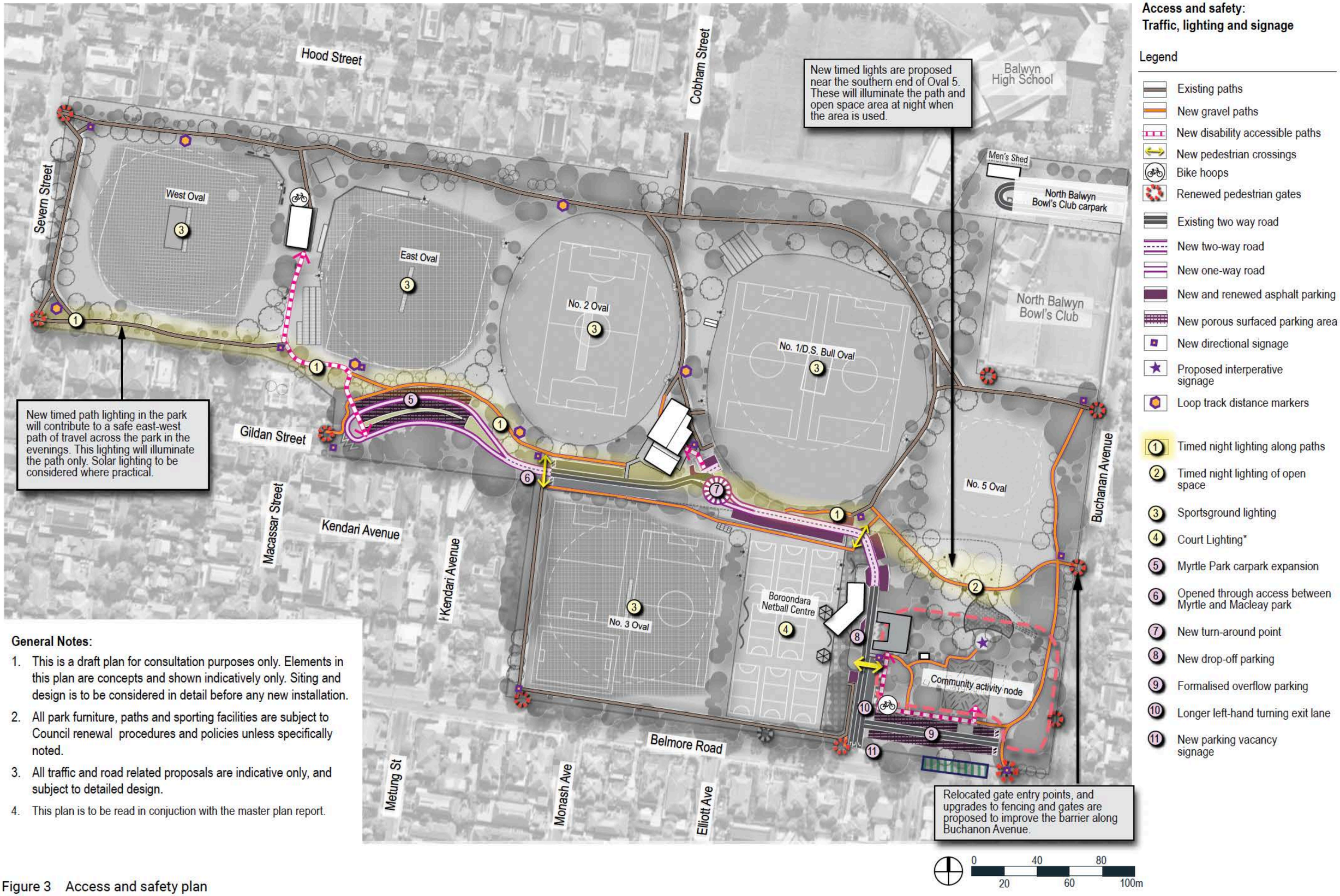
Indigenous planting

Draft master plan initiatives

This section provides detail about the recommended initiatives in the plan.

Information about these initiatives is grouped into three main areas:

- Access and safety.
- Environment, culture and sustainability.
- Sports, recreation and community park facilities.



Access and safety:
Traffic, lighting and signage

Legend

- Existing paths
- New gravel paths
- New disability accessible paths
- New pedestrian crossings
- Bike hoops
- Renewed pedestrian gates
- Existing two way road
- New two-way road
- New one-way road
- New and renewed asphalt parking
- New porous surfaced parking area
- New directional signage
- Proposed interperative signage
- Loop track distance markers
- (1) Timed night lighting along paths
- (2) Timed night lighting of open space
- (3) Sportsground lighting
- (4) Court Lighting*
- (5) Myrtle Park carpark expansion
- (6) Opened through access between Myrtle and Macleay park
- (7) New turn-around point
- (8) New drop-off parking
- (9) Formalised overflow parking
- (10) Longer left-hand turning exit lane
- (11) New parking vacancy signage

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2. All park furniture, paths and sporting facilities are subject to Council renewal procedures and policies unless specifically noted.
3. All traffic and road related proposals are indicative only, and subject to detailed design.
4. This plan is to be read in conjuction with the master plan report.

Figure 3 Access and safety plan

3.0 Access and safety

3.1 Initiatives

- New lighting in the parks.
- Opened vehicular access from Macleay Park through to Myrtle Park.
- Restricted vehicle access between Myrtle Park and Gildan Street, open only to pedestrians, maintenance, and emergency vehicles.
- Redesign and construction of a larger parking area in Myrtle Park with a new turnaround loop.
- Formalisation and resurfacing of the Macleay Park overspill car park (near Belmore Road).
- Renewal of existing gravel paths in alignment with the Boroondara Bicycle Strategy and Implementation Plan (2022). *See section 3.2 for more information.*
- New gravel pedestrian path links.
- Revised park entry gate locations and reduction of open gaps in fencing along the Buchanan Avenue park boundary.
- New pedestrian gate entry into Macleay Park from Belmore Road.
- New wayfinding signage to park entry points and key nodal zones.
- Improvements to border fencing and gates at Buchanan Avenue.
- Assessment and upgrade of pedestrian routes from car parks to buildings to meet compliance with Australian Standards for disability access.
- New traffic calming measures at three pedestrian priority road crossings such as raised crossings, surface treatments and signage.
- Flood hazard signage to be installed at main entrances and paths within the modeled overflow areas of the parks.
- Dog-off leash arrangements across Myrtle and Macleay Parks (the parks) are to be retained with only Macleay Park being dog off leash.

The above initiatives are to be read in conjunction with the draft master plan (figure 2) and the access and safety diagram (figure 3) in this report.

3.2 Pedestrian safety treatments

Assessment and design of internal roads should consider traffic slowing measures, including:

- Low speed limits.
- Distinct pedestrian priority crossings with clear sightlines and noticeable characteristics such as raised profile, textured and/or coloured surfaces and generous widths to alert drivers and encourage safer driving behaviour.

3.3 Proposed pedestrian path types

Paths throughout Myrtle and Macleay Parks will undergo inspection, assessment and upgrades/ renewal in alignment with the Boroondara Bicycle Strategy (2022). Existing gravel paths will be renewed to wider gravel paths up to 3.0m where feasible. This proposal is in alignment with Initiative 2 of the Bicycle Strategy and the Stage 1 Implementation Plan for this strategy.

Missing path links will be connected with new gravel paths, as shown indicatively in this plan. Detailed design will determine exact path alignment prior to construction.

The exceptions to the proposed gravel path surfacing treatment are sealed paths provided in minimised lengths for provision of disabled access to buildings from car parks (see figure 3: Access and safety plan' figure 3 in this report for proposed extent of these disability accessible paths).

3.4 Improved traffic flow

One of the key concerns raised during community consultations was traffic congestion, particularly on weekends. To address this, the master plan proposes a revised road design that considers the following features:

- Opening access from Macleay Parks' main Belmore Road entrance through to parking at Myrtle Park.
- Creating a new turn-around loop and increasing parking capacity within Myrtle Parks' car park.
- Restricting vehicle entry and exit between Myrtle Park and Gildan Street, allowing access only for pedestrians, emergency, and maintenance vehicles.
- Removing the existing round-a-bout and installing a larger round-a-bout within Macleay Park.
- Formalising the overflow carpark in Macleay Park with sealed surfacing and linemarked spaces.
- Three safe pedestrain priority crossing points at convenient locations for pedestrians.
- Drop-off parking options within Macleay Park.
- Parking vacancy sensors and signage at the Belmore Road road entry.

The design and construction of the internal road and parking areas will focus on increasing parking capacity where practical and improving traffic flow while minimising impacts on surrounding residents, open space, and trees.

3.5 Proposed signage and wayfinding

A range of signage is proposed for the parks including:

- Wayfinding signage which provides directions to main park facilities.
- Informative signage which provides information such as the local laws for different areas of the park.
- Loop track signage with distance markers for runners, joggers and walkers.
- Interperative signage which provides insight into artistic or cultural values associated with the park. More information relating to this signage is provided in section 4.4 of this report.
- Road signage.
- Flood hazard signage within overflow areas of the park.

These signs will play a crucial role in enhancing the overall park experience and provide clear directions and guidance to visitors. They will be designed in accordance with the Council's style guides and standards.

3.6 Bike parking

The master plan proposes bicycle parking hoops at the upgraded playground and BBQ area, and near Myrtle Park Pavilion. These locations are convieniently located close to the park entrances and in areas that are likely to have passive surveillance from park users. Provision of a safe and convenient place to park bikes will support local residents who want to participate in sustainable travel when they visit the park.

3.7 Lighting

The introduction of additional lighting will improve visitor safety and support longer use of certain areas of the park in the winter season. The master plan proposes lighting in the park which will consist of road and carpark lighting, sportsground lighting, and pedestrian path and open space lighting.

New timed path lighting is proposed to illuminate a safe path of travel from the east of Myrtle Park at the Severn Street entry through to the west of Macleay Park to Oval 5. Some areas of the pathway will be illuminated by road and carpark lighting. In the southern part of Oval 5, where evening sports training doesn't typically occur, timed lighting is recommended to support gathering in the winter evenings for non-sporting groups such as those walking dogs off-lead.

New lighting is subject to typical council processes such as detailed design, consultation and budget allocation. For information about the environmental consideration relating to lighting at the parks, refer to section 4.5.

3.8 Pedestrian entry improvements

Pedestrian entry points positioned along the parks' perimeter will be assessed for renewal and relocation where practical, to ensure entries are located in the most convenient and safe locations. Improvements will include the introduction of new wayfinding signs, tree pruning and understorey clearing where necessary for clear sight lines to and from entrances.

Fencing throughout the parks will be improved over time, subject to typical council renewal processes for fence and gate renewals. The boundary fence along Buchanan Avenue currently has open style gates and chicane entry points. Entry locations along this boundary will be revised to ensure that they are best located for convenient access to the parks facilities. Gates located near the south of Oval 5 will be secured infill meshing or other methods to support dog off-lead activities in this area, in accordance with Council local laws.



Figure 4 Site photo, Macleay Park



Environment, sustainability and culture plan

Legend

- Existing trees
- Projected natural tree loss over next 5 years (approximately 45 trees)
- New trees (over 150 trees)
- Trees to be removed for new development (approximately 9 trees)
- Improved soil areas
- Potential raingarden and storm water harvesting system (see note 3)
- Potential underground storm water harvesting infrastructure (see note 3)
- New artistic treatment to building interface
- Opportunity for cultural interpretation

General Notes:

1. This is a draft plan prepared for consultation purposes and is indicative for guidance purposes only. Proposals are to be confirmed through detailed design in accordance with council's standard processes.
2. Any proposed trees located close to neighbouring residential properties are subject to consultation with nearby property owners.
3. Water harvesting initiatives are to be considered subject to the Integrated Water Management Strategy actions.
4. This plan is to be read in conjuction with the master plan report.

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Figure 5 Environment, culture and sustainability plan

4.0 Environment and sustainability

4.1 Initiatives

- New canopy trees planted over time. Planting will be guided by the principles outlined in section 4.2. New tree planting is shown indicatively on the master plan and in *Figure 5: Environment, Culture and Sustainability Diagram.*
- A raingarden with underground water harvesting infrastructure is proposed south of Oval 5 to harvest and treat stormwater, thus reducing the use of drinking water for irrigation of the sports grounds (subject to endorsed Integrated Water Management Strategy actions).
- Continued collaboration with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (WWCHAC) in relation to the design and installation of a new gathering area that raises awareness about Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, their culture, and caring for Country.
- Ensure the new lighting achieves acceptable outcomes and considers potential adverse impacts to neighbouring properties and biodiversity. Refer to section 4.5 for more about lighting impacts.

The above initiatives are to be read in conjunction with the environment, culture and sustainability plan (figure 5) in this report. Details about these initiatives are as follows:.



Figure 6 Site photo, Macleay Park

4.2 Trees

The design and spatial planning of the master plan is in alignment with a ‘no long-term net loss’ strategy for tree canopy area in the park. To achieve this, the plan proposes the minimisation of tree impacts, and a proactive approach to planting of new trees in alignment with the Tree Canopy Strategy (2024-34):

Minimising tree loss

The risk of impact to trees should be considered for any new changes to the park. For any new initiatives or renewal works where there might be risks to the health and longevity of trees, relevant investigations are to be conducted to determine the optimal location, choice of materials, and appropriate construction methods to ensure existing trees remain viable. These investigations may include tree root investigations where relevant.

In cases where tree removal is considered necessary, especially due to new infrastructure developments, the impacts should be limited where possible.

Planting new trees

Apply forward planning for the anticipated decline in tree canopy over time. It is recommended that a gradual replanting approach is undertaken in the short-term, allowing new trees to become well-established and fill-in the anticipated decline of existing trees in the longer-term.

Guiding principles:

- Ensure harmonious integration of new planting with the character of the surrounding vegetation.
- Prioritise planting at strategic locations, such as near amenities, paths, and parking areas, where shade is a benefit.
- Introduce new trees with clean trunks near playgrounds to ensure they do not obstruct visibility and are non-toxic.
- New trees proposed along the east-west pedestrian links in the parks should enhance the naturalistic experience.
- Select plant species that are drought-tolerant, hardy, and have low maintenance requirements.
- Prioritise indigenous plant species and expanding overall biodiversity for the Parks.
- When planting trees along the perimeter of sporting ovals and within ball trajectories, prioritise trees with dense branching structure to restrict the distance of stray balls.
- For infill planting alongside existing Cypress trees, aim to harmonize with the current planting aesthetics.

4.3 Rain garden water havesting infrastructure

Subject to the endorsed Integrated Water Management Strategy actions, a rain garden with water harvesting infrastructure is proposed south of Macleay Oval 5 to capture untreated stormwater. This water will then be treated and stored for irrigation. Priorities for the design of this rain garden include:

- A reduction in use of drinking water for irrigation of the sports grounds.
- A garden that complements and visually enhances the park.
- Consideration of surrounding activities and users to ensure safety for all.

Given the close proximity of the proposed rain garden to a new gathering area, there is an opportunity to integrate initiatives proposed by the WWCHAC, such as indigenous planting and informative/interpretive signage, into the design of the infrastructure.



Figure 7 An example of rain garden installed at Gordon Barnard Reserve, Balwyn North.

4.4 Gathering area

The WWCHAC is a key stakeholder, and have advised and collaborated with the City of Boroondarain the preparation of the plan.

On the basis of this advice, the draft master plan proposes continued collaboration with the WWCHAC to further develop the design and installation of a new gathering area that raises awareness about the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, their culture and caring for Country. This process includes commissioning historical research by the WWCHAC research department.

The proposed gathering area will provide group seating. Opportunities to raise awareness of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and culture, will be considered in the design of this space and can be integrated into new elements such as: new informative and interpretive signage and art, indigenous planting areas, circular gathering areas and custom seats, and smoking pits.

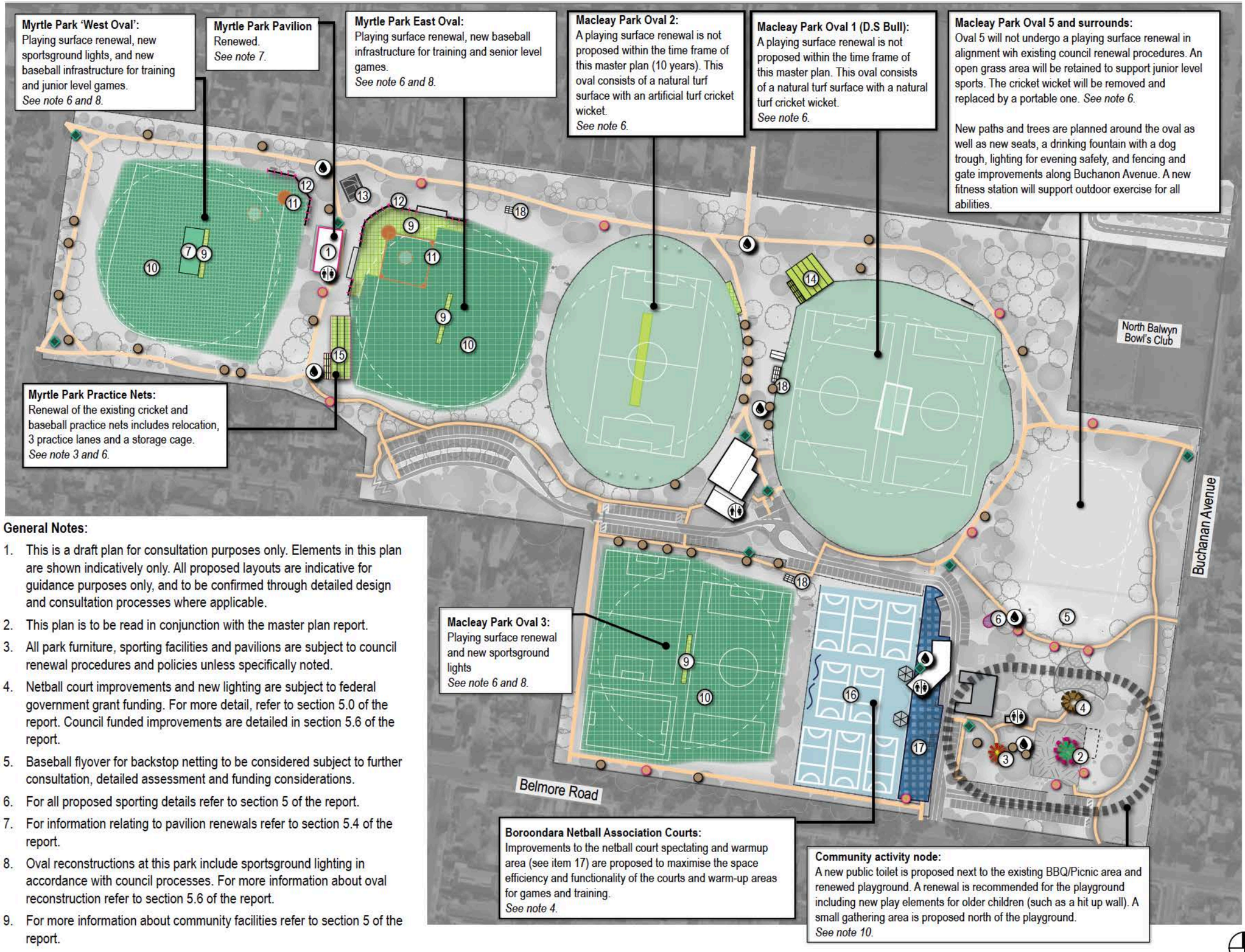
4.5 Lighting impacts

Direct, excessive or improperly designed lighting can disrupt nocturnal wildlife and their natural behaviors, potentially affecting local ecosystems. It can also disorient migrating birds and insects. Light pollution can have adverse effects on neighboring properties, such as excessive glare or light spillage into residential areas, which may disrupt the tranquility of these spaces and affect residents' quality of life.

Lighting designs should be fit for purpose, with measures in place to mitigate any direct or indirect impacts on biodiversity and neighboring properties.

Detailed lighting design is recommended for careful consideration of the type, intensity, and placement of lighting fixtures, striking a balance between the safety and well-being of park users, the preservation of biodiversity, and harmony with neighboring properties.

Refer to section 3.7 for more detail about lighting initiatives.



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2. This plan is to be read in conjunction with the master plan report.
3. All park furniture, sporting facilities and pavilions are subject to council renewal procedures and policies unless specifically noted.
4. Netball court improvements and new lighting are subject to federal government grant funding. For more detail, refer to section 5.0 of the report. Council funded improvements are detailed in section 5.6 of the report.
5. Baseball flyover for backstop netting to be considered subject to further consultation, detailed assessment and funding considerations.
6. For all proposed sporting details refer to section 5 of the report.
7. For information relating to pavilion renewals refer to section 5.4 of the report.
8. Oval reconstructions at this park include sportsground lighting in accordance with council processes. For more information about oval reconstruction refer to section 5.6 of the report.
9. For more information about community facilities refer to section 5 of the report.

Figure 8 Sports, recreation and community park facilities plan

5.0 Sports, recreation and community park facilities

5.1 Design initiatives:

- A new public toilet at Macleay Park close to the playground.
- Renewal of existing public toilet facilities in pavilions is proposed as part of pavilion renewals (see next point for details).
- Myrtle Park Pavilion renewal: All pavilions are considered for renewal with timing considered acoording to Council policies and procedures. Myrtle Pavilion is considered priority compared to other pavilions at the parks with renewal anticipated within the plan timeframe (see 5.4 for details).
- A newly defined 'community activity node' area in the south east of Macleay Park will be developed to support social gathering and play (see 5.2 for details). This will include:
  - a new public toilet.
  - a renewed playground and hit-up wall.
  - a new gathering area for groups.
  - opportunities for new public art.
- A new fitness station on the northern side of the scout hall to provide accessible fitness exercise options for park users of all ages and abilities.
- Replacement of the cricket pitch at Oval 5 with a portable wicket, and open grass areas retained to fit existing allocation of junior level sport.
- The Southern boundary of the open grass area at Oval 5 will have:
  - a new path with park seats.
  - new push-button activated solar lighting.
  - a new drinking fountain with dog trough and boundary fencing improvements along Buchanan Avenue to support safe dog off-leash activities in winter. Refer to section 5.6 for more detail.
- Playing field renewals at Myrtle Park East and West ovals and Macleay Park oval 3. For more details refer to section 5.6.
- Provision of new timed sportsground lighting at Myrtle East Oval and
- New, reoriented baseball facilities at Myrtle Ovals East and West. The existing baseball playing field and ball-stop nets will be removed. See section 5.6 for details.
- Relocation and renewal of the existing cricket and baseball practice nets at Myrtle Park. See section 5.6 for details.
- A new informal basketball halfcourt is proposed in the current location of the Myrtle practice nets.
- The eastern side of the netball courts will be resurfaced to maximise warm-up and spectating area with a porous surface recommended to mitigate impacts to tree health.

The above initiatives are to be read in conjunction with the draft master plan (figure 2) and the Sports, recreation and community park facilities plan (figure 8) in this report. Details about these initiatives are provided in this section over the next few pages.



Figure 9 Macleay Park netball courts

5.2 The community activity node

A newly defined ‘community activity node’ in the south eastern corner of Macleay Park encompasses the playground, picnic and BBQ area, the grassed areas surrounding the scout hall and a new small group gathering area. Improvements to this area should aim to establish a vibrant, multi generational space that caters to the needs of everyone while promoting community connections and well-being. Improvements include providing accessible paths for disabled people or parents with prams, more group seating provisions, and opportunities to enjoy nature and learn about the Traditional Owners.

Improvements to the spaces should be context sensitive and enhance the existing native landscape character. Change includes, but is not limited to new: trees, a new public toilet, nature play and other renewed playground elements, a small hard-surface area with a hit-up wall, and a new gathering area.

A new gathering area will provide group seating and gathering space to socialise, reflect and learn. Consultation with the local community and Traditional Owners will help shape this space which may include elements such as indigenous planting, custom seating, a fire pit and interpretive signage to raise awareness about the Wurundjeri and caring for country. For more information about how this project will be developed, refer to section 4.4.

Conveniently located bicycle parking will encourage eco-friendly transportation to the main entry of the park.

5.3 Fitness station

The master plan proposes an outdoor fitness station north of the scout hall. This station will cater to individuals of all ages and abilities, including seniors and wheelchair users. A new unsealed path connects the fitness station with the community activity node to the south. The station should be sited to feel safe, prioritising passive surveillance.

5.4 Pavilion renewal considerations

Renewal of pavilions at the parks is to be timed, planned, and designed in alignment with the capital renewal programme and council ‘Development and Funding of Community Pavilions’ Policy principles and standards. These standards provide guidance on the provision of toilets, change rooms and umpires room.

In addition to the design principles and standards within this policy, further site specific design guidelines are recommended for consideration in the renewal of pavilions at the parks, where a new building is required:

- Ensure that the appearance and functionality of the new building’s facades contribute positively to the overall aesthetic quality of the surrounding park.
- Any seating areas outside the pavilion, or windows should make the most of the views to sporting activity.
- Incorporate shading on the outdoor interfaces of the building where people may gather around it.
- New buildings should be sited away from known flood risk areas wherever possible.

5.5 Public art

Initiatives for public art and interpretive elements should be considered where there is opportunity. These elements would be subject to funding and public consultation, and may include:

- Retrofitted artistic screening of the front side of the scout hall (facing the netball centre).
- Sculpture or mural art.
- Ground mural installation on pedestrian crossings.
- Custom seating, and/or other artistic features in the gathering area .
- Wall mural installation to a new hit-up wall located near the existing playground area.
- Interperative signage elements.

These possible inclusions are suggestions only and would be developed further through a design development process lead by Council, with key stakeholders collaborating on the development of public art, where appropriate.

5.6 Sportsground and court renewals

Improvements to sportsgrounds, courts, and sports infrastructure at the parks will be delivered in alignment with Council renewal processes. A typical renewal of playing surfaces involves a construction process that aims to provide a levelled hard-wearing and natural turf surface, improved drainage and irrigation systems and a renewed artificial turf cricket wicket and goals (where appropriate).

Playing surface improvement works are proposed for the following ovals:

- Myrtle Park Ovals East and West.
- Macleay Park Oval 3.

Macleay Park Ovals 1 and 2 were recently renewed and are not considered priority for a the same level of improvement within the timeframe of the plan (10 years).

More details about council funded proposed changes to sports grounds, courts and sporting infrastructure are detailed below and should be read in conjuction with Figure 8. Sports, recreation and community park facilities plan, in this report. This includes details about sportsground lighting.

Myrtle Park East and West Ovals (and surrounds):

These ovals are to be reconfigured as part of their renewal, to meet game standards, to best support ongoing sporting operations and to minimise conflict with the expanded Myrtle Park car park area. Inclusions are:

- One senior level baseball field and one junior level baseball field at Myrtle Park, both located at the northern end of the ovals with new ball-stop netting. A portable pitcher's mound is to be provided for Myrtle West Oval which will host junior standard games. Refer to figure 8 for layout. All details will be determined through detailed design in alignment with the proposed layout. New lights will be installed on Myrtle West Oval.
- A cricket field boundary that meets minimum standards for open-aged community club cricket as per Community Cricket Facility Guidelines (2023).
- Renewed synthetic turf cricket pitches (one each oval). Existing natural turf wickets at Myrtle oval west are to be retained and maintained by tenant cricket club upon renewed agreement.
- Renewal and relocation of cricket and baseball practice nets. A total of 3 lanes proposed with an attached storage cage.
- Renewal of Myrtle Pavilion to meet council pavilion standards (refer to section 5.4 for more information).
- Installation of new timed sportsground lighting on the west oval.
- Retention of existing dog on-lead designation. (new provisions near Oval 5 are proposed to support off-lead dog walking in an area away from Oval 1 and 2)

Macleay Park Ovals 1 (DS Bull) and 2:

The playing surfaces at these ovals have recently been renewed, with lighting already installed.

- The current extent of the field is to remain as is, with resurfacing considered in the future.
- Retention of existing dog off-lead designation (new provisions near Oval 5 are proposed to support off-lead dog walking in an area away from Oval 1 and 2)
- The existing Cricket net facility with storage was recently renewed and no proposed improvements considered within the timeframe of this plan.
- New park seating around these ovals will increase spectator seating availability for games.

Macleay Oval 3:

The playing surface at Oval 3 is to be renewed. Inclusions are:

- Cricket field boundary extents to meet minimum standards for open-aged community club cricket as per Community Cricket Facility Guidelines (2023).
- Stakeholder consultation regarding soccer field line-marking to maximise field use for soccer games and training within the existing field extents as part of oval renewals.
- New timed sportsground lighting.
- New park seating around these ovals will increase spectator seating availability for games.
- Retention of existing dog off-lead designation (new provisions near Oval 5 are proposed to support off-lead dog walking in an area away from Oval 3).

Macleay Oval 5 (and surrounds)

Oval 5 will support passive recreation and dog-walking, and retain the capacity for existing junior level sporting allocations. Inclusions are:

- Playing field boundary extents to meet minimum standards for under 10s cricket as per Community Cricket Facility Guidelines (2023).
- Removal of existing cricket pitch and replacement with portable cricket pitch.
- New fitness equipment station.
- New push-button activated lighting, drinking fountain, park seating and paths.
- Upgrades to fencing and gates along Buchanan Avenue.
- Retention of existing dog off-lead designation and new infrastructure to support park users who walk their dogs off-lead.

Netball Courts

The netball court area will be improved with the aim to maximise the space efficiency and functionality of the surrounding warm-up and spectating areas for games and training. Improvements in and around the courts should align with any federal grant funded improvements. Proposed council funded changes include:

- new porous surfacing treatments to extend spectating and warm-up areas.
- retention of existing dog off-lead designation (new provisions near Oval 5 are proposed to support off-lead dog walking in an area away from the courts).

Precedent images

This section presents precedent imagery to support the draft master plan.

6.0 Precedent images

The following images are examples for guidance purposes only. Final furniture, product and material selection to be determined prior to installation and in accordance with Council standards.

Surface materials



Path with unsealed gravel surface and potential for composite edging where required.



Wide accessible paths to buildings.



Pedestrian priority markings.



Netball court surface.



Synthetic turf surface.



Natural turf field surface.

Buildings



Public toilets.



Sports pavilion.

(Photo source: Tim Ross for ‘Architecture architecture’)



Playmatta for warm-up area near BNA pavilion.

(Photo source: www.matta.co.uk)

Standard furniture



Reserve style picnic table setting.



Accessible barbecue.



Reserve style seat with back and arm rests.



Reserve style platform bench.



Fitness station.



Cricket nets.



Water fountain and refill station with dog trough where needed.



Bicycle hoops.

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