

Landscape Masterplan Vision

To retain a much-loved, urban green retreat where the local community can gather, play, reflect and enjoy.

The landscape masterplan has been developed to guide future improvements, ongoing maintenance and the sustainable development of Golden Square Park.

The park is bounded by heritage houses and its landscape character includes a large open lawn, naturalistic playground, traditional style rotunda, standard BBQ facilities, walking paths, some seating and the much-loved Fairy Tree. Scattered plantings of predominantly evergreen native trees and some exotic deciduous trees have been established over time. Timber bollards surround the park and understory garden beds are sparse.

The community were a driving force in ensuring Burnley Primary School demolished in the 1970's was converted to this park, rather than be sold off for housing development as initially proposed. Today the park remains a much-loved green retreat and its role as an urban refuge continues as development increases in the surrounding areas. We used community feedback to develop and refine the masterplan.

Recommendations - On going

Tree Planting
Continue to maintain and care for existing trees within the park, particularly the Fairy Tree. Consider removal of some existing trees identified as senescing or in poor condition to improve passive surveillance. Consider future planting of suitable species for a changing climate and biodiversity improvements, as well as deciduous trees to improve options for all year sun/shade.

Furniture
Replace ageing furniture with a consistent suite across the park. Seating to be a mix of benches, seats with back and arm rests. Informal log seats are provided to the tie in with natural aesthetics of the dog off leash and Fairy Tree areas. Locate furniture to create informal social gathering spaces and quiet seating areas for reflection.

Water sensitive design and management
Seek opportunities for greater water efficiency, water security and improved soil moisture levels.

Recommendations - Short Term

- 01 Open Lawn area**
Improve the lawn area for recreational activities. Level the surface, top dress, provide new irrigation and remove redundant pits.
- 02 Existing signalised crossing**
Undertake a feasibility study to rationalise the crossing points between the park and train station. This study should provide a clear understanding of the primary access route to be encouraged and any infrastructure replacement options.
- 03 Reserve Entry**
New path and plaque relocated within feature entry garden beds.
- 04 Path connectors**
New paths to be constructed from existing pram crossing locations on surrounding streets to connect to the park's main path network.
- 05 Playspace**
Redesign play space to improve accessibility, play value, shade and offer a greater range of play opportunities for different ages and abilities. Include accessible play elements, routes and seating locations within the proposed play footprint. Ensure all elements meet current safety standards.

Recommendations - Mid Term

- 06 Picnic shelter and BBQ**
Improve the existing BBQ area with a new shelter, picnic setting, accessible BBQ unit and paved surface to improve access. The lawn area behind the proposed shelter provides a spill out space for larger gatherings.
- 07 Perimeter planting**
Replace existing perimeter timber bollards with groundcover and shrub planting over time. The new garden beds aim to improve biodiversity and create a physical barrier around the park, without compromising safety or visual permeability.
- 08 Lighting**
Prepare a lighting plan to improve safety and wayfinding provisions in the reserve. Implement as funding becomes available.

Recommendations - Long Term

- 10 Rotunda**
Replace the existing rotunda and ground surface with a suitable structure that provides plenty of seating and improved access.
- 11 Quiet space for reflection**
Create spaces that provide opportunity for quiet reflection. Include seating under existing shade trees and around sensory plants.



LEGEND

- Existing trees, predominantly native evergreen
- Existing Palm trees
- Existing Pine trees
- Existing feature evergreen trees
- Existing feature deciduous trees
- Existing tree to be removed in future to improve sightlines and protect infrastructure. Tree removal pending on on-going and future assessment of tree health.
- Proposed Trees - species to be confirmed
- Existing garden beds
- Proposed garden beds
- Garden bed mulch surface including mulch zone under existing Fairy Tree
- Lawn surface
- Proposed mounds formed using existing site excavated soil, locations to be confirmed on site
- Existing paths
- Proposed path and paved surfaces
- Proposed logs from tree removal work as informal seating edges and informal play elements
- Proposed picnic setting
- Proposed platform table
- Proposed seat with back and arm rest
- Proposed bench
- Proposed BBQ
- Proposed Bins
- Proposed drink fountain
- Existing light
- Relocated plaques
- Indicative dog off leash area
- Indicative future playground foot print

Golden Square Bicentennial Park Landscape Masterplan

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