

**GENERAL NOTE - THEMES AND STORIES**

Work with community representatives to develop guiding themes and stories to be represented throughout the reserve and incorporated through the detailed design process. Stories can be told through the design of elements such as play items, furniture, seating, plant selection or artwork. Installation of multiple and diverse seating areas. Incorporate some reserve seating as bespoke elements and potentially doubling as art and play. Interpretive patterns, words or symbols can be embedded in surfaces and interpretive signage can be used. Some ideas include:

- History of the Tiger Trail and Forrest Railway Station
- The people and cultural practices of the Gadubanud
- Indigenous plant species and their cultural uses
- Native fauna of significance such as the King Parrot or Bandicoot
- The history of settlement, the timber mill industry, agriculture and railways.

Implementation of the master plan is subject to funding and detailed design. The master plan will be implemented as funding becomes available.

**LIST OF ITEMS - FORREST COMMON MASTERPLAN**

- 1 Existing Skate Strip: Remove the existing skate strip and skate elements as part of the playspace upgrade. Consider installation of a double flying fox in this location.
- 2 Playspace: Upgrade the playspace to Township standard, incorporating a range of play opportunities. Play equipment to include swings, slides, climbing and balancing challenges as a minimum. Also, include a range of artistic and bespoke elements, nature play and imaginative play treatments that represent the themes and stories identified by the community.
- 3 Playspace: Locate sand play and younger children's play closer to the main picnic area. Consider water play in this area, for example a hand pump, trough and channel that runs into the swale, subject to feasibility.
- 4 Playspace: Landscape the existing swale within the identified playspace with planting, rocks and crossing points, for example: a small bridge.
- 5 BBQ Shelter: Replace the existing BBQ with a double plate BBQ. Retain the existing shelter and investigate options to open up the sides of the shelter to improve surveillance and views to the playspace, whilst providing weather protection. Consider artistic representation of an interpretive theme integrated with the shelter walls, such as an image print on perforated mesh. Create hard surface connections to the shelter as a minimum. Provide additional seating, picnic tables, drinking fountain and rubbish bin facilities within this space.
- 6 Vehicle Access: Provide a 3 metres wide section of vehicle grade hard surface paving to facilitate vehicle access to the grass areas for maintenance and seasonal camping. Remaining hard surface, all weather pathway to be 2 metres wide. Consider coloured concrete to compliment the informal, rural character of the park.
- 7 Bike Racks: Retain the existing bike racks
- 8 Hit Up Wall/Climbing Wall (tennis court extension): Investigate options to extend the fenced area to accommodate a hit up wall (facing the tennis courts) with climbing holds on the outer face. Erect signage identifying times reserved for exclusive use of the courts by the Forrest Tennis Club with public use of the courts, wall and multi-purpose hard surface area encouraged outside of these times.
- 9 Basketball Ring (tennis court extension): Install a basketball hoop, ensuring required run off areas for tennis are maintained. Linemarking of a key can be considered if it does not conflict with the tennis court linemarking.
- 10 Formalised Pedestrian Path Connection to Caravan Park: Consider modification of some existing car parking spaces to provide an all weather path connection from the park to the caravan park for pedestrians, to avoid walking through the car park to access toilet facilities.
- 11 Vehicle Path Connection to Caravan Park: Retain the gravel access for vehicles between the car park and caravan park

Caravan Park Public toilet facilities: at the time of the upgrade of the existing caravan park toilets, consider the demands of park users as well as caravan park users and potential to relocate the facility closer to the park or a centralised location within the Caravan Park that is convenient for all users. Consider strategic directions from the Public Toilet Strategy currently under development. Decommission the existing toilets, shower and laundry facilities and incorporate into one facility as part of the public toilet upgrade.

- 12 Vehicle Entrance to Reserve: Install collapsible bollards to control vehicle access to the reserve.
- 13 Carpark/Reserve Barrier: Install a rustic, timber, farm style fence and planting to prevent direct access between the car park and playspace. Install accessible seating along the path overlooking the playspace. Final style and materials to be determined during detailed design.
- 14 Informal Grassed Open Space Area: Retain informal grassed areas.
- 15 Storytelling space: Create a seating and storytelling space beneath existing Blackwood trees in collaboration with Eastern Maar representatives and other community representatives. Consider bespoke seating that represents a theme identified by the community.  
  
Detailed design will explore how this space will transition and interface with the amphitheatre proposed at 16.
- 16 Amphitheatre: Regrade the embankment and create a sloped, grass amphitheatre space overlooking a flatter grassed area. Achieve a mow-able grade.
- 17 Path Connections: Consider a secondary, hard surface, all weather connection from the lower corner of the reserve to facilitate access to key destinations in the reserve.
- 18 Informal Grassed Open Space Area: Retain grassed area for seasonal overflow camping or community events and performances.
- 19 Car Park Entrance: Install a traffic slowing treatment at the car park entry to facilitate safe crossing of pedestrians.
- 20 Reserve Frontage (Station St): Install natural barrier treatments such as rocks, tree planting and landscaping to prevent vehicle access to the Reserve from Station St.
- 21 Feature Artwork: Indicative location for installation of a prominent artwork representing a theme or story identified by the community.
- 22 Station Street and Reserve Drainage: In addition to the drainage works along Station Street, ensure all new developments within the reserve are free-draining and directed to an appropriate outlet. Ensure run-off from existing surfaces is managed and redirected to prevent localised flooding and pooling.



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