



Gannan & McCauley Parks

MASTERPLAN REPORT

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BACKGROUND

Gannan and McCauley Parks are located in Ryde, and are 4.51 hectares in combined size. The site is a former quarry, with steep embankments on two sides and residential properties on all boundaries. The playing field is currently used for cricket in summer and baseball in winter.

A masterplan is required to ensure Gannan Park and McCauley Park meet the growing needs of the community and sporting groups for the next 20 years.

CURRENT FEATURES



TALKING TO THE COMMUNITY

Community consultation has taken place to find out what people like about the parks, what they don't like, and what they think could be improved.

Flagship Communications undertook consultation in late 2017 and May 2018. During the first round of consultation, Council listened to the community and during the second round, a draft masterplan was presented for feedback. People gave their feedback via online surveys, interviews and drop-in sessions.

The City of Ryde undertook a third round of consultation in March- April 2019. A revised draft masterplan including sports field lighting was presented for feedback. People gave their feedback via online survey, drop-in sessions, resident workshop and written submissions.

Getting to the site

- Improves pedestrian connections to the site
- Incorporates new park entrance signage

Thoughts on site

- Retains the village commons profile of the site
- Expands garden beds to enhance the amenity of the site

Local Surrounding Area

- Optimises and potentially expands car park for park users to minimise on-street parking
- Maintains and enhances the biodiversity of the Parks
- Relocates seating away from residents, where possible

Sport and Active Use

- Provides a multiprogrammable grass open space balancing sport and community use
- Supports the current and future users of the parks

Natural environment

- Incorporates bush regeneration throughout McCauley Park and the embankment
- Increases habitat for local fauna
- Identifies stormwater harvesting for irrigation
- Utilises WSUD to treat the run off from the car park
- New bins to address littering

Facilities

- Increases the amount of seating and shading around the site
- Provides new picnic and drinking fountain facilities
- Includes two outdoor fitness nodes
- Encloses and increases the number of cricket nets to 3
- Relocates the amenities building to better service users

Night activities

- Sports field lighting has been included. Council is required to lodge a Development Application including traffic, acoustics and lighting report

Playground

- Expands the playground to include a new combination unit with slide.
- Integrates play experiences into the natural setting of the parks

Maintenance

- Plants out the embankment slopes with new trees, shrubs and groundcovers
- Develops a regular maintenance program for the trees across the site

Dogs

- Doggy bins and bags to be installed
- Maintains the parks as on leash

SPORT AND RECREATION STRATEGY

The City of Ryde Sport and Recreation Strategy 2016-2026 that has been adopted by Council recommended the following actions for Gannan Park:

- Investigate to convert Gannan Park into two full sized football pitches with sportsfield lighting.
- Upgrade ancillary facilities at Gannan Park to accommodate the new uses.
- Review the design and location of sports amenity buildings to ensure appropriate physical access.

SITE ANALYSIS

Views to the city

Opportunity to frame view corridors with tree planting



Residential frontage

Provides good passive surveillance



Village green

Large open grass area creates opportunity for perimeter path/scooter track



Steep embankment

Opportunity to provide formal and informal pathways and seating areas



Overland flow

Can be redirected to ecological system that provides improved natural amenity



Bushland planting

Opportunity for increased planting to embankment and areas along boundary



Multiple entry points

Connect entry points to path network to create good permeability



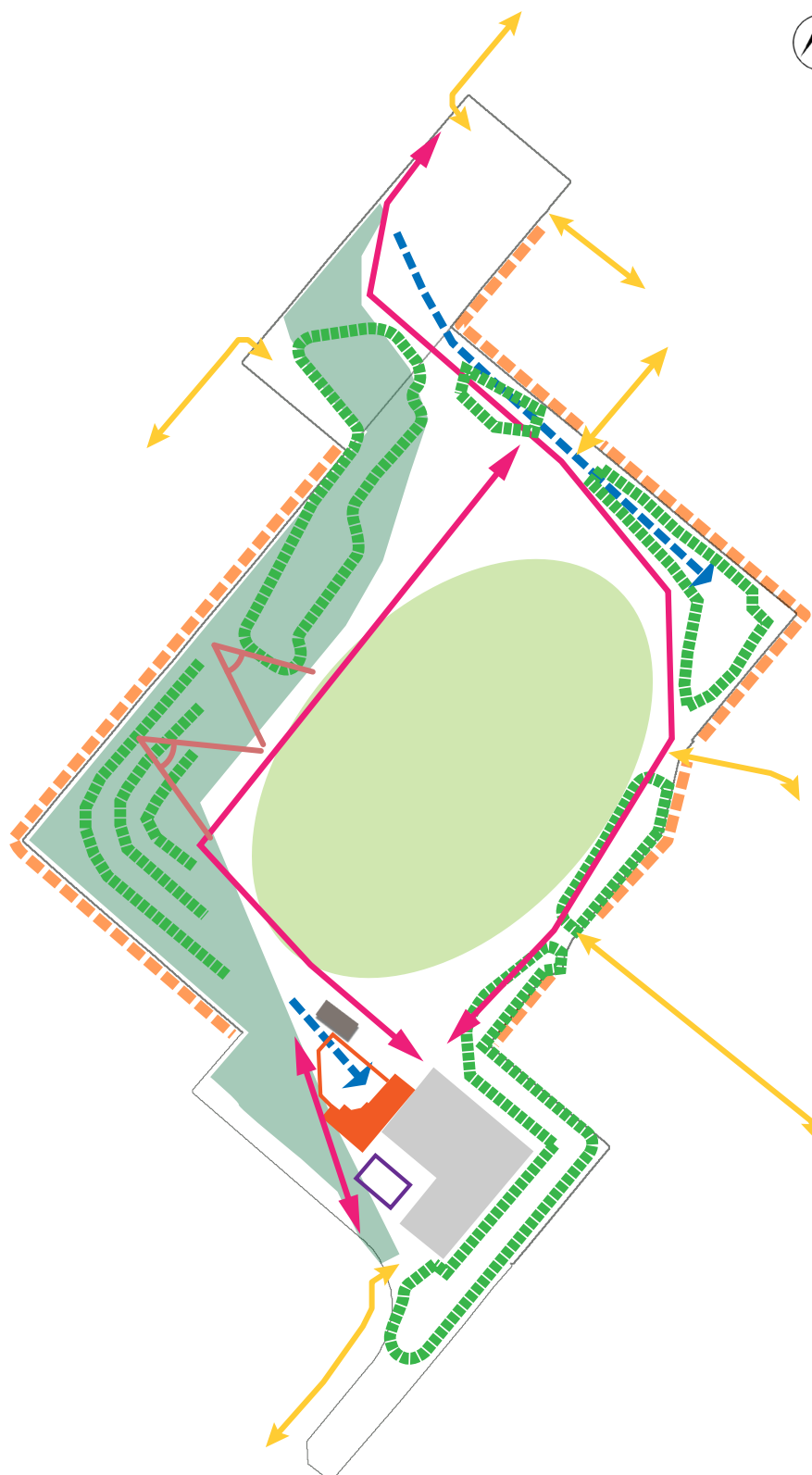
Amenities building

Opportunity to relocate to provide better access and connection to the park



Playground

Opportunity to expand to provide more variety and connection to park



KEY DESIGN PRINCIPLES

- Design flexible open spaces that can adapt to meet changing needs
- Integrate passive recreation opportunities throughout the park
- Keep the local village green feel
- Provide a focal gathering area
- Enhance the environmental qualities

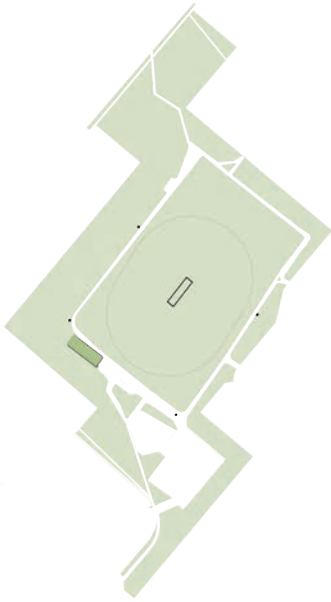
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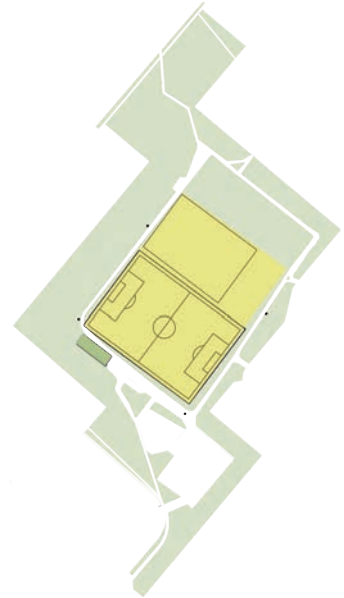
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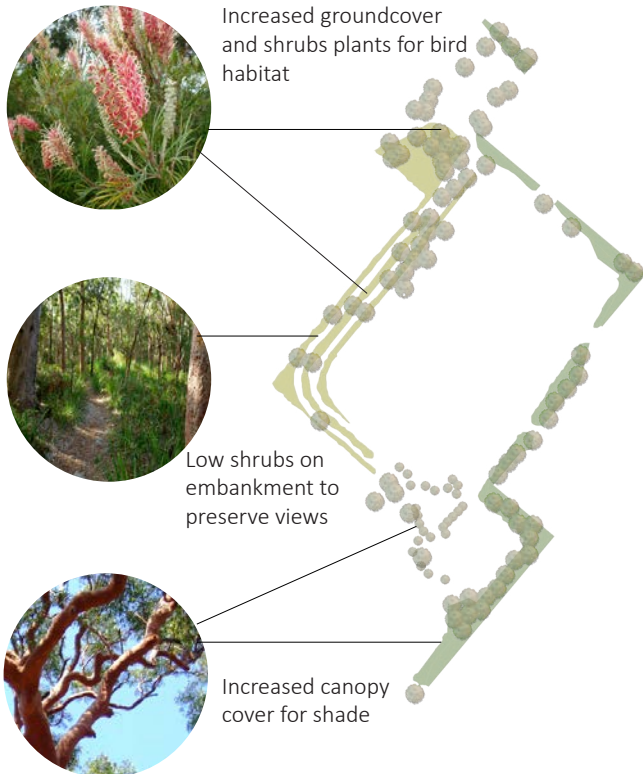
Potential soccer layout



Area to be illuminated



VEGETATION



SEATING



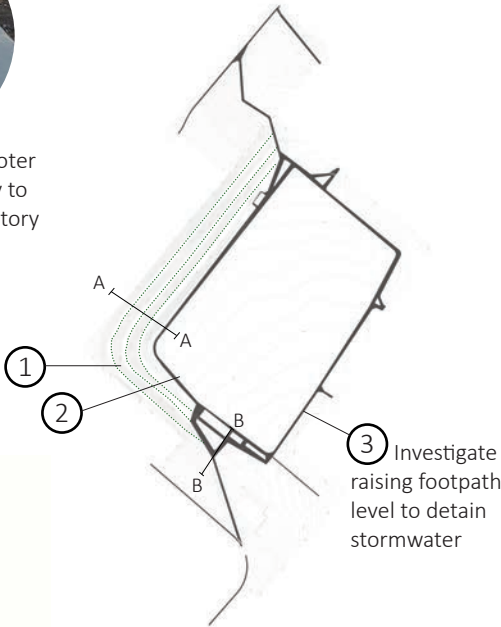
PATHS



① Grass trails to explore the natural area



② All weather scooter track. Materiality to reference the history of the site.



NEW AMENITIES



Expanded playground with new slide



Drinking fountains



Picnic Facilities



Accessible amenities building with stormwater harvesting



Indicative image of North Bondi amenities
Source: Sam Architects