

# ELS HALL PARK, GREENWOOD PARK & BOOTH RESERVE

# INTRODUCTION AND ANALYSIS

## BACKGROUND

ELS Hall Park, Greenwood Park and Booth Reserve form one large park area at the interface of Marsfield, North Ryde and Macquarie Park. Shrimptons Creek flows through the park and the Shrimptons Creek Shared Path connects through open space to the north and south of the site.

ELS Hall Park provides three formal sports fields, an indoor sports centre, off-leash dog park, large playground and an area of remnant forest.

Greenwood Park is comprised of informal grass areas and a large stand of Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest, an endangered ecological community.

Booth Reserve is a small parcel of land to the north of ELS Hall Park incorporating Shrimptons Creek corridor, riparian vegetation and the Shrimptons Creek Shared Path.

City of Ryde is preparing a master plan for ELS Hall Park, Greenwood Park and Booth Reserve. The master plan will guide the future planning and provision of facilities within the park, considering the needs of park users, the local community and future changes.

## PURPOSE OF THE MASTER PLAN

The master plan will be developed to balance the needs of various members of the community.

The objectives of the master plan are to:

- Establish an overall vision for the parks
- Identify future improvements
- Enable planning for future works
- Ensure that the parks are suitable for and meet the needs of the current and future local community
- Protect and improve on the existing park character
- Protect existing ecological areas and improve their biodiversity value

The purpose of the community consultation is to exhibit the draft master plan design and gather the community's thoughts, ideas and feedback.

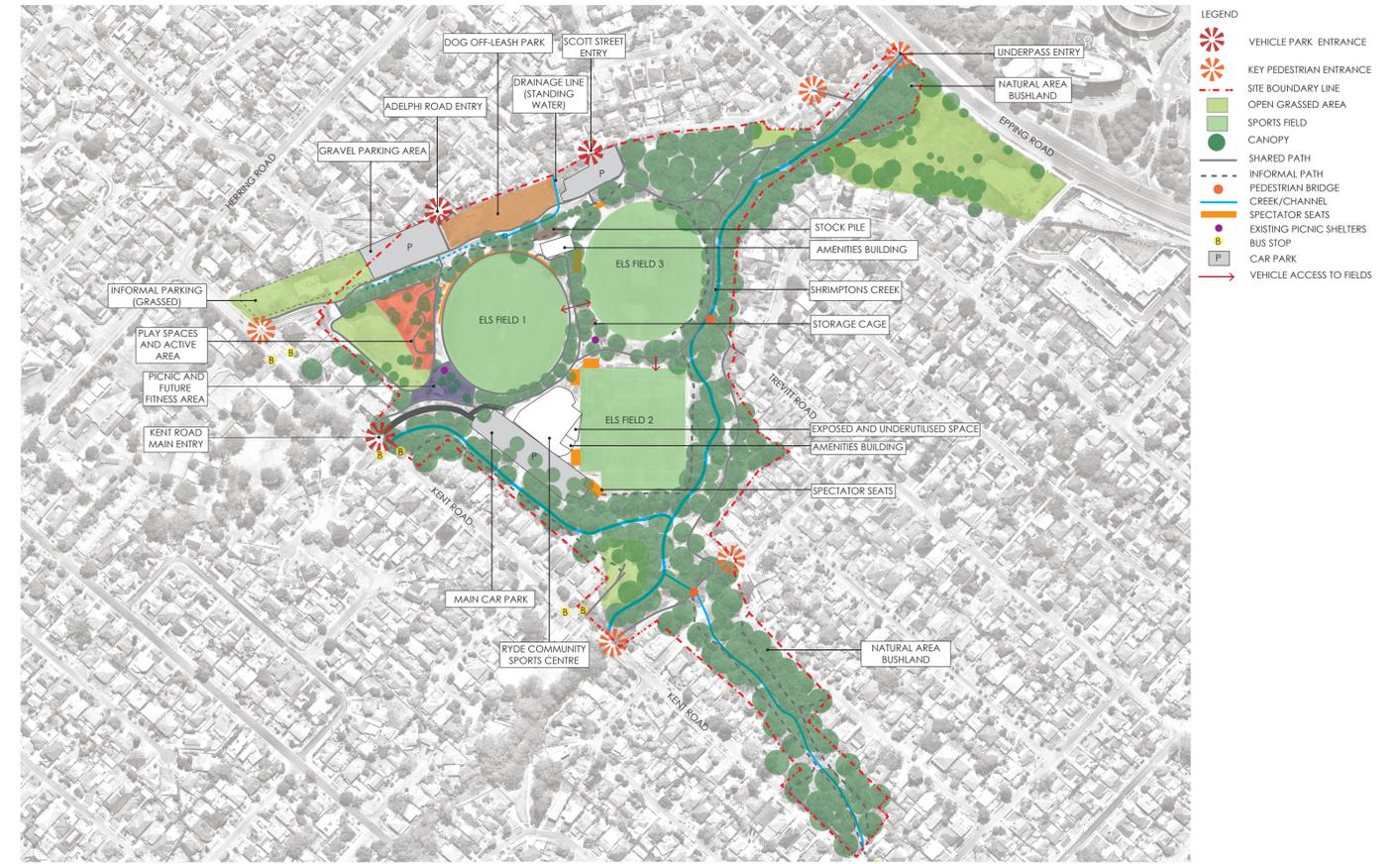
All suggestions and comments received will be reviewed and considered by council to ensure the master plan reflects community needs and desires. This feedback will be used to inform the development of the final master plan for adoption by council.

Once adopted, the master plan will be used to identify improvement projects in the short, medium and long term and to allocate budgets to the construction of these works.

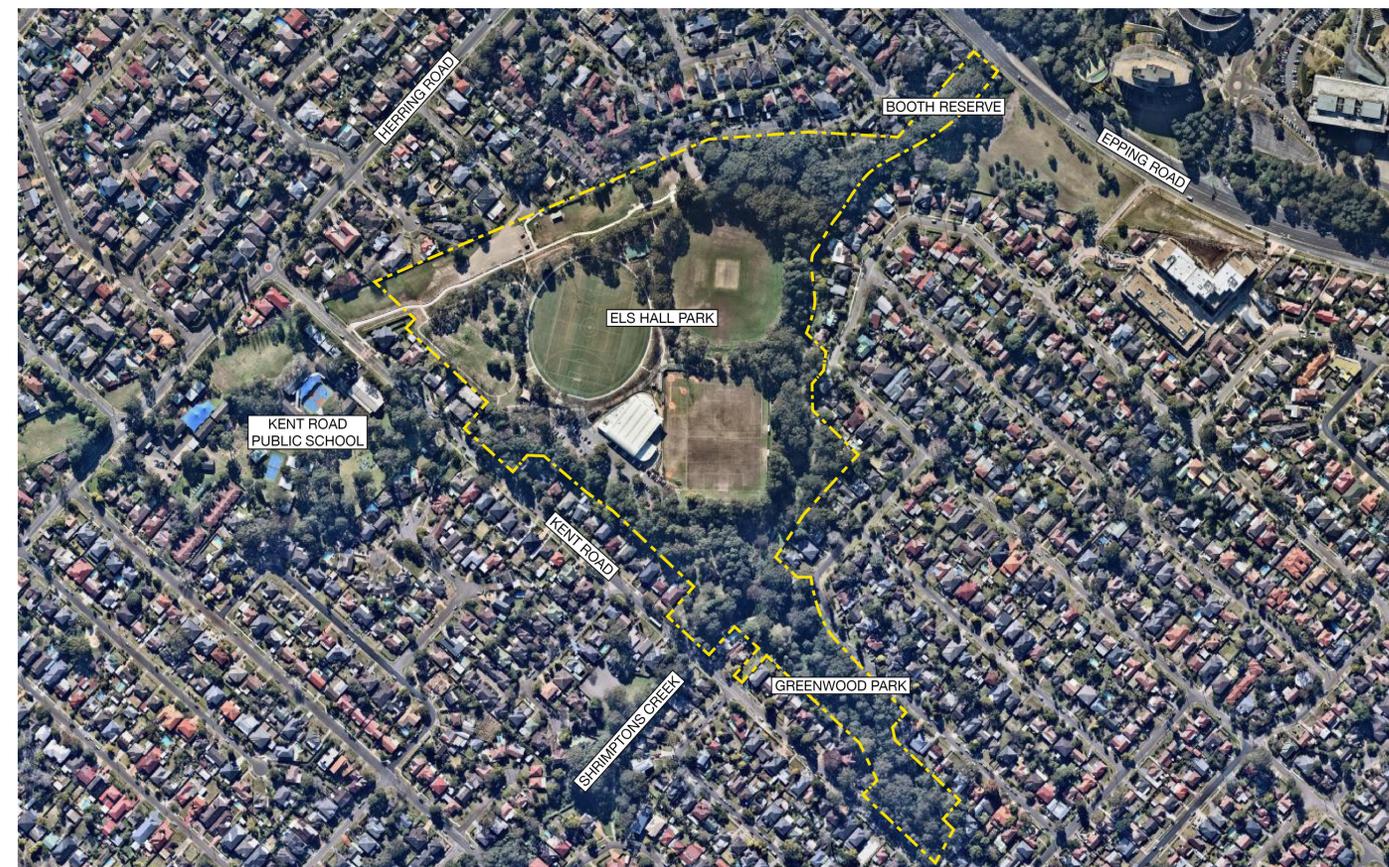
## WHERE TO FROM HERE?



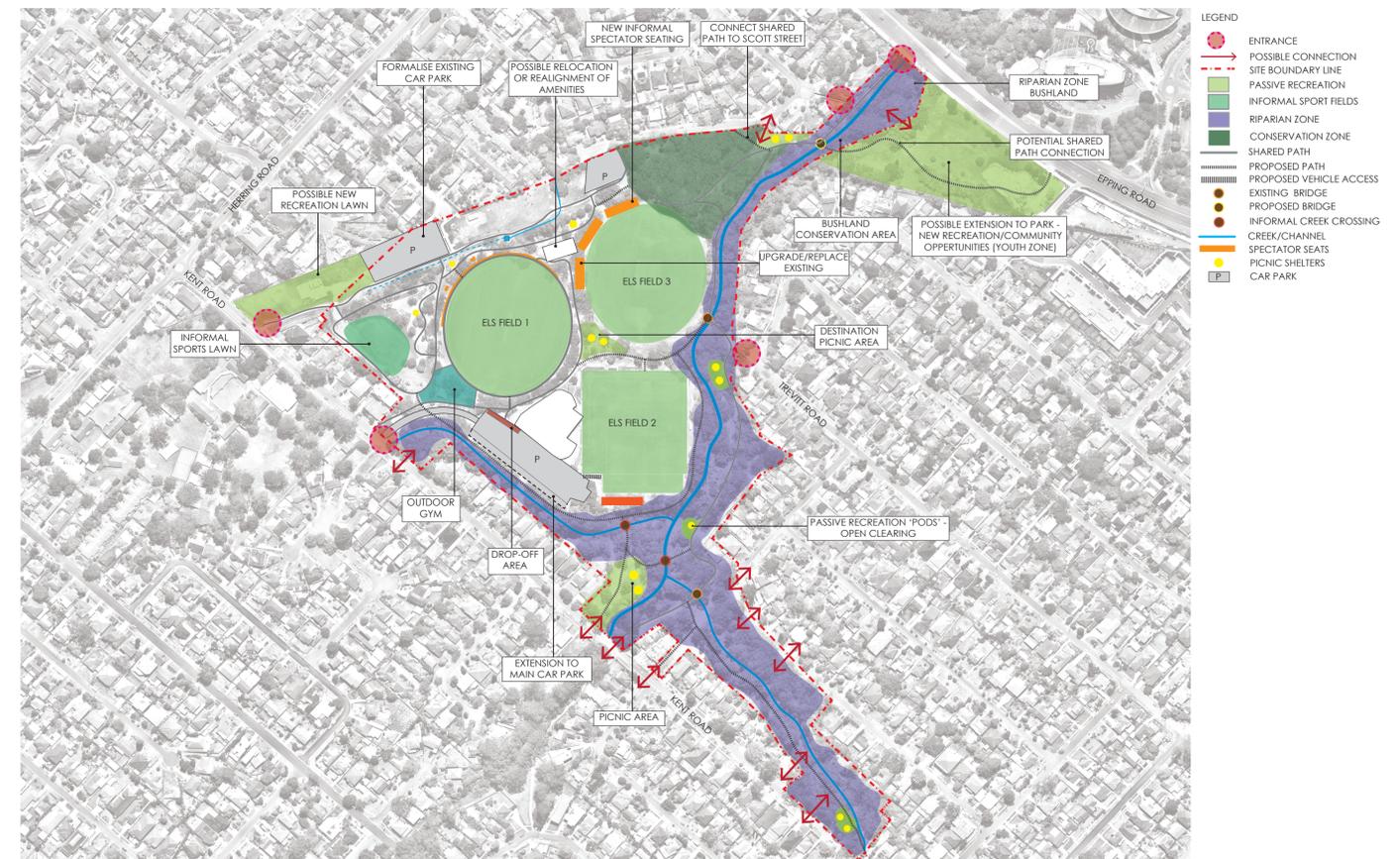
## SITE ANALYSIS



## AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH



## DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES





LEGEND

- 01 SPORT FIELD 1
- 02 SPORT FIELD 2
- 03 SPORT FIELD 3
- 04 PATHWAY LINKS  
New paths established to provide additional recreation opportunities in the park for walking, running and cycling
- 05 INFORMAL PATHS  
Gravel pathway connections as pedestrian links
- 06 NEW BRIDGE CROSSING  
Formal creek crossing to enhance circulation
- 07 INFORMAL CREEK CROSSING  
Informal crossing (stepping stones) connecting through natural areas
- 08 RECREATION 'PODS'  
Open clearing passive 'recreation pods' with picnic shelters/tables for small social gatherings
- 09 SPECTATOR SEATING  
New terraced spectator seating to sports fields
- 10 BBQ/PICNIC HUB  
New BBQ and picnic areas overlooking sports fields
- 11 FAMILY PICNIC AREA  
Extension to the play area with BBQ hub, learn to ride loop paths and informal lawn kickabout space
- 12 FAMILY RECREATION AREA  
Active recreation hub with ping-pong tables, Tossball tower for children and games markings
- 13 OUTDOOR FITNESS AREA  
New fitness hub utilising existing shade structure
- 14 DOG PARK UPGRADE  
Establish new dog obstacle equipment within existing dog off-leash park
- 15 EXISTING INFORMAL CAR PARK RETAINED
- 16 RYDE SPORTS COMMUNITY CENTRE CAR PARK  
Existing car park widened approximately 2m to increase parking numbers and reduce congestion. Entry and exit remodelled and bus drop-off / pick-up bay installed
- 17 RYDE SPORTS COMMUNITY CENTRE  
Possible extension to sports centre (raised over parking) pending feasibility study and further investigations
- 18 AMENITIES BUILDING  
New amenities building designed to address sports fields and respond to land form (possible two-storey solution pending feasibility study and further investigations)
- 19 LAND NOT OWNED OR MANAGED BY COUNCIL.  
Negotiation seeking community use pending with relevant authority



LEGEND

- 01 SPORT FIELD 1: SYNTHETIC GRASS
- 02 SPECTATOR SEATING  
New terraced spectator seating to sports fields
- 03 EXISTING CONCRETE PATHS
- 04 PATHWAY LINKS  
New paths established to provide additional recreation opportunities in the park for walking, running and cycling
- 05 EXISTING PLAYGROUND  
Playground retained in current form
- 06 BBQ HUB  
Large shelter with picnic settings and BBQ for community use
- 07 KICKABOUT LAWN  
Gently sloped lawn for informal recreation
- 08 FAMILY RECREATION AREA  
Active recreation hub with ping-pong tables, Tossball tower for children and games markings
- 09 EXISTING TREES RETAINED  
Existing established trees retained in new design
- 10 PLANTED BUFFER  
Establish new buffer planting to residential
- 11 SWALE REGENERATED  
Swale widened to increase capacity and prevent flooding of field 1. New planting to improve biodiversity value
- 12 EXISTING INFORMAL CAR PARK RETAINED
- 13 OPEN SPACE RETAINED  
Existing passive open space within road reservation retained. Adjacent land towards Kent Road is not owned by council. Negotiation seeking community use is pending with relevant authority.



**FAMILY PICNIC AREA:** RECREATION LAWN LINKING TO EXISTING PLAY AREA WITH LEARN TO RIDE LOOP PATHS & ACTIVE PLAY OPPORTUNITIES



**INFORMAL RECREATION & PICNIC POD:** OPEN CLEARING WITH PICNIC SHELTERS PROVIDING SETTING FOR SMALL GROUP SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



**INFORMAL CREEK CROSSING:** NEW INFORMAL CREEK CROSSING IMPROVES PEDESTRIAN PERMEABILITY & CIRCULATION WITHIN THE PARK



**PRECEDENT IMAGERY**

