



Gannan & McCauley Park

DRAFT MASTERPLAN REPORT

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BACKGROUND

Gannan and McCauley Park 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 15 years.



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.

Consultation was conducted by Flagship Communications from 15 November – 15 December 2017. People gave their feedback via online surveys, interviews and drop-in sessions.

Recommendations from the community feedback:

Getting to the site

- Investigate improvements to pedestrian walkways to the site

Thoughts on site

- Retain the village commons profile of the site

Impact on residents

- Sustain the existing level of use intensity at the site
- Maintain the trees around the perimeter of the site

Sports activities

- Consider continuing the baseball and cricket at this site
- Any inclusion of additional sports at the site should be low-key and low-impact

Facilities

- Increase the amount of seating and shading around the site
- Install BBQ and drinking fountain facilities
- Consider installing exercise stations around the site
- Consider increasing the number of cricket nets

Playground

- Consider expanding the playground to include a larger amount of equipment.
- Incorporate play equipment into the natural setting of the parks (ie, a slide aligned with the park slopes)

Dogs

- Install doggy bins and bags around the site
- Consider fencing some areas to segregate dogs from children and/or players

Night activities

- Do not increase night activities at the site
- Consider alternate locations for night games
- Continue to lock the carpark gates in the evenings

Maintenance

- Consider upgrading the irrigation system if the playing field intensity is to be increased
- Develop a regular maintenance program for the trees across the site

Natural environment

- Undertake bush regeneration throughout McCauley Park
- Encourage habitat for local fauna

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.
- Investigate the relocation of winter baseball from Gannan Park to ELS Hall Park Field #2.
- 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



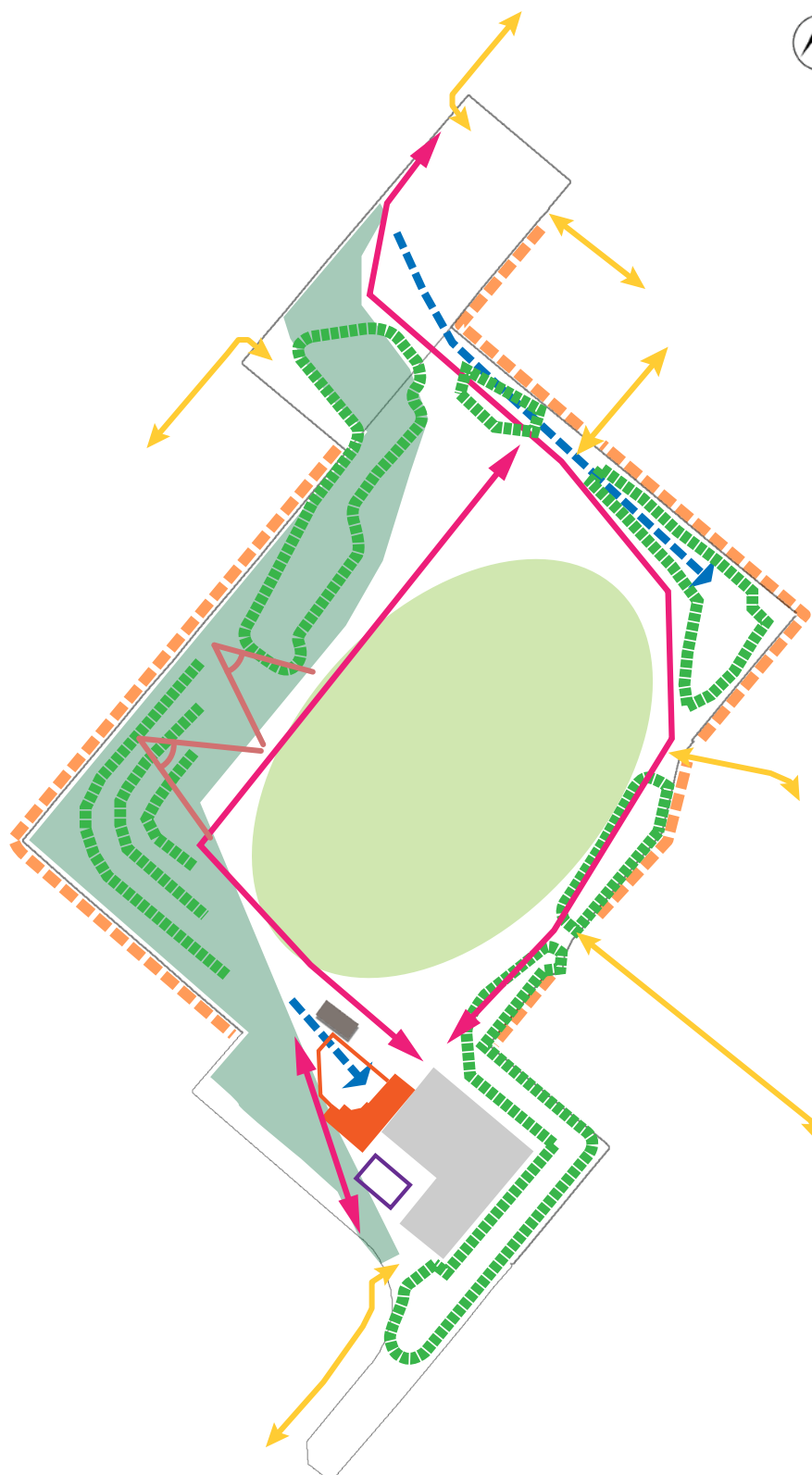
Amenities building

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

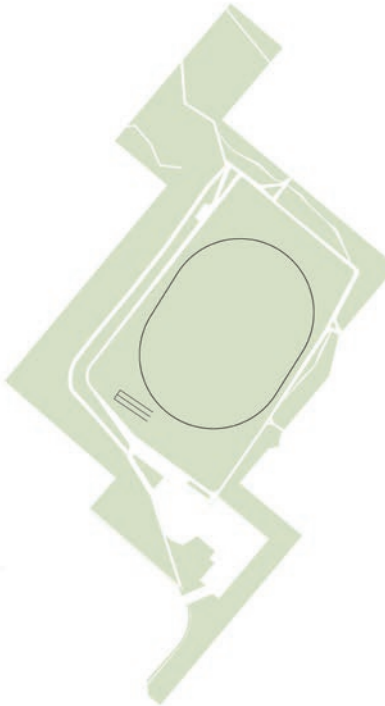
- Design flexible open spaces that can adapt to meet changing needs
- Integrate passive recreation opportunities throughout the park
- Keep the local village green feel
- Provide a focal gathering area
- Enhance the environmental qualities

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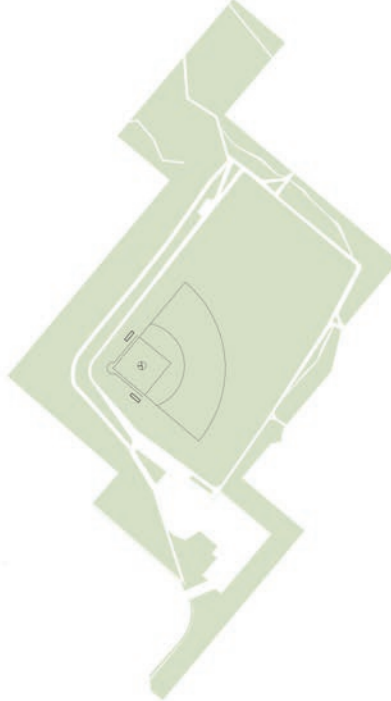


SPORTSFIELDS

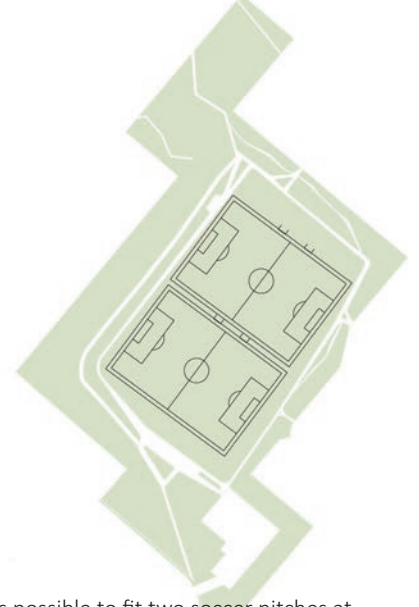
Summer - cricket



Winter - baseball



Soccer field investigation



It is possible to fit two soccer pitches at Gannan Park. However soccer is considered a higher impact sport and is less suited to the site than sports such as cricket and baseball.

VEGETATION



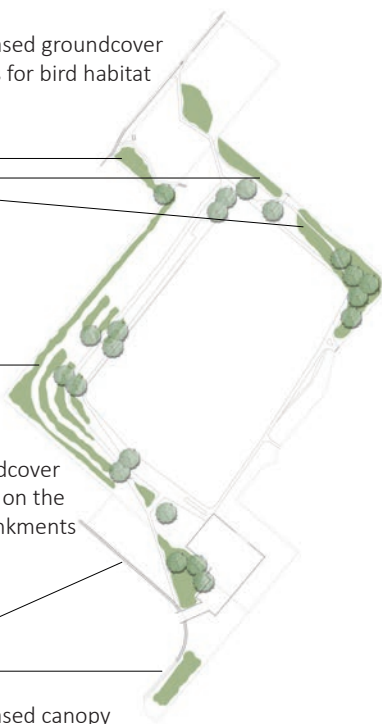
Increased groundcover plants for bird habitat



Native groundcover plants on the embankments



Increased canopy cover for shade



SEATING



Sandstone blocks



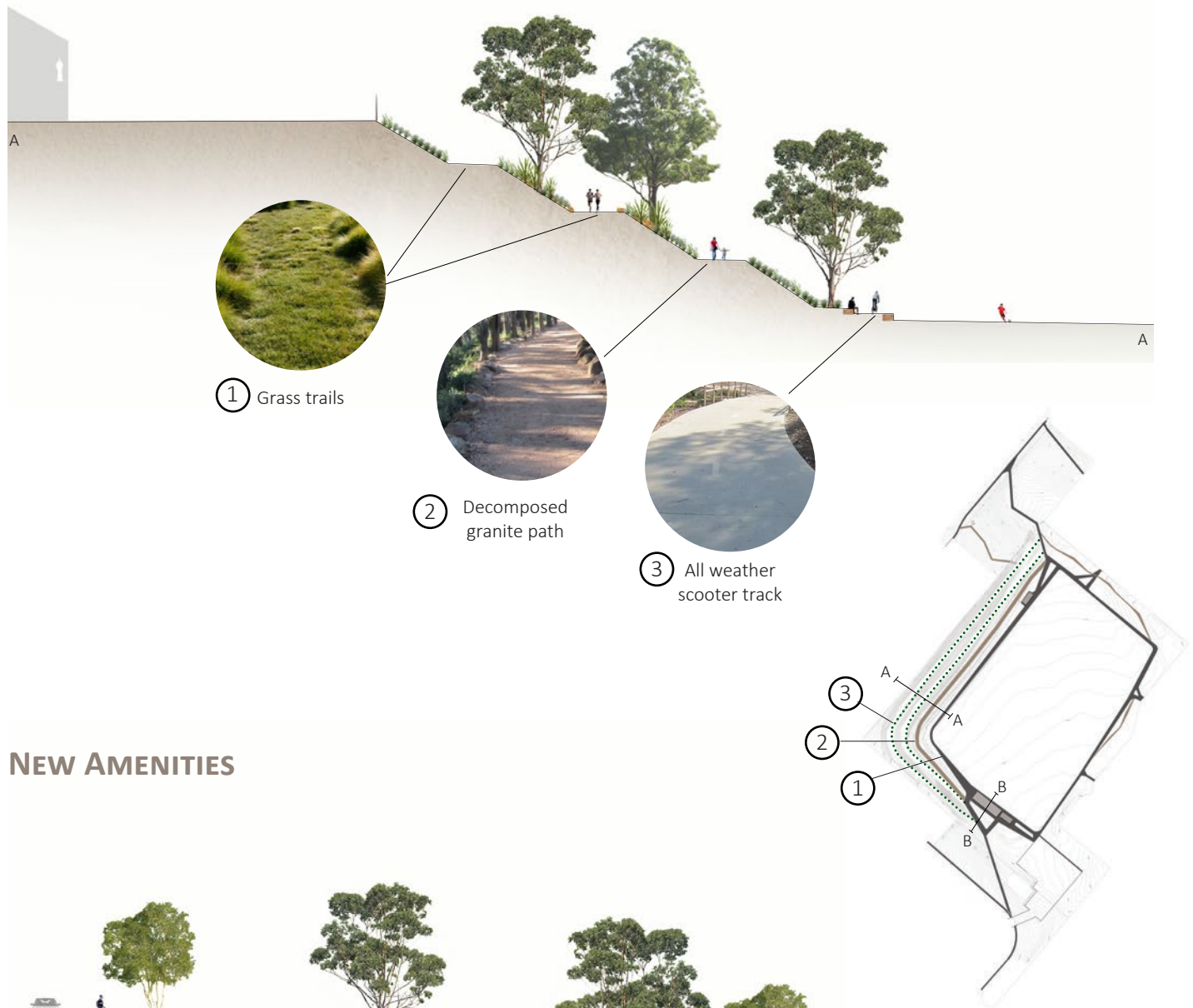
Informal seating platforms for sports spectators



Timber park benches around the park perimeter



PATHS



NEW AMENITIES



Indicative image of North Bondi amenities
Source: Sam Crawford Architects