

6.0 Draft Master Plan



- |                               |  |                                       |                                 |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Natural Grass                 | Existing Ornamental Garden                   | Existing buildings                    | Dog Off-Leash Area              |
| Synthetic Bowling Green       | Native Grasses / Ground Cover                | New / Relocated Furniture             | New Bollards                    |
| Existing Exercise Station     | New Native / Ornamental Understorey Planting | Existing Furniture                    | Interpretation Strategy Feature |
| Existing Understorey Planting | Softfall Groundcover                         | Community Garden Area                 | Existing Tree                   |
| New STIF Planting             | Existing buildings                           | Community Garden New & Relocated Beds | New Tree                        |
| New Decking                   |  | New Nature Play Equipment             |                                 |

- 01 Continue and extend existing understorey native planting to the northern corner of the park to further develop a green buffer between the park and Parramatta Rd.
- 02 Create new understorey green buffer to the edges of the park bordering Parramatta Rd and Ormond St. Employ native species which have an ornamental character and can complement the Victorian character of this historic corner of the park.
- 03 Relocate park benches to the edge of new understorey planting so that open areas can become more flexible. Change the orientation of the benches so that outlook is towards the park as opposed to the road.
- 04 Maintain area for passive recreation with spill out space for cafe patrons.
- 05 Proposed unfenced dog off leash area with dog off leash facilities including seating, water fountain with dog bowl and dog bins.
- 06 Relocate the historic milestone to just south of the diagonal pathway, keeping it within the north-eastern corner of the park. Relocate to a level area where it can be easily viewed. Integrate the milestone with a historical interpretation strategy to inform visitors of its significance. This could include for example etchings into the pathway entry from the corner of Ormond St / Parramatta Rd which create a narrative around the historical significance of Parramatta Rd, how it was travelled, and the use of the marker as signifying 5 1/2 miles from the Obelisk in Maquarie place.
- 07 Refer to Zone 1: 01 Interpretation Strategy.
  - Elements which should be highlighted in zone 3 include: the historic milestone (06); the war memorial (7a); the Jessie Stuart Broomfield Memorial water fountain (07b); The International Mother Language Day monument (07c); Statue of Dr Jose P Rizal (07d); Rainbow Serpent carved tree artwork (07e).
- 08 Maintain existing ornamental flower gardens which contribute to the park's historical character. Retain and maintain the topiary of the date '1871 - 2020' and name 'Ashfield Park' which create a strong identity for the park.
- 09 Install table and chair park furniture in selected shaded locations.
- 10 Increase the width of the circular path around the war memorial. The circular path is currently the only access point without stairs to provide a continuous path of travel to other pathways within the park, and as a result is highly utilised by many users, including wheelchair users and cyclists directed through the park. The new pathway could include imprints, etchings and local stories to complement the war memorial.
- 11 Design and install new signage to identify Ashfield Park. Remove existing signage. New signage should communicate the civic and historic character of the park. Remove existing haphazard and outdated signage defining what is permitted within the park. Replace with a clear, concise and attractive signpost at key locations and at park entry points. New signposts should:
  - Include any important information about the park, such as what is permitted. Critical information should be also provided in languages other than English and in Braille format.
  - Include a map to identify the location of key park features, removing the need for confusing signage elsewhere. The map should feature a Braille key and haptic elements
- 12 Complete axis of Phoenix Palms with new palms towards the north-eastern entry gateway.
- 13 Reduce speed limit of Ormond St to 40km/hr to improve safer pedestrian safety around the park.
- 14 Upgrade park entrance to be more sympathetic to the heritage nature of the park.
- 15 Locate new bin with dog bag facility.
- 16 Install timed low lumen lighting for evening dog walking. Designed wildlife friendly and to reduce spill into the adjacent biodiversity area.
- 17 Install accessible drinking fountain with dog bowl.