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Increase the footprint of the play park, add shade structures, benches, extend footpath through play park, relocate the fence locally around the play area
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Upgrade or replace existing Concordia Club building to consolidate all services, new amenities and sports club office spaces within building footprint and create connections between sports ground and Cooks River
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Accessible public plaza with benches, landscaped pockets, shared hard surface provides service access.
- 19** Increase width of Cooks River Path in front of plaza
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Resurface and remark car park area. Include turning circle, and retain access point to River Canoe Club.
- 22 Redirected cycle path**
At park entry point, separate cycle path from pedestrian path to alleviate pressure on existing 'blind' corner
- 23** Introduce native understorey planting
- 24** New cricket practice nets
- 25** Existing sports grounds monitored + maintained, upgraded as required
- 26** Existing floodlights maintained and upgraded if and when required
- 27** Permanent synthetic cricket pitch
- 28** Consolidated signage point at key park entry points, to include park map, instructional and statutory signage
- 29** Accessible canoe/ kayak launching ramp to Cooks River



Existing Plan

- ① Brick amenities block with kiosk and awning; home to Marrickville 'Red Devils' Football Club
- ② Sydney Water site
- ③ Shipping container for sports equipment storage
- ④ Water tanks
- ⑤ Barbecue area
- ⑥ Existing play park
- ⑦ Stormwater channel
- ⑧ Steps up to street level
- ⑨ Stormwater filtration system; outlet to Cooks River
- ⑩ Fenced stormwater garden
- ⑪ Cooks River shared foot and cycle path
- ⑫ Sandstone retaining wall to river bank
- ⑬ Concordia Club restaurant
- ⑭ Service access road
- ⑮ Substation
- ⑯ River Canoe Club clubhouse
- ⑰ Shipping container storage for croquet equipment
- ⑱ Croquet lawns
- ⑲ Car park
- ⑳ Natural turf floodlit sports ground
- ㉑ Synthetic turf cricket pitch
- ㉒ Steep embankment



Brick amenities block with kiosk and awning, Mackey Park, Marrickville
Photo by Welsh + Major



Flooding extending past stormwater garden, Mackey Park, Marrickville
Photo by Fabien Kramer via google maps



Concordia Club restaurant with croquet lawns in foreground, Mackey Park, Marrickville
Photo by Welsh + Major



Proposed Plan

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Increase the footprint of the playground, add shade structures, benches, extend footpath through playground, relocate the fence locally around the play area

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Precinct A

01 New amenities block + plaza

Replace existing amenities with new facility oriented to invite entry to the park from Carrington Road. Amenities to include toilets, changing rooms, kiosk, equipment store, water fountains, bin store, relocated defibrillator

Create plaza in front of amenities block to signify entry to park. Option to include alternative paving strategy, planters, water fountains, benches

02 Planted screen to Richardsons Crescent presents an attractive face of the park to passing traffic, while providing a buffer from the road, which is very loud at this junction

03 Use existing dropped kerb in front of Sydney Water Plot for vehicular service access to park and amenities. Fold down bollards restrict public access

04 Pocket parkland

Introduce native planting and benches tucked around existing trees to create a parkland 'pocket' in contrast to the sports focussed character of Mackey Park

05 Remove shipping container, relocate storage to new amenities block

06 Replace fabric fence mesh around Sydney Water plot with a more attractive, permanent looking solution such as timber paling, metal fence, brick wall

07 Expanded playground

Increase the footprint of the playground, introducing equipment with a nature play focus, benches and under cover tables; new shade sails where required; extend a footpath through the playground and relocate the fence to bound the play and seating areas only; consider using natural fencing material to counter the severity of a physical barrier

08 Additional barbecue and table, new trees for shading, soften edge to Sydney Water site, and water tanks while maintaining required access

09 Existing water tanks and service shed retained in place



Citizen Garden, Monterrey Mexico
Práctica Arquitectura



Mesh screen with climbing plants at Cedar Creek Garden, Texas USA
Hocker Design Group



Nature play park with timber branch fence at Naracoorte Memorial Oval, SA
Nature Play Landscaping



Precinct B

01 Enhanced storm water solution

Reassess the storm water solution in this area; consider whether a naturalised Bio-retention basin would provide a more successful outcome;

Note : Accurate survey and consultation with hydraulic engineer will be required.

- Survey and map areas which flood persistently. Observed flood area indicated with dashed blue line;
- Adjust levels around sports ground to direct excess water to into bio-retention basin;
- Develop a naturalised bio-retention system, with storm water tolerant species to simulate a natural wetland;
- Allow water to collect and gradually filter into Cooks River via drainage system underneath shared path.

02 Wetland platform

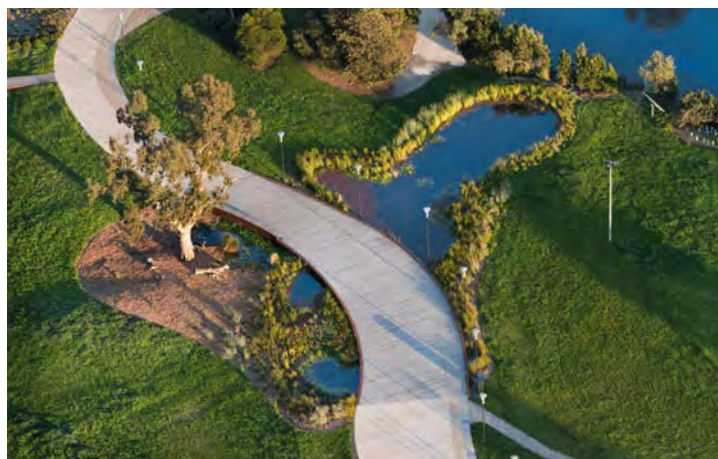
Introduce cantilevered deck over the wetland to relieve pressure on intersection and give back parkland lost to the wetland; shape deck around existing trees, and introduce bench seats and picnic benches

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04 Introduce low level consistent path lighting along Cooks River path

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Pedestrian route over stormwater retention basin, RMIT Bundoora Campus, Melbourne
Taylor Cullity Lethlean Landscape Architects



Naturalisation project, a site further upstream on Cooks River, Sydney
Sydney Water



A playful and gentler alternative to a typical ball fence
Welsh + Major



Precinct C

01 Connect Concordia club with public space
 Replace or renovate existing Concordia Club building to consolidate all services within building footprint and create connections between sports ground and Cooks River Footprint of new (or renovated) building to include:

- Concordia Club restaurant and bar, including associated kitchen services and loading areas
- Office and amenity spaces for Cooks River Croquet Club, Croquet NSW, Marrickville Cricket Club, Marrickville Football Club
- New public amenities, sports equipment storage and changing rooms

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03 Remove fence which separates Concordia Club from Cooks River path and sports ground

04 Pedestrian plaza
 Accessible public plaza with benches, landscaped pockets, shared hard surface provides service access. Plaza connects sports ground, Concordia Club and Cooks River frontage, presenting a more vibrant and inviting face to the public. Option for Club restaurant to spill out into public space.

05 Increase width of Cooks River Path in front of plaza, introduce bollards and contrasting surface treatment emphasising intersection to increase user safety

06 Add benches and public picnic spots in front of plaza

07 Rationalised car parking
 Resurface and remark car park area. Include turning circle, and retain access point to River Canoe Club. Use fixed or fold down bollards to prevent vehicular access to shared path

08 Redirected cycle path
 At park entry point, separate cycle path from pedestrian path to alleviate pressure on existing 'blind' corner, increasing safety of park users

09 Introduce planting at corner of park around existing substation. Retain service access

10 Accessible canoe/ kayak launching ramp to Cooks River



Cohen Park Amenities on Gadigal Land, Annandale Sydney
 Welsh + Major Architects



South Park Commons, Los Angeles USA
 RIOS



Installation at Bundeskunsthalle in Bonn, Germany
 Kristina Buch