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Introduction + Executive Summary

Inner West Council have produced a Plan of Management priority list identifying which open spaces within the Inner West LGA are in greatest need of review.

In 2019, Welsh + Major Architects were engaged by Inner West Council to develop Plans of Management and accompanying Master Plans for the seven top priority parks.

This document contains a Plan of Management and Master Plan for Petersham Park. Petersham Park is bounded by Station, Lotos, Brighton, Wentworth and West Streets and covers an area of approximately 5 hectares.

The Plan of Management applies to land known as Petersham Park (D500070 & D500430) which is Crown Land for which Inner West Council is the land manager.

Plan of Management

The Plan of Management [POM] is a guiding framework which directs the future vision, planning, management and use of the park. It will be used to inform the development of the park over the next ten years.

Review of this plan

The Petersham Park Plan of Management is to be reviewed in ten years to ensure it aligns with Council's operational plans and objectives.

Master Plan

The Master Plan is a design report outlining the actions required for improvement, intended to guide the physical upgrade of the site over the next ten years. It does this by suggesting how the strategies set out in the Plan of Management can be translated into site specific gestures for application to the park.

How to use this document

Development of the POM and Master Plan involved some overlap of research and analysis. As such the POM and Master Plan were undertaken simultaneously, and are presented together within the same document.

The site has been considered and designed as a whole, but for ease and clarity within this document it has been presented as four zones. Developing the Plan of Management and Master Plan involved the following processes:

- Policy review identifying the opportunities and constraints presented by national and local government initiatives.
- Demographic review identifying the local community profile.
- Review of site ownership and legal categorisation.
- Identification of applicable statutory conditions and legislation.
- Undertaking a detailed site analysis
- Undertaking Community Engagement through drop in sessions and online survey.
- Analysis of the outcomes of the Context Review, Site Analysis and Community Engagement Outcomes to develop Key Objectives and Strategies for management and action.
- Application of the physical strategies onto the Draft Master Plan.

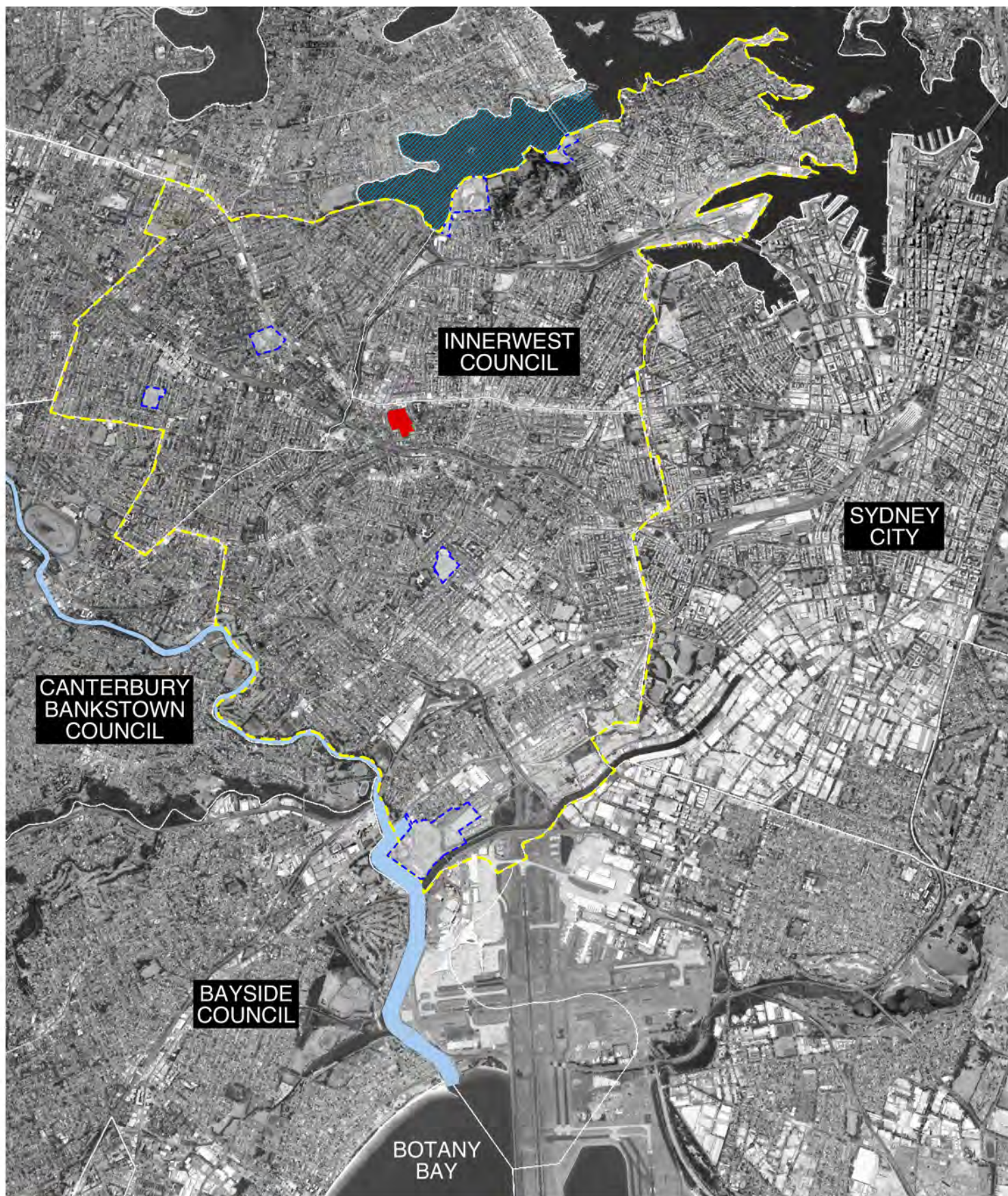
Key features of the Master Plan:

- Pathway upgrades to provide a continuous circuit around the sporting ground, accessible and lit for evening use.
- Scoreboard building restored with new digital display located in-situ, or adjacent to existing structure.
- Station Street frontage enhanced with new garden beds and understorey planting
- New paved forecourt and ornamental landscaping to rotunda
- Community garden area with adjacent waste disposal area and storage shed
- Playground area upgraded to provide inclusive and diverse play opportunities
- Buffer area with new seating, low planting and fencing to playground
- Rename the Petersham Park Grandstand 'The Hughes family Dudley Seddon Memorial Grandstand'
- Continued maintenance of public amenities, cafe and aquatic centre facilities. .
- Replaced fencing to enhance the pathway from the Brighton Street entry, and to provide security and privacy to preschool.
- Off-leash dog exercise area retained, with new seating and native planting to provide an attractive and hardy landscaped area.
- Rain garden to manage stormwater run-off
- Fitness area with lighting for evening use
- Landscape frontages to enhance entries and provide a buffer to busy West Street.
- Upgrade structure adjacent to grandstand to provide an accessible, sheltered viewing platform with increased equipment storage areas beneath.
- Continued maintenance of natural playing surface. Upgrade lighting for evening sports and recreation, maintain community access and enable use for community events and activities.



View looking north-east towards the sporting ground. Photography by Welsh + Major Architects.





 Inner West Council Boundary

 Site

 Cooks River

 Iron Cove

 Other IWC parks undergoing
POM and Master Plan



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REGIONAL CONTEXT

Inner West Council

The Inner West Council area is located five kilometres west of the Sydney Central Business District (CBD)

The council areas of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville were amalgamated pursuant to proclamation in May 2016, to become 'Inner West Council'.

Inner West Council has five wards: Ashfield, Balmain, Leichhardt, Marrickville, and Stanmore.

The Inner West Council has a resident population of 192,000 people, and spans 36km² from the banks of Parramatta River at Birchgrove in the north east, to the Cooks River at Dulwich Hill in the south west

There are 269 parks and reserves including playgrounds and sports grounds in the Inner West Local Government Area (LGA).

These include 31 Crown Reserves managed by Council and 238 Council owned parks and reserves.

Existing Recreation Needs and Future Projections

A recreational needs study, titled 'Recreation Needs Study - A Healthier Inner West' commissioned by Inner West Council in 2018 provided an analysis of the existing parklands within the LGA, including their current and predicted usage.

The community is expected to grow with an additional 49,000 residents projected by the year 2036. If new open space is not provided the amount of open space per person will decline from 13.3m² to 10.6m² per person within this timeframe.

Population growth will also result in additional pressure on current sporting and recreational facilities, and it is anticipated that additional facilities will be needed, and that current facilities will be required to intensify their usage to meet demand.

Based on industry benchmarks, by 2026 there will be a total gap of:

- 8 summer sporting grounds
- 8 winter sporting grounds
- 6 indoor (multipurpose) courts
- 14 outdoor (multipurpose) courts
- 1 indoor leisure centre (dry)
- 1 indoor leisure centre (aquatic)
- 1 skate park/facility.



INNER WEST PARTICIPATION

Community engagement completed for this study investigated recreation participation in the Inner West. Local participation in recreation broadly corresponds to national and State participation trends - walking is the most popular activity at a local, State and national level.

Across the spectrum of recreation activities, people participated most often in "active recreation" activities, with 80% of survey respondents participating at least weekly.

This was followed by personal fitness with 66% of people participating at least weekly.

In total, 4.5% of people engaged did not participate regularly (at least weekly) in recreation (of any kind), and an additional 1.4% participated regularly in "passive recreation," but not any other kind of recreation.

Figure 4 shows the most popular recreation activities across all community engagement types.



Figure 4 - Most popular recreation activities identified through community engagement completed for the Inner West Recreation Needs Study (Source: Cred Consulting, 2018)

POPULAR INNER WEST PLACES FOR RECREATION

The most popular recreation spaces in the Inner West identified through a range of consultation activities were:

- Footpaths, streets, and town centres
- Cycle paths
- Bay Run
- Cooks River foreshore path
- Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre
- Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre
- The GreenWay
- Steel Park
- Private gyms
- Hawthorne Canal/Richard Murden Reserve
- Enmore Park, and
- Ashfield Park.

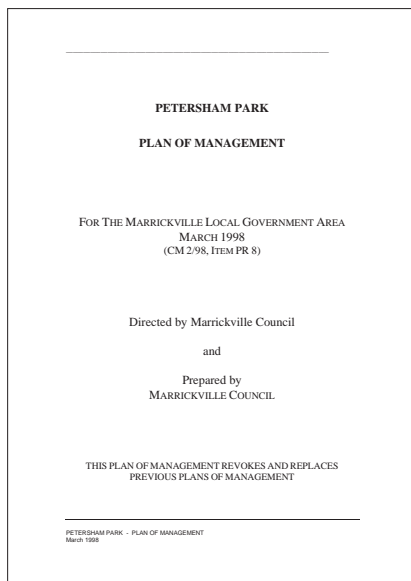
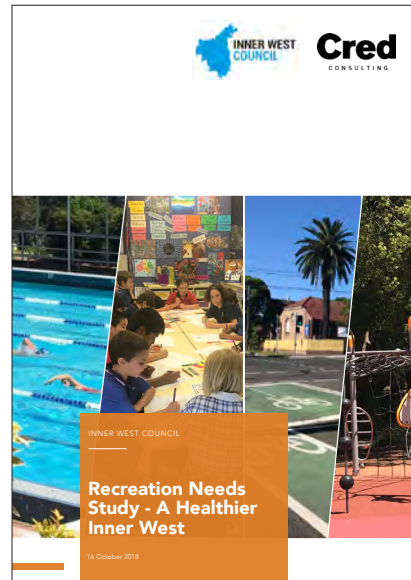
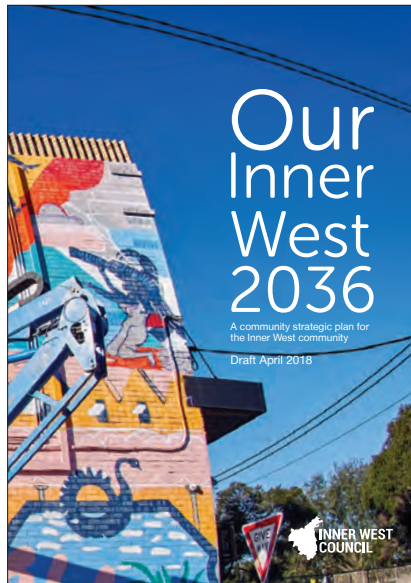
Key differences between different groups were that:

- Females used children's playgrounds, aquatic centres, and footpaths more often, while males used cycle paths, sporting fields and courts, and the Greenway more often than females.
- People who speak a language other than English at home used all facilities less regularly than the general community.

The most common types of facility that people visited for recreation in the Inner West were:



Figure 5 - Most common types of facility that people used for recreation in the Inner West identified through community engagement completed for the Inner West Recreation Needs Study (Source: Cred Consulting, 2018)



REVIEW OF CORPORATE OBJECTIVES + EXISTING POLICY

Our Inner West 2036; A community strategic plan for the Inner West community

Inner West Council, draft endorsed by council 06/2018

This plan identifies the community's vision for the future, outlines long term goals, strategies to get there and how to measure progress towards that vision. It guides all of Council's plans, policies and budgets.

The strategic directions set out are:

- 1 - An ecologically Sustainable Inner West
- 2 - Unique, liveable, networked neighbourhoods
- 3 - Creative communities and a strong economy
- 4 - Caring, happy, healthy communities
- 5 - Progressive local leadership

Among the stated aims, those which apply directly to the regeneration of public parkland are to increase community satisfaction with: green infrastructure, the total area of habitat for wildlife managed under bush-care programs, protection of the natural environment, safety of public spaces, cycleways, maintaining footpaths, aquatic and recreation centres, availability of sporting grounds and facilities and walk-able open space. [Also aligns with State and District Plans]

Recreation needs study - A healthier Inner West

Cred Consulting for Inner West Council, published 10/ 2018

Analysis of the current and projected recreation needs of the Inner West community, with a view to both maintaining and improving social and mental health as the population of the Inner West Council (IWC) area continues on its projected path of growth and change.

The study identified that the IWC area lacked sufficient public open space for the growing population. It outlines a strategic 'action' framework and explores how this framework could be applied.

Petersham Park - Plan of Management

by and for Marrickville Council, adopted 1998

Although completed in the late 1990's, some items identified in the plan are still applicable. These include the poor condition of some pathways, furniture, the grandstand and the scoreboard building. Other items with continued relevance include the pool operation hours/heating, maintenance of furniture and heritage elements, ensuring physical access for all community members, providing up to date facilities and developing a consistent treatment to all elements in the park.

A number of measures identified in the plan have been completed such as pool, public amenities, lighting and play equipment upgrades, along with new planting and some pathway improvements.

Other documents reviewed

- Petersham Park - Master plan by Phillips Marler - (former) Marrickville Council, April 2011
- Petersham Park - Conservation Management Plan by Mayne-Wilson & Associates - (former) Marrickville Council, May 2007
- Marrickville LEP 2011
- Marrickville DCP 2011
- Inner West Council - Inclusion Action Plan Petersham Park -
- Grandstand Upgrades Development Application - by Welsh + Major Architects - Inner West Council, May 2018
- Marrickville Bicycle Strategy - by Warren Salomon and Dick van den Dool - (former) Marrickville Council, August 2007
- Water Evolution - Stormwater Harvesting Feasibility Investigations for Off-River Parks by Equatica - (former) Marrickville Council, November 2011

OUR INNER WEST 2036 - COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Outcomes	Strategies
1.1 The people and infrastructure of Inner West contribute positively to the environment and tackling climate change	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide the support needed for people to live sustainably 2. Reduce urban heat and manage its impact 3. Create spaces for growing food 4. Develop planning controls to provide ecosystem services* 5. Provide green infrastructure that supports increased ecosystem services*
1.2 Biodiversity is rich, with connected habitats for flora and fauna	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support people to connect with nature in Inner West 2. Create new biodiversity corridors and an urban forest across Inner West 3. Maintain and protect existing bushland sites for species richness and diversity
1.3 The community is water sensitive, with clean, swimmable waterways	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaborate to make plans, designs and decisions that are water-sensitive 2. Supply water from within Inner West catchments
1.4 Inner West is a zero emissions community that generates and owns clean energy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support local adoption of clean renewable energy 2. Develop a transport network that runs on clean renewable energy
1.5 Inner West is a zero waste community with an active share economy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support people to avoid waste, and reuse, repair recycle and share 2. Provide local reuse and recycling infrastructure 3. Divert organic material from landfill 4. Advocate for comprehensive Extended Producer Responsibility+

Outcomes	Strategies
2.1 Development is designed for sustainability and makes life better	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pursue integrated planning and urban design across public and private spaces to suit community needs 2. Identify and pursue innovative and creative solutions to complex urban planning and transport issues 3. Improve the quality, and investigate better access and use of existing community assets 4. Develop planning controls that protect and support a sustainable environment and contribute to a zero emissions and zero waste community
2.2 The unique character and heritage of neighbourhoods is retained and enhanced	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide clear and consistent planning frameworks and processes that respect heritage and the distinct characters of urban villages 2. Manage change with respect for place, community history and heritage
2.3 Public spaces are high-quality, welcoming and enjoyable places, seamlessly connected with their surroundings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan and deliver public spaces that fulfil and support diverse community needs and life 2. Ensure private spaces and developments contribute positively to their surrounding public spaces 3. Advocate for and develop planning controls that retain and protect existing public and open spaces
2.4 Everyone has a roof over their head and a suitable place to call home	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure the expansion of social, community and affordable housing, distributed across Inner West, facilitated through proactive policies 2. Encourage diversity of housing type, tenure and price in new developments 3. Assist people who are homeless or sleeping rough
2.5 Public transport is reliable, accessible, connected and enjoyable	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocate for improved public transport services to, through and around Inner West 2. Advocate for, and provide, transport infrastructure that aligns to population growth
2.6 People are walking, cycling and moving around Inner West with ease	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deliver integrated networks and infrastructure for transport and active travel 2. Pursue innovation in planning and providing new transport options 3. Ensure transport infrastructure is safe, connected and well-maintained

REVIEW OF CORPORATE OBJECTIVES + EXISTING POLICY

Outcomes	Strategies
3.1 Creativity and culture are valued and celebrated	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grow Inner West's reputation as a leading creative and cultural hub, celebrating and supporting diverse creative industries and the arts 2. Create opportunities for all members of the community to participate in arts and cultural activities
3.2 Inner West is the home of creative industries and services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Position Inner West as a place of excellence for creative industries and services and support them to thrive 2. Facilitate links to programs and services to help businesses grow, innovate and improve their competitiveness 3. Encourage the establishment of new enterprises in Inner West 4. Facilitate the availability of affordable spaces for creative industries and services
3.3 The local economy is thriving	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support business and industry to be socially and environmentally responsible 2. Strengthen economic viability and connections beyond Inner West 3. Promote Inner West as a great place to live, work, visit and invest in
3.4 Employment is diverse and accessible	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support local job creation by protecting industrial and employment lands 2. Encourage social enterprises and businesses to grow local employment
3.5 Urban hubs and main streets are distinct and enjoyable places to shop, eat, socialise and be entertained	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote unique, lively, safe and accessible urban hubs and main streets – day and night 2. Enliven community life by delivering and supporting events, public art, cultural celebrations and entertainment 3. Pursue a high standard of planning, urban design and development that supports urban centres 4. Promote the diversity and quality of retail offerings and local products

Outcomes	Strategies
4.1 Everyone feels welcome and connected to the community	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foster inclusive communities where everyone can participate in community life 2. Embrace, celebrate, respect and value difference by building awareness and appreciation of Inner West's diversity 3. Empower and support vulnerable and disadvantaged community members to participate in community life 4. Increase and promote awareness of the community's history and heritage
4.2 The Aboriginal community is flourishing, and its culture and heritage continues to strengthen and enrich Inner West	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and history 2. Promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and businesses 3. Acknowledge and support the rights of the Aboriginal community to self determination 4. Actively engage Aboriginal people in the development of programs, policies and strategies
4.3 The community is healthy and people have a sense of wellbeing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide the facilities, spaces and programs that support wellbeing and active and healthy communities 2. Provide opportunities for people to participate in recreational activities they enjoy
4.4 People have access to the services and facilities they need at all stages of life	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan and provide services and infrastructure for a changing and ageing population 2. Ensure the community has access to a wide range of learning spaces, resources and activities 3. Support children's education and care services to ensure a strong foundation for lifelong learning

Outcomes	Strategies
5.1 People are well informed and actively engaged in local decision making and problem-solving	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support local democracy through transparent communication and inclusive participatory community engagement
5.2 Partnerships and collaboration are valued and recognised as vital for community leadership and making positive changes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support leadership and mentoring initiatives that build and strengthen the capacity of individuals, businesses and communities 2. Support local capacity for advocacy 3. Collaborate with partners to deliver positive outcomes for the community, economy and environment
5.3 Government makes responsible decisions to manage finite resources in the best interest of current and future communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Undertake visionary, integrated, long term planning and decision making, reflective of community needs and aspirations 2. Ensure responsible, sustainable, ethical and open local government 3. Deliver innovation, excellence, efficiency and effectiveness and probity in Council processes and services

RECREATIONAL NEEDS STUDY - A HEALTHIER INNER WEST

Key Findings:

A number of findings about recreation within the Inner West are highlighted by the report. These include its benefits and its changing perception and role within society generally. These have assisted in providing a foundation for the strategies and objectives of this Plan of Management and Master Plan. A summary of the key findings includes;

- Participation in recreation brings significant health and social benefits to individuals, including mental health benefits and improved development outcomes for children and young people.
- Recreation provides benefits at the community level, supporting community cohesion and community development, and public health benefits.
- A majority of Australians participate in sport or other physical activities at least 3 times a week.
- Nationally, the most popular recreation activities include walking, fitness, swimming, cycling and running, and this is reflected by local participation trends in the Inner West.
- The major change in participation in recreation is a trend to more flexible and non-organised participation.
- Children have declining access to unsupervised participation in recreation activities, with Planet Ark estimating that only 35% of Australian children play outside every day, compared to 72% a generation ago.
- People with disability have lower levels of participation in recreation and are less likely to take part as a spectator.

NEED
Additional Aquatic Centre
Increased quality of open space to optimise use, address demand and meet higher and more diverse needs
Well maintained public toilets, water bubblers and bins in parks.
Picnic and BBQ facilities, seating and shade for informal social gatherings, as well as informal grassed passive recreation areas.
New facilities in parks including: table tennis tables; outdoor gyms including for seniors, and hard surfaces with shelter for tai chi.
Lighting and design of parks to increase feelings of safety. Improved lighting to support evening and night time use of sporting grounds and provide recreation opportunities after work hours
Improved waste management and maintenance in parks and sporting grounds.

Community Engagement:

The study undertook extensive engagement with the community to determine both recreational participation within the inner west as well as comments and suggestions about the quality of public open space within the LGA. These findings in conjunction with community engagement carried out specifically for Petersham Park form a body of information about the community's needs and desires for public open space which have informed this Plan of Management and Master Plan.

Objectives:

The report found a number of opportunities for improving recreational spaces within the LGA through a needs and gaps analysis. These opportunities were grouped into broad themes. A number of these key opportunities which relate specifically to the scope of this Plan of Management and Master Plan have been summarised in this review.

OPPORTUNITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase capacity at existing facilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-use, flexible open space that is designed to support sharing and reduce conflict between users
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review provision of bins including recycling.• Provide amenities in accordance with the Inner West Public Toilet Strategy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide space for social gatherings outside of the home.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In particular local parks in high density areas to provide a variety of recreation opportunities for residents.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lighting in parks for informal night time use eg at outdoor gyms, dog parks, running paths, large flat areas for informal sport and other sporting facilities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased maintenance resourcing• Consider ongoing maintenance costs at the design stage of new/upgraded open space• Consultation with outdoors staff at the design stage to identify possible future maintenance issues, and• Self-cleaning BBQs.

REVIEW OF CORPORATE OBJECTIVES + EXISTING POLICY

Improved sporting ground playing surfaces through upgrades to drainage, turf, soil.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current allocation data (Winter 2018 season) indicates that some sporting grounds are over capacity, but there is potential to increase the carrying capacity of the sporting ground through surface improvements
Improving sporting building infrastructure, amenities blocks to increase usability and support safety, and support the participation of women and people with disability in sport. Spectator infrastructure, courts surfaces, lighting, allocation and booking processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade sporting grounds throughout the LGA.
Signage and wayfinding on cycle routes. Safer shared paths, and/or separate bike/pedestrian paths.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review throughout the LGA.
Cycling infrastructure including end of trip facilities and bike parking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycling infrastructure at connections to public transport and recreation facilities.
Play spaces for older children / young people; Play opportunities for other age groups and abilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play for older children such as basket swings, trampolines, climbing walls, monkey bars, flying foxes Innovative play spaces such as nature play, and adventure/junk play. Include inclusive play equipment in all playgrounds, rather than only in some dedicated inclusive playgrounds.
Increased access to recreation opportunities for older people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath improvements, bushcare programs, More affordable recreation opportunities for older people Support with transport to recreation opportunities.
Informal, flexible and social recreation opportunities that cater to a time-poor population.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved lighting on streets and in parks to enable night time use including for organised and informal activities Encourage recreation providers (e.g. sports clubs, fitness providers) to provide recreation opportunities in the evening eg social versions of sport
Inclusive recreation opportunities for people with disability including organised sport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritise accessibility in the upgrades of recreation facilities and parks, for example in new amenities buildings. Audit of Council's recreation facilities and parks and whether they are accessible.
Inclusive recreation opportunities for people from the LGBTQI+ community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcoming change and bathroom amenities for gender diverse people.
Inclusive recreation opportunities for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreation opportunities located close to public transport and promoted in community languages Recreation programs targeting people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds Recreation opportunities that reflect popular activities (eg informal sports, badminton, volleyball, table tennis, basketball, Tai Chi), and Working with sporting clubs to support inclusiveness and increased participation.
New off leash dog parks, including dog swimming and water play; Ongoing provision and maintenance of existing dog off leash areas; Managing and preventing conflicts between users of parks, particularly children and dogs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarity in signage to enable regulation and enforcement. Design of parks and playgrounds to minimise conflict e.g. planting borders 10m from playgrounds to identify dog free areas.

DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS



- Dog on-leash area
- Dog off-leash area
- Dog off-leash area - timed
- Dogs prohibited



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REVIEW OF CORPORATE OBJECTIVES + EXISTING POLICY

Dog Exercise Areas within Petersham Park

The use of Petersham Park for dog walking is encouraged and recognised by council as creating a positive sense of community if conducted in a responsible manner. Dog walkers must ensure their dog is under effective control at all times and does not become a nuisance or impede on the enjoyment of other park users.

Petersham and parts of the inner west are home to an endangered and protected population of long-nosed bandicoots.

Council aims to balance dog owners' needs to exercise and socialise their dogs with the requirement to protect bandicoots that are under threat from dogs, cats and foxes. The time restriction on off-leash dog exercise in part of the park in could potentially minimise conflicts with other park users and the endangered bandicoot population.

Dog walkers must clean up and properly dispose their dog's faeces. Although the majority of dog walkers are responsible, uncollected faeces in the off-leash area make the park experience less enjoyable. Signage directly within this area reminding owners of their responsibilities and of the need to watch their dogs could be beneficial.

Current signage locations and areas for on and off leash dog exercise are indicated by the map adjacent.

Dog On-Leash Areas

- Dogs must remain on a leash in the area surrounding the vintage bandstand, the children's playground and the entrance to the Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre

Dog Off-Leash Areas

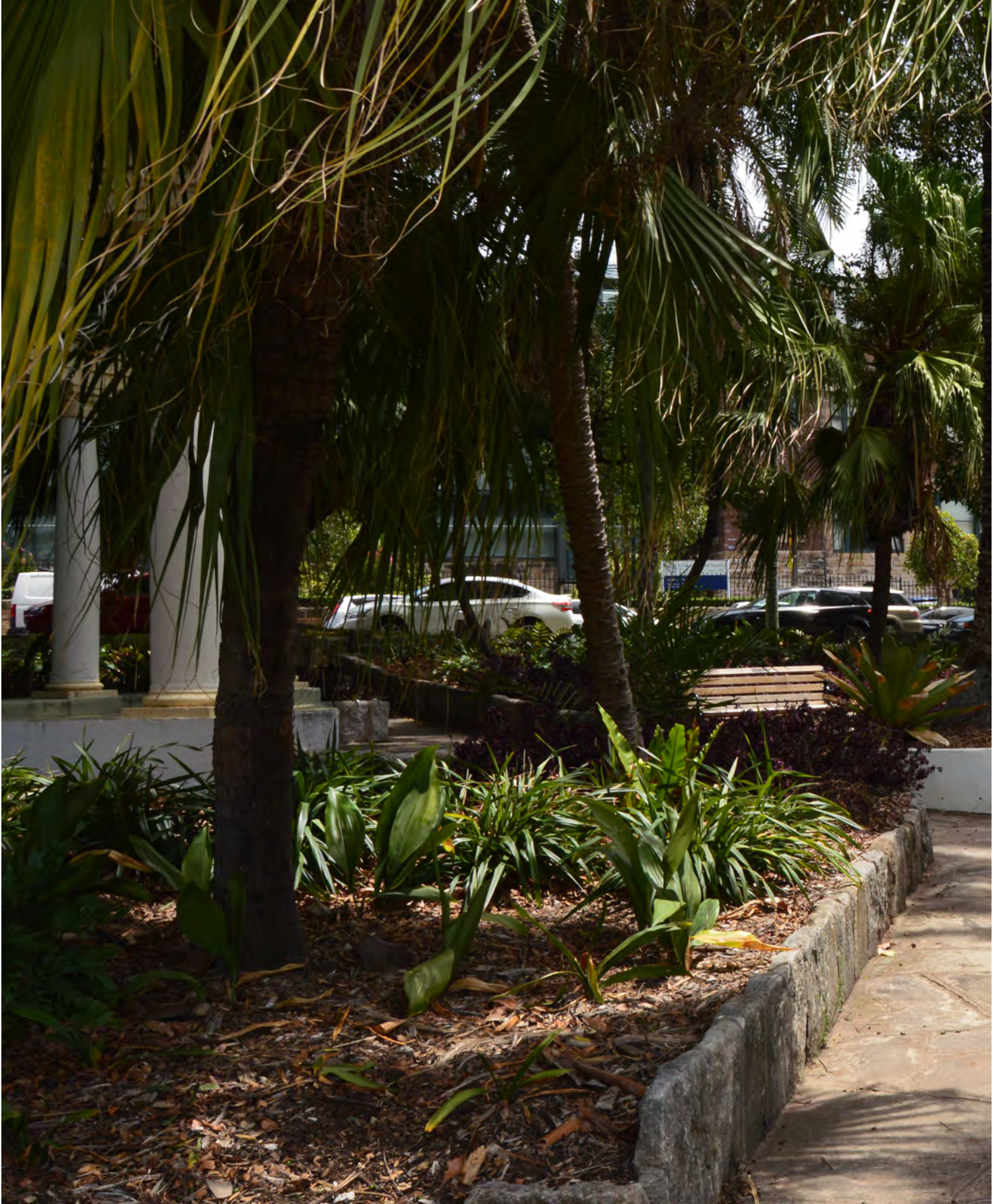
- A designated area on the southern side of Petersham Park – adjacent to Wentworth Street and Brighton Street – is available for leash-free dog exercise any time of the day. Care should be taken to ensure compliance around the playground and palm grove as these areas are not fenced.

Dog Off-Leash Areas - Timed

- An additional designated area is available for leash-free dog exercise between the hours of 6am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm (5pm to 8pm during daylight savings).

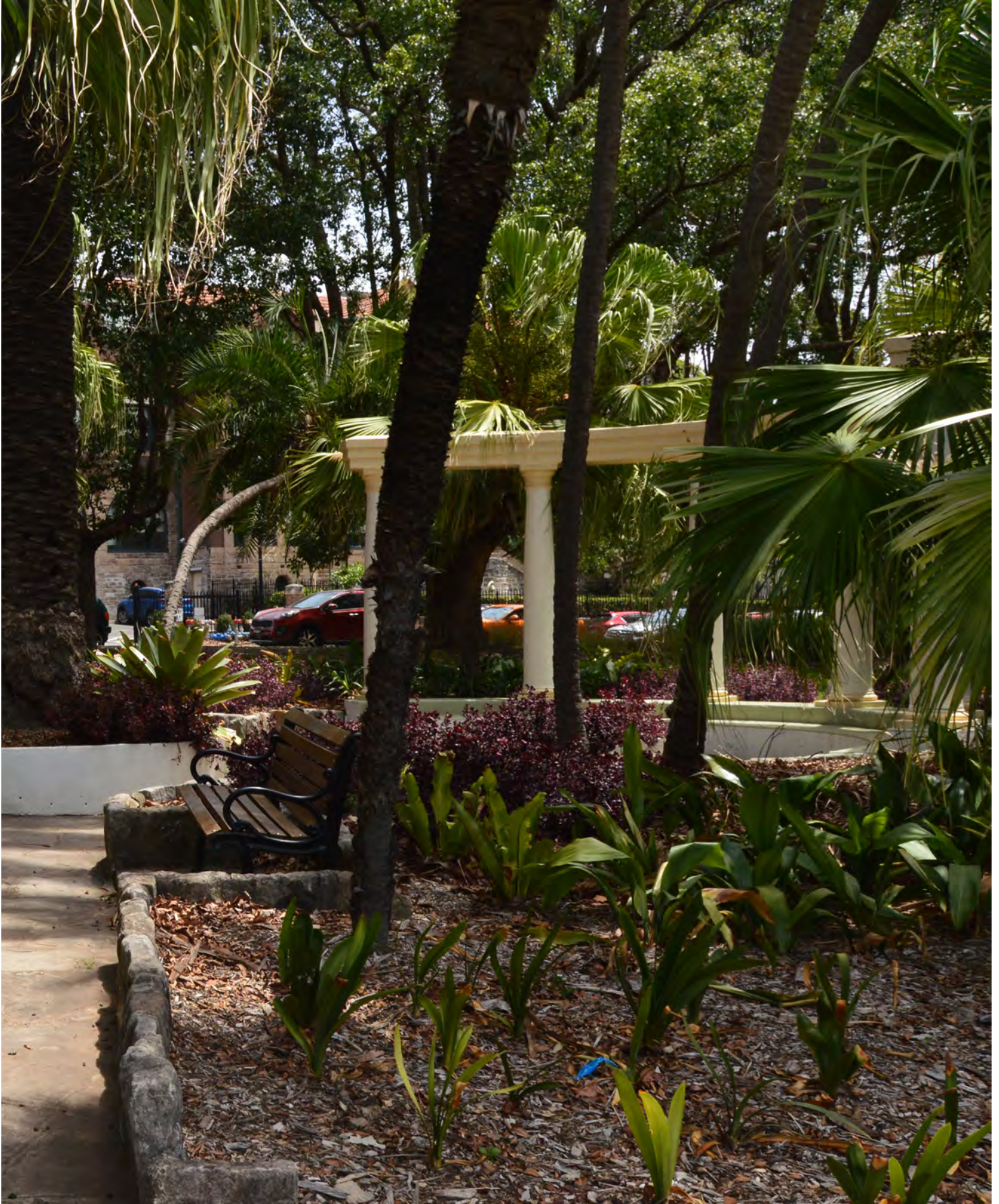
Dogs Prohibited

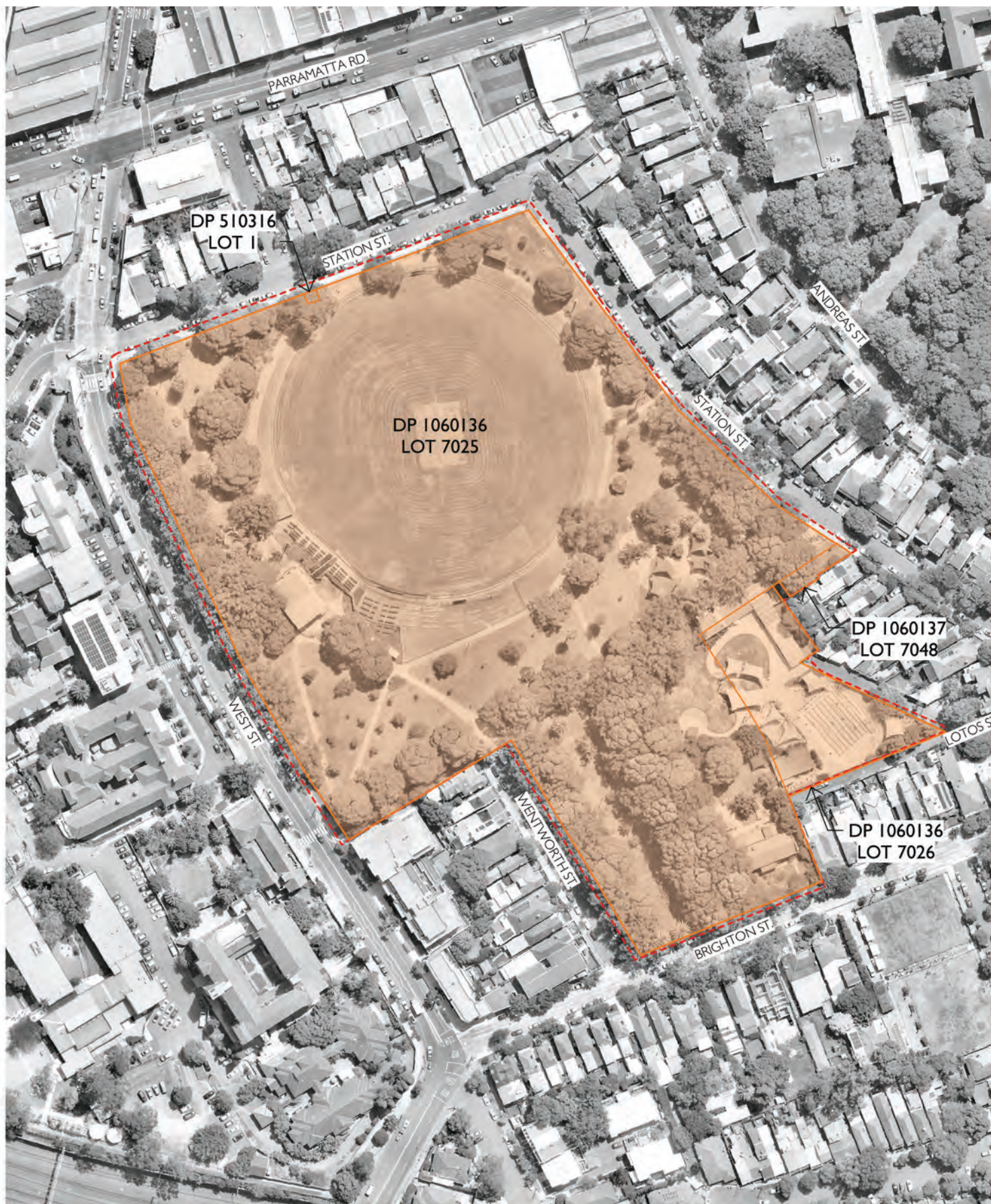
- Dogs are not permitted at any time on the sporting ground, or within 10 metres of the children's playground. Dog tethering poles are located near the children's playground to assist dog owners to comply.



View through the palm grove looking towards West Street. Photography by Welsh + Major Architects.

2.0 Categorisation + Ownership





 Site Boundary  Lot Boundaries  Crown Land - public recreation

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LAND TO WHICH THIS PLAN APPLIES

The plan refers to Petersham Park which is bounded by Station, Lotos, Brighton, Wentworth and West Streets and covers an area of approximately 5 hectares.

The park was established in the late 1880's, on parcels of land purchased and resumed by the Crown. It sits opposite the former Lewisham Hospital and convent, now a complex of nursing homes, retirement accommodation, religious and not for profit organisations along busy West Street. It is otherwise surrounded by quieter streets with largely 19th century low to medium density housing

Prior to European settlement the local area was inhabited by the Cadigal and Wangal people of the Eora Nation, and was the food source and core habitat for their social gatherings. Aboriginal heritage items have been identified within the LGA.

Owner of this land

Petersham Park occupies land owned by the Crown. It is managed by the Inner West Council as Crown Land Manager of Petersham Park (D500070 & D500430) under the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

At the time of writing, Marrickville LEP 2011 applies to the land. The land zoning map clarifies that the entirety of Petersham Park is zoned for 'Public Recreation'.

Native Title

On Crown land Native title rights and interests must be considered unless:

- Native title has been extinguished; or
- Native title has been surrendered; or
- Determined by a court to no longer exist.

Some examples of acts which may affect native title on Crown land or Crown reserves managed by Council include:

- the construction of new buildings and other facilities such as toilet blocks, walking tracks,

- Grandstands and barbecues,
- the construction of extensions to existing buildings,
- the construction of new roads or tracks,
- installation of infrastructure such as powerlines, sewerage pipes, etc.,
- the creation of an easement
- the issue of a lease or licence,
- the undertaking of major earthworks.

When proposing any act that may affect native title on Crown land or Crown reserves the act must be authorised through Part 2 Division 3 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

Where it is proposed to construct or establish a public work on reserved or dedicated Crown land, where native title is not extinguished, prior to approval Council will notify and give an opportunity to comment any representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander bodies, registered native title bodies corporate and registered native title claimants in relation to the land or waters covered by the reservation or lease as required under the Native Title Act 1993.

Any leases, licences, easements and other estates on crown land (a use agreement) on Crown land may impact native title rights and interests.

Any use agreement issued on Crown land must be issued in accordance with the future act provisions of the Native Title Act 1993 and in accordance with Part 8 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 unless native title is extinguished.

For Crown land which is not excluded land this will require written advice of one of Council's native title managers that it complies with any applicable provisions of the native title legislation.

Lot/DP	Name / Location	Ownership	Area (approximate)
7025 / 1060136	Petersham Park Includes sporting ground, equipment store, grandstand, palm grove, scoreboard, rotunda, playground, bbq facilities and preschool.	Crown Land	46,300 m ²
7026 / 1060136	Petersham Park Includes public amenities, Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre and cafe	Crown Land	3,165 m ²
7048 / 1060137	Petersham Park	Crown Land	195 m ²



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| Site Boundary | Lot Boundaries | Crown land category - park |
| Crown land category - general community use | Crown land category - sportsground | |



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2.0 Categorisation + Ownership

CROWN LAND CATEGORISATION

Crown Land Reserves

Crown Land Reserves are owned by the State of New South Wales (NSW) and managed by Councils on behalf of the NSW Government for the benefit of the general public.

Crown Land Reserves managed by Council have been set aside for a particular public purpose. Where local councils are the land manager of Crown Reserves they are to be managed as if they are 'public land' under the Local Government Act 1993.

A council manager is authorised to classify and manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were public land within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1993. Public Land must be classified as either 'community' or 'operational'. The Crown Land within Petersham Park is classified as 'community' land and as such, must be managed by a Plan of Management.

The Crown Land within Petersham Park falls into the categories listed in the table below.

Management Principles

The principles of Crown land management are:

- (a) that environmental protection principles be observed in relation to the management and administration of Crown land, and
- (b) that the natural resources of Crown land (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality) be conserved wherever possible, and
- (c) that public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land be encouraged, and
- (d) that, where appropriate, multiple use of Crown land be encouraged, and
- (e) that, where appropriate, Crown land should be used and managed in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity, and
- (f) that Crown land be occupied, used, sold, leased, licensed or otherwise dealt with in the best interests of the State consistent with the above principles.

Category (Crown land)	Core objectives (as defined by the Local Government Act 1993)
SPORTS GROUND	The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a sportsground are— (a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and (b) to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.
PARK	The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a park are— (a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and (b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and (c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.
GENERAL COMMUNITY USE	The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public— (a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and (b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).



Ornamental planting at path junction. Photography by Welsh + Major Architects.



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CURRENT LEASES + LICENCES**What are Leases and Licences?**

A lease is a contract between the land owner, and another entity granting to that entity an exclusive right to occupy, use or control an area for a specified time.

A licence allows multiple non – exclusive use of an area. Short term licences and bookings may be used to allow the best overall use of an area.

Council's leasing and licensing is governed by its Land and Property Policy.

Authorisation of Leases and Licences

The Local Government Act 1993 (Act) requires a lease or licence of community land must be authorised by a Plan of management (PoM). The lease or licence must be for a purpose consistent with core objectives of its categorisation and zoning of the land. In addition, leases and licences of Crown land must be consistent with the dedication or reservation.

The maximum period for a lease or licence is 21 years if granted by Council or 30 years if granted by Council with the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

Leases and licences for the use of an area of land need to be permissible under this PoM, the LG Act, the Local Government Regulations 2005, Crown Lands Management Act 2016 (CLMA), Crown Lands Management Regulations 2017, Marrickville Local Environmental Plan 2011 and any subsequent LEP adopted by Inner West Council, and pursuant to a development consent if required.

Any proposed lease or licence for more than 5 years must be by tender unless it is to a non-profit organisation.

Any proposed lease, licence other than short term or casual public notice must be given and be in accordance with section 47 of the Act.

Any leases, licences on Crown land (a use agreement) on Crown land may impact native title rights and interests.

Any use agreement issued on Crown land must be issued in accordance with the future act provisions of the Native Title Act 1993 and in accordance with Part 8 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 unless native title is extinguished. For Crown land which is not excluded land this will require written advice of one of Council's native title managers that it complies with any applicable provisions of the native title legislation.

This PoM expressly authorises Inner West Council as land manager of Petersham Park (D500070 & D500430) to grant leases and licences for the purposes and uses which are identified or consistent with those in Table 1.01 and Table 1.02. The leases and licences permitted on this land align with original gazetted purpose of "Public Recreation".

Current Leases + Licences

Location	Purpose
Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre	Recreational facility Leased to Belgravia Leisure until 2022
Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre Cafe	Cafe Leased to Bread & Stone

Future Leases + Licences

This PoM expressly authorises Inner West Council to grant leases and licences of Petersham Park for the purposes and uses which are identified or consistent with those in Table 1.01 and Table 1.02 (refer overleaf).

Table 1.01 Petersham Park - Long Term Use for up to 30 years.

Type of Arrangement Authorised	Categorisation and Facilities	Purpose for which licensing / leasing will be granted
Licence	Sportsground	Organised sport including but not limited to baseball, soccer, rugby, cricket, oz tag
Licence	Sportsground	School and community group recreation and education use
Licence	General Community Use	Recreational purposes.
Licence	General Community Use Buildings	Café/kiosk Organised sport and associated uses
Licence	General Community Use Building	Artist in residence, creative or social enterprise
Lease	General Community Use Building	Café/kiosk
Licence	General Community Use	School and community group recreation and education use
Lease	General Community Use Building/Land	Recreation facility including aquatics facility and associated uses including but not limited to training, events, storage.
Lease	General Community Use Building/Land	Childcare centre/daycare facility and associated uses including but not limited to training, events, storage.
Licence/Deed	Park	Community garden and associated uses including minimal storage, compost facilities, worm farms.

FUTURE LEASES + LICENCES

Table I.02 Petersham Park - Permissible Short Ter Uses up to 12 months

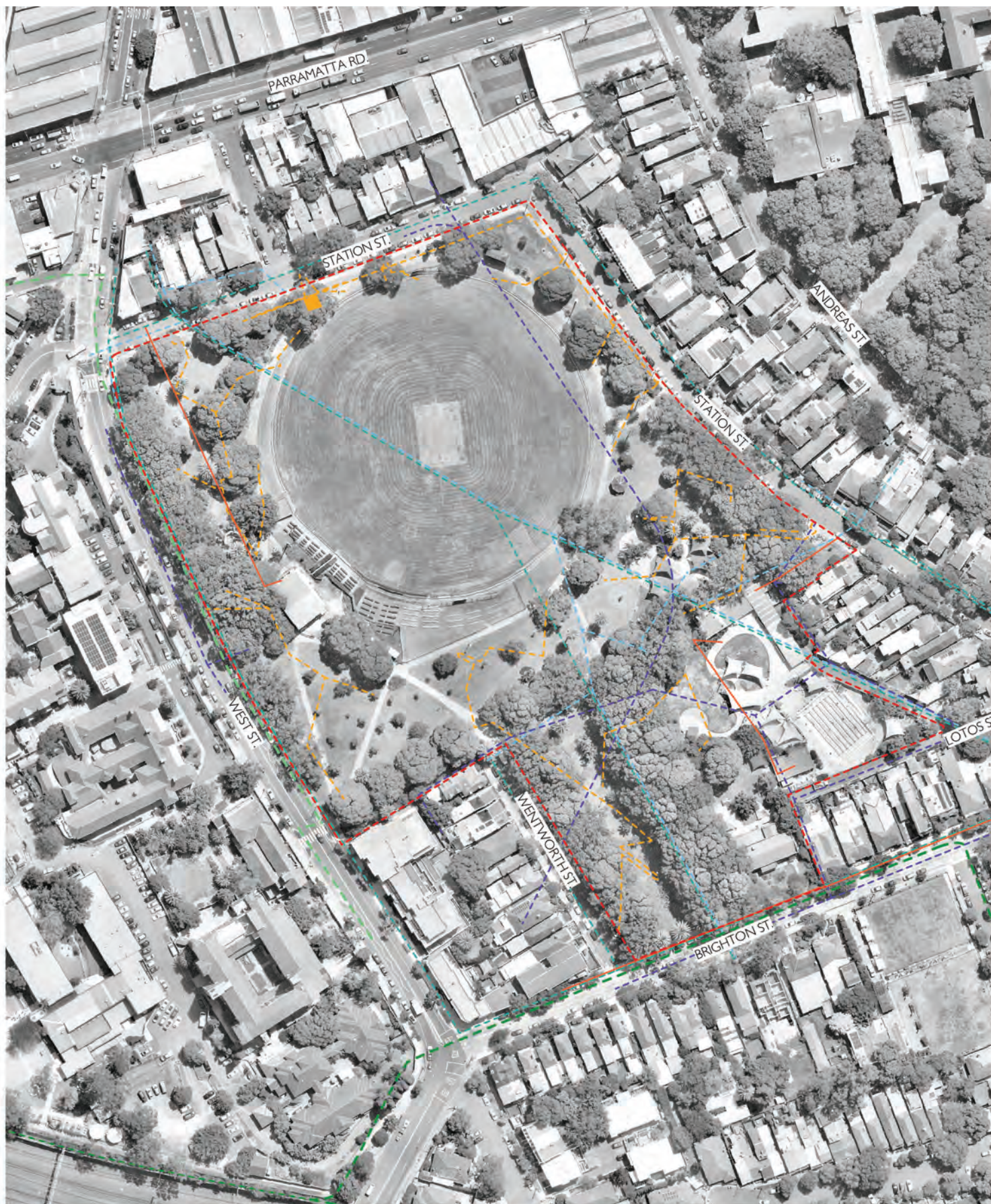
Type of Arrangement Authorised	Categorisation and Facilities	Purpose for which short term casual licences up to 12 months will be granted
Licence	Sportsground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasonal licences Sporting fixtures and events Uses reasonably associated with the promotion or enhancement of sporting groups, fixtures and events Commercial fitness trainers
Licence	Sportsground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School and community group recreation and education use
Licence	Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational purposes
Licence	Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School and community group recreation and education use
Licence	General Community Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School and community group recreation and education use
Licence	General Community Use Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial fitness trainers Casual hire of facilities
Licence	General Community Use / Sportsground / Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fairs, markets, auctions and similar events Engaging in trade or business Delivering a public address Public performances Picnics and private celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings Conducting a commercial photography session Filming including film / television Community events and festivals including the sale of alcohol Outdoor cinema Making art, playing a musical instrument or singing for fee or reward Advertising Catering Community, training or education Environmental protection, conservation or restoration or environmental studies Exhibitions Functions Hiring of equipment Meetings Site investigations Sporting and organised recreational activities Storage Emergency purposes including training ATM Temporary short term access/structures for essential maintenance works where structures share a boundary and no other access is available Temporary hygiene facilities



View across the sporting ground. Photography by Welsh + Major Architects.

4.0 Statutory Conditions + Legislation





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| | Stormwater line | | Telstra infrastructure | | Electrical infrastructure |
| | Water main line | | High pressure gas line | | Sydney Trains hv line |
| | Sewer line | | | | |



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4.0 Statutory Conditions + Legislation

Zoning + Classification

Marrickville LEP : RE1 'Public recreation'

Telstra infrastructure

Telstra pits and underground cabling are located within the park, for facilities such as the grandstand, aquatic centre, cafe and preschool. Works within the vicinity of these assets would require consultation and approval by Telstra.

Electrical infrastructure

Electrical infrastructure is located adjacent to the entry located mid-way along Station Street - to the north-western edge of the park. This includes a substation, high and low voltage underground cables.

Work within the vicinity of these assets would require consultation and approval by Ausgrid.

There is a pole mounted switchboard located close to the south-eastern Station Street entry. It is unclear what restrictions this asset poses. Underground cabling for lighting is also located throughout the park.

Stormwater and sewer infrastructure

Stormwater and sewer pipes and infrastructure are located within the park. These connect through to adjacent streets and properties. Work within the vicinity of these assets may require consultation and approval by Sydney Water.

Gas pipelines

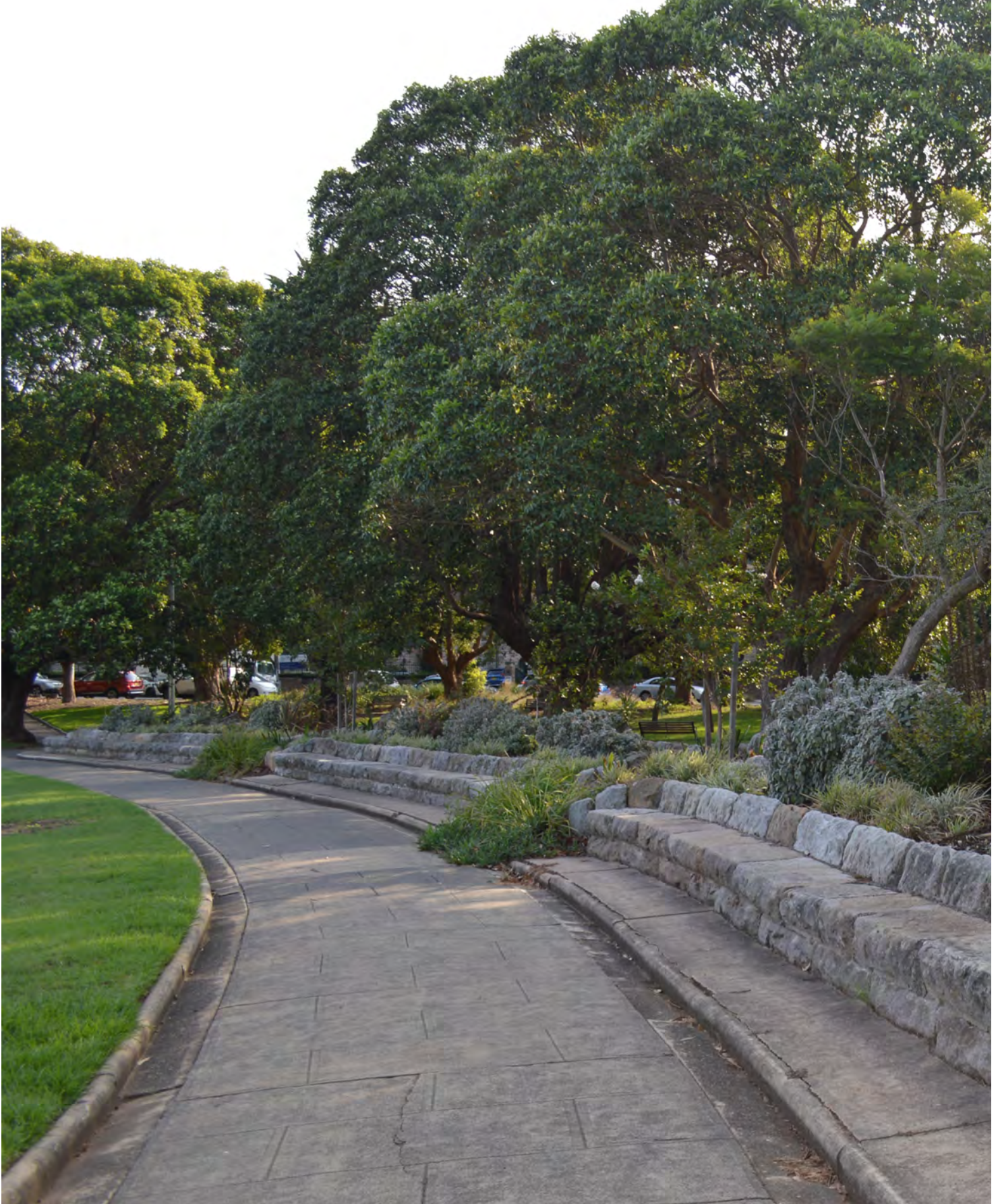
There are signs to indicate the presence of high pressure gas pipelines adjacent to the West Street boundary. It is unclear what restrictions these assets pose.

Sydney Trains infrastructure

High voltage lines are located adjacent to the Brighton Street boundary. It is unclear what restrictions these assets pose.

Other Relevant Legislation

- Native Title Act 1993 (commonwealth)
- Companion Animals Act.
- Disability Discrimination Act.
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- National Construction Code 2019.
- National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974
- State Environmental Planning Policy (infrastructure) 2007
- Work, Health and Safety Act.
- Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
- Vegetation SEPP



Sandstone seating and planters adjacent to the sporting ground. Photography by Welsh + Major Architects.

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OVERVIEW

Key objectives for the future of the park have been derived from the opportunities outlined in the Site Analysis and Community Engagement Outcomes in conjunction with the land categories identified in the Local Government Act 1993. They have also been informed through precedent studies of successful local, national and international park-land projects.

Key strategies have been outlined to accompany these objectives. The Strategies suggest, in broad terms, how the objectives can be achieved within the Master Plan.

ACCESS

Key Objectives:

1. *Provide welcoming and accessible entry points.*
2. *Improve access to the site for all users*
3. *Create a simple signage and way-finding strategy*
4. *Improve car access and parking while reducing the impact of vehicles on surrounding parkland.*

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Define access points into the park
- Introduce an accessible circuit around the park
- Develop a way finding strategy for the park, and consolidate all way-finding, regulatory and information signage into a consistent, clear and concise format
- Establish dual purpose pathways and service vehicle access routes and loading areas.

INCLUSIVE

Key Objectives:

1. *Ensure accessibility to the park for all visitors*
2. *Integrate activities which cater for a range of ages, abilities and interests*
3. *Provide high quality amenities which are inclusive and accessible.*

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Upgrade the existing playground with additional elements which facilitate inclusive, accessible and imaginative play.
- Balance provision of activities to consider visitors of multiple generations and abilities
- Improve accessibility throughout the park and within new facilities.
- Retain off-leash dog areas and provide additional facilities for pet owners.

SENSE OF PLACE

Key Objectives:

1. *Educate, inform, and entertain visitors with stories from the history of the park and the local area, and the ecology of the place*
2. *Maintain the heritage charm and character of the park*
3. *Preserve and protect successful spaces, and revive underutilised areas*
4. *Develop a cohesive site identity which builds upon the unique qualities of the park.*

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Develop an identity for currently underutilised spaces. Maintain and restore park elements which are of heritage value and contribute to the sense of place.
- Integrate explanatory signage where appropriate into the wider way-finding strategy
- Consider interpretation strategies for new park elements to inform visitors about the parks rich history.
- Ensure new additions contribute to Petersham Park's unique character, and do not detract from the relaxed, historic sports ground vibe which is so highly valued.

COMMUNITY

Key Objectives:

1. *Protect areas that are highly valued by the community.*
2. *Maintain public use of the park and its facilities*
3. *Provide high quality and cohesive furniture and facilities*
4. *Support flexible use for events*
5. *Continue maintenance of existing park assets.*

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Maintain existing open green spaces for flexible recreation and upgrade under-utilised spaces and facilities so that they offer more value to the community.
- Increase enjoyment of the park with additional seating areas
- Ensure the park and its facilities are well maintained to encourage respectful use.

SUSTAINABILITY

Key Objectives:

1. *Integrate sustainable measures into new and existing facilities and landscaping elements through a holistic design approach.*
2. *Support local ecologies through landscaping and maintenance strategies*
3. *Retain and enhance green spaces*

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Plant new trees and green areas where possible to increase shade and habitat.
- Design new facilities from sustainable principles, upgrade existing facilities and maintenance strategies with sustainable measures.
- Promote awareness of sustainability upgrades and interventions.
- Incorporate more sustainable measures to assist with stormwater management.

SAFETY

Key Objectives:

1. *Increase the perceived sense of safety and discourage antisocial behaviour through design elements*
2. *Support safer interactions between vehicles, people and dogs*
3. *Manage the risk of injury to park users by stray base balls and cricket balls.*

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Create opportunities for passive surveillance around the site
- Provide consistent after dark lighting around primary routes and facilities
- Provide buffers to busy streets and off-leash dog areas.
- Implement traffic calming measures along West Street to improve pedestrian safety at crossings
- Provide signage, maintain and upgrade protective netting and barriers

SPORTS + RECREATION

Key Objectives:

1. *Enhance the quality of existing sports facilities and amenities.*
2. *Provide opportunities for informal recreation to encourage active and healthy communities*
3. *Enable flexibility of spaces, to be shared across a range of activities*
4. *Balance community and organisation use of the park and its facilities.*

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Maintain the sporting ground as a natural turf surface, upgrade storage areas and implement measures to assist with maintenance
- Provide player, spectator and public facilities that are accessible and fitting of a premier sporting ground
- Create new areas and facilities to support a broader range of activities and mobility requirements. Implement measures such as improved lighting to extend the hours of use.
- Maintain shared community access to park assets.



Integrated signage and wayfinding¹



Example of fencing to enhance a boundary while providing security²



Existing gateway with pink 'Petersham Park' lettering and pergola³



Consolidated instructional signage⁴



Different materials, colours and signage incorporated into paving to assist with way-finding and path sharing^{5, 6+7}



¹ Pityrilla Park, Adelaide by Aspect Studios. Photo © SweetLime.
² Glebe Public School fence, Sydney by Nuha Saad. Photo © Jamie Williams.
³ Petersham Park. Photo © Welsh + Major Architects
⁴ New York Parks Department, USA by Pentagram. Photo © Pentagram.
⁵⁺⁶ Prince Alfred Park, Sydney by Neeson Murcutt Architects, Sue Barnsley Design + Frost® collective. Photos © Brett Boardman
⁷ Box Hill Gardens, Melbourne. Photo © Weekend Notes

Key Objectives:

- 1. Provide welcoming and accessible entry points.
- 2. Improve access to the site for all users
- 3. Create a simple signage and way-finding strategy
- 4. Improve car access and parking while reducing the impact of vehicles on surrounding parkland.

Park Gateways

Petersham Park has multiple entry points along each frontage, these range in scale and popularity. Primary entrances are generally well defined and conveniently located, many have been recently upgraded. New signage is required focusing on primary entrances, along with the removal of randomly located, out of date signage scattered through the park.

Additional improvements are proposed through the following measures:

Station Street south eastern entry

This is the primary entrance for visitors to the playground, cafe and aquatic centre. The entrance portico and sandstone edged garden beds create a strong sense of arrival, however this entrance is compromised by detractive elements. Upgrades to this entry should create an attractive and inviting gateway and include:

- Repair paving incorporating pink ‘Petersham Park’ lettering to coincide with other entries. Replace patchy asphalt areas with concrete to match adjacent surfaces.
- Bins relocated to new waste disposal area adjacent to public amenities
- Investigate locating power connection underground and relocating meter box.
- Grassy area re-purposed as a community garden space with raised planters and perimeter planting.

Station Street north western entry

Upgrades are proposed to incorporate this secondary entry as part of a continuous park circuit. These include:

- Widen the entry to provide a smoother transition between the footpath and park pathways
- Enhance adjacent garden beds by increasing planting

Station Street sporting ground entry

This entry provides level access to the sporting ground and is primarily used for maintenance vehicles. Upgrades should enable this entry to provide level sporting ground access for visitors with reduced mobility, and enhance this section of the park. Proposed upgrades include:

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Define access points into the park
 - Introduce an accessible circuit around the park
 - Develop a way finding strategy for the park, and consolidate all way-finding, regulatory and information signage into a consistent, clear and concise format
 - Establish dual purpose pathways and service vehicle access routes and loading areas.
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- Resurface damaged pathway for wheelchair and service vehicle access
 - Reconfigure gates if needed to meet access requirements.
 - Landscaping improvements with new ornamental garden beds alongside entry

West Street western entry

This was once a primary park entrance, and although less frequented, it should be upgraded to create an attractive and inviting gateway once more. This will help to deter antisocial behaviour by countering the ‘back of house’ atmosphere, and complement the adjacent palm grove area. Proposed upgrades here include:

- New ornamental garden beds alongside entry, new lighting and low planting along boundaries
- Repair paving to incorporate pink ‘Petersham Park’ lettering to coincide with other entries
- Investigate and remove redundant services along this frontage as they detract from the park.

Brighton Street entry

The ‘Anzac Gates’ contribute to the character of the park, and have strong heritage significance as the former Town Hall gates, relocated and repurposed as a war memorial. Upgrades should be subservient to the gates, and maintain the quiet, contemplative atmosphere intended for this entrance to the park. Subtle site interpretation is proposed along the fence that bounds the preschool and could also be incorporated in the paving surface, to educate visitors and commemorate all of those who contributed to the war effort. Park rules, way-finding signage and bins should be set away from the gates. These may be located at the secondary entry on the corner of Brighton and Wentworth Streets, and at the busy intersection with the shared pedestrian and cycleway that links West Street and Station Street.

Vehicle Access, Parking + Shared Spaces

Petersham Park has no on site parking, and vehicle access is restricted to service vehicles only. The driveway with removable bollards off Wentworth Street allows vehicles typically associated with park maintenance to enter the park. Vehicles are also able to access the sporting ground via the Station street sporting ground entity described above.



ACCESS

The Community Engagement Outcomes highlighted the damage service vehicles have caused to new pathways, and the lack of provisions for loading and parking areas for volunteers associated with organised sporting activities. Further upgrades are proposed to pathways, with widening and removing sections of raised curbs to allow service vehicles to negotiate the park without causing damage.

Only on street parking is available for visitors arriving by car. There are two accessible parking spaces adjacent to the entry at the southern end of Station Street - this is also the closest entry point to the Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre. Input from a traffic management consultant is recommended to balance the parking needs of visitors and residents, and to investigate the provision of accessible parking spaces and a timed preschool drop-off area.

Signage + way-finding

Existing signage should be removed and replaced with signage that is clear, concise and designed to suit an overall signage strategy. Adding to signage over time in an ad-hoc manner should be discouraged.

Signage related to key assets should contribute to the character of the asset and the identity of the park overall. Signage can also inform the public as to what is occurring within the park. For example:

Signage near the grandstand and sporting ground should be sympathetic to the heritage nature of these assets and consistent with signage to park entries. Signage here should inform visitors of park opening hours, expected behaviours, and upcoming sporting events, especially those which will impact residents and regular park visitors.

Signage around the aquatic centre, playground, cafe and community garden should be updated to inform visitors on the multiple uses of the park, and include a community notice board area, along with a space to inform visitors of upcoming community events.

Pedestrian connections

While paths are plentiful, there is no continuous accessible circuit

around the park. This limits access for visitors with prams, wheelchairs and mobility requirements. Upgrades are proposed to improve pedestrian amenity by establishing a circuit which allows these groups to access park facilities such as the grandstand, sporting ground and fitness area, while also providing a continuous exercise route. Enhanced lighting is proposed around the circuit for evening use. The concrete pathway surface is proposed to be retained and patched while still serviceable, and eventually replaced, and widened along narrow sections. Subtle signage should be incorporated into new pathway surfaces to assist with way-finding and identifying the circuit route.

Existing raised curbs are proposed to be removed where they intersect with service vehicle routes, and repaired where they have been damaged. The inclusion of raised curbs on new sections of paths should be carefully considered - they provide safety when adjoining sloping terrain, but can be a trip hazard and nuisance to park users.

Pedestrian connections via park entrances are detailed in 'park gateways' above.

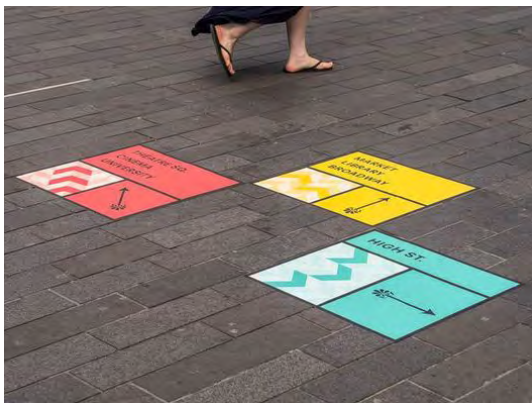
New Informal pathways are proposed linking West Street through to the south western side of the grandstand, and also linking the off-leash dog exercise area back to the main pathway from Brighton Street. These are located along existing desire lines and are proposed to improve connectivity between areas of the park. They replace muddy tracks so the impact on tree roots and grassy areas is minimal.

Public transport

The Community Engagement Outcomes highlighted the fact that most visitors arrive on foot or by private vehicle, despite the proximity of public transport links. Visitors should be encouraged to use public transport. Marked pedestrian routes between train, tram and bus stops could assist, along with improvements to footpaths and pedestrian crossings along these routes. Route information should also be made available online and within published information about the park.



Unobtrusive way-finding signage incorporated into walls¹, paving² and posts³



Discrete pole mounted signage.⁴

¹ Cockatoo Island, Sydney by Collider Studio. Photo © Collider Studio.

² Stratford, UK by Thomas Mathews Communication Design. Photo © Dashti Jahfar / Peter Clarkson

³ Causeway Coastal Route, UK by Tandem Design © Tandem Design

⁴ Modular orientation system © nowakteufelknyrim Design



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1. *Ensure accessibility to the park for all visitors*
2. *Integrate activities which cater for a range of ages, abilities and interests*
3. *Provide high quality amenities which are inclusive and accessible.*

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Balance provision of activities to consider visitors of multiple generations and abilities
- Improve accessibility throughout the park and within new facilities.
- Retain off-leash dog areas and provide additional facilities for pet owners.

Public access

Protecting Petersham Park as a large, open and unrestricted public parkland, with a mix of activities and free for any visitor to use was reinforced as a key priority of the Community Engagement Outcomes.

The Master Plan proposes a balanced approach to upgrades, to meet stakeholder requirements, while allowing for casual use and non-sporting events. Spaces should be shared so that one function or user group should not take precedence over all others and monopolise the park.

Stakeholder arrangements and park facilities must be managed to maintain the public ethos and inclusivity of the park.

Physical accessibility

The park and its facilities should be accessible to all members of the community. The master plan recommends a number of measures to improve access to the park for all visitors, including upgrades around gateways and pathways within and around the park as highlighted in Access.

Playground Upgrades

The playground is well used but offers a limited range of play experiences as highlighted in the Community Engagement Outcomes. The master plan recommends upgrading or replacing the playground to cater for a greater range of ages, abilities and interests with imaginative, inclusive and wild play elements.

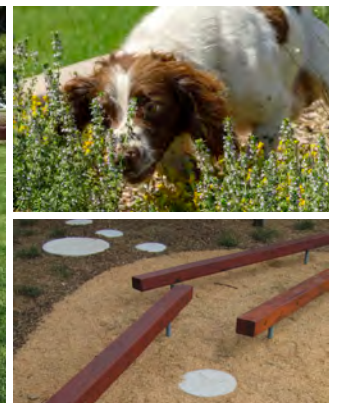
Dogs



Example of a sandpit designed for inclusive play!¹



Off-leash dog areas² enhanced with planting³ + discrete agility elements



The Community Engagement Outcomes identified some visitors have concerns over the lack of fencing and the proximity of the off-leash area to the playground, while others felt sectioning off areas would be detrimental to the openness and flexibility of the park, and their enjoyment of it.

Areas for off leash dog exercise are limited and therefore highly valued by dog owners in Petersham. Existing on and off-leash dog exercise areas are proposed to be retained, with additional measures to improve interactions between dogs and other park visitors.

- Low fencing and planting to the south western edge of the playground and barbecue area. This is intended to provide a subtle buffer to discourage dogs entering from the adjacent grassy area which is used for off leash dog exercise.
- Greater provision of drinking fountains, bag dispensers and bins for dog waste. These are recommended near all park entries, along with in-situ signage to off leash areas to encourage self-policing by reminding owners of their responsibilities.
- Improved landscaping and maintenance strategies to address areas of patchy grass in the off leash area, and to provide an attractive and hardy interface with adjacent areas.
- Include discrete dog agility and play elements such as logs for jumping over to encourage owners to use the dedicated off-leash area, and provide more opportunities to enjoy the park. This could be extended to including dog training and agility classes in the park.

¹ Sydney Park playground area by JMD design. Photo © Brett Boardman + Steve Black

² Pelzer Park, Adelaide by ASPECT Studios. Photo © Dave Walsh, Weekend Notes

³ Shale Hills Dog Park, Sydney © Western Sydney Parklands.



Seating which doubles as an interpretive element.¹



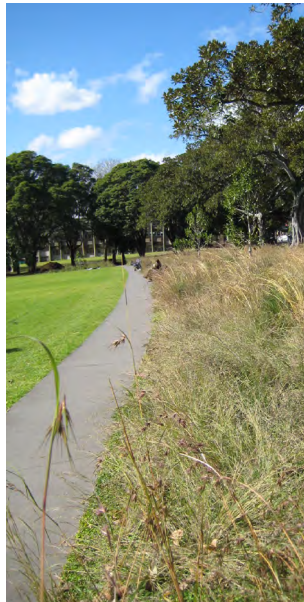
Sculptural rain garden elements could incorporate site interpretation.²



Paving doubling as an interpretive element referencing a historic route.³



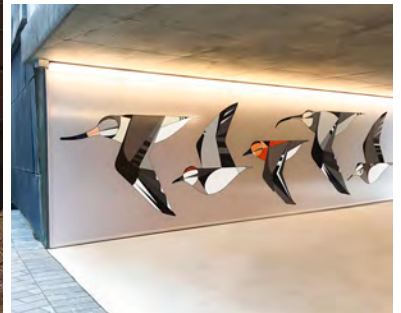
Plant identification signage.⁴



Planting selections linking with the sites history.⁵



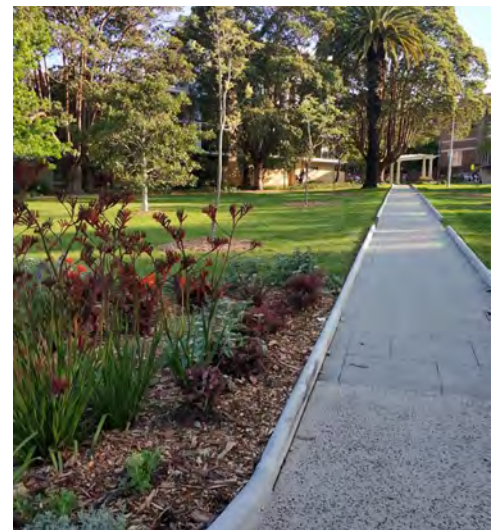
Wall murals enhancing blank surfaces and contributing to a sense of place.⁶



Seating area combining historical and contemporary ideas.⁷



Rotunda enhanced with planting, historic photograph of rotunda below.⁸



Ornamental garden beds featuring natives contribute to a sense of place.⁹

¹ Chemin-Que-Marche Lookout, Canada by Group IBI-CHBA. Photo © Alexis Nollet.

² Hassett Park, Canberra by Jane Irwin Landscape Architecture. Photo © JILA

³ Duke of York Square, UK by Davis Landscape Architecture + Elizabeth Banks Associates. Photo © davisla

⁴ Signs © by Gecko Group, USA (top) + Pic Bois, France (bottom)

⁵ Prince Alfred Park, Sydney by Sue Barnsley Design. Photo © Emily Simpson

⁶ Murals (clockwise from left) © by Pastel, Spain, Scott Albrecht, USA + Eggpinic, Sydney

⁷ Harold Park, Sydney by JMD Design. Photos © Emerdyn / Brett Boardman

⁸ Singapore Botanic Gardens Bandstand (top) + Petersham Park Rotunda in 1926 (bottom).

⁹ Petersham Park. Photo © Welsh + Major Architects



Key Objectives:

1. *Educate, inform, and entertain visitors with stories from the history of the park and the local area, and the ecology of the place*
2. *Maintain the relaxed and unstructured character of the park*
3. *Preserve and protect successful spaces*
4. *Develop a cohesive site identity which builds upon the unique qualities of the park.*

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Develop an identity for currently undefined spaces. Maintain and restore park elements which are of heritage value and contribute to the sense of place.
- Integrate explanatory signage where appropriate into the wider way-finding strategy
- Consider interpretation strategies for new park elements to inform visitors about the parks rich history.
- Ensure new additions contribute to Petersham Park's unique character; and do not detract from the relaxed, historic sports ground vibe which is so highly valued.

Unique History

Petersham Park is a historical sports ground with a number of unique assets which contribute to the character of the park and it's strong sense of place. The master plan recommends restoration of these assets to ensure that they can be experienced and enjoyed by the community.

Grandstand

The grandstand has significant heritage value, and complimentary upgrades are underway. In addition the master plan recommends to:

- Continue to protect historic qualities of the grandstand, in particular the brickwork, structure and seating
- Continue maintenance and work to improve sustainability.
- Improve the spectator experience by replacing the demolished public amenities with new facilities.
- Improve presentation of back of house areas with new landscaping and paving. Remove elements that detract from the grandstand such as the above ground water tank.

Rotunda

The rotunda is a very significant heritage asset. It was restored in 1992 and is in reasonable condition. The master plan recommends improving the interface between the rotunda and the rest of the park. Quality paving to create a level forecourt, along with perimeter drainage, and low ornamental planting will allow the rotunda to be better utilised by the community, while enhancing its scenic qualities

Scoreboard

The scoreboard requires manual operation and is no longer used. Upgrades are proposed to improve the player and spectator experience while retaining the scoreboard building as a unique heritage item and landmark within the park. A feasibility study should be conducted to determine whether a new scoreboard should be freestanding or incorporated in the existing building. The new scoreboard should be designed and located so that it does not detract from the original scoreboard building. There is an opportunity

to collaborate with local artists to replace brown paint to the rear of the scoreboard building with public art

Scenic Elements

Features such as the 'Anzac Gates', pergolas, sandstone seats, edging, and pink 'Petersham Park' paving lettering contribute to the parks history and character. Retention and enhancement of these features is proposed along with upgrades to improve the presentation and amenity of entrances as detailed in Access.

Trees and planting

Petersham Park has a huge variety of established plants and trees which are heritage significant, and which contribute to the aesthetic qualities of the park while also providing shade and habitat. Trees should be maintained and protected during their serviceable life. Guidelines for new plantings should maintain the scenic qualities of the park, provide arboricultural diversity, shade and habitat. Signage could be incorporated to identify particularly important specimens.

Historical Interpretation and Identity

Few visitors are aware of Petersham Parks rich history. Some historical information is conveyed in commemorative plaques, however these are often overlooked and they are not cohesive or compelling.

There is an opportunity for a historical interpretation strategy to be developed in collaboration with local historians and artists and integrated into new park elements. This strategy could reference the former creek and 'Kangaroo Grounds', First Nations history, early European farming, sporting history, aboricultural diversity and the establishment of different areas of the park. This could be incorporated in new park elements such as fencing, signage, paving, walls, furniture, lighting and in murals on existing built elements. The design of these should be contemporary and complementary to elements already present within Petersham Park to provide a cohesive identity.

Existing park furniture styles should also be consolidated, with gradual replacement of singular items for increased consistency.



Community notice board ¹



Raised seating area around trees. ²



An area incorporating a variety of seating types. ³



Continuous bench seating along edge of planted area. ⁴



Informal seating along edge of planted area. ⁵



Community garden area with raised planters. ⁶



Example of a community park movie night. ⁷



Example of a community concert. ⁸

¹ Sydney Park community noticeboard. Photos © Welsh + Major Architects.

² Prince Alfred Park, Sydney by Neeson Murcutt Architects + Sue Barnsley Design. Photos © Brett Boardman

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⁴ Activity Landscape Kastrup, Denmark by MASU Planning. Photo © Kirstine Autzen

⁵ Riedpark, Switzerland by Fontana Landschaftsarchitektur. Photo © Fontana Landschaftsarchitektur.

⁶ Movies Night. Photo © University City District / Phillyvoice.

⁷ Music in the Park at Godalming Bandstand, UK. Photo © Rotary Godalming Woolsack.

Key Objectives:

1. *Protect areas that are highly valued by the community.*
2. *Maintain public use of the park and its facilities*
3. *Provide high quality and cohesive furniture and facilities*
4. *Support flexible use for events*

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Maintain open green spaces for flexible recreation
- Improve the quality, visibility and maintenance of the park and its facilities so that they offer more value to the community.
- Increase enjoyment of the park with additional seating areas
- Investigate strategies to assist in the management of events to better serve the needs and interests of the community

Park events and programs

Petersham Park hosts cricket matches during the summer season and baseball matches during the winter season. Events outside of organised weekend sport are rare. The Community Engagement Outcomes identified that visitors want the park to be activated with occasional family friendly festivals and events. A diverse programme should be developed and supported. This could include music events making use of the rotunda, along with movie nights and social sports in the evening. A new scoreboard suitable for displaying movies should be considered, and a feasibility study completed to compare this option with portable alternatives.

The master plan recommends the development of a cohesive plan for managing planned events to minimise negative impacts on the park, residents and visitors. The plan should include strategies for parking, waste disposal, locating event infrastructure, and communications. The proposed community notice board and new entry signage could assist with the communication strategy, a park webpage could also be considered.

Closure and restrictions for ticketed events and bookings should be minimised, maintaining public access to the park should be prioritised.

and bin area are provided nearby, along with a seating platform around the base of an adjacent tree. These facilities will support increased use, interaction and enjoyment of this underutilised area of the park.

- Bins and water fountains near entrances and along key routes. These should be designed for convenience, and to enhance visitors enjoyment of the park..

Open green spaces

The open grassed areas of the park are highly valued by the community for unstructured recreation and relaxation. These areas should be protected and maintained into the future. Development within the park, such as amenities and sports and recreation upgrades should be limited to existing built areas or areas which are currently under-utilised by the community.

Park furniture and facilities

New furniture and facilities are recommended to support passive enjoyment of the park. These are indicated to a number of areas including:

- Platform seats between the playground and off leash dog exercise area. These provide an informal place for people to rest and meet, and to supervise children in the playground, and dogs in the off leash area. The platforms are informal, elevated and flexible. They can be used for reclining, sitting or as a table for picnicking.
- Picnic tables and edge seating to off leash dog area adjoining Brighton Street and Wentworth Street. This is a popular spot for resting, meeting friends and picnicking within the off-leash dog area. The picnic tables are elevated to deter scavenging dogs, the edge seating provides a more casual seating option.
- Community garden area adjacent to the south eastern Station Street entry. The Community Engagement Outcomes identified the desire for a garden area for use by the community and the KU Petersham Preschool. This master plan includes garden beds to enhance boundaries, and raised planters to accommodate visitors with reduced mobility, while reducing the risk of soil contamination and damage from trampling. A shed, compost



SUSTAINABILITY

Key Objectives:

1. *Integrate sustainable measures into new and existing facilities and landscaping elements through a holistic design approach.*
2. *Support local ecologies through landscaping and maintenance strategies*
3. *Retain and enhance green spaces*

Water Management

Improved water management will allow council to provide a better playing surface and grounds.

Water harvested from the grandstand roof should continue to be used for maintaining the sporting ground. A new underground water tank is proposed, which provides the opportunity to assess and increase the current storage capacity

Stormwater runoff and flooding was identified as an issue along the intersection of the shared pathway and off leash dog area. The master plan proposes a rain garden to capture and treat stormwater here, while providing an attractive landscaped area.

Review of existing and proposed stormwater systems should be undertaken by a specialist consultant prior to implementation.

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Plant new trees and green areas where possible to increase shade and habitat
- Design new facilities from sustainable principles and upgrade existing facilities with sustainable measures.
- Promote awareness of sustainability upgrades and interventions.
- Continue to encourage wildlife
- Develop strategies to improve the condition of green spaces

Biodiversity + wildlife

Visitors expressed their enjoyment of the wildlife that Petersham Park attracts, particularly birds. Strategies to support biodiversity and wildlife need to be carefully considered and appropriate within the context of regular sporting, spectator and off-leash dog activity. The master plan proposes retaining grassed areas, along with providing new areas with low planting and trees to encourage greater ecological diversity. The planting palette includes a mix of species suitable for new planting and replacement of existing trees. Species selections focus on providing food and habitat, along with ornamental qualities, drought tolerance and arboricultural diversity.

While lighting throughout the park is required in places for visitors' physical and perceived safety, the Master Plan recommends that dark zones should be preserved to accommodate wildlife. Lighting has been restricted to primary footpaths and facilities. A specialist consultant should be appointed to undertake lighting design.

Approach to buildings + facilities

Upgrades should consider the environmental impact of design, construction and future maintenance of park facilities. The Plan of Management promotes progression towards sustainable practices in construction, building maintenance and overall life cycle. There is opportunity for the park to showcase sustainable approaches to visitors.

- Building upgrades should maximise adaptive reuse, water harvesting and reuse, and sustainable energy sources and materials.
- Sporting ground and park maintenance should consider watering requirements, replacement cycles, and eliminating the use of harmful products and practices,
- Lighting upgrades should consider sustainable energy sources and energy efficient fittings.
- Waste disposal facilities should incorporate recycling; single use plastics should be banned from food and beverage outlets.

Wellness + well-being

Petersham Park plays an important role in supporting the mental and physical well being of visitors. The large green spaces were identified as highly valued areas. The relaxed atmosphere, variety and unstructured quality of these areas should be retained and enhanced.



Landscaped water detention area.¹



Native grassland meadow.²



Informal feature plantings with low native trees.³



Native 'woody' meadow.⁴

¹ Ladywell Fields, UK by BDP. Photo © David Barbour

² Prince Alfred Park, Sydney by Sue Barnsley Design. Photo © Sue Stubbs

³ Sydney Park village green area by JMD design. Photo © Welsh + Major Architects.

⁴ The Woody Meadow Project, Melbourne, University of Sheffield, University of Melbourne and City of Melbourne research collaboration. Photo © Yoko Whyte



Key Objectives:

1. Increase the perceived sense of safety and discourage antisocial behaviour through design elements
2. Support safer interactions between vehicles, people and dogs
3. Address slippery and uneven surfaces along pathways.

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Create opportunities for passive surveillance around the site
- Provide consistent after dark lighting around primary routes and facilities
- Reconfigure pedestrian and vehicle entries and through routes, delineate parking spaces, provide buffers to off-leash dog areas.
- Improve pathway connections and reduce trip and slip hazards

Safer interactions

All users should be able to safely access and navigate the park.

The master plan proposes traffic calming measures along busy West Street to improve pedestrian safety at crossings. This is detailed in Access.

Measures to facilitate safer interactions between dogs and other park visitors are detailed in Inclusive. These include improved signage and buffer areas between off-leash areas, the playground and streets. Instructions for using the park should include not letting dogs that could be considered dangerous off-leash. New park furniture and facilities should also be designed and located to provide some separation from dogs and dog-related activities.

Petersham Park hosts regular baseball and cricket matches. Stray balls have the potential to cause injury, and measures should be incorporated to reduce the risk to the community. The park has chainwire fencing and high netting adjacent to the spectator area. Continued maintenance of these is needed to protect visitors. Additional measures such as warning signs and baseball netting should be considered for temporary installation on game days.

Lighting

There was support for lighting upgrades to improve safety, and to extend the hours that the park can be used. The master plan recommends:

- New lighting focused on the sporting ground, pedestrian routes and facilities to enable early morning and evening use. Sporting ground lighting should be sufficient for evening recreational use, and potentially for junior baseball and cricket training sessions if suitable levels of light and visitor safety can be achieved.
- Assess lighting strategy to mitigate impact on neighbours and wildlife, and to deter antisocial activities.
- Use of energy efficient fittings.

Passive Surveillance

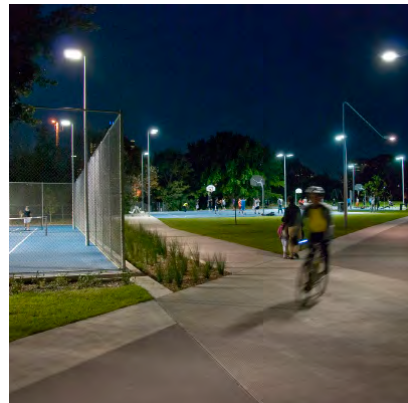
Activities are proposed in less utilised areas of the park to increase opportunities for passive surveillance and to deter antisocial behaviours. These are detailed in Sports + Recreation.



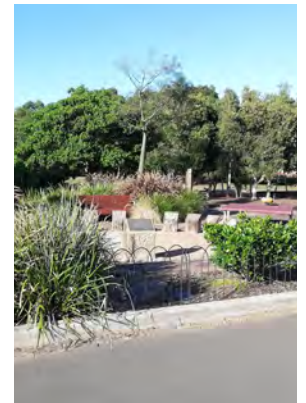
Examples of crosswalk safety improvements.¹⁺²



Baseball netting with removable posts for temporary installation.³



Low impact lighting to support evening recreation.⁴



Low fencing and planting to playground.⁵



Discrete low level path lighting.⁶



Outdoor gym activating less utilised park area along pathway.⁷

¹ Crosswalks of Additive Color, Miami Beach, USA by Carlos Cruz-Diez. Photo © Atelier Cruz-Diez Paris

² Raised zebra crossing. Photo © Ingolfson, Wikimedia Commons

³ Stop That Ball System, by Net World Sports. Photo © Net World Sports.

⁴ Sydney Park playground area by JMD design. Photo © Welsh + Major Architects.

⁵ Prince Alfred Park, Sydney by Neeson Murcutt Architects + Sue Barnsley Design. Photo © Australian Institute of Architects

⁶ Millau pedestrian path lighting, France. Photo © Flux Lighting

⁷ Sydney Park Fitness Equipment by Jane Irwin Landscape Architecture. Photo © JILA



Playground incorporating planting and sculptural elements, designed to encourage imaginative and spontaneous play.¹



Low impact informal play elements.²



Sheltered viewing area.³



New scoreboard sitting alongside the restored original scoreboard.⁴



Outdoor gym with fixed equipment.⁵



Park fitness circuit signage.⁶

¹⁺² Garden City Play Environment, USA by space2place. Photo © space2place

³ Ballast Point Park, Sydney by CHROFI + McGregor Coxall. Photo © Leonard Grosch

⁴ Adelaide Oval. Photo © DreamTeamImaging

⁵ Prince Alfred Park, Sydney by Neeson Murcutt Architects + Sue Barnsley Design. Photo © Brett Boardman

⁶ Cambourne Park Fitness Trail © Sportsequip UK

**Key Objectives:**

1. *Enhance the quality of existing sports facilities and amenities.*
2. *Provide opportunities for informal recreation to encourage active and healthy communities*
3. *Enable flexibility of spaces, to be shared across a range of activities*
4. *Balance community and organisation use of the park and its facilities.*

Key Strategies to achieve this in Master Plan:

- Maintain the sporting ground as a natural turf surface, implement measures to increase its durability, improve the surface condition and reduce maintenance
- Provide player, spectator and public facilities fitting of a premier sporting ground.
- Create new areas and facilities to support a broader range of activities. Improve lighting to extend the hours of use.
- Maintain shared community access to park assets.

Supporting Healthy Lifestyles

Petersham Park is well used by the community for informal sports and recreation. The master plan recognises the importance of facilitating sports and exercise for all.

New and upgraded recreation spaces are recommended to support a broader range of informal recreational pursuits and to activate underutilised areas of the park.

Outdoor exercise / mobility equipment area

Proposed adjacent to the grandstand for easy access to public amenities and accessible paths nearby. This activates the often dormant grandstand area and forms a fitness circuit with the perimeter track and grandstand stairs. Exercise equipment should be fixed, low impact in appearance, and should cater to a range of age groups and abilities.

Playground area upgrades / replacement

Proposed to support a greater range of age groups, abilities and opportunities for play. This is detailed in Inclusive

New accessible park circuit

The park has no continuous accessible circuit, the current route requires navigation around the grandstand area and flights of stairs which is inconvenient. The master plan proposes formation of a continuous accessible circuit incorporating a section of the footpath along Station Street. This is detailed in Access and Inclusive.

Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre

The aquatic centre is open for 6 months each year, and opening hours vary during the swimming season. The Community Engagement Outcomes indicated a strong desire for extension of the swimming season and opening hours. Further trials should be considered, along with possible upgrades to include evening lighting and heating.

Provisions for dogs and passive recreation are highlighted in Inclusive and Community.

Lighting upgrades are proposed to improve safety and to extend the hours of use for the park. These are detailed in Safety

Organised Sports

Petersham Park has a long association with organised sporting activities. Arrangements with various sporting clubs should be developed, and their continued use of the grounds and facilities supported. The grandstand upgrades are underway, the master plan includes a number of additional recommendations to improve the parks hosting capabilities including:

- Upgrades to pathways to cater to players and spectators with mobility requirements - Access and Inclusive
- Lighting improvements to suit different sporting events including evening training, and to deter antisocial behaviour - Safety
- Upgrades and continued maintenance of nets and screens to protect park visitors from stray balls - Safety
- New scoreboard, public amenities and accessible covered seating area to improve the spectator experience - Access and Inclusive.
- New underground water tank and refurbished storage area to assist with maintaining the sporting ground.



View across sporting ground looking towards the grandstand. Photography by Welsh + Major Architects.



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6.0 Draft Master Plan
MASTER PLAN OVERVIEW



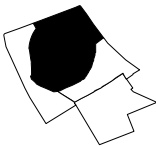


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- 01 Enhance the rotunda while protecting its heritage significance and maintaining its availability for community use.
 - Extended forecourt area with new paving and flush transition from adjacent pathway
 - Remove perimeter band of paving which detracts from the rotunda structure. Provide gravel and drainage if required to address any moisture issues
 - Establish perimeter garden beds with low planting to provide an attractive 'garden' setting also referencing the garden area which previously surrounded the rotunda
- 02 Develop and implement a consistent furniture palette through the park including a mix of picnic tables, platform and bench seating. Relocate 'Heritage' styled picnic table from Zone 4 adjacent to rotunda.
- 03 Proposed under storey planting and mulch areas to enhance Station Street frontage and replace patchy grass.
- 04 Station Street southern entry upgraded to create an attractive and inviting gateway
 - Repaired paving incorporating pink 'Petersham Park' lettering to coincide with other entries. Replace patchy asphalt areas with concrete to match adjacent surfaces.
 - Bins relocated to new waste disposal area - refer 07
- 05 Consider implementing timed parking along station Street to lessen parking conflicts between park visitors and residents. Investigate the current provision of accessible parking spots and whether this is sufficient.
- 06 Community garden area with raised planters and perimeter planting to screen adjacent residential fence, and provide a buffer to Station Street. Provide elevated platform around the base of existing tree to provide seating, and to prevent damage from mowers and soil compaction.
- 07 Hardstand area incorporating waste disposal, along with shed and composting facilities for community garden. Provide bins for general waste and recycling along with bag dispensers for dog waste.
- 08 Investigate relocating meter box and providing underground power connection as the existing meter box and power pole detract from the park entrance.
- 09 New community notice board to inform visitors of upcoming events and community happenings. Adjacent area to incorporate low planting and new wild play areas.
- 10 Existing playground area to remain with upgrades for inclusive and diverse play opportunities.
- 11 Barbecues and picnic tables to remain
- 12 Planting incorporating wild play areas and low fencing to provide a subtle buffer to adjacent grassy area which is popular for dog exercise. Investigate installing removable netting and posts during the baseball season for increased protection from stray balls. This would require agreement from the baseball club to set up and take down the nets each game day.
- 13 New seating to address demand for additional facilities, and to accommodate visitors with dogs and children.
- 14 Retain grassy area for timed off leash dog use, and retain extent of existing dog on and off leash areas throughout the park. Consider in-situ signage to encourage self-policing by reminding owners of their responsibilities.
- 15 Remove redundant, outdated and unattractive signage and establish a clear and unified signage strategy for the park (throughout) focusing on key entrances and routes. Signage is to be minimal, well located and well designed to suit the character of the park.

Collaborate with local historians and artists to develop a strategy for park identity and interpretation to increase awareness of the park and its history. This could incorporate the former creek, 'Kangaroo Grounds' and First Nations history, early European farming, the parks aboriginal diversity and the establishment of different areas such as the palm grove, war memorials, and Petersham Park's rich sporting history
- 16 Develop guidelines for replacing trees as they reach the end of life.

ZONE 2



LEGEND

Removed item

Existing structure

Zone for proposed structure

Existing barrier

New barrier

Existing removable bollards

Raingarden

Playing surface

Natural grass

Existing tree

Existing tree - future canopy

New tree

Screening planting

Existing garden / understorey planting

Native grasses / groundcover

Native / ornamental understorey planting

Community garden planter

Hardstand / formal pathway

Accessible circuit

Informal pathway

Playground area

Waste disposal area

Outdoor sports court / gym

Water fountain

Existing seating

New seating

Existing bike racks

Site contour @ approx 1m interval

Master Plan boundary

Zone boundary

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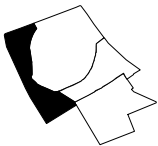
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- 01 Scoreboard upgrades to improve the player and spectator experience while retaining the scoreboard building as a unique heritage item and landmark within the park.
 - Provide new digital scoreboard with flexible display settings suitable for cricket and baseball.
 - Conduct a feasibility study to determine whether to incorporate new scoreboard in the existing building, or as a freestanding structure - possible locations indicated in orange.
 - Consider providing a display suitable for community events i.e. outdoor cinema
 - Restore and protect scoreboard building (and scoreboard mechanisms if retained.) Remove or replace brown paint to rear facade with mural in collaboration with local artists. Investigate options for any future use of the building so that it has a practical use while also retaining its heritage significance.
- 02 Passive recreation upgrades incorporating platform seating, benches and picnic tables. Develop and implement a consistent furniture palette through the park.
- 03 Upgrade pathways to create a continuous circuit, accessible and lit for recreational activities such as walking and running. Retain existing concrete and asphalt surfaces and replace uneven sections while still serviceable. Consider eventual replacement with concrete or permeable paving, and widening narrow sections adjacent to the sporting ground. Incorporate subtle signage in the pathway surface to assist with way finding and identifying the circuit route. Enhance adjacent garden beds by increasing planting
- 04 Proposed understorey planting and mulch areas to enhance Station Street frontage and replace patchy grass.
- 05 Assess potential for sporting ground lighting upgrades to enable evening use. Ensure that the sporting ground is available for public use outside of sporting fixtures. Investigate non-sporting community events on the sporting ground such as evening movies during the summer.
- 06 Repair and maintain existing timber bench spectator seating. Low planting and low fencing, site interpretation, additional community garden or exercise space could be incorporated in south eastern area where seating bays have been removed. Fencing adjoining pathway demolished to improve cross-park connectivity
- 07 Replace damaged baseball netting, and maintain sliding cricket screens to ensure they are operational
- 08 New high netting adjacent to sporting ground
- 09 New accessible seating area included in grandstand upgrades.
- 10 New water fountain and dog bowl area.
- 11 Grandstand upgrades complete. Consider future installation of solar panels to roof. Rename grandstand 'The Hughes family Dudley Seddon Memorial Grandstand'
- 12 New waste disposal area included in grandstand upgrades. Provide bins for general waste and recycling along with bag dispensers for dog waste.
- 13 Rainwater tank to be replaced with underground model, and landscaping over to enhance grandstand setting. Investigate the performance of the existing tank and assess whether any additional capacity or improvements are required.
- 14 Upgrade storage and viewing structure to improve the spectator experience and provide additional storage
 - Ramped access to viewing platform, with adjacent landscaping, hardstand area and additional storage beneath
 - New roof structure providing filtered light and shelter
 - Modify metal railings for access and safety compliance.
 - Surfaces painted as part of site identity and interpretation strategy
 - Demolish derelict steel storage enclosure and rebuild. Consider extending area facing the sporting ground to include storage for baseball dirt mounds used to patch the sporting ground. Salvage removed sandstone for reuse in park.
- 15 Station Street western entry enhanced with new ornamental garden beds alongside pathway. The conifer tree blocks the vista to the sporting ground and should not be replaced. Resurface damaged pathway for wheelchair and service vehicle access. Reconfigure gates if needed to meet access requirements.
- 16 Footpath to form part of a continuous circuit around the park - refer 03 above and 16 below.
- 17 Station Street eastern entry widened and incorporated as part of continuous park circuit. Enhance adjacent garden bed by increasing planting.

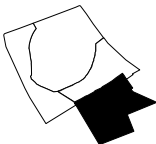
ZONE 3



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- 01 *West Street northern entry upgraded to create an attractive and inviting gateway. -
- Provide new ornamental garden beds alongside entry
- Repaired paving incorporating pink 'Petersham Park' lettering to coincide with other entries.*
- 02 *Enhance and extend understorey planting to screen West Street*
- 03 *Develop and implement a consistent furniture palette through the park including a mix of picnic tables, platform and bench seating.*
- 04 *Footpath to form part of a continuous circuit around the park - refer 05 below.*
- 05 *Upgrade pathways to create a continuous circuit, accessible and lit for recreational activities such as walking and running. Retain existing concrete surfaces and replace uneven sections while still serviceable. Consider eventual replacement with concrete, and widening narrow sections adjacent to the sporting ground. Incorporate subtle signage in the pathway surface to assist with way finding and identifying the circuit route. Remove damaged raised curb edging on sections of pathway used for service vehicle access*
- 06 *Native meadow planting introduced to screen West Street, with ornamental grasses and low shrubs. Include new pathway following existing desire line route through to grandstand. Investigate and remove redundant services along this frontage as they detract from the park.*
- 07 *New permeable hardstand area including exercise / mobility equipment with lighting for evening use. Ensure that equipment is versatile and can appeal to a range of park visitors. Incorporate seating area to provide a place to stop and rest.*
- 08 *New landscaping alongside pathway to screen boundary and enhance southern West Street gateway. Incorporate native plantings to reduce maintenance requirements while providing food and habitat for birds and wildlife*
- 09 *Incorporate traffic calming measures along West Street to improve pedestrian safety around the park, especially at pedestrian crossings. Options include speed bumps, implementing a 40km/hr speed limit, and changing the road surface adjacent to crossings.*

ZONE 4



LEGEND

	Removed item		Natural grass		Community garden planter		Existing seating
	Existing structure		Existing tree		Hardstand / formal pathway		New seating
	Zone for proposed structure		Existing tree - future canopy		Accessible circuit		Existing bike racks
	Existing barrier		New tree		Informal pathway		Site contour @ approx 1m interval
	New barrier		Screening planting		Playground area		Master Plan boundary
	Existing removable bollards		Existing garden / understorey planting		Waste disposal area		Zone boundary
	Raingarden		Native grasses / groundcover		Outdoor sports court / gym		
	Playing surface		Native / ornamental understorey planting		Water fountain		



NOTES

- 01 *Incorporate rain garden into low lying, flood prone area of site. Provide planting and drainage to manage stormwater runoff and enhance this area. Consider including educational signage relating to environmentally sensitive stormwater management, and site interpretation signage relating to the creek that previously ran through the site and the 'Kangaroo Grounds'.*
- 02 *Landscaping to address areas of patchy grass and to provide an attractive and hardy interface between the off-leash dog area and the adjacent avenue of trees. Incorporate native grasses and shrubs to provide understorey planting and habitat, with informal pedestrian routes connecting to main pathway. Replace palm planters with groups of small colourful flowering native trees. Incorporate discrete dog agility and play elements such as logs for jumping over.*
- 03 *Develop and implement a consistent furniture palette through the park including a mix of picnic tables, platform and bench seating. Relocate 'heritage' styled picnic table adjacent to rotunda in Zone 1.*
- 04 *Enhance planting along pathway, maintain existing trees and plan for their gradual replacement. Extend areas of bark chips to bases linking to areas of understorey planting where sunlight is sufficient. Retain area as a contemplative space, acknowledging its presence as the 'soldiers avenue'.*
- 05 *Retain extent of existing dog on and off leash areas. Provide additional dog bag dispensers throughout the park and consider in-situ signage to encourage self-policing by reminding owners of their responsibilities. Low boundary planting could be incorporated to this section of the park to provide a subtle buffer to deter dogs from running towards the street.*
- 06 *New perimeter fencing to improve appearance of this section of the park, and provide the preschool with privacy. This could be incorporated as part of the site identity and interpretation strategy.*
- 07 *Maintain the heritage significant Brighton Street 'Anzac Gates' which contribute to the character of the park, while memorialising Petersham residents who fought in WWI.*
- 08 *Consult with KU Petersham Preschool regarding the community garden and a shared composting facility. The compost facility is proposed adjacent to the new community garden in Zone 1. A shared compost facility within the preschool grounds could also be considered.*
- 09 *Ensure pool and cafe facilities are well maintained. Explore potential for installation of solar panels to the roof of buildings, along with further measures to reduce resource use, maintenance and costs.*
- 10 *Respond to community requests for increased availability of swimming facilities with further trials to extend the swimming season and morning and evening opening hours. Consider future lighting and heating upgrades*
- 11 *Ensure that the existing public amenities are regularly cleaned and maintained. Provide additional capacity by completing new public amenities as part of grandstand upgrades. Refer to Zone 2.*
- 12 *Remove redundant, outdated and unattractive signage and establish a clear and unified signage strategy for the park (throughout) focusing on key entrances and routes. Signage is to be minimal, well located and well designed to suit the character of the park.*

Collaborate with local historians and artists to develop a strategy for park identity and interpretation to increase awareness of the park and its history. This could incorporate the former creek, 'Kangaroo Grounds' and First Nations history, early European farming, the parks aboriginal diversity and the establishment of different areas such as the palm grove, war memorials, and Petersham Park's rich sporting history
- 13 *Develop guidelines for replacing trees and plants (throughout) as they reach the end of their serviceable life.*