



Glen Street Open Space Masterplan - Concept Design

For consultation 19th January 2018

Masterplan Principles

Vision: to maximise the potential for the sporting and recreational use of the site whilst conserving and enhancing the natural environment and heritage values of this important open space

Key objectives:

- Maximise usage of the sportsground with a range of sports activities supported by adequate levels of car parking to minimise impact on surrounding residences
- Successfully integrate a wide range of uses on the showground site such as dog walking and equestrian events with inclusive childrens’ play and skate in a unified parkland.
- Improving pedestrian access and shared access across the site
- Expanding and repurposing key buildings on site for club and community use.



Vehicle Entry and Car Parking

Blackbutts Road

- Additional parking for sports users to the western end of Lionel Watts car park
- Revise traffic direction in car park to one-way, by entering car park at western entrance and exiting at eastern entry

Pringle Avenue

- New car park entry and exit off Pringle Avenue
- Linemarked parking bays
- New paved turning area and drop off shared zone with adjacent disabled parking bays for close and safe access to the playspace
- Vehicle/emergency entry on eastern side of showground for access for events
- Provide long vehicle parking for equestrian events on grassed areas along side oval perimeter

Major Structures

Lionel Watts Sports Amenities & Community Centre West – Upgrade

- Building extension to the south for increased capacity for facilities and storage
- Lower level to cater for sports storage requirements e.g:- AFL, Soccer, Cricket
- Upper level with small meeting room for casual hire
- Ramp entry to be improved on southern façade facing Blackbutts Road
- Modify parking area to allow for disabled parking bays and delivery / drop-off zone only.

Lionel Watts Oval Sports Amenities East building – Upgrade

- Building expanded on eastern side to showground to accommodate café and kiosk and multi-use room for Forest Agricultural and Horticultural Society activities (FAHS)
- Existing building to undergo alterations to expand storage for sports users (i.e.: rugby league, touch, athletics) and FAHS.
- Upgrade existing public toilet facilities for accessible requirements
- Potential viewing deck towards showground
- Ramp access from showground to FAHS storage areas of Lionel Watts Oval Sports Building East
- Vehicular access from Lionel Watts carpark for delivery and maintenance

Existing Frenchs Forest Showground Pavilion for playspace and passive recreation

- Demolish building to allow for expanded new playspace and relocate FAHS activities within upgraded Lionel Watts and Sports Amenities East building.

New Shelters

- Shelters to provide shade as well as a focus for gathering around the recreation and sporting activities

Youth

Skate

- Expand facilities for young people
- Create a neighbourhood skate park that will provide for skaters of varying abilities

Fitness

- Provide a series of fitness hubs throughout the open space
- Improved path connectivity to link with bus stops

Inclusive Playspace

- Create a new inclusive playspace which provides facilities for children of all abilities and their carers
- Ensure that the main entry is safe and welcoming with disabled parking adjacent
- Create a central focus in the playspace for socialising and for orientation and surveillance
- New amenities including accessible family toilets within playspace
- Use landscaped areas to enhance nature play
- Create play experiences that are exhilarating such as flying foxes, swinging and climbing - and imaginative and passive activities using water play and public art

Water sensitive Urban Design (WSUD)

- Synthetic surfaces - Collect run off beneath surfaces and drain to tanks off field
- Create vegetated bio retention basins in Lionel Watts car park
- Create vegetated bio swales:
 - along edge of netball courts
 - northern edge of showground car park

Native Vegetation and Biodiversity

- Enhance the site with additional tree planting to offset removals and increase shade canopy
- Protect and restore high value native vegetation along Glen Street and Blackbutts Road frontages
- Plant an avenue of trees around the showground to provide additional shade
- Embellish native tree planting along Pringle Avenue car park frontage with low grasses and groundcover



Wall height varies along length from 900-300mm



New and revitalised sporting facilities

Winter Activities

- Install synthetic sports field surfaces on the fields at the western end of the sportsground and on the junior soccer to the north which can be used for AFL, two adult soccer fields and one junior soccer field
- Accommodate adult soccer and senior rugby league on the existing grass fields at the eastern end of the sports ground
- Retain existing 6 x multi-use hard surface netball courts



Summer Activities

- New synthetic fields used for senior cricket and touch football
- Little athletics activities including modified grassed running circuit 100m track, long jump, discus, shotput and high jump
- Existing grassed fields used for senior cricket

LEGEND

Entries

- Vehicles
- Cycle/Pedestrian
- Pedestrian
- Pedestrian crossing
- Pedestrian refuge

Paths

- Shared path around oval - 3.5m
- Shared path along Blackbutts Road & Pringle Avenue 2.5m
- Internal shared paths - 2.5m

- Pedestrian paths - 1.5m
- Crushed sandstone path - 1.8m
- On road cycleway

Paths & Circulation

- Enhance vehicle entries for each car park with better pedestrian/car separation with signage and planting. These vehicle entries are important as arrival spaces and should provide all the information needed for the site.
- Introduce new pedestrian refuges and enhance existing crossings with new entries, steps and cycle ramps to connect the sportsground to Glenrose Shopping Centre and to improve connections from the Showground to surrounding streets.
- Enhance new and existing pedestrian entries with signage and clear views into the site.
- Allow improved circulation and accessibility through the site by constructing the missing links in the path network across the site.
- Create a new tree lined path around the Showground Oval to enhance opportunities for cycling and walking around the space.
- Utilise the existing native vegetation for walking and passive recreation on the Glen Street boundary by extending the crushed sandstone path to connect entries on the northern boundary of the showground and the Glenrose shopping centre.





Showground and skate area perspective



Sportsfields perspective