

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- Manage the park on a sustainable basis, acknowledging its values and State heritage significance and conserve for the future.
- Protect open quality, significant vistas and relationship with St. Matthews Church and cemetery.
- Ensure a high standard in park presentation and maintenance consistent with heritage significance.
- Continue to promote the park's historic heritage significance. Avoid introducing elements with no compelling relevance to this context.
- Continue to maintain and enhance social, cultural and recreational opportunities (including promoting multiple-uses and synergies).
- Restrict and regulate uses and activities which threaten the park's historic integrity and cultural landscape setting.
- Enhance connectivity between different precincts by removing obstructions, improving pedestrian access for all visitors and providing an integrated quality setting.
- Promote use of water sensitive urban design strategies to improve infiltration rates, water collection and recycling.
- Improve water quality of lake through appropriate stormwater management, remedial works and restoration of wetland elements.
- Enhance ecological connectivity, habitat values and opportunities for visitor interaction and interpretation.
- Continue community engagement and involvement in future management and conservation decisions affecting this park.

Relationship with St. Matthews Church and cemetery
Ensure protection of significant heritage values and open space. Protect and maintain existing clusters of boundary trees, mown grass and unobstructed vistas across the park.

Passive recreational infrastructure
Continue to maintain existing open picnic shelters/ settings, BBQs, paved areas, seating, litter bins and other passive recreational facilities. Retain low-key character and ensure a high standard of maintenance.

Don't Worry cricket pitch
Maintain "Don't Worry" cricket pitch as a passive/ active recreational area with no fixed boundary fences. Promote opportunities for multi-uses incl. upgrade to AFL-size field.

Park lighting:
Maintain and upgrade existing park lighting. Retain and restore historic standards and fixtures. Ensure consistency in selection of new lighting.

Tree management
Prepare a Tree Management Plan to address decline and loss of heritage trees. Promote 'whole-of-life-cycle' management practices and successional planting strategy. Replacement tree planting should be based on historic palette, suitability to local area and site conditions.

Central (internal) access road
Review options to address current traffic issues incl. installation of boom-gates to restrict through traffic (i.e. emergency/ service vehicle use only).

Shared bikepaths and exercise circuit
Install a series of exercise stations along lower eastern lake-side and southern pathway system. Ensure appropriate upgrading to shared pathway system with standard width, signage and line marking.

Ecological restoration
Establish small-scale ecological demonstration sites under existing native Ironbarks. Clearly delineate restoration areas (as mulched/ no-mowing areas). Establish local native grasses and herbs – consistent with Castlereagh Ironbark Forest/ Shale Plains Woodland communities. Protect open vistas.

Reinstate Inter-war period avenue
Relocate cricket nets (see new location) and storage facilities (integrate with grandstand). Remove small grove of immature Paperbarks. Restore historic avenue using Brush Box as infill/ mixed planting. Construct pathway linking to lake precinct.

Car parking area (Tebbutt Street) improvements
Formalise car parking area with single entry/ exit, all-weather porous bituminous/ aggregate finish with collection swales, delineation of parking bays, low vehicular barriers, landscaping and shared pathway/ bikeway linkages. Provide adequate protection of heritage trees during and after building works.

Grandstand and amenities building
Visually integrate buildings with new car parking area, including landscaping and planting to reduce scale and bulk of buildings. Investigate future option to expand and integrate grandstand and amenities building.

Oval embankment and entry/ exit point
Upgrade oval access from grandstand including replacement of narrow concrete steps/ log wall with wider steps, terracing and ramped access ensuring consistency in materials and standards

Children's playground
Continue to maintain play equipment and safety fall area. Provide new bench seating under existing shade trees.

Construct formalised pathway to enhance park connectivity (incl. alterations to external walls/ ramped access and services).

Commemorative Services (incl. Anzac Day Dawn Service)
Relocate commemorative services to a new location on western side of lake to provide a safe, accessible site for large gatherings.

Boer War memorial, WWI memorial and memorial gardens
Protect and maintain existing Boer War memorial, WWI memorial (honour wall) and gardens. Investigate options for conservation of rare carved stone reliefs (J. O'Kelly). Protect and maintain formal Crepe Myrtle bosquet and other key elements.

Conservation of field artillery guns
Protect and conserve two field guns (incl. option to design weather-proof shelter/ enclosure). Investigate ALH capture provenance of WWI gun and implement recommendations.

Construct new graded pathway linking memorial gardens to Lake precinct via car parking area (including pedestrian crossing near entry/ exit).

Car parking area (George Street) improvements
Consult with Windsor Bowling Club to formalise car parking area including re-surfacing in porous bituminous finish, optimising car spaces, service delivery area and appropriate landscaping adjacent to clubhouse. Provide shared pathway/ bikeway linkages and adequate protection of existing trees.

Bicentenary commemorative plantations
Continue to maintain Bicentenary trees and plaques. Provide replacement trees and plaques as necessary.

Lake precinct – proposed improvements/ restoration
Implement a strategy to restore environmental qualities to the lake. Investigate stormwater inputs/ adequacy of pollutant devices, lake functionality and water quality. Subject to recommendations modify lake to reduce pollutants, improve water circulation, remove pest/ weed species and establish native aquatic/ wetland plants. Retain open lawns and access to the lake. Establish demonstration site for ecological restoration and education.

Proposed multi-functional event space
Establish low-key, multi-functional event space for commemorative services and other events. Protect heritage views and vistas over lake. Retain open visual qualities.

CWA health centre/ meeting hall – proposed adaptive re-use
Continue to consult with CWA for adaptive re-use (in part) of the cottage as a refreshment kiosk/ café and/ or visitor information centre including outdoor decking area. Option to retain existing uses and functions. Proposal would provide:

- a new social, cultural and recreational focus for the park;
- improved connectivity with park and lake precinct;
- opportunities to link new recreational infrastructure (incl. children's playground and event space);
- visitor information services in easily accessed location and linked to lake environs.



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McQuade Park boundary

Scale: approx. 1:900 @ A1



FIGURE 7
McQuade Park
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