

St Johns Park: Future improvement plans

What’s been happening

The masterplanning process for St John Park started in December 2019. The intent is to prepare a long term plan for the park and to identify a series of projects that can be delivered over time. Whilst the masterplan won’t provide all the detail, it will provide clear strategic direction for how the park can be enhanced and managed in the future.

We’ve been busy doing lots of analysis and observations of the park and its surroundings. We’ve also been listening to park users and the key stakeholders involved in the management of the park and activities within it.

A community questionnaire with specific questions about the park was available for 4 weeks ending in early March 2020.

This update provides a broad summary of what we’ve heard through the stakeholder and community engagement process and explains what this means for the long term masterplan.

We have prepared a draft masterplan that shows where potential enhancements and improvements are located within the park.

We plan to continue to refine this draft masterplan based on your feedback on it.

Please take a good look at the emerging themes, the draft masterplan and the list of potential projects and complete the online questionnaire.

Please look out for more updates on the MSDC website:

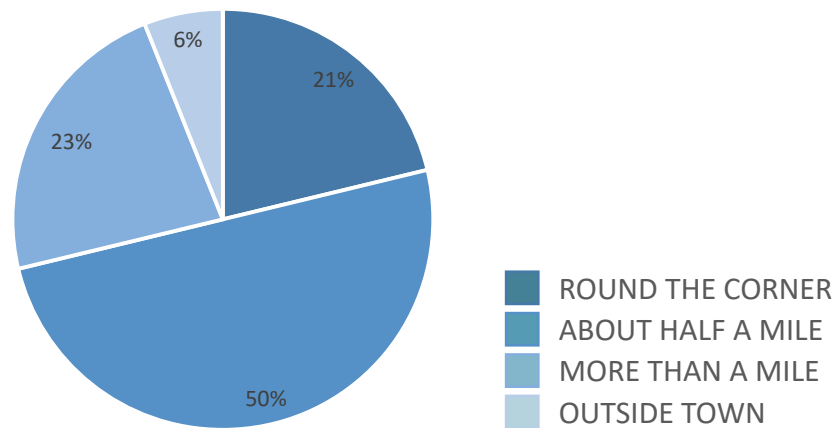
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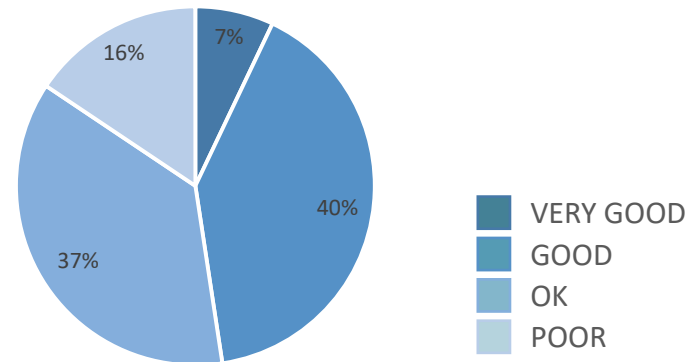
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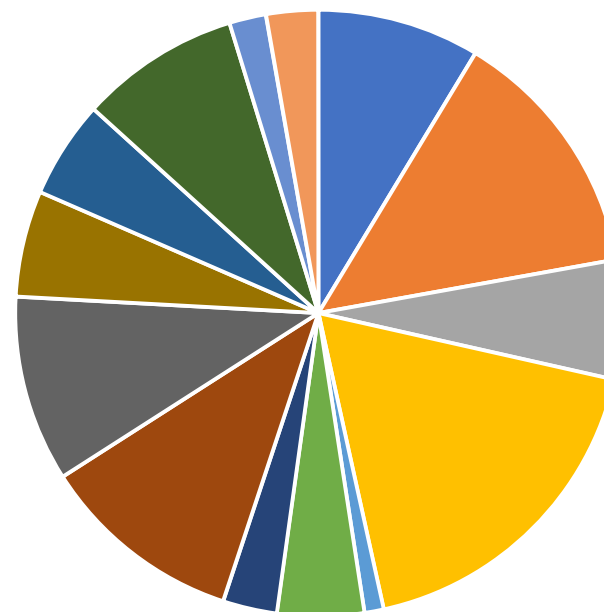
We received a broad range of fantastic ideas. We've noticed some common aspirations for enhancing the park, such as sorting out the issues of flooding / drainage and enhancing the play and skatepark area. We also had a lot of comments about the desire for an improved cafe facility and enhancing the existing cricket pavilion buildings.



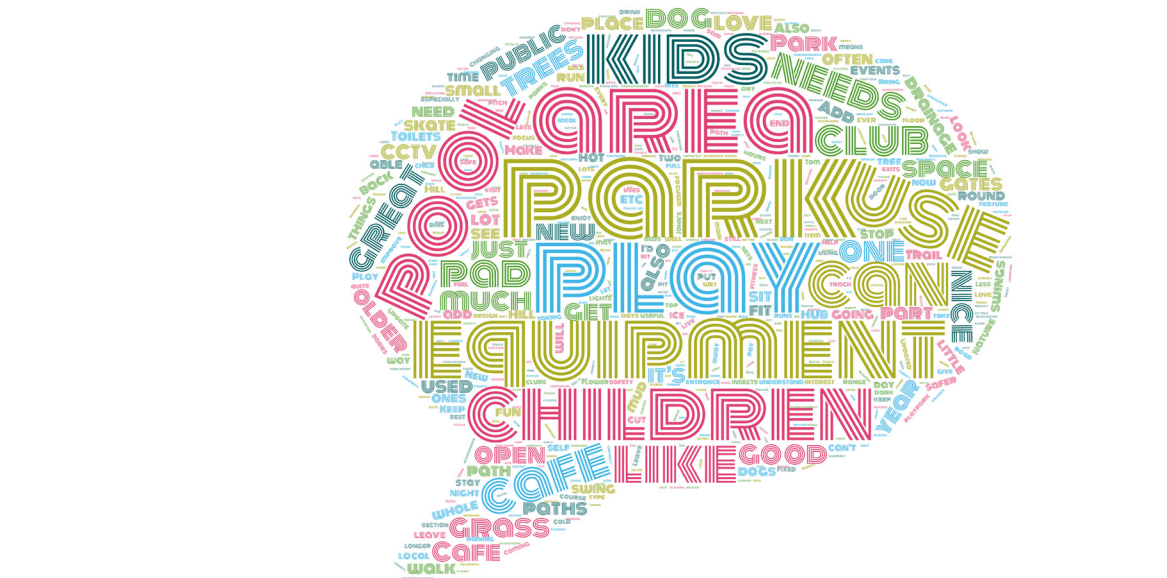
How far you travel to get to the park



How you rated the appearance of the park



What you do in the park



We asked "If you could choose one thing to improve the park / to the park what would it be ?"

You gave us lots of great ideas and an insight into what you feel are important priorities for the future of St Johns Park.

The 'wordcloud' above has been created by counting words from the response to this question.

What this means

Our research and analysis has led us to prepare three over arching ‘themes’ that will guide the masterplan. It will also steer the individual projects and the activities that will come from this.

The themes overlap but are intended to help us focus on specific ideas to improve the park. We feel these themes are a good representation of the shared values and aspirations that we have heard from the community. The themes are, however, still in draft and we welcome comments on these.

The emerging masterplan (next page) shows how these themes have been applied to the park and demonstrate the long term future for St Johns Park.

The masterplan includes some fairly straight forward proposed enhancements such as an improved play area, better drainage and improved footpath surfacing.

It also includes some long term ones aimed at helping transform the park and addressing many of those concerns we heard such as problems with antisocial behaviour and making better use of the whole park.

We are very keen to hear your thoughts, endorsements or concerns on the emerging masterplan before we finalise it.

THE OVER ARCHING THEMES



- COHESIVE APPEARANCE THE COMMUNITY CAN BE PROUD OF
- ENHANCED ENTRANCES AND EDGES
- EMPHASIS ON THE PROMENADE / TREE LINED FOOTPATH
- IMPROVED SETTING TO THE CRICKET GROUND AND EASTERN EDGE
- COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED APPROACH TO WATER / DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT
- INTERPRETATION AND WAYFINDING
- ENHANCE PLANTING / BIODIVERSITY AND WILDLIFE
- REINFORCE HERITAGE CHARACTER



- SPACES FOR PARTICIPATION AND ALSO SPECTATING
- IMPROVED SKATE PARK FACILITY
- MORE VARIETY OF PLAY INCLUDING NATURAL PLAY
- ENHANCED BALL COURT AREA
- ENHANCED CYCLE PATH / ROUTES
- IMPROVED CRICKET GROUND AND FACILITIES
- SPACE FOR EVENTS (LARGE OR SMALL)
- PLAY FOR ALL AGES AND ALL ABILITIES



- ALL WEATHER PATHS
- IMPROVED PARK USER FACILITIES
- ALL YEAR ROUND CAFE SPACE
- IMPROVED ACCESS
- QUALITY PUBLIC REALM / SPACE
- BETTER AND MORE PARK FURNITURE
- SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF THE PARK
- RESOLVE DRAINAGE THROUGH WATER SENSITIVE URBAN DESIGN

Precedent images are used to demonstrate potential successful outcomes

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| MSDC site boundary | Proposed resurfacing of paths | Proposed drainage | 1. Park entrances | 6. Skatepark | 11. The Pavilion |
| Existing trees | Existing Hedges | Proposed attenuation basin | 2. The Promenade | 7. Western boundary | 12. Community Plaza |
| Proposed trees | Proposed tree thinning / crown lifting | Proposed enhanced playspace | 3. Drainage improvement | 8. Northwest entrance | 13. Cricket ground |
| Existing path surfacing | Proposed seats | Proposed planting | 4. Playspace | 9. The Terrace and Events Space | 14. Northeastern entrance |
| Proposed surfacing | | | 5. Multi-use games area | 10. North / South Link | 15. Picnic areas |
- Please refer to the next page for a description of the proposals within each area

THE 15 POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

1. Park entrances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new paths / all weather surfacing entrance signage / interpretation improve railing / fences 	2. The Promenade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> improved surfacing wayfinding / signage enhanced access public art improved vistas / views seating 	3. Drainage improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> improved drainage naturalised swales improved opportunities for wildlife / biodiversity 	4. The Playspace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new play equipment re-profiled landform enhanced and new paths naturalised play distinctive character 	5. Multi-use games area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new multiuse games area remove existing basketball hoop re-profiling land enhanced and new paths
6. Skate park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhanced skate park re-configured layout open up views form promenade new central spine / footpath seating 	7. Western boundary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> crown lifting of existing trees improved vistas / views enhanced paths / surfacing new public art 	8. Northwest entrance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new entrance paths / steps / ramps new tree planting hedge to screen fencing to lodge 	9. The Terrace and event space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new paths events space potential fitness trails new tree planting 	10. North / South Link <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new surfacing / paths double aspect seating tree planting
11. The Pavilion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> internal enhancements improvement drainage shared community facility improved cafe kiosk improved public toilet facilities 	12. Community Plaza <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new surfacing / paths new seating outdoor dining with double aspect quality public realm / space 	13. Cricket Ground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhanced seating new path connections retained history / character 	14. Northeastern entrance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> improved setting new seating views / interpretation new paths 	15. Picnic area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new picnic benches / space potential for BBQ (TBC)

Next Steps:

LOOK AT THE PLAN AND TELL US WHAT YOU THINK BY FILLING IN THE ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE



PLEASE TELL US WHICH ONES OF THE POTENTIAL AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT EXCITES YOU THE MOST



WE'LL THEN FINALISE THE DRAFT MASTERPLAN AND LET YOU KNOW THE NEXT STEPS



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A LONG TERM PLAN FOR THE PARK AND MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO COMPLETE EVERYTHING. THE PROJECTS ALSO RELY ON FUNDING BECOMING AVAILABLE. EACH PROJECT WILL NEED FURTHER PLANNING AND DESIGN WORK AND POTENTIALLY MORE COMMUNITY INPUT.

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THESE PROJECTS AFTER THE MASTER PLANNING PROCESS IS COMPLETE.

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