





Vision

The Beaumaris Reserve Masterplan seeks to improve the current facilities at the reserve to better meet the needs of the existing sports clubs, community groups, casual users and residents while maintaining and creating areas using native vegetation and landscape design themes to retain the Beaumaris character.

This masterplan is a long-term concept for the future vision of Beaumaris Reserve which was developed in conjunction with local residents and representatives from the Beaumaris Art Group, the Beaumaris Cricket Club, the Beaumaris Tennis Club, the Beaumaris Senior Community Centre, the Beaumaris Soccer Club, the Friends of Beaumaris Reserve and the Beaumaris RSL.

The adoption of the Beaumaris Reserve Masterplan by Council does not constitute a decision to proceed with any identified opportunities. It provides a long-term concept for the anticipated future needs and uses of the site and will be subject to future decisions and funding considerations by Council.

Opportunities

1 Village Green

Create a "village green" as a focus for the reserve and community events. Improvement works should retain and enhance the open lawn character with canopy of large native trees. Remove poor performing or weed tree species.

New perimeter paths and seating to leave the central lawn unencumbered. Building entry patios with finishes to match the library frontage. Remove existing random patios of concrete unit paving.

Investigate the installation of underground water tank system to collect adjacent building runoff.

Install removable bollards on south-west corner to allow authorised vehicle access only.

Improve relationship with the rest of the reserve via the library, north arm and south arms of the village green as follows:

Village Green - Library

- 2 Utilise existing path along south side of community hall to improve connections between the library and the village green. Convert desire lines through garden bed into a formal path.
- 3 Consider through access to village green. Shorten the service road and install bollards to only allow for drop-off zone for library and senior community centre.

4 Village Green - North Arm

Improve links with the northern playground and car park, by installation of formal paths and improved sightlines (pruning tea-tree).

Extend lawn area by selective removal of trees (several weed species existing eg. cotoneaster) and "lifting" the lower branches of tea-tree.

5 Village Green - South Arm

Improve links with tennis club. Suggest a new entry to the clubhouse on the north side.

Lower priority playground with potential for removal. Add to the tree canopy with native specimen planting.

Vegetation

- (6) Refurbishment and replanting of the formal garden beds to promote and showcase locally indigenous shrubs and groundcovers for garden use. Reinforce the relationship with the Bayside Community Nursery who designed and installed the library landscape (eg. with brochures in the library).
- 7 Establish specimen tree planting throughout the reserve. Species will be indigenous and appropriate for the local vegetation protection overlay.

 Design and install interpretive signage.
- (8) Prune to elevate the canopy of tea-tree throughout reserve to allow sight-lines, weed control, lawn mowing and to prevent the accumulation of litter. Consider the use of mulched beds beneath the trees to remove the requirement to mow. This treatment has been used successfully in the north western corner of the Reserve.
- Remove non-native tree species, including cotoneaster in the village green, excepting mature cypress near the northern playground.
 Implement an environmental weed removal strategy as recommended by Ecology Australia (Vegetation Assessment 20 April 2006).

Other Items

- 10 Upgrade the Reserve Road frontage south of the library to unify the full reserve frontage. Consider the use of curved path, including a link to the carpark with small garden beds of indigenous plants.
- 11) Provide patio, seating and garden at the northern entry to the senior community centre. Maximise sunny northern aspect and improve the address. Incorporate disabled access compliant paths linking the northern car park with the senior community centre. Install 'No Parking" and designate a drop-off only zone.
- Develop a public sculpture garden associated with the arts group. Up-lift tea-tree south of the arts group building and integrate sculpture pieces amongst the trees. Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) design principles to reduce the opportunity for criminal activity.
- (13) Refurbish and upgrade the northern playground. Maintain or enhance the distinctive Beaumaris character ie. play equipment nestled in the tea-tree and a strong relationship with the hill-top location. Locate swings or other future equipment away from the internal gravel road.

- (14) Install new and upgrade existing kerb to prevent informal parking and gravel surface "creep". Realign gravel road and selectively prune tea-tree to improve sightlines at the crest.
- Onsolidate and improve efficiency of the car park, but minimise net loss of spaces. Design to consider opportunities to improve pedestrian link between the sports field and pavilion. Reclaim large gravel areas for grass cover and improve links between the village green and the sports field. Plant trees in bays to provide shade. New car park areas to incorporate Water Sensitive Urban Design principles (eg. swales).
- 16 Investigate the need to implement parking restrictions on Victor Street near the bend. Enhance links to Beaumaris Concourse along existing walkway.
- 17 Regrade a section of slope to allow for a larger sports field area.
- 18 Remove sports field fence and provide appropriate barrier as required.
- 19 Provide bin corrals for rubbish and recycling for the tennis and sports pavilions.
- Improve visual links between the tennis pavilion and the car park by upgrading the fence west of the pavilion from timber paling to a seethrough fence type. Consider ways to improve the useability of this space (eg. selectively remove paperbark canopy trees to establish lawn).
- 21 Consider fence and boundary realignment east of the tennis pavilion during lease renewal to allow possible water tank installation and return some areas to public open space. Fence type to be upgraded to a taller, see-through security fence.

Review existing public lighting and install new as required and in accordance with council's lighting strategy.

Unify and improve the appearance of the reserve through a review and upgrade of site furniture (seats, tables, bins, bollards) and paving to match the palette established at the library frontage.

Prepare a visual identity strategy for the reserve buildings (eg. signage). Possible involvement from the arts group.

Promote re-use of storm water through out the reserve.

Consider complementary activites to enliven the village green eg. gallery shop/cafe.