

Lillydale Lake Park

DRAFT MASTER PLAN 2024 - 2039

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We pay our respects to all Elders, past, present, and emerging, who have been, and always will be, integral to the story of our region. We proudly share custodianship to care for Country together.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

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1 Introduction

Purpose

Lillydale Lake Park is a valuable community recreational centre providing a wide range of formal and informal recreational uses.

The master plan aims to implement quality public open space and recreation activities, with a focus on providing functional, attractive, accessible, safe and sustainable public spaces.

Context and History

Lillydale Lake and surrounding parklands are situated in the Yarra Ranges, approximately 40km north-east of the Melbourne Central Business District in the suburb of Lillydale. Lillydale is a Major Activity Centre in the Yarra Ranges and the Shire's first settlement, with a growing population. The usual resident population is 16,532. Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics census data, the estimated population in 2021 was 17,526¹. The projected population in 2031 is 24,694, and 2046 is 30,950¹. The projected population increase of 13,424 persons by 2046 represents a change of 77%, peaking in 2027-2031¹.

The town is serviced by shopping centres, community facilities, public parks and public transport.

With regards to open space and recreation, Lillydale is currently experiencing increasing demand for accessible recreation opportunities and mainstream sports participation as well as social recreation parks² and Lillydale Lake Park plays a significant role in this space.

Lillydale Lake, which opened in 1990 was constructed primarily to prevent flooding impacts of Olinda Creek on Lillydale township, but was also developed to provide a recreation precinct.

Lillydale Lake Park is considered a regional leisure facility and provides a broad range of opportunities for individuals, family, the Lillydale Rotary Club - Craft and Produce Market (recently relocated to near Council Offices) and a range of water sport and land based recreation groups.

The site has a moderate level of accessibility via pedestrian access from the immediate surrounding residential areas and cyclists from the Olinda Creek Trail. There is direct bus access to the site from Swansea Road which runs parallel to the northern edge of the site. The train station is located approximately 1km north of the site.

Study Area

The site is located central to Lillydale, approximately 1km south of the Lillydale train station and town centre.

Surrounding context

To the immediate south of the site, low-scale residential with a 1-2 storey detached dwelling character currently exists. Many interfaces are bordered by local streets with minimal direct connections to the park. The Olinda Creek corridor extends to further open space and wetlands outside the scope of this project (including Hull Road Wetlands).

To the immediate west of the site is the Box Hill Institute Lillydale Lakeside Campus which features large open grass areas and one primary connection and one secondary street access connection to the park. Further west is the existing quarry site which is located to the rear of the Box Hill Institute site and is subject to future residential development (Kinley Development).

To the immediate north, Swansea Road bounds most of the site, with low-scale residential 1-2 storey detached dwelling occurring opposite as well as an aged care facility and electricity sub-station. There is a clear and direct entrance to the Yarra Ranges Council offices and Eyrefield Park with community, sport and recreation facilities. Further north is the heart of the Lillydale Activity Centre, boasting commercial activity and train linkages.

1 Forecast.id November 2023

2 Yarra Ranges Council Recreation and Open Space Strategy – Precinct Strategies Action Sheets

To the immediate east, Swansea Road forms most of the boundary edge, with low-scale residential 1-2 storey detached dwelling character occurring opposite. The car primary parking entrance for the park is accessible from this interface.

Landscape character

Lillydale Lake is positioned between four high points (hills) resulting in a landform that falls to the lake and immediate lake surrounds.

Vegetation is predominately native/indigenous with significant aquatic grasses and reeds to the wetland and lake edge.

Future growth in Lillydale

The Kinley Development will introduce approximately 8000 new residents to Lillydale over the next 10-15 years, accounting for approximately 60% of the Lillydale population increase to 2046. Which will likely put additional pressure on existing facilities at Lillydale Lake Park.

Population and age structure in Lillydale

In 2021, the dominant age structure for persons in Lillydale was ages 50 to 54, which accounted for 7.0% of the total persons. The largest increase in persons between 2021 and 2031 is forecast to be in ages 35 to 39, which is expected to increase by 868 and account for 7.9% of the total persons. The largest 5 year age group forecast in 2031 is 30 to 34 years, with a total of 2,031 persons.

User groups

Lillydale Lake Park is home to several user groups including the Yarra Valley Fly Fishers, Lillydale Radio Yacht Club, Lillydale Sailing Club, Paddle Victoria, Lillydale Lake - Park Run and Lillydale Rotary Club (Craft and Produce Market recently moved to near Council offices). Outside of these formalised groups the park is frequently used by school groups, families and casual runners. The majority of people who visit the lake are walkers, dog walkers, social groups or playspace users.

Access to trails

The local trail network can be accessed from Lillydale Lake Park via the shared path network that passes around the lake and surrounds.

Approximately 1.7km to the north of the Lake the path links with the Yarra Valley Trail leading to Coldstream and the trail head for the Warburton Rail Trail.

Linking Lillydale Lake Park to Montrose in the south is the Olinda Creek Trail.

Cyclists and pedestrians can also access the railway station utilising trail connection to the north / northwest of the park area.

Background Assessment

A extensive series of background studies and assessments were conducted as part of the master planning processes, including the review of the following:

- Plan Melbourne 2017-2050
- Yarra Ranges Council Plan 2021-2025
- Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025
- Gender Equality and Intersectionality
- Recreation & Open Space Plan: Strategic Framework 2013-2023
- Active Recreation Plan 2023
- Equity, Access and Inclusion Strategy 2013-2023
- Reconciliation Framework for Action 2013-2023
- Healthy Active Ageing Plan 2021 - 2025
- Child and Youth Strategy 2014 – 2024
- Playspace Plan 2019 - 2029
- Integrated Transport Strategy 2020 – 2040
- Cultural Diversity Policy 2022
- Creative Communities Strategy 2018
- Domestic Animal Management Plan 2022-2026
- Community Vision 2036

Consultation

In the early stages of information gathering, the user groups and officers from across council were engaged to seek insight into the wants, needs, the general perception of the existing conditions at the Reserve, as well as identifying the features and characters which are considered valuable and significant.

The consultation and engagement process was completed in the following phases:

- Phase 1 - Initial stakeholder consultation and informing the Draft Master Plan:

The consultation process for the Lillydale Lake Draft Master Plan took place in 2019 and 2021. The consultation involved user groups in the Lillydale Lake precinct and Council's advisory group.

A number of different forms of community engagement processes were utilised as part of the consultation programme including:

- Flyer via email; and
 - Meetings at Box Hill Institute, Lillydale Lakeside Campus with email follow up feedback.
- Phase 2 - Draft Master Plan Consultation:
- The consultation process for Phase 2 took place from April 2023 to June 2023 and included:
- YRC Shaping Pages - Survey;
 - Direct mailing to over 500 households and attendees at the Montrose Festival; and

- Community pop-up/drop-in sessions at Lillydale Lake, Council Offices, Montrose Festival, Main St, Box Hill Institute Cafe and Bellbird Park.

During the development of the draft Master Plan, internal working groups, Council's Advisory Groups (Disability, Health & Wellbeing) etc provided insight that has informed the Master Plan.

Broader Consultation across Yarra Ranges Council parks and reserves was conducted between November and December 2023 through the Yardstick Parks User Survey. The survey is designed to record visitor expectations, satisfaction and behaviour. The survey compares Yarra Ranges Parks park survey data with other municipalities across both Metropolitan Melbourne and Australia.

Lillydale Lake respondent feedback included:

- Reasons for visiting: Proximity, water play, and walking.
- Most enjoyed: The playground, wildlife, and peaceful environment.
- Suggested improvement: Upgrading and cleaning toilets, adding more shade, and improving signage.

The findings from all these engagement methods and site analysis are reflected in the issues and opportunities outlined for Lillydale Lake Park.

Refer to Lillydale Lake Park Background Report 2024 for detailed consultation methodology and findings.

Gender Impact Assessment

In accordance with the Gender Equality Act (2020), a Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) is required to be undertaken on Council's new policies, programs and services. The assessment takes a critical look at how the Master Plan will meet the different needs of women, men, and gender-diverse people.

Early consultation was undertaken with user groups at Lillydale Lake Park and Eyrefield Park, Box Hill Institute, Melbourne Water and internally across Council. Consultation feedback, a literature review and data collection identified key gaps that have informed the master plan development. These findings include: insufficient activities for young people with an increase in demand for suitable activities and services, need to cater to females groups as individuals and parents providing family friendly activities and need to improve and extend accessible paths, infrastructure and support services.

The Draft Master Plan addresses these needs through proposed improvements such as the social recreation space improvements that are female friendly, multi-lined courts for a range of social sports and landscape improvements including clear sightlines, adequate lighting, well-maintained pathways etc.

Refer to Lillydale Lake Park Gender Impact Assessment Report 2024 for detailed findings and master plan interventions addressing findings.

2 Existing Conditions



figure 1 Existing site aerial - Vegetation character NOT TO SCALE



figure 2 Existing site aerial - Surfaces and materials NOT TO SCALE



figure 3 Existing site aerial - Shelters, signage and lighting NOT TO SCALE

Vegetation

The vegetation character surrounding the site is predominately native and well established with clusters of dense planting surrounding wetlands and bordering the park. The most common tree species identified on-site are Eucalyptus, Acacia and Allocasaurina. There is a strong landscape character (which is identified as dense clusters of same or similar species) in the following areas:

- 1 Acacia Sp.
- 2 Eucalyptus Sp.
- 3 Dense mixed planting surrounding wetlands.
- 4 Aquatic grasses
- 5 Melaleuca & Leptospermum Sp.
- 6 Ulmus sp.

Surfaces

The majority of the pedestrian pathways surrounding the lake are wide and constructed of compacted crushed rock. Concrete is limited to roads and parking areas with small areas of concrete used primarily for accessibility around the existing playground.

The main existing path types are as follows:

- 1 Compacted crushed rock
- 2 Concrete
- 3 Timber decking

Furniture

Seating, bins, shelters, drinking fountains and several barbecues are provided. Outside of this area there are occasional seats positioned below iconic shelters (positioned on the main trail surrounding the lake). There is adequate signage and wayfinding, though there is limited signage to the site perimeter.

Lighting has been installed to the primary pedestrian path. The existing furniture, signage and lighting are as follows:

- 1 Paths with lighting
- 2 Shelters with seating
- 3 Signage (information)
- 4 Wayfinding



figure 4 Existing lake and trees



figure 5 Existing vegetation



figure 6 Existing gravel path



figure 7 Existing trees and lake edge




























figure 8 Existing playground



figure 9 Existing shelter and seating

3 Opportunities and Issues

Legend

- Subject site 
- Heritage site 
- Primary entrance 
- Secondary entrance 
- Paths and trails 
- Boardwalk 
- Lighting to path 
- Carpark connections 
- Panoramic view 
- Exposed edge 
- Vegetation pruning for sightlines 
- Seating opportunity 
- Pedestrian bridge 
- Bus route 
- Existing vegetation 
- Strong vegetation character 
- Wetland/lake 
- Olinda Creek 
- Beach 
- Car park 
- Built form 
- Adjacent open space 
- High/Low point 
- Contours 
- Vegetation density review 

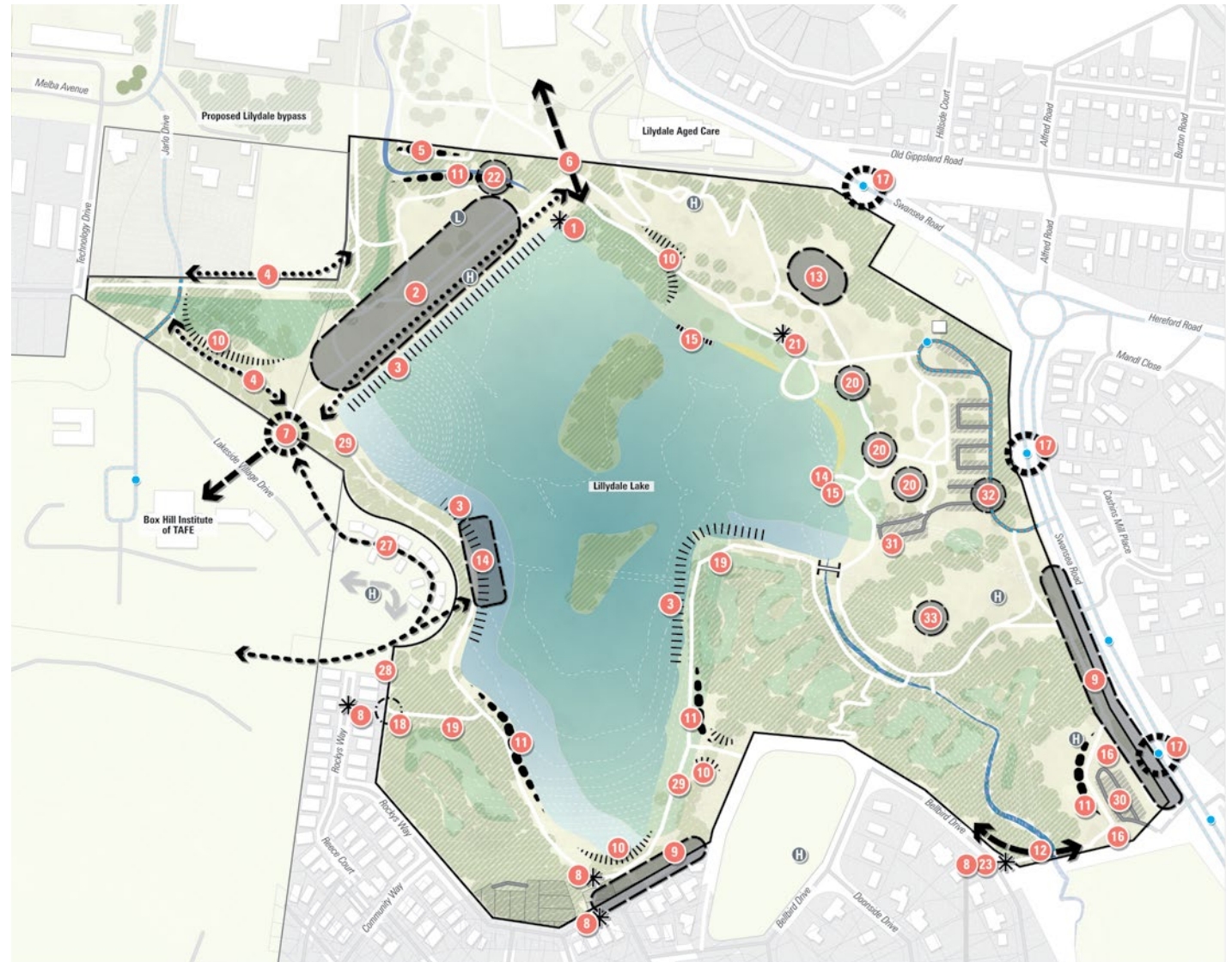


figure 10 Opportunities and constraints plan (NTS)

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Issues

- 1 Existing fencing detracts from appreciation of existing heritage site.
- 4 No lighting to footpath
- 6 Council carpark currently underutilised
- 7 Entrance from Box Hill Institute is not accessible for all, has limited views and wayfinding to library
- 8 No signage to park entrance
- 9 Exposure to outside uses
- 10 Existing sight lines are poor
- 12 Lillydale Lake Park looping track feels disconnected at Bellbird Drive
- 15 Existing decking condition is poor
- 17 No pedestrian connection to bus stop
- 18 Access to park is via a steep sloped path
- 23 No signage to Olinda Creek trail

Opportunities

- 1 Improve sight lines to heritage site. Work with Lillydale and District Historical Society to further promote local heritage.
- 2 Enhance embankment with low level native/indigenous grasses (subject to approval by Melbourne Water)
- 3 Improve lake interface with low level native/indigenous grasses (subject to approval by Melbourne Water)
- 4 Lighting to footpath (subject to approval from Melbourne Water where required)
- 5 Undertake arboricultural assessment of mature Elm row for health and safety
- 6 Improve car park connection and signage. Opportunity to increase awareness of the various car parks that link with the Lillydale Lake Precinct.
- 7 Improve entrance character and signage
- 8 Improve signage and wayfinding
- 9 Review planting density
- 10 Maintain annual vegetation pruning for safe view lines
- 11 Consider new wheelchair accessible picnic benches
- 12 New path aligned within the park boundary
- 13 Additional informal seating & canopy trees for use in association with new bike circuit and community event space.
- 14 New look-out and jetty for water based activity
- 15 Replace and/or upgrade decking structures
- 16 Enhance native/indigenous planting
- 17 Create pedestrian connection from bus stop to Lillydale Lake Park and Bellbird Park
- 18 Amend grades for DDA compliance
- 19 Include additional lookouts to wetlands
- 20 Add and/or upgrade barbecue and picnic facilities and locations, including accessible paths and tables.
- 21 Review existing fitness equipment and other activity options for young people
- 22 Improve the Olinda Creek informal crossing
- 23 New signage and wayfinding for Olinda Creek pathway

Issues

- 27 No pedestrian access from Kinley development to Lillydale Lake Park. Limited connections from Box Hill Institute to Lillydale Lake Park.
- 28 No pedestrian access from Kinley development to Lillydale Lake Park. Limited connections from Box Hill Institute to Lillydale Lake Park.
- 29 Current shelter does not provide adequate shade
- 30 Drainage issue following sealing of Bell bird Park car park
- 32 One-way section of main car park can cause congestion in peak times

Opportunities

- 27 Option 1: DDA compliant path from future Kinley development to Lillydale Lake
- 28 Option 2: DDA compliant boardwalk from future Kinley development to Lillydale Lake Park
- 29 Review shelter to provide better shade and protection from the elements
- 30 Investigate and resolve car park drainage
- 31 Improve signage and access from the car park to the designated dog of leash area to the south (mound)
- 32 Review carparking layout
- 33 Review and increase dog off-leash use when not in use by Melbourne Water.

Non location specific opportunities

- Improve connections, wayfinding and access to Box Hill Institute, Lilydale town centre and rail station, Olinda Creek, Lilydale-Warburton Rail Trail and Carrum-Warburton Trail (including information indicating directions and distances to key destinations).
- Incorporate interpretative signage / information on indigenous cultural heritage close to Olinda Creek.
- Incorporate interpretation of indigenous cultural heritage in consultation with the local indigenous community.
- Incorporate interpretation of European history in consultation with the Lilydale and District Historical Society.
- Review DDA access and facilities at Lillydale Lake.
- Review seating spacing around the lake to ensure they are adequately spaced for older / less mobile participants.

4 Master plan

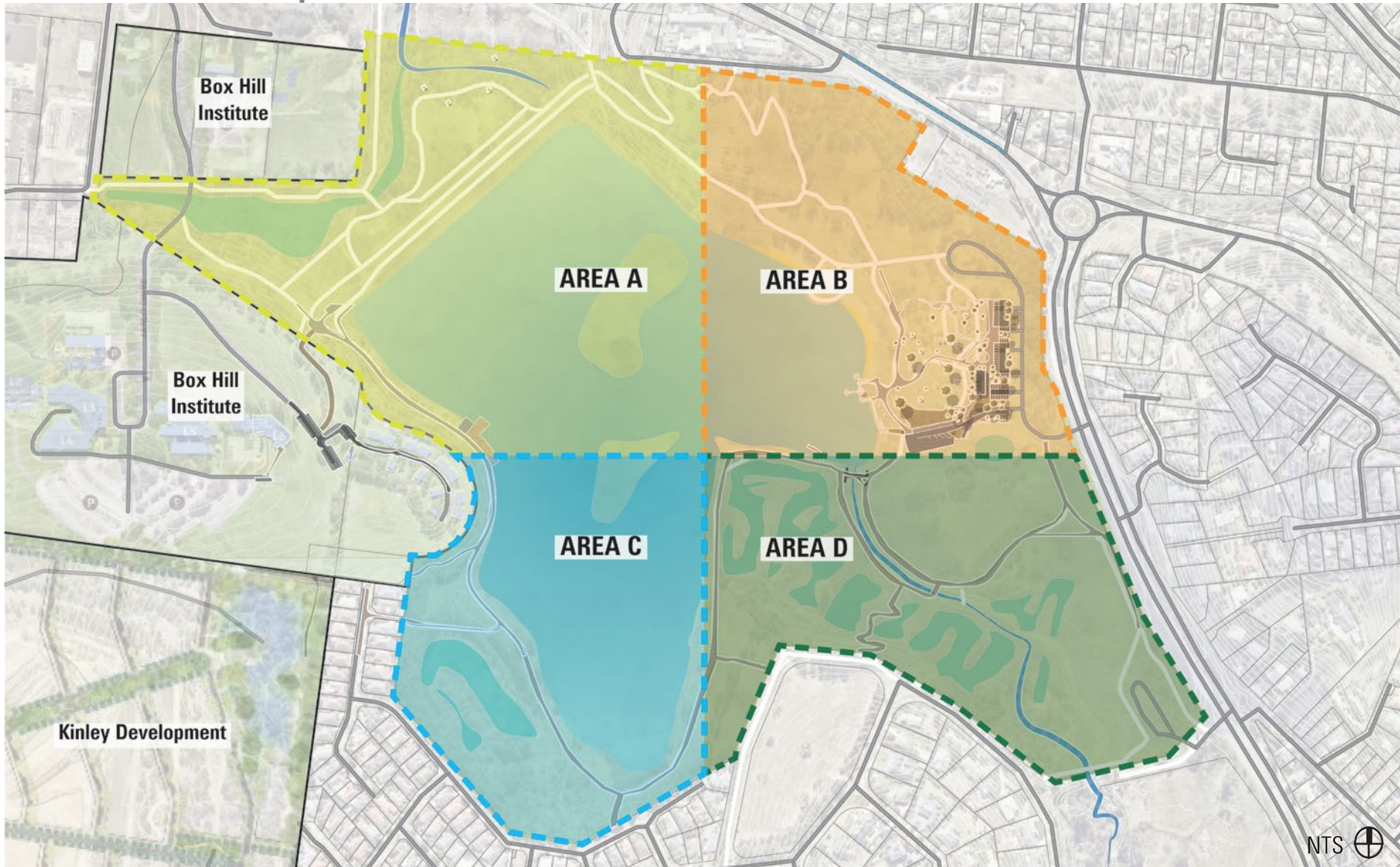


figure 11 Precinct Plan

Area A: North West



- A1** Undertake arboricultural assessment of mature Elm row for health and safety.
- A2** New picnic benches
- A3** Improve the Olinda Creek informal crossing
- A4** New solar lighting to raised footpath
- A5** Improve sight lines to heritage site including fencing upgrades. Work with Lillydale and District Historical Society to further promote heritage interpretation
- A6** Maintain annual vegetation pruning for safe view lines
- A7** Enhance embankment and improve lake interface with low level easily maintained indigenous planting
- A8** Investigate opportunities to improve path gradients at end of the lake wall to make more accessible.
- A9** Improve entrance character and signage
- A10** Review shelter to provide better shade and protection from the elements
- A11** Work with Box Hill Institute to provide a DDA compliant path that links with path from Kinley development to Lillydale Lake
- A12** Undertake feasibility study to assess potential locations for an additional accessible toilet facility.
- A13** New access ramp and new jetty to provide additional access for water sports subject to Melbourne Water approval.
- A14** New wetlands to be constructed by others, in accordance with the Former Lillydale Quarry Comprehensive Development Plan October 2021, and to Council's satisfaction.

figure 12 Area A: North West

Area B: North East



- B1** Create a crossing point near the Swansea Road bus stop to provide safe access to/from Lilydale Lake and a potential connection path to the Warburton Rail Trail
- B2** Seating & canopy trees for use in association with new bike circuit and community event space
- B3** Replace and/or upgrade sleeper decking structures
- B4** Investigate opportunities to provide a path link along the Old Gippisland Road reserve to connect the Warburton Rail Trail with the proposed crossing to Lilydale Lake area
- B5** Add and/or upgrade barbecue and picnic facilities, including accessible paths and tables
- B6** Upgrade the jetty area to better cater for a variety of water sports while maintaining provision for disability access to watercraft. Shelter and spectator seating to be included
- B7** Undertake review and options for carparking layout and upgrades
- B8** Improve signage and access from the car park to promote increased usage of the southern dog off-leash area
- B9** Upgrade existing public toilets and Changing Places units
- B10** Renew playspace at end of life, including elements suited to pre-school and older children, plus quiet play areas to cater for wider age range and special needs
- B11** Review building condition, current and future usage options, including consideration of Lilydale Fly Fishers Club proposal to extend
- B12** Redevelop 'activity area' to include new fitness equipment, multipurpose court, parkour/climbing equipment and social spaces.
- B13** Create pedestrian connection from bus stop to Lilydale Lake and Bellbird Park
- B14** Extend rock garden/fence line to the north
- B15** Where feasible provide vegetation and/or fencing barriers between the playspace and the car park

figure 13 Area B: North East

Area C: South West



figure 14 Area C: South West

Area D: South East



- D1** Incorporate additional lookouts to wetlands (Subject to approval by Melbourne Water)
- D2** Promote increased usage of dog off-leash area through signage, access and experience improvements
- D3** Install new shelters with wheelchair accessible picnic benches, including traversable paths picnic benches
- D4** Trim back vegetation to maintain safe view lines
- D5** Increase native/indigenous tree plantings
- D6** Increase native/indigenous tree plantings
- D7** Create pedestrian connection from bus stop to Lillydale Lake and Bellbird Park
- D8** Resolve drainage issue associated with the car park - northern end
- D9** New path aligned within the park boundary
- D10** New signage and wayfinding for Olinda Creek pathway
- D11** Future Climate Arboretum to trial resilient tree species

figure 15 Area D: South East

5 Master Plan Implementation

The total cost to implement the proposed Lillydale Lake Park Master Plan over the 15+ years is estimated to be \$6,112,500. A summary of the recommendations, approximate cost and time frames for each precinct are listed as follow.

All costs and time frames are estimates only, subject to further design development, cost refinement and successful funding applications, internal and external to Council.

General improvements

Additional to the breakdown of improvement into each of the activity precincts, the Master Plan also recommends an overall improvement to the facilities and amenities within the Reserve, such as the footpaths, general seating, lighting, signage and wayfinding, etc.

LEGEND

Short term	1-5 years
Medium term	6-10 years
Long term	11-15 years

* Government Grants to be sought to co-fund project.

** Where applicable, contributions to be sought from groups and organisations that would directly benefit from the improvements.

Reference	Recommendations	Estimate Cost	Time Frame	Council Funding (proposed)	State/Federal Grant*	Other**
-	Undertake review of access signage and wayfinding around Lillydale Lake including opportunities to incorporate directional information to shared trail links and distances to broader destinations	\$50,000	Medium	\$25,000	\$25,000	
-	Explore opportunities to interpret indigenous cultural heritage in consultation with the local indigenous community, including educational information referencing the strong links with Olinda Creek and environs.	\$30,000	Medium	\$15,000	\$15,000	
-	Explore opportunities to further interpret European cultural heritage and the history of Lillydale Lake in consultation with Lillydale Historical Society.	\$30,000	Medium	\$15,000	\$15,000	
-	Undertake review of DDA access and facilities at Lillydale Lake to develop an Action Plan that will guide future improvements.	\$20,000	Short	\$20,000		
-	Review and provide recommendations to manage existing and future food/beverage vendors operating from the main carpark at Lillydale Lake and Bellbird Park.	\$15,000	Short	\$15,000		
Sub-total		\$145,000		\$90,000	\$55,000	

Area A: North West

LEGEND

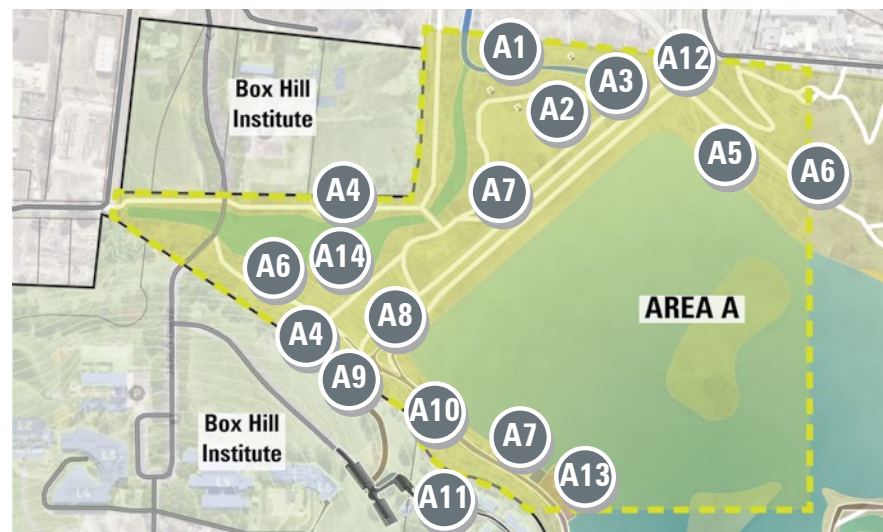
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Reference	Recommendations	Estimate Cost	Time Frame	Council Funding (proposed)	State/Federal Grant*	Other**
A1	Undertake arboricultural assessment of mature Elm row for health and safety.	\$12,000	Short	\$12,000		
A2	New picnic benches	\$15,000	Short	\$15,000		
A3	Improve the Olinda Creek informal crossing	\$150,000	Short	\$75,000	\$75,000	
A4	Raise footpath (flood levy) and install new solar lighting to footpath	\$495,000	Medium	\$200,000	\$95,000	\$200,000
A5	Improve sight lines to heritage site including fencing upgrades. Work with Lilydale and District Historical Society to further promote heritage interpretation	\$12,000	Medium	\$12,000		
A6	Maintain annual vegetation pruning for safe view lines	\$10,500	Ongoing	\$10,500		
A7	Enhance embankment and improve lake interface with low level indigenous planting	\$40,000	Short	\$20,000	\$20,000	
A8	Investigate opportunities to improve path gradients at end of the lake wall to make more accessible	\$270,000	Short	\$135,000	\$135,000	
A9	Improve interface with Box Hill Institute and signage	\$15,000	Short	\$7,500	\$7,500	
A10	Review shelter to provide better shade and protection from the elements	\$10,000	Long	\$10,000		
A11	Work with Box Hill Institute to provide a DDA compliant path that links with path from Kinley development to Lillydale Lake	TBC	Long	-	-	-
A12	Undertake feasibility study to assess potential locations for an additional accessible toilet.	\$20,000	Short	\$20,000	-	-
A13	New access ramp and new jetty to provide additional access for water sports subject to Melbourne Water approval.	Refer to C1	-	-	-	-
A14	New wetlands to be constructed by others, in accordance with the Former Lilydale Quarry Comprehensive Development Plan October 2021, and to Council's satisfaction.	TBC	Medium	-	-	TBC
Sub-total		\$1,049,500		\$517,000	\$332,500	\$200,000

Area B: North East

LEGEND

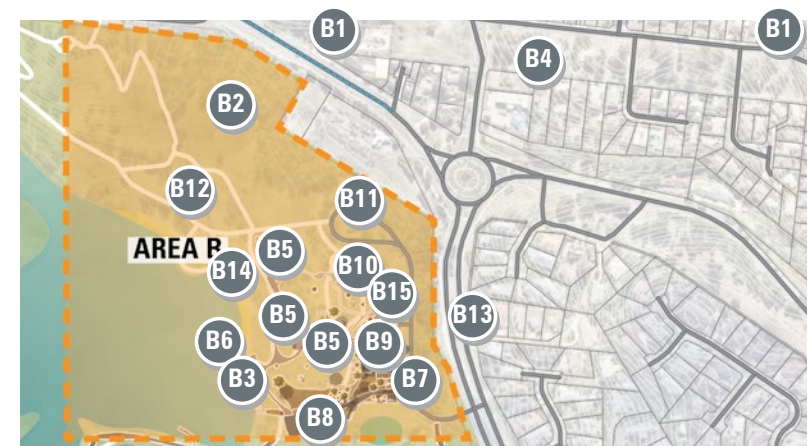
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Long term 11-15 years

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Reference	Recommendations	Estimate Cost	Time Frame	Council Funding (proposed)	State/Federal Grant*	Other**
B1	Create a crossing point near the Swansea Road bus stop to provide safe access to/from Lillydale Lake and a potential connection path to the Warburton Rail Trail	\$5,000	Medium	\$5,000		
B2	Seating and canopy trees in association with new bike circuit and community event space	\$100,000	Medium	\$50,000	\$50,000	
B3	Replace and/or upgrade sleeper decking structures	\$220,000	Medium	\$110,000	\$110,000	
B4	Investigate opportunities to provide a path link along the Old Gippsland Road reserve to connect the Warburton Rail Trail with the proposed crossing to Lillydale Lake area	\$440,000	Medium	\$240,000	\$200,000	
B5	Add and/or upgrade barbecue and picnic facilities, including accessible paths and tables	\$200,000	Medium	\$80,000	\$120,000	
B6	Upgrade the jetty area to better cater for a variety of water sports while maintaining provision for disability access to watercraft. Shelter and spectator seating to be included	\$250,000	Short	\$120,000	\$125,000	\$5,000
B7	Undertake review and options for carparking layout and upgrades	\$7,500	Medium	\$7,500		
B8	Improve signage and access from the car park to promote increased usage of the southern dog off-leash area	\$3,000	Short	\$3,000		
B9	Upgrade existing public toilets and Changing Places units	\$350,000	Medium	\$250,000	\$100,000	
B10	Playspace Renewal (Regional level) at end of effective life	\$1,200,000	Long	\$600,000	\$600,000	
B11	Review condition of the Community Building, current and future use options, taking into account Fly Fishers extension proposal	\$10,000	Short	\$10,000		
B12	Redevelop 'Activity area' to include fitness equipment (\$150K), Parkour/climbing equipment (\$175K) and a social recreation/multipurpose court area (\$100K)	\$425,000	Medium	\$225,000	\$200,000	
B13	Create pedestrian connection from bus stop to Lillydale Lake area.	\$100,000	Medium	\$10,000	\$90,000	
B14	Extend rock garden/fenceline to the north	\$30,000	Short	\$30,000		
B15	Where feasible provide vegetation and/or fencing barriers between the playspace and the car park	\$25,000	Short	\$25,000		
Sub-total		\$3,365,500		\$1,765,500	\$1,595,000	\$5,000

Area C: South West

LEGEND

Short term 1-5 years

Medium term 6-10 years

Long term 11-15 years

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Reference	Recommendations	Estimate Cost	Time Frame	Council Funding (proposed)	State/ Federal Grant*	Other**
C1	Incorporate new lookout and jetty for water-based activities	\$250,000	Medium	\$100,000	\$150,000	
C2	Improve lake interface with low-level native/indigenous planting (subject to approval by Melbourne Water)	\$50,000	Medium	\$25,000	\$25,000	
C3	Incorporate DDA compliant path from future Kinley development to Lillydale Lake	\$120,000	Medium	\$20,000		\$100,000
C4	Improve signage and wayfinding	\$15,000	Short	\$15,000		
C5	Adjust path grades for DDA compliance	\$95,000	Medium	\$95,000		
C6	Include additional lookouts to wetlands	\$250,000	Long	\$125,000	\$125,000	
C7	Install new picnic benches	\$15,000	Short	\$15,000		
C8	Review planting densities to improve pedestrian sight lines and safety along pathway	\$5,000	Medium	\$5,000		
C9	Remove section of fence to increase connectivity with Box Hill Institute and Kinley development.	\$32,500	Medium	\$10,000		\$22,500
C10	New wetland informative signage	\$12,000	Short	\$6,000	\$6,000	
C11	New beach area (subject to Melbourne Water approval)	\$50,000	Medium	\$25,000		\$25,000
C12	Undertake feasibility study to assess potential locations for an additional accessible toilet facility	Refer to A12	-	-	-	-
Sub-total		\$894,500		\$441,000	\$306,000	\$147,500

Area D: South East



LEGEND

Short term	1-5 years
Medium term	6-10 years
Long term	11-15 years

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D1	Incorporate additional lookouts to wetlands (subject to approval by Melbourne Water)	\$250,000	Long	\$125,000	\$125,000	
D2	Promote increased usage of dog off-leash area through signage, access and experience improvements	\$20,000	Medium	\$20,000		
D3	Install new shelters with wheelchair accessible picnic benches, including traversable paths	\$100,000	Short	\$50,000	\$50,000	
D4	Trim back vegetation to maintain safe view lines	\$14,000	Medium	\$14,000		
D5	Increase native/indigenous tree plantings	\$15,000	Medium	\$15,000		
D6	Increase native/indigenous tree plantings	\$2,000	Medium	\$2,000		
D7	Create pedestrian connection from bus stop to Lillydale Lake and Bellbird Park	\$10,000	Long	\$5,000	\$5,000	
D8	Resolve drainage issue associated with the car park - northern end	\$40,000	Short	\$40,000		
D9	New path aligned within the Park boundary	\$180,000	Long	\$180,000		
D10	New signage and wayfinding for Olinda Creek pathway	\$12,000	Medium	\$12,000		
D11	Future Climate Arboretum to trial resilient tree species	\$15,000	Short	\$7,500	\$7,500	
	Sub-total	\$658,000		\$470,500	\$187,500	
	Master Plan Total	\$6,112,500		\$3,284,000	\$2,476,000	\$352,500

Supporting Documentation

The Lillydale Lake Park Master Plan is underpinned by research and extensive consultation, collated in the following documents:

- Lillydale Lake Park Master Plan - Background Report 2024
- Lillydale Lake Park Master Plan - Gender Impact Assessment Report 2024
- Lillydale Lake Park Master Plan 2024-2039: Summary Report



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