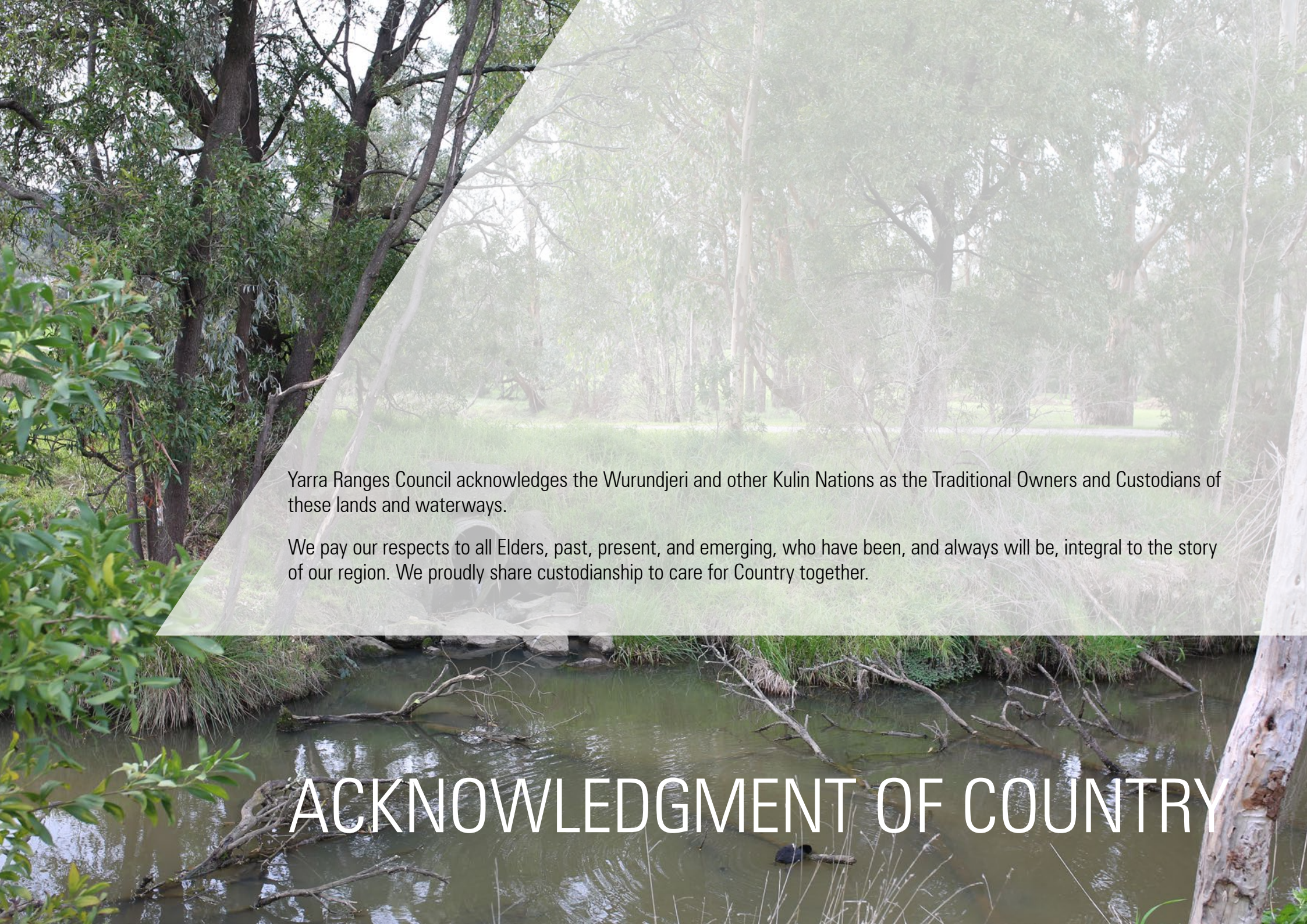


Lillydale Lake Park

DRAFT MASTER PLAN 2024 - 2039

SUMMARY REPORT

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Purpose

The master plan will provide the strategic context to guide Council in making staged improvements at Lillydale Lake Park. It will also enable upgrades to be undertaken to meet the needs and priorities of the local and regional community. This includes a multitude of user groups active within the reserve now and into the future.

The master plan seeks 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 Lilydale. Lilydale 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 17,526. The projected population in 2031 is 24,694, and 2046 is 30,950. The projected population increase of 13,424 persons by 2046 represents a change of 77%, peaking in 2027-2031 (Forecast id November 2023).

Consultation

The Master Plan Report has been developed through various stages of consultation including workshops with user groups and council officers, stakeholder consultation through in-person meetings and flyer email feedback, the draft master plan consultation included surveys, direct mailing and community drop-in sessions. The consultation findings have been taken into consideration in the preparation of the master plan and recommendations have been incorporated where appropriate.

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

Master Plan and 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 follows: Short term 1-5 years, medium term 6-10 years, long term 11-15 years. All costs and time frames are estimates only, subject to further design development, cost refinement and successful funding applications, internal and external to Council.

Implementation Plan Indicative Funding Split

Council funding (unconfirmed)	\$3,284,000
State /Federal Grants (subject to successful applications)	\$2,476,000
Other (unconfirmed)	\$ 352,500

For more detail of the proposed funding split, please refer to the full Lillydale Lake Park Draft Master Plan Report.

* **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.**

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.

Reference	Recommendations	Estimate Cost	Time Frame
-	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
-	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
-	Explore opportunities to further interpret European cultural heritage and the history of Lillydale Lake in consultation with Lilydale Historical Society.	\$30,000	Medium
-	Undertake review of DDA access and facilities at Lillydale Lake to develop an Action Plan that will guide future improvements.	\$20,000	Short
-	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
Sub-total		\$145,000	

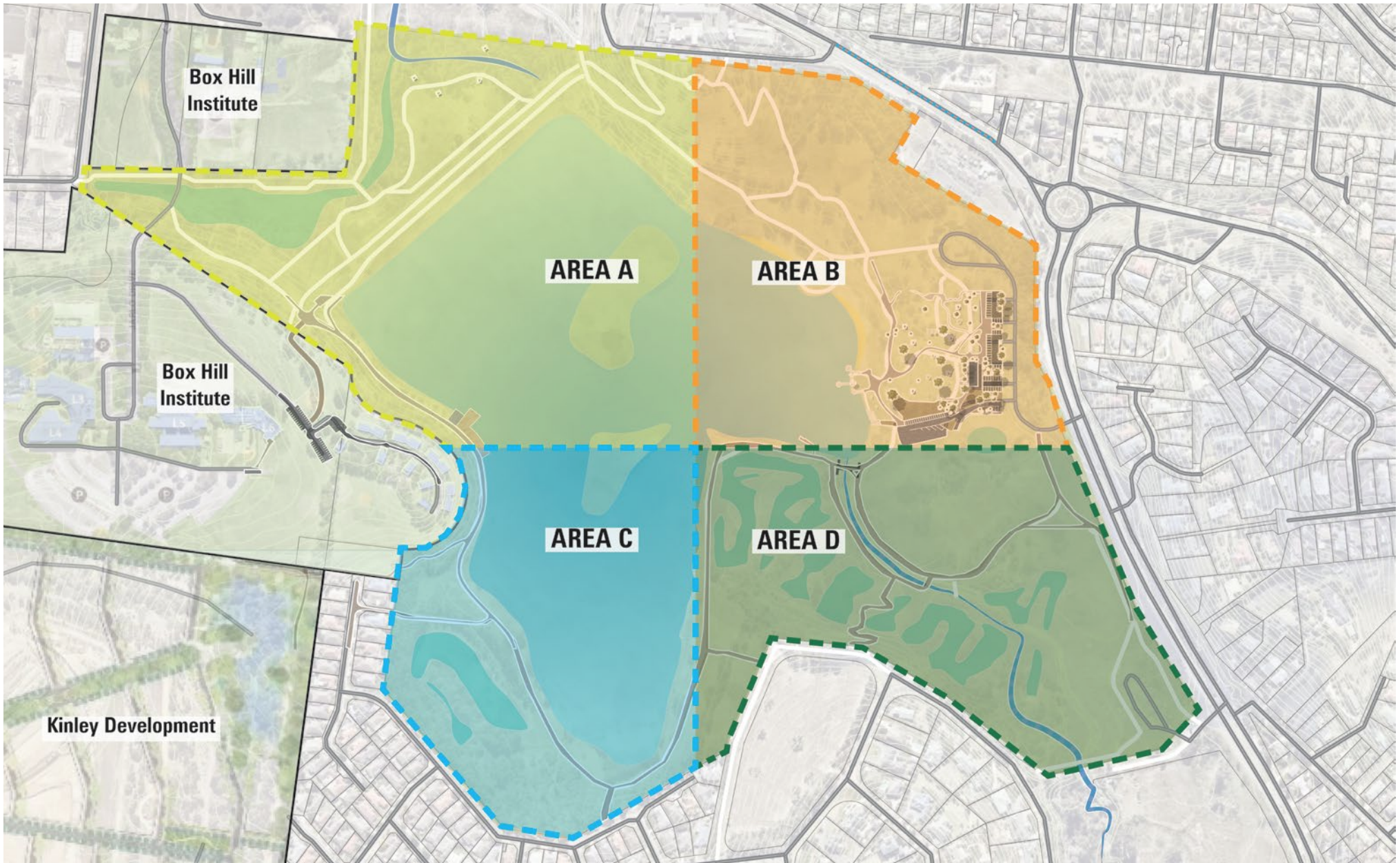


figure 1 *Precinct Plan*

Area A: North West Improvements



figure 2 Area A: North West



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 easily maintained 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				
A12	Undertake feasibility study to assess potential locations for an additional accessible toilet facility.	\$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 Improvements



figure 3 Area B: North East



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 for use 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 Improvements



figure 4 Area C: South West



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 Improvements



figure 5 Area D: South East



Reference	Recommendations	Estimate Cost	Time Frame	Council Funding (Proposed)	State/ Federal Grant*	Other**
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	NA		
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 Summary Report 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 Report 2024 - 2039



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