

# 1 ENTRY AT FISCHER ST / ZEALLY BAY RD

The entry will be enhanced with planting of Ironbarks (*Eucalyptus sideroxylon*) along the path to reinforce the character of the existing Ironbark in the Park. These gum trees have blue/gray foliage and black bark, which will provide a good contrast in form and colour to the Sugar Gums. The path is proposed to be retained in the same alignment from this entry and is moved slightly to the west to allow for the primary sediment pond as part of the chain-of-wetlands.

# 2 SPRING STREET ENTRY

As for Puebla Street, this entry is used by local residents as an access into Taylor Park, and cut through to the beach and shops. The path has been created as an unsealed path that links to the central path, and to the foreshore via Zeally Bay Rd.

# 3 FISCHER ST

Informal, unsealed angled parking has been designed along Fischer Street, which has an existing gravel verge. The parking would be defined with grassed areas bracing up the linearity of the verge, and timber wheelstops to define the parking bays. Pedestrian access is provided at Puebla Street and Spring Street entries. In the summer months, Fischer Street could provide and be signed for overflow parking from the foreshore. In the longer term, the parking in Fischer Street is part of Surf Coast Shire Urban Design Guideline for this precinct.

# 4 PUEBLA STREET ENTRY

The Surf Coast Shire plans to encourage use of Puebla Street as a pedestrian link from the Highway. The entry has been strengthened with avenue planting of Mania Gum, and leads directly to the beach at Beach Road.

# 5 ENTRY AT FISCHER ST / BEACH RD

Views into the park at this entry will be improved by the removal of some of the Wattie. An avenue of Flowering Gums (*Eucalyptus ficifolia*), are proposed to complement the existing Flowering Gums. The remaining bushland and trees in the vicinity of this entry are to be retained as one of the bushland areas of the park.

# 6 ZEALLY BAY ROAD

Informal, unsealed angled parking along the road reservation is proposed to provide parking for visitors to Taylor Park, especially the proposed picnic/BBQ areas, overflow from the foreshore during warm days, and from Gilbert Street. The parking would be unsealed with timber wheelstops and defined with grassed areas, to break up the linear nature of the parking.

# 7 ENTRIES AT WALKER & CLIFF STREETS

Planted and path entries at both Cliff and Walker Streets provides good pedestrian access to encourage use of Taylor Park. A pedestrian path is provided on the park side of the car parking to provide access into Taylor Park, and safe pedestrian access along Zeally Bay Road.

# 8 PICNIC BBQ AREAS ADJACENT TO CLIFF & WALKER STREETS

Three proposed picnic areas are framed by the existing stands of Sugar Gums which give this area of the park a unique character. It is intended that some of the smaller trees between the lines of Sugar Gums be removed to improve sun access, and this surface improved to establish mown grass in these locations. The elevation at this point will provide views over the expanded chain-of-wetlands. The picnic areas are located in this position as a convenient resting point for people walking through Taylor Park to the Shopping area in Gilbert Street. Likewise, shoppers in Gilbert Street will be encouraged to walk down Cliff or Walker Streets into Taylor Park as a contrast to the urban nature of the shopping street.

# 9 TAYLOR PARK CHAIN-OF-WETLANDS

A chain-of-wetlands are proposed through Taylor Park incorporating the existing pond area. The wetlands are designed to be fed by stormwater and as the water moves through the series of ponds and vegetation the pollutant loads will be reduced, with consequent benefit to beach water quality and for the safety of all beachgoers. The wetlands are designed to be 'ephemeral' which means during dry periods the water level will drop, and the shallow vegetated wetland edge margins are designed to suit these conditions, which is a natural characteristic of water quality wetlands. The shallow margins also suit the park users regarding safety, as the deeper water areas will be well beyond the shallow vegetated wet-margins. The wetlands will become a natural visual feature in the park with the proposed picnic areas on the Zeally Bay Road area of the park looking down over the wetlands, contributing to the bushland character.



**10 TIMBER DECK AT WETLAND EDGE**  
A timber platform / deck is provided at the waters edge to the wetland south of the central path. This would provide a seating viewing location, adjacent to the water.

**11 TIMBER FOOTBRIDGES**  
Two timber footbridges are provided over the chain-of-wetlands, and cross over the rock cascade areas between the wetlands.

**12 CENTRAL PATH**  
The central path is retained in the existing alignment, but with a few seating areas for people to rest and enjoy the views over the bowling greens to the sea. It is proposed that the mid storey vegetation along the boundary between the Bowling Club and the Park be thinned, and Moonah Trees retained as overstorey, to open up views from the park to the sea. Planting of natural indigenous ground covers including Flax Lilies (*Dianella revoluta*) and Mat Rush (*Lomandra longifolia*) will provide a green understorey, which allows views of the sea, and screens the foreground view of the road (refer to Sketch no. B).

**13 PATH LAYOUT**  
A number of the paths shown on the plan are in the same and similar alignment to existing paths. The major additions to the formalised path network is the link between Spring Street and the central path, Puebla St (into the central path) and to the foreshore at Beach Rd, the removal of the second central path in the park, an additional path from the Esplanade past the wetlands into the park, and the pedestrian path to the park side of the proposed angle parking along Fischer St and Zeally Bay Road boundaries.

**14 SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF BOWLING CLUB**  
Proposed screen planting of Moonah Trees along this boundary to improve the character of the park by softening this boundary between the Bowling Club building, the car park and the open space.

**15 NATURAL BUSHLAND AREAS OF TAYLOR PARK**  
During the consultation process, residents highlighted that they strongly support and like the bushland character of the park. All areas that have not been highlighted with grassing, are proposed to be retained as bushland. Additional mid storey indigenous planting is proposed in the bushland areas to encourage a diversity of bird and native wildlife in the Park. Where bushland areas adjoin the paths, shrub planting is discouraged in close proximity to it to retain clear sightlines through for pedestrians and cyclists. Close to the paths, native grasses and indigenous groundcovers could be planted to enhance the bushland character, and not restrict views. Within some of the bushland areas there are native groundcovers & orchids, which should be protected in any future works.

**16 ENTRY AT THE ESPLANADE / ZEALLY BAY RD**  
Retain the gates and unsealed path and plant an avenue of Mania Gums to celebrate the entry. Selective removal of some Bushy Yales, would be required to achieve this. Investigate provision of pedestrian crossing between Taylor Park and the foreshore at this location to improve access between the foreshore, and the Yellow Bluff playground.

**17 EXISTING BBQ AREA**  
This existing BBQ area is to be retained, and enhanced to improve its usability and access. It is proposed that the car parking be provided to the south of the existing BBQ shelter, in an open area that is currently used informally for parking in the shade on many days. This will allow the establishment of a survey, grassed area to the north of the BBQ shelter. Timber picnic tables are located to the north, with good views from these over the sea (refer to Sketch C). The existing toilet block on the east side of the Esplanade will be made more accessible with a pedestrian crossing point at the corner of Beach Rd and The Esplanade. Selective removal of a few Cypress trees to the north west of the picnic ground will allow adequate light penetration to establish an open grassed area suitable for picnics and informal games. The open grassed area may utilise native grasses suitable for this type of use.

**18 BOWLING CLUB CAR PARK**  
Investigate planting overstorey shade trees in the existing planter bed in the Bowling Club car park to provide shade in summer, and soften the visual impact of the asphalt car park.

**19 WETLAND MOUNDING**  
There is a slight mound along the northern boundary of the wetland (approx. 600mm high), to protect the wetlands from storm runoff, which may scour them. This mound would be integrated into the adjoining landscape (refer to Cross Section A). An additional mound to protect the Bowling Club is recommended.

**20 ENTRY AT BEACH RD / THE ESPLANADE**  
The entry gates are to be retained, and the path established through and around these. The Cypress trees are the dominant tree and character to this entry, and it is proposed that this is retained. The entry path is retained in existing location and extent is through to Puebla Street to provide easy access to the beach.

## LANDSCAPE KEY

- EXISTING TREES
- PROPOSED TREES
- SUGAR GUM
- PINE AND CYPRESS
- GUM TREES (VARIOUS SPECIES)
- MOONAH
- BRUSH BOX
- EXISTING NATIVE SHRUBS
- PROPOSED NATIVE BUSHLAND SPECIES INCLUDING GROUND, MID & OVERSTOREY
- PROPOSED GROUND COVER PLANTING
- PROPOSED PATHS
- GRASSED AREA
- BBQ'S
- PICNIC TABLES
- SEATING
- KERB AND CHANNEL
- UNSEALED ROAD EDGE
- STORMWATER DRAINS
- SEWERAGE LINE
- FENCE
- WETLAND MOUNDING
- OVERLAND FLOW PATH
- PROPOSED STORMWATER



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# TAYLOR PARK LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN

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