

TAYLOR PARK DRAFT MASTER PLAN

KEY ACTIONS

OVERVIEW OF DRAFT MASTER PLAN AND PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

This draft master plan has been informed by community and stakeholder consultation conducted over summer 2018/19. The key themes highlighted included retaining the natural bushland character of the park, protection from development, additional and upgraded facilities including a grassed area, and environmental and heritage educational signage.

The park is Crown land managed by the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) under the *Crown land (Reserves) Act 1978*.

The Wadawurrung name for Taylor Park is 'djirnap' – the place of the white cockatoo.

The Torquay Bowls Club site within Taylor Park is leased from GORCC under a 21-year Crown land lease. GORCC acknowledge the Bowls Club's desire for lease expansion however consultation has identified strong mixed views. GORCC supports the Bowls Club in its current capacity and use. Without further consultation and investigation GORCC cannot support or commit to an extension to the lease area. GORCC will continue to work closely with the Bowls Club.

Priority works have been submitted for consideration in GORCC's draft 2019/20 budget.

A new authority, Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (GORCPA), is due to commence in 2020, replacing GORCC and other land managers along the Great Ocean Road. GORCPA will become the Crown land manager and therefore be responsible for the management of the park, and implementation of the plan moving forward. A clear delivery plan for staged works over the life of the plan will be presented to GORCPA.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TIMELINE

Short term: 1-3 years

Medium term: 4-7 years

Long term: 8+ years



DRAWING KEY

EXISTING PUBLIC TOILETS	EXISTING SOLAR LIGHTS	UNSEALED PATH
EXISTING RUBBISH BIN	EXISTING FENCE	TIMBER BOARDWALK
SIGNAGE	EXISTING GATE	HERITAGE TREE AVENUE
EXISTING PARKING	CONCRETE PATH	HERITAGE PATH LAYOUT
DRAINAGE PIT		

EXISTING VEGETATION KEY

SUGAR GUMS
EXOTIC DECIDUOUS TREES
OTHER EUCALYPTUS SPECIES
PINE AND CYPRESS TREES
EXISTING WETLAND
SHRUBS/GROUNDCOVERS

SHORT TERM

- Landscape pond area and formalise pond edge.
- Develop educational signage with Wadawurrung, Friends of Taylor Park and Torquay Historical Society to assist understanding and appreciation of environmental and heritage values.
- Provide wayfinding signage to nearest public toilets and key points of interest.
- Investigate provision of drinking fountains.
- Provide new bicycle parking.

MEDIUM TERM

- Improve grass cover in picnic areas and investigate opportunities to harvest storm water for irrigation.
- Upgrade existing picnic facilities overlooking Fishermans Beach.
- Upgrade existing lighting to meet best-practise sustainable standards.

LONG TERM

- Provide additional picnic facilities along Zeally Bay Road.

ONGOING

- Protect and enhance heritage eucalypt avenues. Replace with eucalypt species if removal required.
- Manage cypress and pine trees for safety. Replace with native species if removal required.
- Remove woody weeds and listed noxious weeds.
- Remove sediment and other pollutants in wetland.
- Maintain existing tree cover to provide shade and cooling through replacement planting of canopy trees.
- Regenerate bushland areas in partnership with Friends of Taylor Park and other community groups.
- Protect and maintain existing historic gates and paths to honour the heritage of the park.
- Continue to support and work alongside Friends of Taylor Park, the Wadawurrung, and other community groups to manage the park.



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