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COMMUNITY WORKSHOP NO.2

Haig Park Masterplan Development

Our Purpose: To seek feedback on the themes, objectives and principles for the masterplan to focus on.

To start to demonstrate what these themes may look like practically through four key ideas (Pathways, Edges, Activities, Park Rooms) and receive feedback on these ideas.

This report is a record of participant notes from the workshop and compiled by the session facilitator to inform the next phase of the masterplan development.

Engagement Purpose

To involve community members in identifying a long-term vision for Haig Park, short-term improvements to activate the space, and characteristics of different areas within the park.

Phase 1 community engagement focused on understanding stakeholder and community views, issues and aspirations for the site.

Phase 2 community engagement focused on testing and reviewing draft design ideas for the Haig Park Masterplan, which had been developed in response to the feedback in the first stage of engagement. The workshop was the first phase 2 engagement activity.

Project Timeline



Workshop Agenda

6.00pm	Welcome
6.10pm	Context and progress so far Karen Wilden, Director for the Office of the Coordinator General - Urban Renewal presented on the project and community engagement process so far.
6.25pm	Themes, Objectives and Principles Workshop attendees broke into small groups to read and discuss the draft themes, objectives and principles for the Haig Park Masterplan.
7.00pm	Draft Design Ideas Review Participants formed eight groups of approximately 8 to 10 people per group. Each group has a project team member who introduced the draft design idea and then invited participants to comment on 'surprised by/comforted by/frustrated by/anything else' using post-its.
8.00pm	Plenary Participants were asked to consider all the conversations they had during the evening and provide an overall comfort level to the project team using a Love it to Loath it scale.
8.30pm	Close

Our Comfort Level

Participants were asked to consider all the conversations they had during the evening and provide some feedback on their overall comfort level for the current masterplan directions being developed by the project team.

- **I LOATHE IT**

I am 0-20% comfortable with this option. It needs an overhaul, I can't see it working at all.

- **I WILL LAMENT IT**

I am 20-40% comfortable with this option. There are lots of changes required.

- **I CAN LIVE WITH IT**

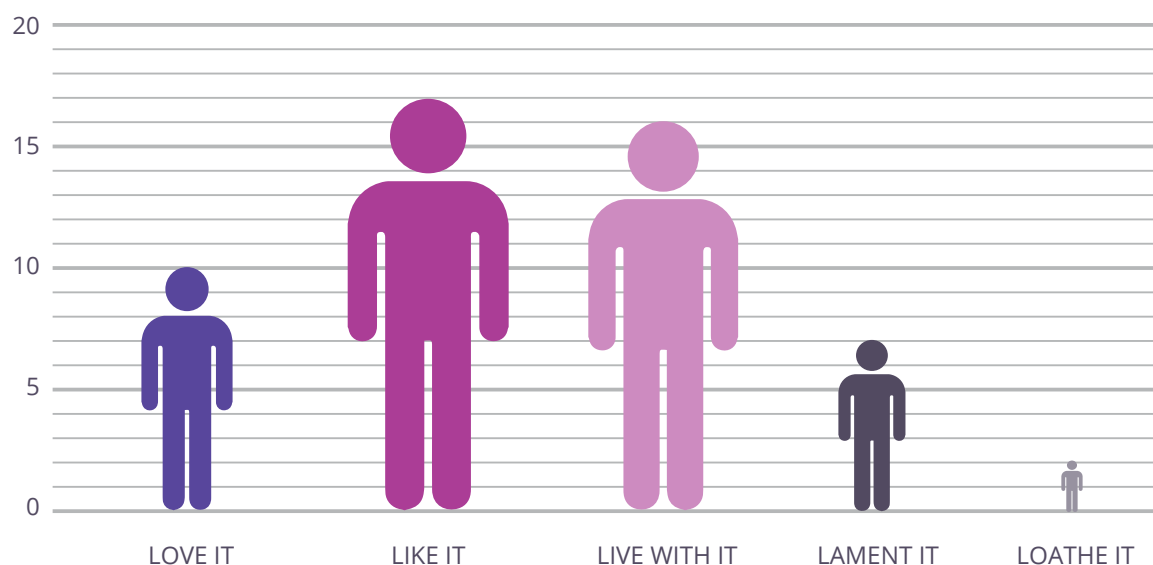
I am 40-60% comfortable with this option. Some changes are required but I can accept it as it is.

- **I LIKE IT**

I am 60-80% comfortable with this option. Some small changes required but I am mostly happy.

- **I LOVE IT**

I am 80-100% comfortable with this option. Only minor tweaks, if any, are required. I am very happy.



LOVE IT COMMENTS

The pathway from Farrer St. to Girrawheen St. was incorporated into the planning for that section of the park (crossing point, formalised path, entry).

There was no heritage listing of all the trees. It's hard to see how things can be achieved when trees can't be removed.

Mix up formal and informal activity spaces a little. Formal activity spaces near child care.

A café in Turner St., in central room 4 or 5.

More consideration of car parking as limitation at Lonsdale / Mort St. end of park. Acknowledge light rail will help for north side of Canberra but need to consider south.

The ideas and concepts I have seen have been fantastic. Be bold, deliver a beautiful vision. Haig can be so much more. Thank you for your outstanding thought and effort, you have a tough but rewarding job. Good luck and keep up the good work.

You give consideration to Summernats crowd as personally I welcome their contribution to Braddon each January.

Do it! But don't over-do it!

The diagrams are still too technical and some of the vision images are not well reflective of the design concepts.

Cut some circles into the park for play / exercise space - irrigate the circles and mow regularly. Forget the civic plaza bullshit - just make rooms 6, 7 and 8 as per 3, 4 and 5! Markets can go elsewhere - there's no parking.

LIKE IT COMMENTS

I knew that the rat running high peak traffic issues were being considered - currently dangerous for pedestrians at park entries on Torrens St., McCaughey St. and shared intersectional zones.

I understood how it all fits as part of the city's vision e.g. ACT striving for an active community, but there's a lot of emphasis on car parking? Elsewhere the randomness hasn't worked so well - yellow containers and new wharf / boardwalk on lake - weird?

Careful not to urbanise the space. The surroundings were considered as well. Bike racks would be great.

Less hard surfaces (everyone agreed with me)!! Keep heritage strong. Keep trees. Be sceptical of big / expensive / irreversible stuff.

There was more acknowledgement of children in the themes, plans, ideas etc. Don't try to avoid confronting the issues. Be brave.

There was more kids things involved.

I understood the park's heritage significance and if I understood the environmental options. Thank you.

Keep most development on fringes. Ensure various spectrum of activities. Close off rat run access to Northbourne Wetlands.

Greater consideration of sustainability and impact of increased patronage e.g. recycling bins, pollution. Interesting to see that the only people who lament or loathe the proposals were almost exclusively from the 60+ demographic.

There was a naturalisation plan around Sullivan's Creek.

I knew there was money to fund this! I'm also not convinced by the connectivity between rooms with the RUC and with the ANU - could be improved. Traffic studies have to be done too!

Pictures need to be more specific to Haig Park.

I was able to see the detail and how it will be funded. When it will be implemented. What the priority stages are and if we are given a chance to comment on this. Thanks.

There are rubbish and recycle bins or signs saying take your rubbish with you! Footbridge over Northbourne.

Childrens playspaces are included in all areas of the park.

Increase focus on safety. Resolve parking for all Turner / Bradden, commercial, residential and recreational.

More priority to sorting Turner / Braddon multi-storey and visitor parking before activation of Haig Park plan. A number of people had questions tonight about why consultation happening now?

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LIVE WITH IT COMMENTS

Concerned that the plan is jumping ahead before fundamentals are addressed e.g. parking for business and residential if this is addressed. I like the proposal principle.

Bicycle speeds were limited to 20km/h in the Haig Park precinct.

Minimal hard surfaces. Protect heritage and trees.

The heritage values were more strongly articulated and promoted.

It was very vague. No clear ideas like: running tracks, cycle ways, parking, shops, food vans etc. It is one park not 10. Put a running track around whole park not just one exercise area.

The concepts of active sports etc. for the Turner end were ratcheted down a little. I love the idea of better paths etc. but am concerned about making the roads too busy and the park too noisy with organised sport. Quiet parks are best! The zones risk fracturing the park.

Take the hard edge away i.e. perimeter paths and tracks. Civic plaza not acceptable. Who are the users? Put the park in a context - how does it fit into a park plan or open space plan for adjoining suburbs?

Wetlands were involved. Better crossings over Northbourne and Sullivan's Creek. I'll put more comments online. Avoid activity that kills trees.

There was more natural play spaces on the west end of the park. There is an early learning centre at this end that has 53 children everyday. I would love to have an area where the children could visit daily - a water area.

Any kids formal playground needs shade cloth and please provide bins.

Please keep it natural. Concrete is bad. I know that my visitors and people who visit my coaching business at my home at Masson will be able to park when they visit me. I would only love it if the quietness and green relaxing space is maintained. I think you're trying too hard to put too much into a space that works really well now.

Great ideas. Like rooms, activities and edges - but keep it simple. More thought to paths needed? Or maybe I just don't understand diagram.

There were a few more native species to support the park as a native bird habitat.

The zones were less distinctive - blending from active to passive will and should happen. Less concrete, more nature trail paths.

Turn Girrawheen into a more realistic images re pine trees. More specific activity ideas in each zone. More ideas re type of structures in each zone. More thought needed to support people to be able to sit and eat lunch / picnic. More ideas / information re irrigation / grass quality.

The park was left as it is (maybe a few more pine oaks).

LAMENT IT COMMENTS

You weren't trying to fit in so many areas and activities. Good consultation. Park can't be all the things to all people.

Commercial activities were removed from the plan i.e. no markets or coffee carts. Keep the concept simple and don't commercialise it - it's not a profit centre.

The plan was simpler, the park retained its historical significance. Like to be reassured what changes are made will be sympathetic, sustainable, economic. Appreciate input and receptivity of presenter.

The ideas were not trying to be all things to all men, with a gold plated solution. The implementation cost will be prohibitive, and the plan will be shelved in the same way as the 2012 plan.

Less piecemeal. Path proposals less formal. Less capacity for commercial activity. Don't need formal entries. It is more financially realistic.

Partition is too much in favour of non-quiet areas rather than the current green space. Over engineered, too formal.

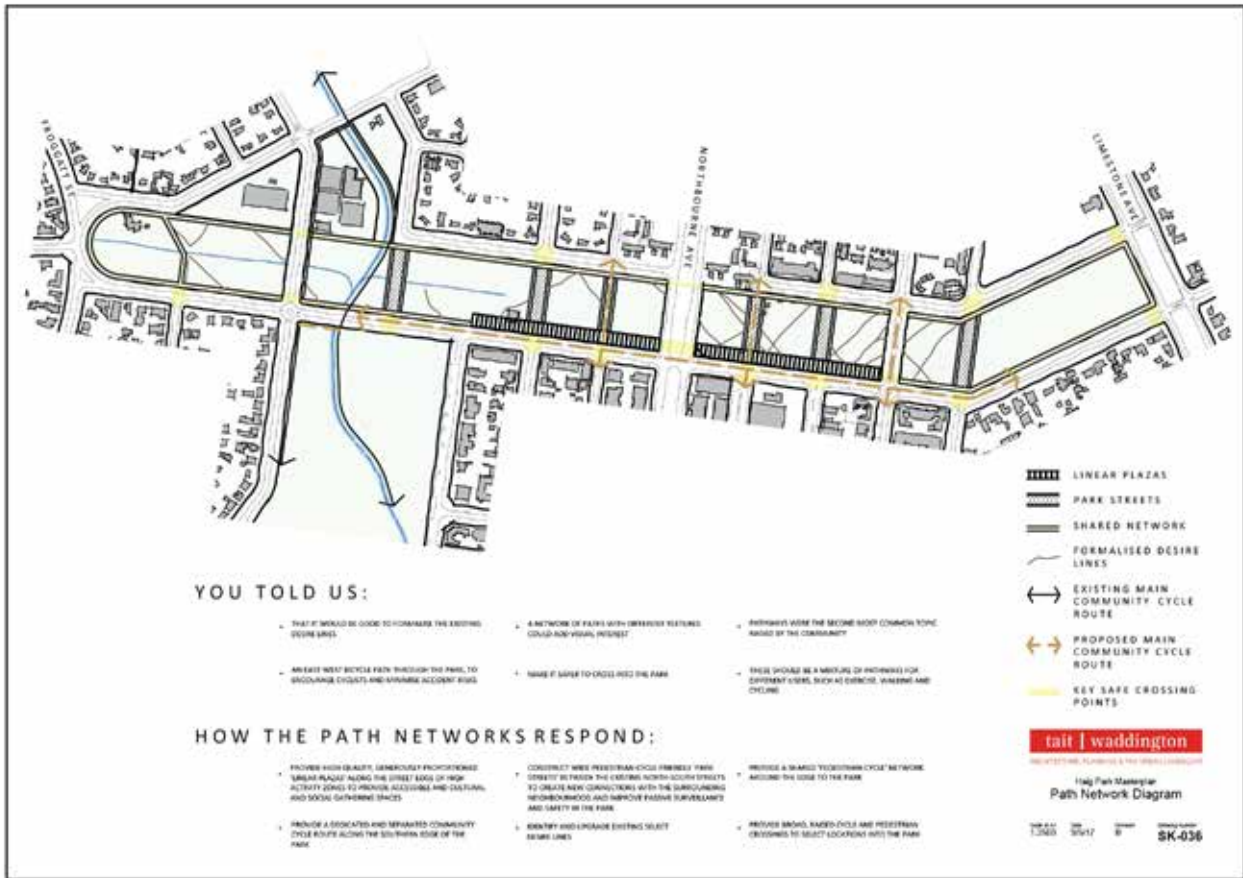
Recognise the value of what is there. Proposal too busy with partitions. Need more communications between spaces.

LOATHE IT COMMENTS

Keep it consistent across the park - no rooms / centres. Fix parking first.

Be honest. What is the plan? Where does 2012 fit? Activation = parking pressures. Do away with inlet parking. Build the multi storey car park ACT, you promised for Mort - Lonsdale.

PATHWAYS PLANS



PATHWAYS

Ideas Feedback

The project team worked with participants to share some current outline ideas and strategies that could be developed to implement the Themes/Objectives/Priorities for the park.



SURPRISED BY...

Good idea to focus on paths and improvement through the parks.

Love the idea of a wide shared pathway along the long edges. Love the idea of linear plazas on the eastern side of Northbourne.

Keep the desire lines they are important.

We don't need a fat track around Haig Park I love the curve of footpaths, it shows peoples foot traffic and desire.

Pathway principles - parks don't need commuters - they need destination seekers. Focus commuters and disperse the others.

Lighting! Must have.

Love the different path ideas.

No paths that impact trees.

Not a barrier, it is a place signal - keep park big, don't over-divide it.

Preference natural materials and look.

Keep linear plazas to more developed area east of Northbourne - Torrens.

No path all around!

Cycle path in the park please.

There seems to be no link between paths in the middle, making active rooms more pedestrian friendly.

Like idea about using existing foot tracks in designing more permanent pathways.

Putting shared pathways through the centre of the path (parallel to Masson and Girrawheen) would completely remove quiet spaces of the park - please keep them to the edges.

Formal hard path primary. Loop very worthwhile.

No parking for cars yet encouraging activities.

Pathway around edge.

Park street and plaza.

Potential for variety in types of path.

Like the desire line. Soft surface.

Idea of wide beautified avenues within park.

Love the concepts. A variety of the ideas!

Why formalise desire lines?

Surprised and don't like continuous shared network (doesn't make sense).

Paths need to provide permeability for tree health. Concrete options?

Around the edge cycle / walkway is a great way i.e. Moore St through Forbes St is a key route for cyclists from the city to North O Connor and Lyneham - make this a wide park street.

Not sure a shared network high speed cycle commuter route is needed around the whole park. Would be better to identify routes used by these people (desire lines) and facilitate these.





FRUSTRATED BY...

Shared network not to be hard surface around 9 and 10.

Linear plaza looks too formal. Who wants to walk around the edge of Haig Park? Why ignore the desire lines?

Looks like pedestrian roads not park. Looks like plans for tree lined pedestrian road rather than park.

Northbourne crossing needs to be seamless. Footbridge tunnel.

How to cross Northbourne footbridge.

Jargon used.

Northbourne crossing needs improvement.

Parking servicing local businesses. If we don't address this need, business activity will fail.

Running path all around is totally at odds with making the path accessible - at the moment it's really easy to get into.

Parking - don't take area from the park for parking.

Commuter cycle route on Masson Street not in park.

Pictures look like everywhere. We are losing character. Too built up.

No running tracks??

People who are concerned about park development removing car park spaces.

Need a safe way for pedestrians and cycles to cross Torrens St - dangerous in peak hours because of rat running to and from civic.

Need to ensure disabled parking access around the park.

There is no clear running track in the park.

Keep bike path off the park - too dangerous. Access for disabled. Not too much concrete - nature pathways best.

Start with parking solutions.

Be brave! Tunnel under Northbourne Avenue.

Tram stop between Haig Park, encourage east-west flows.

Keep the trees.

Keep cyclists off footpaths - keep them on the street!

No planning for mobility impaired to access the forest.

Some people enjoy the park without concrete under their feet!

Pine forests do make cooler summer spaces than eucalypts.

I'd like organic paths - not just straight lines but winding between the trees (more for walking or shared paths).

High speed bikes to have a bike path on the road not in the park.

Fast cycle path to be easterly to the park.

There is no easy access across Northbourne for walkers, runners, cyclists. Northbourne overpass bridge.

Parking - take away inlet parking. We need multi storey parking as promised by ACT.

Better lighting on neighbouring streets e.g. Masson, Torrens.

Lighting the whole park is not necessary. It is a truly magic, peaceful place at night, and concerns of safety are often perceptions only.

Minimise bicycle paths within park.





COMFORTED BY...

Comfortable with choices of pathways.

Gets my support!

I like the linear plaza paths following street lines.

Love the goat track treatment concepts.

Love the path around the whole park. It creates safety through active use of whole park.

Paths on the edges, leaving the middle to plants and gardens.

Well-lit cross paths to connect north and south would be great.

Like balance of formal and informal paths.

Really like the plaza (linear) idea!

Love outside paths but how do you manage safe road crossing - very hard now at roundabouts e.g. Torrens St.

Love the idea of paths on outside rather than through the middle breaking up the room into really small spaces.

The park streets and linear plazas.

Safe cycling for kids to get from east to west.

Dog walking spaces - natural surfaces.

I like the east - west cycle path to connect Sullivan's Creek path to the east side of Northbourne.

Like the natural look i.e. gravel desire line formalisation.

Embracing desire paths.

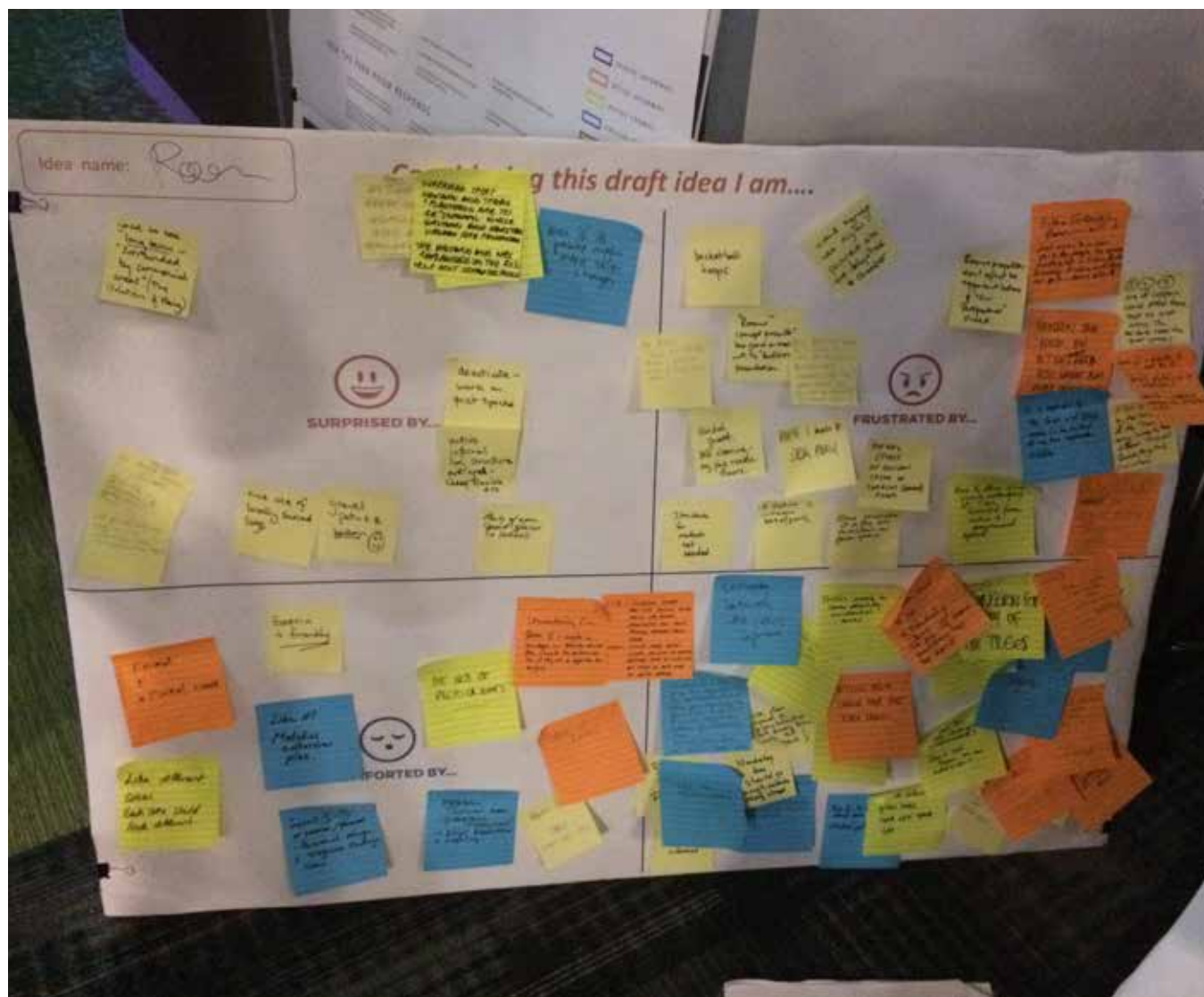
Love the idea of formalised desire lines!

Additional crossing at Sullivan's Creek near the RUC.

Desire paths.

Like meandering desire lines.

Using existing desire lines.





ANYTHING ELSE...

I like the idea of some informal paths made of bark chips etc. to meander along as a pedestrian.

Will the works depot be removed?
Replaced by toilets?

Connect park with lots of crossings for pedestrians and cyclists please.

Maximise the protection of the trees and water them!

Please consider introduction of a formalised desire line centrally, running east to west in all the park zones.

At end of Lonsdale - lights in the trees. Only light hard surface paths connecting to civic.

Please consider introducing adequate bicycle parking facilities close to cycle path networks.

Formalise the goat track with tanbark, gravel and widen.

Why not a light rail stop at the park?

Key safe crossing point missing - on Girrawheen St. where the pathway through to Farrer St. emerges.

Path network keep within the park.

The path around the perimeter needs to be reviewed. If it's used by 100 people per day - fine. If used by a few people each week - no.

Involve pedal power in design of cycle paths.

Focus on area at Lonsdale for everything.

Shared path winding through trees

for children, prams. Textures to ensure the high speed bikes don't use it. Traffic calming. Widen but keep dirt tracks and maintain them.

Lighting needs to be looked at.

No. 4 park street too much!

Parking not as important as it would be used for visitors of Lonsdale rather than for park.

If paths are shared, maybe a sign or clear details about etiquette for respectfully sharing paths harmoniously (e.g. Netherlands, Denmark).

Keep it "as is" as close as possible.

Lighting - all tracks, whether desire lines or not.

Paths should be permeable.

Informal paths especially north of Mort - Lonsdale area are resulting in erosion and are muddy when it rains.

Are we looking at a local park or a destination for all of Canberra?

Keep natural paths and surface these with natural neutral materials.

Interested in safe crossing of Torrens St.

There needs to be a path that gets right around the park for cycling events.

How to connect the two sides of Northbourne? What's the relationship between tram and Haig Park.

Ideas for crossing Northbourne.

Lighting that increases safety but doesn't affect wildlife or detrimentally affect adjoining residents.

Separate cyclists and pedestrians.

Paths need to be well lit with bins for rubbish.

Desire lines let the public show where they want to go - then build the harder surface paths in the most used.

Edge paths should make a circuit east and west of Northbourne Avenue. Allows lunchtime runs and walks.

Need to consider lights for all path types.

Worry about storm water management and increasing density surrounding neighbourhoods.

Shared network edge paths - must stand back from the edge for pedestrian safety.

Linear pathways end where? Wide paths around lake. Desire lines of pathways.

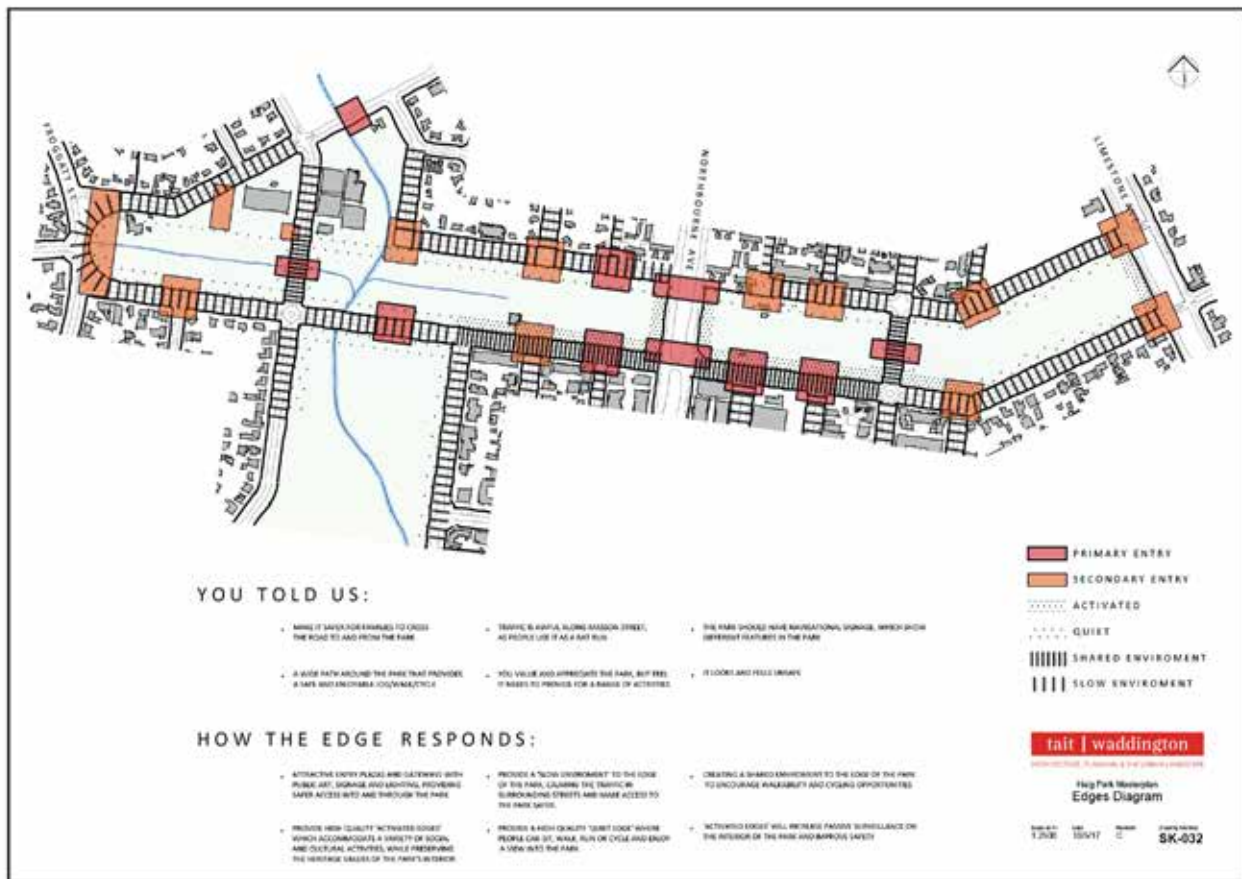
Park streets - lighting at night, density of use.

Desire lines - use some engineering to train people off desire lines and encourage the use of formal north/south lines.

Does this mean any trees are taken out?

Underground walkway on Northbourne connecting Haig Park.

EDGES PLANS



EDGES

Ideas Feedback

The project team worked with participants to share some current outline ideas and strategies that could be developed to implement the Themes/Objectives/Priorities for the park.



SURPRISED BY...

Surprised that the minor roads through park may become obsolete.

Love edge examples.

Love the whole concept as presented.

Number of inventions.

Need an overpass across Northbourne Avenue. Use a local Canberra architect. Name the overpass after them. Challenge and innovate.

Love shared environment streets. Really important at Bradden end as very busy.

Surprised that edges to zone 50 should be included.

Haig workshop is very good.

Looks great re primary and secondary entry.

The natural edges are important for character of the park and protection of the ecosystem.

Use art for seats, bins, lights and gates.

Entry on McCaughey St?

Strong primaries, then more levels of subtle entries.

Love the activated edge. Rock area.

Do less, be understated rather than overcooked.

Probably too many interventions.

Shared environment picture on poster not good for Haig Park.

Making one of the greatest rat runs of them all a slow environment.

I don't see need for entry on McCaughey St north of Masson St - no path or anything for the entry to lead to, better at roundabout where the traffic is slowing anyway.

Where is it unsafe to cross into the park? Just fix these, prioritise according to safety.

Signage in front of special species to foster interest in what's in there.

Far too many entries shown, will change character of the park, keep the edges natural.

Cyclist crossing dark and dangerous.

Concern about shared ways on Masson across streets.

Like the idea of edges and entry points.

Love a pedestrian crossing in the middle of Torrens St.

Traffic impacts from shared zone and impact on network (key in/out roads to city).

Quiet edge 5 [photo] looks fantastic!

Shared environment on major through roads i.e. McCaughey St appear impractical.

I like the idea of the shared zones and reducing car traffic. Would be great to ensure cyclists can still get through.

Main entries may be required for Mort St. there are too many other entries which are not required.

Mandalay are part of the park.





FRUSTRATED BY...

Broken glass is a real issue at edges - recycling bottle bins? Maybe with little targets (make bottle binning a game for the tipsy folk)?

The busy little roundabout at Turner end. Too many cars, buses, bikes, pedestrians in the one location.

Frustrated by parking at the edges.

Do not line the edges / perimeter with hard surface.

Concerned traffic calming on Torrens St section will cause traffic flow issues in other section of Torrens St. It's already a main thoroughfare.

Entry points - don't spend loads on entry point treatment, the park speaks for itself, you know you've entered it without funky gateways.

Too many entries. Need hierarchy.

Need pedestrian paths on Frogatt Street.

Lights favouring pedestrians.

Too much focus on built stuff - keep the park green, natural and tranquil.

Sort parking first.

Why is there a need for a gateway on Frogatt St, and in a number of other places?

Frustration that the heritage / environmental value of the park is not well understood by all.

Prior inconsistency between safe edge and running trail.

That the process is too open and non-specific, it's hard to know if feedback will make a difference.

Car parks should not be a consideration when developing park edges plan.

Quietness vs activation.

Make plantings on lower edges of graduated hills.

Need to consider very high "not running" traffic flows that may make shared zones impractical or unrealistic unfortunately without major roadworks further afield to prevent rat running. Masson St, Torrens St, McCaughey St.

Need adequate lighting around edges and entry points.

Need exciting entry points to open up pedestrian traffic from Mort St into the park.

Need to sort parking around the park first!

Cannot lose inlet parking or provide significant parking in lieu.

Multi-storey parking needed in a couple of locations adjacent to the park.

Need financially realistic proposals.

McCaughey and Masson intersection is an entry point rather than mid block.

More traffic calming.

Edges could dominate if they are too imposing. They should lead inside the park.

Frustrated with the edges ideas of having streets incorporated into the park.

Haig Park provides a unique green space. To develop with more building on it would be a loss.

Like to see sunny spaces opened up in centre of park.

Lighting will make a difference to wildlife. Streets need lighting.

Need more pedestrian crossing points for Sullivan's Creek.

How to manage Torrens St?

Push parking out and slow traffic. Keep bikes on road (except for little kids).

Making one of the greatest "rat runs" of them all a shared environment.

Edges will work better if less traffic.

The park is essentially a green space. Activation is inappropriate of London park squares.

Nothing on the west end only slow zone.

Disappointed middle of park will not be changed / upgraded (only edges).





COMFORTED BY...

Activation of Braddon and Turner commercial areas edges.

Slowing restricting traffic around park.

Great idea to slow traffic in Braddon to increase entry to park and safety of pedestrians.

I don't like hard services as much as tile / concrete etc.

Love the possibility of a bridge over the storm drain.

Gateways a good idea. Slow zones a good idea but no speed humps.

Like the idea of slowing traffic.

Increase the zoning density on sections at the ends of the park to get a continuous edge.

Loved the concept of civic plaza. Please make sure there are access to services (electricity anchor points etc.). Magic event co.

Good lighting on edge will light the park.

Less car parking.

Love all different entry points.

Comfortable with concept of activities edge and quiet edge.

No car parking along Girrawheen on park side.

I like the idea of making major investments in the edges, and leaving the interior intact, particularly in the western part, so that it retains its wildness.

Emphasis on community value and the park's contribution to maintaining green space in the urban environment.

Attention to safety.

I like the idea of widened primary edges, cosy and mysterious (secret garden-like) secondary entries (something for everyone).

Obelia likes trees - I do too.

Concur with street crossing ideas.

Turning surrounding streets into slower / shared car areas.

Using the park edges walking or shared path zones.

Slowing traffic idea.

Slowing concept in the residential park.

Love quiet edge.

Shared road, pedestrian road is good.

Bridge over storm water canal / drain.

Absolutely love the idea of the traffic calming slow / shared environments on Torrens St, Girrawheen St and McCaughey St. Great idea!

Like 7 and 3 [photo] entry examples.

Park entry from Northbourne should celebrate history of park.

Like that focus is on entry points. The idea of slowing adjacent streets and shared use areas.

More nature entries to the park.

Entry ideas great as they can be inviting for people to use the park.

I like the idea of a mix of activated and quiet edges.

Shared way on Masson, great idea to slow and divert traffic. It's getting busier as people try to avoid lights.





ANYTHING ELSE...

Eliminate car parks - intrusive and mis-used.

Too many entries proposed.

Mix of activated and quiet edge. Control speed of cycles within the park. Traffic calming.

Require edge around whole park. Would be great to walk, run, cycle around whole park.

Connection to existing walkways. Shared roads / pathways impractical - nightmare! Hate the idea of edge being concrete / hard service to the kerb.

Activation on Northbourne Avenue? Looking space rather than activation.

Use Turner Parkland for activities and move athletes.

Bring the traffic down the middle of the trees. Improves safety, creates inquiry.

Priorities - primary entry, quiet edge adjacent to roads, benches, safety (lighting), park furniture.

Pedestrian crossing should favour pedestrians rather than traffic.

Keep entries in keeping with character of park.

Organic shapes to pathways connect from current laneways then wind into the trees.

Entrances in line with history / heritage of the park. Plaques, information about park, flora and fauna. Bins.

Very much like 3. Style secondary entries.

Entrances could welcome people to the space?

How do entries fit with parking?

Confused about difference between activated and quiet edges.

No cycle loop around park.

Would like to see a link to "Nara deer park", Nara, Japan - our sister city.

Make sure there is no reduction of trees.

Square off western areas end of Haig Park to slow down traffic and discourage rat runners going off Barry Drive and through Turner.

The entries seem a bit huge - would need a lot of people coming through to make workable.

Northbourne Ave access points to promote Haig Park as a rail stop.

Support the edge concept - not ready to commit to specifics just yet.

Running track around whole park not present!

Using different activation around regions of the park would be great.

Shared zone on one side, cycle paths on opposite side.

Increase the width of entry point (i.e. primary) to increase safety at busy areas.

Masson Street calming.

Edge activation with low plantings on both sides of Masson and Groween would help expand the park.

Change traffic light sequencing across Northbourne - why do traffic lights always assume pedestrians only want to go halfway?! Maybe trial new sequencing to prioritise pedestrians, does it hurt cars to wait a bit?

Shared zone incompatible with high speed east-west cycle path.

Reduce roundabout speeds.

Benches on edges would be great.

Need links between parts of park to cross roads, overhead pedestrian bridges.

Calming Masson would be great and would facilitate use of the park by residents there. But, as much as I would prefer people didn't drive so much, being mindful of them, please consider cars going east-west across the city.

Tall trees necessary for raptors breeding, if build and development tall trees will lose out to development.

Lots of traffic on side streets in Turner and Braddon.

What about an entry to the market and events area from the ANU / city west side?

Shared environment should give priority to pedestrians and cyclists.

Seamless crossing over / across Northbourne.

No pop-ups.

More quiet spaces at edge with wide paths and seating.

Closing off surrounding thoroughfares make car access harder!

Still need to maintain overview of park as ecological asset.

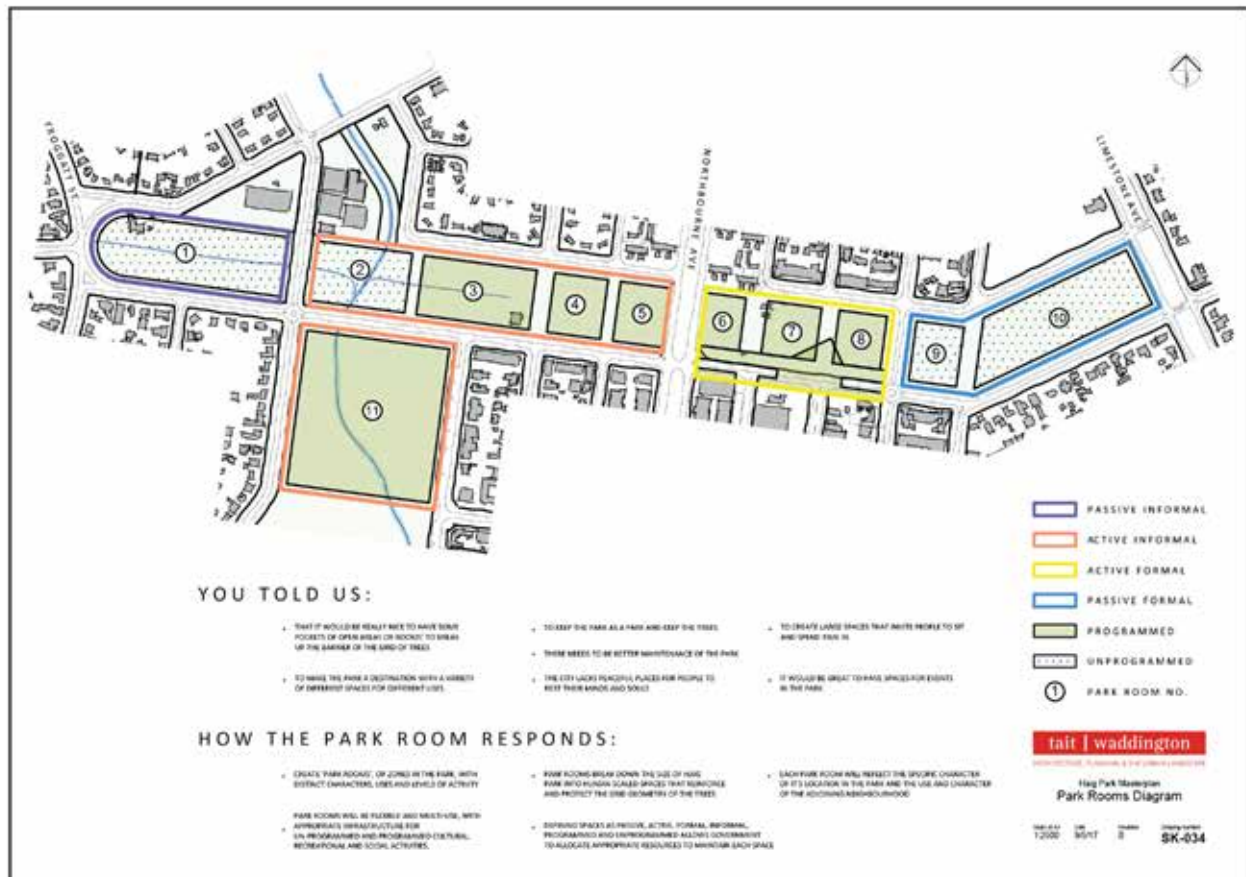
Underground crossing on Northbourne Avenue.

Try to separate cyclists and pedestrians.

Is there a traffic influence assessment or stimulation?



PARK ROOMS PLANS



PARK ROOMS

Ideas Feedback

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SURPRISED BY...

Even if it's passive it might need some changes.

Good to see long term - "surrounded by commercial areas" (the isolation of Haig).

Let formal activities stay in the commercial areas i.e. Lonsdale, Mort St.

No active formal please. If all this is incorporated it could over attract people from outside the area. The same for car parking etc.

Surprised that western end trees and plantings are to be informal, while eastern end heritage values are recognised. The eastern end was replanted in the 80s, self govt stopped this process.

The structure is quite well reflecting the surroundings.

Space 2 already houses formal sporting activities and facilities so should possibly be active formal not active informal if those current facilities are to stay?

Incorporating part of Girraween St. into those adjacent rooms is a good idea.

Surprised that zone 1 is designated as low infrastructure passive informal yet the childcare at Ormond St could benefit from kid friendly infrastructure.

Love all active formal images. Make them real.

Section 10 concrete path not covered in plan.

I like park room 3.

Surprised that much of the park could be used for community activation activity.





FRUSTRATED BY...

Ensure continuity throughout park.

The language / terminology of the current themes, objectives, principles. Rooms is devoid of child / young adult concepts.

Parking before activation.

It's a pity we're stuck with so many dark, gloomy trees!

No markets! No commercial!

Area 9/10 being a formal space, as this is a space where many children are around.

Park divided up too much.

Hope there will be some amenities like benches, toilets in passive areas.

Need to ensure a plan to ensure mobility impaired can access the forest.

Get a botanist in there to identify interesting trees and label them.

Hard to know what exactly the language means. I will come back though.

Formalise active formal NO.

Too many rooms the same size. Why not extend over division with large rooms.

Once concreted it is too late to reclaim green space.

Rooms proportion don't reflect the apparent balance of "our perspectives" sheet.

A bit concerned by the concept of the rooms being made to feel different. This will fracture Haig Park. Find a theme.

Basketball hoops.

Dividing effect of Sullivan's Creek in current drain form.

No point activating if no parking.

Limit signs.

RUC and other clubs along McCaughey St are isolated from active and programmed spaces.

Too much being put into the area - almost need a "land use" space.

Vandal proof, self cleaning i.e. pine needle floors.

Structures for markets not needed.

2 is separated by the drain and likely needs to be looked at as 2 separate entities.

It is important that it still feels like one park.

Active formal room - kill it. Just make it a car park for people to access Lonsdale St.

Zone 1 - photo is not as is. Zone 3 photo - is it realistic? Zone 6 - I oppose commercial structures in Haig Park.

3, 4 and 5 are of concern. Would prefer those kept as quiet areas. The residents need the quiet spaces.

How does the park as a whole fit into an overall open space strategy plan for open space in this part of Canberra (if there is one)?

Rooms concept presentation too great an overlap with the partitions presentation.





COMFORTED BY...

I like that park is being considered as different zones, not one treatment for the whole space.

I really like that different parts of the park will have different "personalities".

Like the concept of separate areas.

Attention to different zones, as this variety should encourage interest and attraction across a broad cross section of the community, with different age groups, abilities and priorities.

Agree spaces 6,7 and 8 should be active.

Overall approach really good but where is the link to parking noise alleviation?

Keeping Turner end passive-informal, plus pathways and lighting.

Idea of zones.

Connectivity within room 2 needs a bridge or 2 across the creek to enhance its utility as a space to enjoy.

Room for an informal performances space at end of Lonsdale - Mort St?

Support 9 and 10 as passive / formal.

Formal and informal zones.

Like it! Matches activities plan.

Beatrix is friendly.

Passive informal - still requires lighting, paths etc. so as not to create unsightly areas. Active entry points for each room. Paths that circle each room, cycle, running etc.

Like different areas. Each area should look different.

The idea of areas or zones.

Rooms sound good, time will tell.

The rooms seem to be well designed, active and non-active can be expected to blend.





ANYTHING ELSE...

We don't need a play station at every tree, look at the tree!

Mandalay bus should go. Enough eateries along street.

Flexibility.

Sullivan's Creek wetland with interpretive signs ok.

Play spaces needed at west end.

Less active formal, more informal.

Keep Mandalay bus - adds character!

Zone 3,4,5 - we want structure for exercise stations.

Revert depot to park.

Passive informal green areas need open space too.

All the trees must be retained.

Reuse works site.

Passive areas in lower density residential areas.

Maybe more deciduous trees?

Passive picnic lounging daytime use. Active informal 2,3,4,5.

It would be cool to have a learning themed park room - about the park, sustainability, plants, species, even a garden with herbs? Could use for / with local schools too!

Area 2 prone to flooding, not to promote play.

Minimal permanent infrastructure and facilities within the park precinct.

Prevent utilities from installing underground infrastructure.

All dogs should be on a leash all the time.

Flexibility, be able to change activities or rooms as needed.

Zone 9 - can we make this active zone with exercise and activity?

Area 1,2 or 3 should have a Frisbee golf course.

Concern for safety of the trees.

Western park - no paths, no kerbs.

How are the rooms integrated or connected.

Still need to maintain an ecological overview.

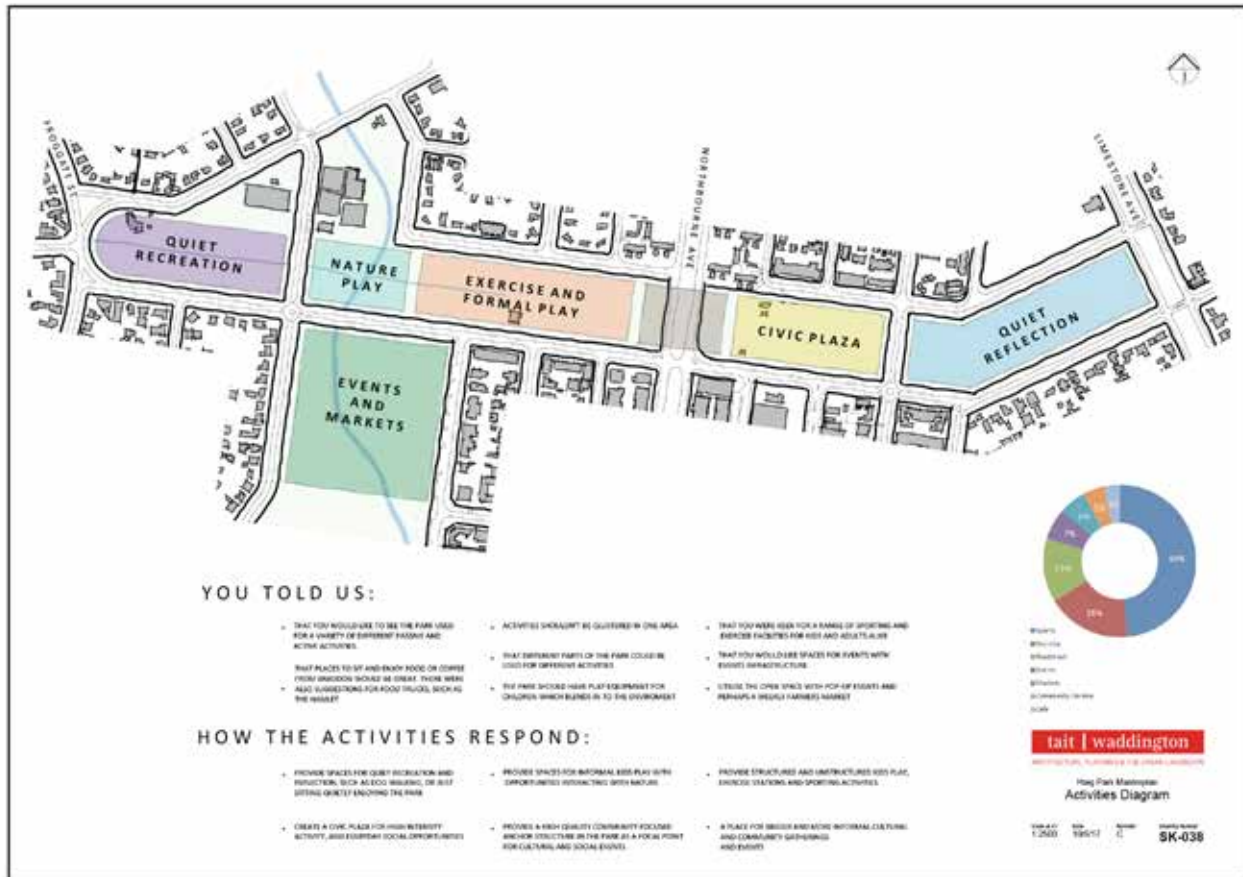
Turn concrete drain into wetland.

Must address parking issue for adjacent business and residential precincts.

Agree that 1,2,9 and 10 should be underground. I think 3,4 and 5 should be too.



ACTIVITIES PLANS



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Ideas Feedback

The project team worked with participants to share some current outline ideas and strategies that could be developed to implement the Themes/Objectives/Priorities for the park.



SURPRISED BY...

Like the civic plaza and events and markets!

Excited that some of this stuff could support / showcase local designers and artists (playgrounds, exploring areas, benches etc.).

Separation instead of connectivity.

Activity zones make sense given surrounds of various parts of the park.

Good ideas in the zoning.

Broadly support for activity precincts concept.

Civic plaza idea - what about revitalising Garema Place?

Civic plaza - green space?

I love it. I think this is a good idea.

Surprised that events and markets as been relegated to an area that isn't close to public transport e.g. light rail.

Events and markets great idea.

So many areas and activities.

Surprised that the park is not being viewed as a regional resource rather than a local asset - better balance needed.

Nature play - kids adventure playground.

A greatly under-used resource.

Love the inclusion of children into the ideas here.

Threats to trees.

Events and markets space - when did that area get included as Haig Park?

Love the exercise and formal play and events and markets zones.

Activity zones flow with other aspects of the plan in a complimentary pattern.

Civic plaza - what does this mean?

To have green space - trees, grass, without concrete is valuable. Access to it is needed.

No need for more cafes in ACT, need for more diverse thought and natural reflection.





FRUSTRATED BY...

Sewage storage tanks under events and markets area could cause odour issues!

No passive surveillance around the proposed nature play location (kids + water = ?)

Do not like exercise and formal play. No kicking balls. No general messing about games.

What about activity pop-ups? Mini floriade, national museum, botanic gardens, theatre?

No to exercise and formal play. There are enough of these as it is.

Not sure about events and markets. If infrequent that's ok. Not too often.

Lack of bins.

Why is quiet recreation surrounding a childcare? Please make this a nature play area.

Hawkers - not paying their way!

What is civic plaza? Doesn't sound like a park, let alone Haig Park.

Too many things, far too many people.

Please create play spaces around and between trees not replacing trees - the pop-up kids events during the architecture was a great example.

Respect for harmony with pedestrians.

Noisy bikes / other activities. No.

Civic plaza needs activation.

Civic plaza should be able to house market / pop-ups etc.

Activation is great - how to provide access / parking.

Exercise and formal play needs to be relooked at, is it big enough.

Plenty of exercise areas in schools that are underused on weekends.

Need for pedestrian access across traffic ways so can walk and stretch legs rather than piecemeal.

People should buy a gym membership if they want machines.

Impression given is that only a proportion of the park will be quiet.

Formal structure means less of natural space not Haig Park heritage.

I'm comforted that the priorities are activities and parks, not parking lots. Encourage cycling not driving. Some bike racks would be handy though.

Overall activities layout looks good. Surprised by the ambitiousness!

No bottled water sales in the park - bubblers!

Civic plaza - it's a park, leave it alone.

I oppose music events (presumably loud) in Haig Park. Doubts re "pop-ups" shipping containers ideas re civic plaza. Markets already elsewhere.

Not good having zones so isolated, need them broken apart and mixed up.

The unknown.

Need to switch the quiet reflection zone with the exercise and formal play. Given the high density building going up around Northbourne and Greenway St, need to keep the park as a sanctuary.

Why not use existing open space parks for exercise parks for exercise / events? Keep Haig as a useable treed forest.

Add sport to event and market area.

Events and markets and civic plaza out of place in Haig Park, plenty of other locations in Canberra.





COMFORTED BY...

Nature play area well situated.

I like the idea of exercise and formal play and nature play.

Exercise - should be able to run around the whole park. Not necessarily naturalise. Many cities beautify channels.

Like that different scale of events could be accommodated.

I like the activity zones. Events and market space is not really Haig Park.

Events and markets area in that space is perfect.

I like the re-use of Turner Parklands for events and markets.

Zoning makes sense.

Activities - comfort by natural play without structures very positive.

I would like to see a "Nara" deer park. Link Japan.

Play areas to be encouraged. More apartments - more people needing play areas for families.

Comfortable with design sectors and variety.

Nature play - fantastic.

I think this is brilliant - allays my concerns about threats to wild western zone.

I like that the wild zone has been recognised as a prime spot for nature play.

The Braddon side is the appropriate side for the civic zone, great idea.

Really like quiet reflection ends - some BBQs.

I like the concept.

Events and markets space - good location.

Sullivan's Creek oval for events = good!

Proposed activity zones make sense.

Very good, I concur with concepts.

Water features in quiet reflection.

Nature play - good space - it's the greenest space year round but needs a freq of moving to improve its utility.

Love the quiet reflection zone at eastern end!

Like quiet and reflection in the space I use most.

Improve names and definitions of what is expected in open spaces.

Plan and zones are great.

Sport and play areas for kids / families.

Agree with the zones, but need a play area at east end for Braddon residents.

Organised music events in events and markets area would be great in summer months!

Markets.

Really like the events and marketplace area. Generally like the layout in a brand sense.

Like quiet reflection and recreation areas at either end.

Support quiet reflection area.

Really like the zones and their placement.

Partitioning of park into different areas a good idea in principle.

Multiple use zoning.

Comforted by the opportunities for mixed use.

Different zones and uses.

Quiet reflection sounds good. Let's not over-design these areas. Perhaps the areas should be more integrated.





ANYTHING ELSE...

Events and markets for large open events.

Park to retain character and treescape areas to flow. Sullivan's Creek needs to be returned to a creek - not a drain. Keep design elements in natural materials.

Really want to keep the heritage of the park.

Picture 3 looks great. People exercising both day and night creates safety.

Ensure quiet reflection and recreation has safety and amenities - lights, water, paths.

Like layout of activity zones. Nature play area is great opportunity for a constructed wetland for education, bird habitat, water quality improvement.

Running track around park.

Will bike speeds be regulated.

Exercise should not be one area. You should be able to walk, run and cycle around the whole park.

Civic plaza looks good for that area, but hopefully it would include a playground area.

Running track around whole park not just in an exercise area.

Exercise stations across park.

Shared cycle and walk ways linking whole park.

Quiet reflection and recreation needs lighting and paths.

Labyrinth in quiet reflection area.

Bike tracks etc. at North Ainslie school, why need for duplicate?

Quiet reflection and recreation spaces good but need more.

Active play - great idea. Maybe playgrounds that reflects the environment. Maybe made out of wood? Adventure playground, explore playground.

Use light rail to go to Southwell Park.

Fountain in civic plaza?

Exercise and activity in quiet reflection up Brandon end.

Civic plaza should have BBQs where depot is now.

Events and markets into civic plaza to work into it.

Bins and toilet. Lots of cafes.

Nature play or formal play. Needs a pump track to get kids riding. (google "world trail" or "trailsapes")

Signage / information about heritage of the park.

Need for play spaces at west end.

Need environmental signs etc. to give people information about the biodiversity on ecological functions of the park such as a migratory navigation route for yellow faced honey eaters.

It is important to plan now for the naturalizing of Sullivan's Creek before any play structures are added.

Need a wetland off the creek.

Use of term "plaza" sets off alarms, sounds like it is going to be concreted over!

How to get from one end to the other.

Worried about heritage values of the park being lost.

Exercise and formal play. Keep it simple.

City garden concept within events and markets.

The civic "plaza" doesn't sound like Haig Park. How many trees will need to go?

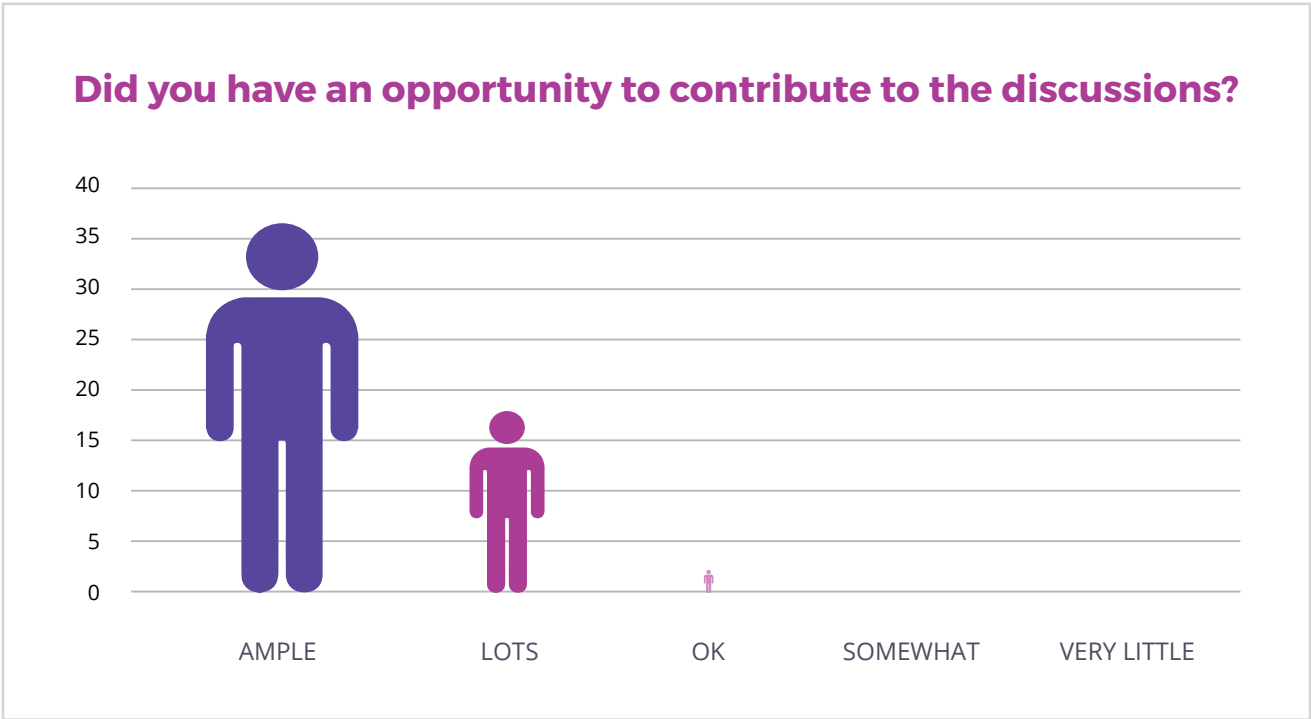
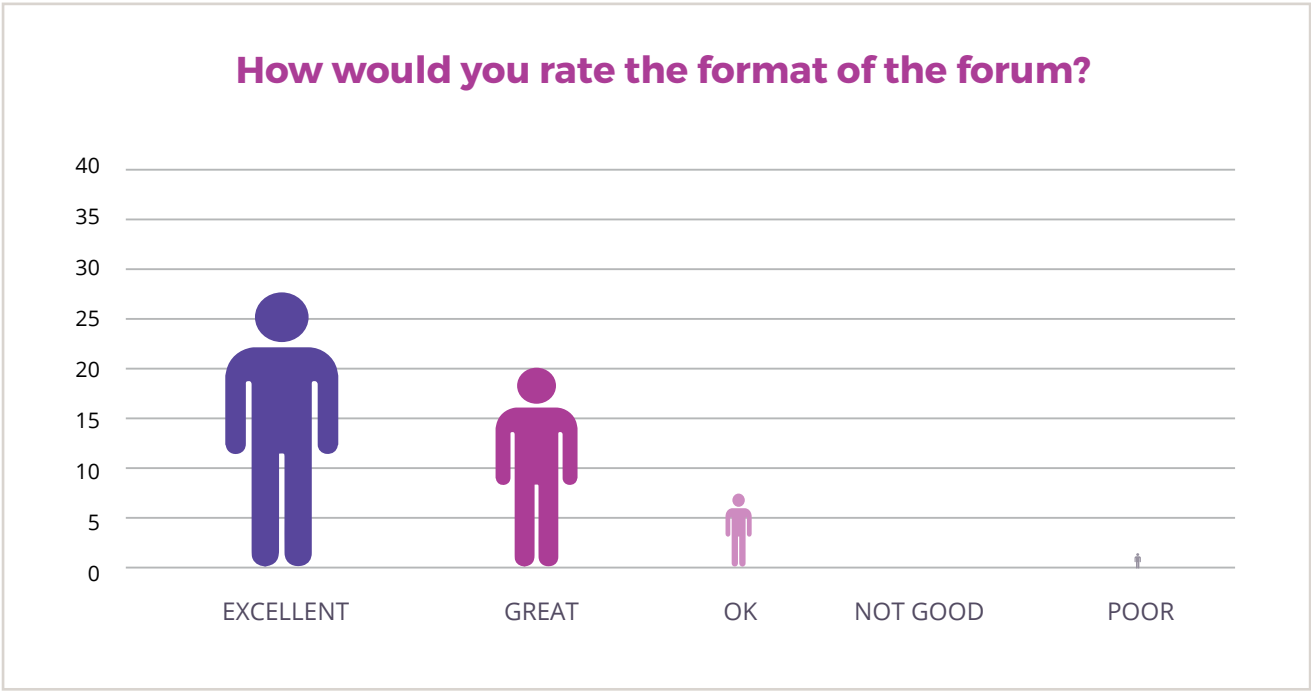
Nature trail area using heritage info in quite recreation area.

Dogs should be controlled in the park.



Our Feedback

Participants attending the workshop offered the following feedback on how useful they found the event to be.



What improvements, if any, could be made to how we worked together today?

None - it was great. Thank you.

I really liked the format. Maybe hold live streaming or online questions for input from people that could not make it.

Not sure it will really build a strong community consensus about the plan. Need better information / say in measurement of impacts. Need to know what's already decided / locked in and what's not.

Work very well done. Keith is great!

Too noisy. Biased selection in favour of work for developers and those that want commercial use rather than green space value of what is there. People who like it as it is aren't here.

Fantastic, Keith was great!

Keep the discussions happening. Very well run!

Environmental noise was very difficult for hard of hearing (like me).

Facilitators need to keep people on track and on topic e.g. when one person has a complaint about 2012 plan, heritage, parking etc. If it's not related to current topic give them an email to write their concern to at a more appropriate time.

Nothing it was great, thanks for the food!

Brief background to bring all up to speed on where we are at. Initial hosting exercise was weird - didn't make sense.

It was great!

Try to be more specific about what you are proposing, non-specific language causes uncertainty which leads to change aversion.

The intro session with the spreadsheet might have been more valuable as a bit more structured to get everyone onto the same page with key terms, definitions, progress to date etc. Thank you!

My hearing is poor, so I struggle in large groups. No fault of the organisers. Keep up the good work! Thank you.

It really was a standout in my career of facilitated gigs.

Cranky old people tended to dominate many exchanges. Facilitators need to control the conversation.

The venue ended up being noisy and it was difficult to hear everything in the groups. Not sure how to remedy this.

Well done great work. Look forward to next one.

What improvements, if any, could be made to how we worked together today? continued

Was rushed.

I was very impressed by the process. Moved very quickly without rushing.

Definition of heritage policy for park, how much can be altered?

Can't be any longer, bigger groups not viable. Otherwise well done. Thank you.

I think we were railroaded into just working within the themes of amenities and access and the buzz word of destination. There was no room for discussion about the overall green public open space and how it fits in the surrounding suburbs and broader area.

A question and answer session to start e.g. what are the heritage constraints? Why no progress from 2012 consultations etc.?

A little more background info. What are limitations of new plan?

Provide a bit more background information especially about the park's heritage values.

Sticky notes didn't always remain attached to the board.

I do not follow the segmentative approach. Very rapid staging and change of focus.

More background information is required and also some idea of the commitment of the ACT government to maintain the park in the future. Is the park to be maintained at Glebe Park levels or at the level it is currently being looked after.

The way design groups communicate with us. The diagram is a little bit technical and some of the vision images are a little bit irrelevant.

Was confused at the start with limited context to the free discussion. Fairly well organised - thank you to ACT government staff. They are clearly trying to engage on this with the local people.

Very well run. I thought there was going to be a plan shown today!

Some background reading before workshop could have been useful. Well done - great format!

I might not agree with all the ideas, but I am impressed with the communication and consultants strategy. Thank you to them!

I very much appreciated opportunity for input. Thank you to all involved!

I was initially sceptical but found the format was good.

More written background info provided to participants before the workshop, so we are all at the same starting point before the workshop starts.



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PLEASE NOTE: While every effort has been made to transcribe participants comments accurately a small number have not been included in this summary due to the legibility of the content. Please contact Keith Greaves at Keith@mosaiclab.com.au for any suggested additions.