

Vision

Gilbert Park, Knoxfield is a municipal open space. It caters for a number of sports/leisure activities including baseball, softball, skating, BMX and informal recreation. The site also hosts a number of community events including Pets in the Park and the Knox Skate Park Australia Day Competition.

In line with the recommendations of the Knox Open Space Plan 2012-2022, the revised Master Plan is intended to set a clear framework for upgrading the reserve into the future in a way that addresses the current and projected future needs for the community and will enable future projects and funding priorities.

Features of the Masterplan

- ① Retain existing crossover along Ferntree Gully Road. Construct new hardstand for emergency vehicle and replace removable bollards with a gate.
- ② Retain existing reserve identification signs along Ferntree Gully Road. Install new reserve identification sign at the Forbes Close entrance.
- ③ New basketball half court. The establishment of the court involves removal of vegetation including trees (subject to planning approval) and an existing skate element. This new basketball area is to include a shelter, new skate elements, seating and drinking fountain.
- ④ Enhance existing garden bed planting areas, to improve landscape amenity, improve sightlines and establish Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CEPTED) principles.
- ⑤ Pedestrian lighting enhancement along pathway to improve visibility to and from the carpark.
- ⑥ Future extension to Skate / BMX Park.



⑦ Potential Future Youth Hub. Building design and footprint shown is indicative only. Development and implementation of this community facility is to be investigated separately to this Masterplan. This facility may include a creative studio space; cater for events and potentially a public toilet, cafeteria and skate / bike repair station.

⑧ Install new park etiquette and safety sign.

⑨ Consider future path access and links in the reserve.



DRAWING KEY

Existing Elements

- Concrete paths
- Asphalt carpark
- Gravel driveway
- Shelters / buildings
- Baseball/softball nets
- Granitic gravel surface
- Floodlights to be removed
- Trees
- Gardenbeds
- Lawn

Proposed Elements

- New paths
- New asphalt carpark
- New buildings
- Skate / BMX Park extension
- Pedestrian crossing points
- Picnic table
- New lights



⑩ Liaise with Melbourne Water to investigate the feasibility of establishing a wetland system to treat stormwater. Subject to liaison with Melbourne Water and potential funding opportunities.

⑪ Investigate daylighting opportunities of the existing Melbourne Water pipe and drainage system to coincide with potential future wetland systems. Subject to discussions with Melbourne Water.

⑫ Transition existing gravel car park to new asphalt surface with line marking and traffic calming device.



⑬ Renew play space in accordance with Council's Play Space Plan 2013 – 2023 and establish a social amenity space.

⑭ Continue investigations and exploring opportunities for a new pavilion. Building design and footprint shown is only indicative.

⑮ Continue investigations and exploring opportunities to improve drainage across the fields especially on field number D1 and D2.

⑯ Install new lighting for field number D1 and D2.

⑰ Due to poor sightlines on the apex of the corner, remove existing vehicular access at the corner of Gilbert Park Drive and Forbes Close and replace with new garden beds. Consider establishing and formalising vehicle access centrally along Gilbert Park Drive. Crossover location and design to be confirmed by engineers.

⑱ Protect and enhance garden beds using large logs, rocks and planting to establish a buffer between the gravel driveway and the surrounding vegetation.

⑲ Provide picnic tables at various locations for park users.

⑳ Continue to work with the local sports clubs on their proposal to relocate baseball/softball fields such as Diamond D6 and Diamond D8. The relocation of diamonds including related facilities is to be investigated separately to this masterplan.

