

W.H. Robinson & A.H. Capp Reserve

DRAFT MASTERPLAN (v1.0)

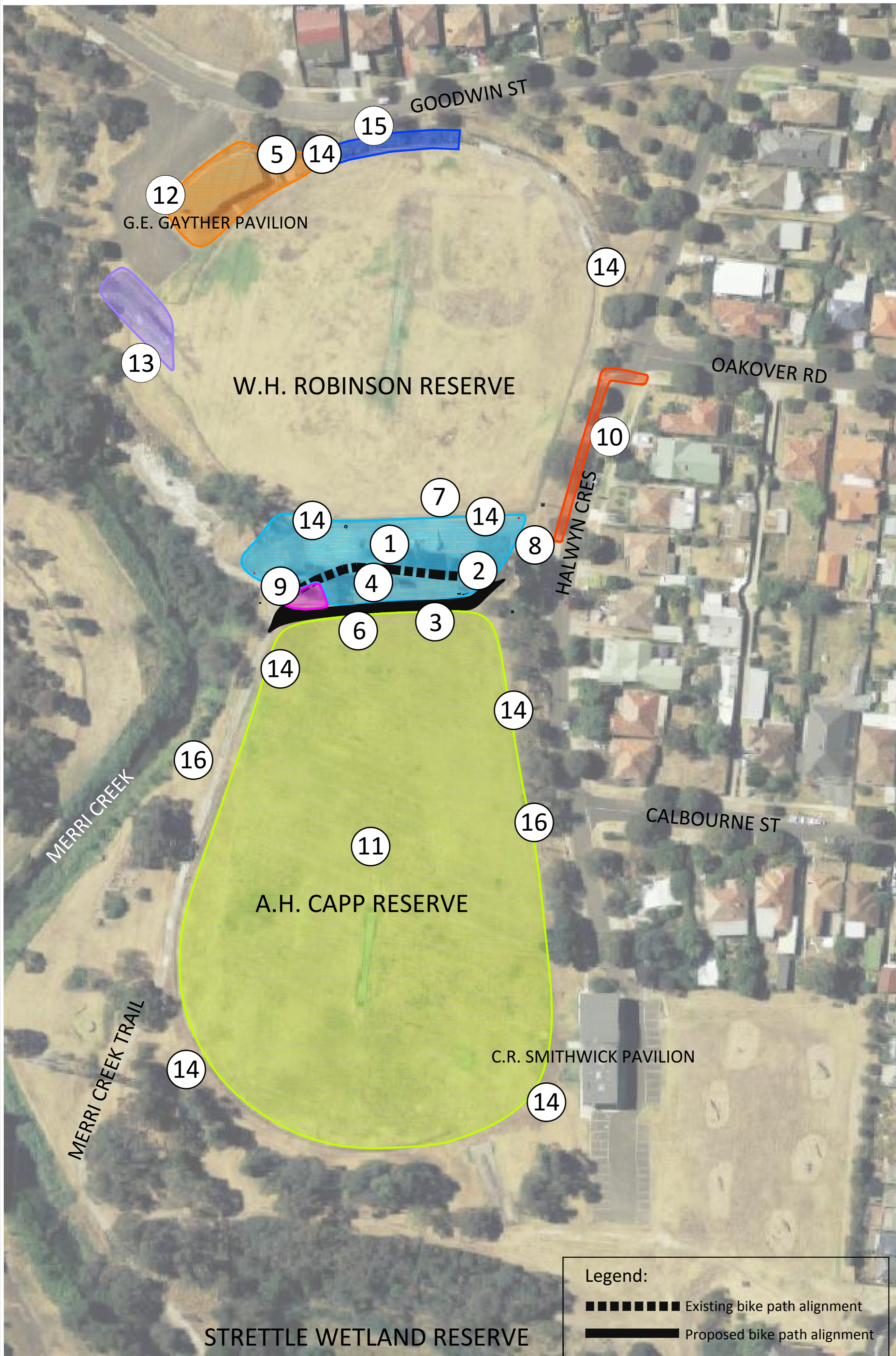
For discussion

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OVERVIEW:

W.H. Robinson and A.H. Capp Reserves are described as a neighborhood open space system and are primarily developed and managed for the playing of organised sports. The perimeter areas are developed as parklands with the playspace, seating and paths providing informal recreation opportunities. These Reserves are extremely popular for dog walkers with off leash walking allowed outside of 5 metres of the playspace and bike paths. The park caters for a range of age groups.

The playspace itself is described as a major neighbourhood park playspace and its redevelopment is scheduled as a priority. The redevelopment of the playspace should ensure it caters for both junior and senior age groups according to the Darebin Playspace Strategy 2010-2020 (July 2010). The community consultation and design process for an upgrade to the playspace commenced in Q32014. The consultation on this playspace upgrade led to this overarching masterplan process for the Reserves.

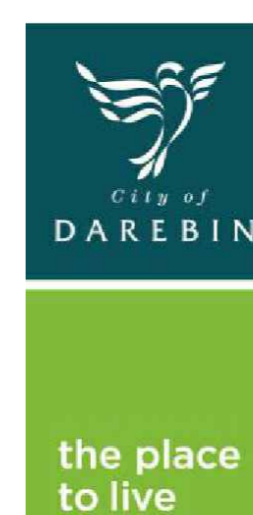
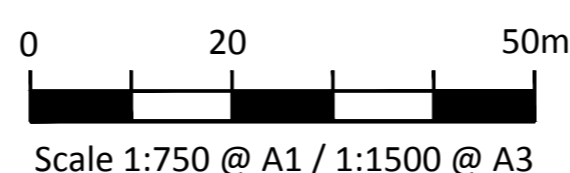


PROPOSED ACTIONS FOR W.H. ROBINSON & A.H. CAPP RESERVES:

- ① **UPGRADE PLAYSPACE**
Recommendations for the playspace upgrade include:
 - the provision of a range of equipment that can be accessed by all age groups and abilities
 - inclusion of natural play materials
 - an increase in the number of garden beds, trees (especially shade trees) and shrubs
 - accessible all abilities Basketball Swing
 - hit up wall and basketball ring
- ② **INSTALL A DRINKING FOUNTAIN**
A drinking fountain with dog bowl or tap will be installed either within or directly adjacent to the playspace with easy access from the bicycle path.
- ③ **RE-ALIGN THE BICYCLE PATH AS IT PASSES THE PLAYSPACE** To allow sufficient space for the inclusion of a BBQ and picnic area.
- ④ **CREATE A BBQ & PICNIC AREA BETWEEN THE PLAYSPACE & CAPP RESERVE**
Area to include recycled timber sleeper seating, picnic tables, shelter and a BBQ.
- ⑤ **PROVIDE FOR EXTENDED ACCESS TO EXISTING PAVILION TOILETS**
- ⑥ **CREATE A BETTER BARRIER BETWEEN PLAYSACE AND BICYCLE PATH / OVAL**
To be achieved using landscape planting and recycled timber seating.
- ⑦ **INSTALL A HIGHER FENCE TO PROTECT PLAYSACE FROM ROBINSON RESERVE**
- ⑧ **INSTALL BICYCLE RACKS ADJACENT TO THE PLAYSACE**
- ⑨ **INSTALL A GREEN GYM**
Outdoor fitness equipment will be installed adjacent to the playspace and the realigned bicycle path.
- ⑩ **FOOTPATH/ACCESS ALTERATIONS**
Extending the footpath on the eastern side of Capp Reserve further north to Oakover Road to allow a better road crossing point on Halwyn Crescent.
- ⑪ **RE-LEVELLING OF PLAYING SURFACE OF A.H. CAPP RESERVE**
- ⑫ **UPGRADE OF THE G.E. GAYTHER PAVILION**
A significant upgrade is planned for this pavilion located in the north western corner of W.H. Robinson Reserve.
- ⑬ **UPGRADE OR REPLACE W.H. ROBINSON CRICKET NETS**
- ⑭ **INSTALL IMPROVED FLOODLIGHTING FOR ROBINSON & CAPP SPORTS OVALS**
- ⑮ **AMPHITHEATRE SEATING TO NORTH OF W.H. ROBINSON OVAL**
Some seating options will be installed to the immediate north of W.H. Robinson Reserve to provide a space for viewing sport and also allowing another point of access to the oval.
- ⑯ **TREE PLANTING & MANAGEMENT**
Additional tree planting around the Reserves will be carried out to increase the screening of views to the powerlines. Also some trees are showing signs of decline and a replacement planting program will be implemented over time to ensure the Reserves don't suffer from many tree losses at the same time.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:

The timing of delivery of the listed actions is subject to Council budgets allocated each financial year. The first project undertaken will be the upgrade to the playspace and any other associated actions that can be achieved within budgets assigned for 2015 / 16 financial year.



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