

JACK ROPER RESERVE

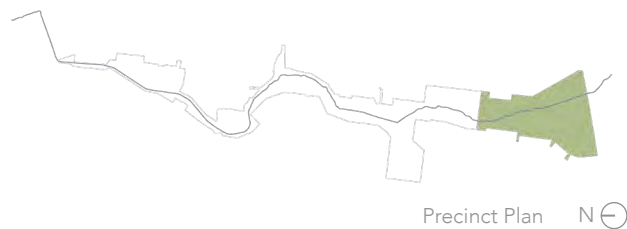
Vision

" Jack Roper Reserve will continue as a popular recreational drawcard, attracting and connecting visitors to the rest of the parklands and to a flourishing Merlynston Creek.

Jack Roper Reserve provides a 'regional' level of play and picnic facilities and is a well known and well used park for people of many surrounding suburbs. It also provides some sporting facilities. Recent trail upgrades create new connections with further work needed to enhance safe road crossings and vehicle entrance legibility. The recent completion of the stormwater harvesting scheme is improving the water quality of the Melbourne Water basin, and providing a reliable source of water to keep the park green at all times.



Detail plan showing wetlands to the lake, to improve water quality, and associated path connections.



ACTION ITEMS

ACTION	KEY STRATEGY
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WURUNDJERI WOI-WURRUNG CULTURAL VALUES

C1	Findings and recommendations from the Cultural Values Assessment will be integrated into the Final Masterplan.	1.1
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ECOLOGICAL VALUES

E1	Undertake planting of riparian vegetation and trees along both banks of Merlynston Creek and infill any gaps.	2.1
E2	Undertake native tree planting for habitat and shade.	2.2
E3	Implement educational initiatives to discourage bird feeding.	2.3

WATERWAY VALUES

W1	Align additional water quality treatment measures such as sediment ponds with community recreation opportunities to maximise co-benefits. Ensure flood detention capacity of Jack Roper Reserve is maintained, to protect downstream suburbs and communities. Seek additional monitoring and investigation of catchment-wide water quality management.	3.2
W2	Investigate, and if feasible implement recirculating wetlands to improve creek water quality.	3.2
W3	Investigate and seek community input on potential removal of, or redesign of island as part of lake water quality improvement. If feasible, implement as a long-term initiative.	3.2

HERITAGE VALUES

H1	Investigate and where feasible reflect contributions of the Greek community as part of long term use and development of Jack Roper Reserve and neighbouring PPRZ-zoned land.	4.2
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COMMUNITY RECREATION VALUES

R1	Improve shared entrance into Jack Roper and 227 Camp Road for clearer walking, cycling and vehicular movement. Ensure 227 Camp Road retains its PPRZ zone and parkland interface improvements are maximised.	5.1
R2	Implement design solutions that help improve the interface of adjacent community building to sports field including walking loops, clearer vehicle movements, fencing to help protect the building from potential ball damage.	5.2
R3	Investigate, and if feasible, establish shelter or seating at existing viewing point.	5.1
R4	Retain and invest in Jack Roper Playground to maintain its status as one of Hume's feature regional play experiences and outdoor gathering experiences.	5.2
R5	Advocate with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) for a potential sound barrier along the Western Ring Road.	5.1
R6	Maximise parkland interface improvements in any development applications on adjacent land.	5.1

ACCESS AND CONNECTION VALUES

A1	Improve trail connections to help pedestrian and cycle connections between Jack Roper Reserve and Will Will Rook Pioneer Cemetery. Partner with DTP to install pedestrian crossing lights, to help people cross Camp Road.	6.1; 6.3
A2	Install directional and wayfinding signage at key park entrances. Show clearly how the Shared Use Path connects into the rest of the park.	6.3
A3	Consider relocation of bridge crossing point further north to facilitate water quality improvements. If it is not feasible to reuse the existing bridge, consider replacing with one that is wide enough to include Shared Use Path.	6.1; 3.2
A4	Provide informal trail through established trees.	6.1
A5	If wetlands are created, provide path on top of main bund to facilitate walking loop and maintenance.	6.1
A6	Create a walking loop around the lake. (Subject to partnership with neighbouring property)	6.1; 6.2
A7	Advocate and partner with neighbour CSL Behring for improved connections into the parkland in the long term.	6.1; 6.2
A8	Improve amenity of the path under the Western Ring Road. Improve wayfinding and invite visitors to enjoy extended Merlynston Creek parklands in the City of Merri-bek.	6.1; 6.3