



CONTEXT PLAN

Key

Master Plan Area

01

IN3Z Industrial Use

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PPRZ Public Park & Recreation

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GRZ1 General Residential

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LDRZ Low Density Residential

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SUZ1 Special Use

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PUZ Public Use

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C1Z Commercial

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TRZ Transport Zone

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RCZ1 Rural Conservation

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GWZ Green Wedge

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GWAZ Green Wedge A

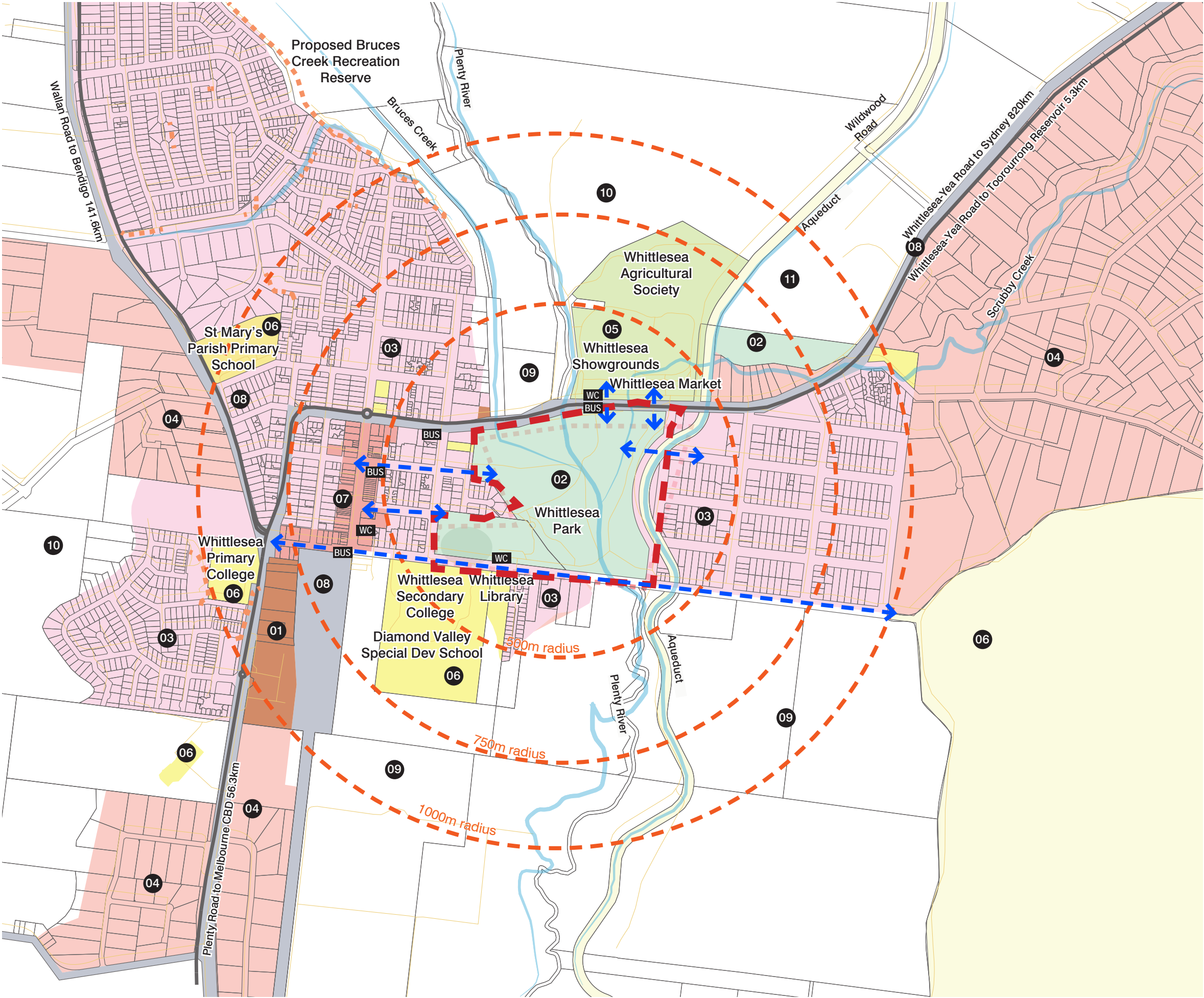
Improve Pedestrian Links

The Whittlesea township within which the Whittlesea Park sits, is located in the rural area of the City of Whittlesea.

As the primary Increased urban densities resulting in greater reliance on public open space to meet a broader range of needs, particularly social and informal uses.

- Whittlesea Open Space Strategy -

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OUTLINES

MASTER PLAN CONCEPT DESIGN



Legend

- Extent of Works
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- Fitness Stations
- Rural Floodway Overlay
- Open Vegetated Swale
- Picnic Shelters and/or Picnic Setting
- Entry Node with wayfinding signage
- Interpretative Signage
- Improved Pedestrian Links

OUTLINES

MASTER PLAN CONCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS

MASTER PLAN VISION

- Create a strong identity for Whittlesea Park as a highly-valued and recognisable place
- Maintain and improve the provision of the Park facilities and amenities
- Protect and enhance the Park environment
- Enhance and develop a strong sense of community associated with the park
- Provide a well- defined, safe and accessible connections within the Park and the Whittlesea Township

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. UPGRADE ENTRANCES

Improve the access into the reserve and connection to surrounding facilities

2. PLAYGROUND

Upgrade the playground to provide a greater diversity in play, suitable for varied age groups. Provide picnic areas with BBQ facilities.

3. CIRCUIT PATH

Create a 3m wide circuit path, with bridge crossings, nature walk and fitness stations

4. BRIDGE ACCESS

Upgrade and provide new bridge crossings across Scrubby Creek, Plenty River and Bruces Creek. Investigate a bridge crossing to provide access from Sherwin Street

5. TREE STRATEGY

Develop a Tree Strategy that includes and audit of existing trees, proposed tree species list and plans to replace trees at the end of their useful life

6. CAR PARKING

Formalise car parking facilities including the street parking along Laurel and Forest Street and upgrade the car parking facilities off Walnut street to increase the amount of parking spaces. Provide an additional car park off Beech Street.

7. BEECH STREET

Improve the Beech Street frontage and provide a safe access to the Whittlesea Showgrounds

8. DOG OFF-LEASH PARK

Upgrade the Dog Off-leash Park with an improved surface treatment, additional trees and a quiet dog zone.

9. ACTIVE RECREATION

Upgrade the AF Walker sportfield to create a consistent shape and provide fencing and ball catching fence. Enhance the active recreation zone with the construction of a basketball court.

10. PUBLIC TOILETS

Provide a public toilet facility at the Walnut Street entrance to service the Skate Park and playground and investigate the option for future public toilet facilities at Laurel Street

11. MULTI-USE AREA

Retain the CFA training area and upgrade to include multi- use facilities including a Learn-to-ride, exercise track and netball courts

12. IMPROVE CREEK CORRIDORS

Collaborate with Melbourne Water to improve the quality of waterway vegetation

13. INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

Develop an interpretive signage plan that provides education on the cultural history of the areas



Example of picnic shelters



Example of path with avenue trees



Example of arboretum signage



Example of carpark raingarden



Example of dry creekbed natureplay



Example of playspace



Example of shared Loop Path



Example of toilet facilities



Example of unstructured natureplay



Example of timber natureplay maze



Example of planted drainage swale



Example of timber bridge



Example of fitness station



Example of fitness station



Example of wetland boardwalk



Example of interpretive signage

OUTLINES

AF WALKER RESERVE, LAUREL STREET & LIME STREET

LIME STREET ENTRANCE AND AF WALKER RESERVE

- 01 Upgrade pedestrian entry to establish a clear and welcoming forecourt and strengthen connection to town centre
- 02 Provide upgrades to sportsfield to create a consistent shape
- 03 Provide perimeter fencing and ball-catching fence to oval
- 04 Provide an electronic score board, delivered under Club contributions
- 05 Formalise on street parking on Forest Street (41 spaces)

LAUREL STREET ENTRANCE

- 06 Establish a clear and welcoming forecourt
- 07 Remove existing vehicle track and parking, urbanise Laurel Street with formal parking (197 spaces)
- 08 Provision of 4 disabled parking bays located close to amenities
- 09 Upgrade Dog Off-leash Park with improved surface treatment, additional trees, and a quiet dog zone
- 10 Upgrade footpath as a shared-use path to provide connection from the Whittlesea Park's circuit path to the future Whittlesea Rail trail
- 11 Provide vehicle exclusion fencing
- 12 Investigate the option for a future public toilet facility

PROPOSED PLAYSPACE - REFER TO DETAILED PLAN

- 13 Upgrade playspace with equipment to suit varying ages, including unstructured natural play and social gathering spaces. Refer to detailed plan of the playspace for more information
- 14 Shelters and hardstand active recreation opportunities provided to link playspace to AF Walker Reserve

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WALNUT STREET

UPGRADE WALNUT STREET ENTRANCE

- 01 Establish a clear and welcoming entrance forecourt
- 02 Formalise car parking (67 spaces off-street + 16 spaces on-street + 2 disabled spaces)
- 03 Provide public toilet amenities
- 04 Investigate the site for viability to hold RV-friendly facilities

BANDSTAND

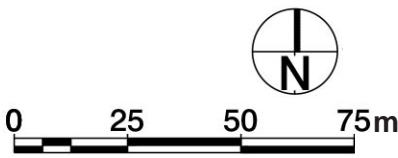
- 05 Retain bandstand with repairs as required
- 06 Build upon the character of this area to celebrate the history of the site, including interpretive signage, and garden bed planting
- 07 Retain and protect existing trees which form the backdrop to the bandstand, and review as part of the future Tree Strategy
- 08 Supplement the trees with additional specimen tree planting to provide succession of trees to replace the existing trees as they reach their end of life
- 09 Provide shelters and social gathering spaces

WHITTLESEA SKATE PARK

- 10 Establish formal lawn for passive recreation activities
- 11 Construct stage 2 of the skate park construction including a basketball half court and asphalt pump track
- 12 Create a youth space with social gathering facilities



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BEECH STREET INTERFACE AND NATURAL BUSH ZONE

BEECH STREET & WHITTLESEA-YEA ROAD

- 01 Provide bridges as part of the Nature Walk circuit path to connect the skate park, Lions Club Park, Multi-use Area, and River Street Reserve
- 02 Replace the existing trees on Beech Street with new species as they reach their end of life in line with future Tree Strategy
- 03 Provide a wide landscape buffer of low native planting, with the potential to integrate WSUD principles
- 04 Install Fitness Stations along the circuit path

LIONS CLUB PARK

- 05 Assist the Lions Club in installing additional elements and replacing equipment at the end of its useful life
- 06 Retain and formalise Lions Park car park for access to playspace and amenities (32 spaces)

MULTI-USE AREA

- 07 Provide social gathering facilities and upgrade of the CFA training area with activities such as learn to ride, halfcourt, and 100m running track
- 08 Safe crossing to the showgrounds site
- 09 Install feature trees to provide natural shade
- 10 Retain memorials

RIVER STREET ENTRANCE & LITTLE RIVER STREET RESERVE

- 11 Provide entry forecourt as an arrival point
- 12 Formalise parking at River Street for parking to cater to the Whittlesea Market, 26 spaces to be retained. Access for overflow parking on event days
- 13 Connect Little River Street Reserve with Whittlesea Park by a path and bridging crossing (subject to water authority approval)

- 14 Increase the tree planting to the perimeter of the Little River Street Reserve to improve shade amenity
- 15 Liaise with the water authority to remove the existing cyclone fencing and replace with a higher quality and less visually intrusive fence style
- 16 Safe crossing to the Whittlesea Market

PASSIVE OPEN SPACE

- 17 Retain the area east of Bruces Creek as a passive open space, and maintain connection with nature valued by the community
- 18 To improve the quality of the existing waterway vegetation, review with the relevant authorities and stakeholders, to evaluate and program revegetation and weed management actions

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EVELYN STREET ENTRANCE AND WETLAND

EVELYN STREET ENTRANCE

- 01 Improve entrance into the park from Evelyn Street with wayfinding signage
- 02 Strengthen connection between Evelyn Street to the amenities on the east of Laurel Street and town centre
- 03 Provide 3m wide sealed path for all-weather access, with an upgraded bridge and solar lighting

WETLAND

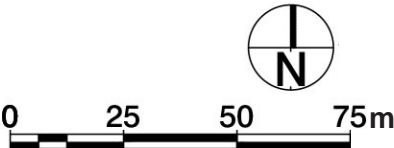
- 04 Upgrade marshland into a formal wetland
- 05 Provide a boardwalk with furniture and interpretive signage
- 06 Revegetate the area around the wetland to increase biodiversity and tree cover
- 07 Provide rest stops with furniture along the Nature Walk circuit path and internal paths

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PLAYSPACE CONCEPT DESIGN

ACCESS AND AMENITIES

The proposed playspace is located between Lime Street and Laurel Street with upgraded car parking facilities. The playspace is placed between the existing public toilets at AF Walker Reserve and the future public toilets facilities at the Walnut Street entrance

- 01 Provide a picnic area with multiple shelters and picnic settings, BBQ facilities, drinking fountain, bicycle parking and bins

PLAY

- 02 Provide a dedicated junior play space with the provision of junior play units and an accessible sandpit
- 03 Senior play with challenging climbing opportunities. Provide a climbing and sliding play complex with a ropes play course
- 04 Nature-based play opportunities. Build upon the existing trees and vegetation as well as new plantings to develop an unstructured nature play area with timber logs, steppers, boulders and sensory planting to maximise the natural-based play experience while encouraging children's physical and mental development
- 05 Play equipment for all ages and abilities includes in-ground trampolines for wheelchair access, basket swings and seat options for all ages and abilities, as well as an accessible spinner.
- 06 Create a grass mound with a rock scramble and an embankment slide to provide challenging landform and enhance play experience. The landform also raises the levels, to reduce the the risk innundation as it straddles the Rural Flood Overlay.
- 07 Provide both formal and informal seating oppotunities within the playspace.

ACTIVE PLAY OPPORTUNITIES:

- 08 Provide fitness equipment stations for all ages next to the sports field



Example of swings with inclusive basket swing



Example of nature play



Example of nature play



Example of senior play equipment



Example of senior play equipment



Example of junior nature play



Example of accessible play equipment

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