Banyan Reserve Upgrades



Analysis & Visioning

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Site Analysis & Opportunities Plan



Opportunities

The existing wetlands on site is home to significant bird life and vegetation. Key opportunities and recommendations for potential future works include:

- Strengthening the path connections to create a formalised loop for dog walkers and improve access between the primary school and Banyan Reserve
- Providing designated car parking spots to improve traffic flow and circulations on site
- Enhancing the play opportunities on site by providing point of difference provision which includes sensory and active wheel recreation

Legend

Extent of Banyan Fields Primary School

Overflow Oval

Future United Enery Community Battery
Note: Not part of this project.
To be managed by United Energy

Note:

Banyan Reserve is a key community asset in Carrum Downs and has multiple owners, including Melbourne Water and Frankston City Council.

Banyan Reserve is an existing off-leash dog park reserve wide.

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Existing Conditions on Site













1. **Existing Playspace**
   The existing play offerings are limited with no accessible play
2. **Melbourne Water Retarding Basin**
   A picturesque asset to the reserve with an abundance of water bird life
3. **Overflow Oval including Off Leash Dog Park and Path for Dog Walkers**
   Fenced oval used for off leash dog park, with a path around the oval that extends around the wetlands and is popular for dog walkers
4. **Existing Sports Pavilion with Toilet**
   Building and it's facilities are out dated and underutilised. Toilet only accessible during sporting events
5. **Social Amenities**
   Existing picnic tables in natural ambiance of shade trees
6. **Open Drain**
   Running from retarding basin to Luscombe Ave, the drain dissects the site

Recreation and Ideas Plan: Play and Pump Banyan Reserve



Description

This ideas plan focuses on the main recreation and play opportunities to redevelop the Banyan Reserve space. It includes consideration of a new pump track at the grassed area south of the carpark. This is bounded by a new path connecting the school, carpark and playspace.

Recommendations for the upgrade to the playspace suggest a natural sensory play experience, focusing primarily on younger children given the proximity of existing older focused playspaces at the primary school.

It is recommended the existing carpark and toilet facility will be redeveloped close to their existing locations to minimise impact with service relocation and also to ensure the central parking and amenities are maintained for all users of the reserve.

All existing reserve trees are to be retained and protected during works, with additional trees planted.

Key Features

Existing Trees

1. **Existing Playground**
   Proprietary equipment to be demolished and playground redeveloped
2. **New Sensory Play**
   Potential for new sensory based nature play through existing trees, with tactile sculptures and potential for water play
3. **New Pump Track / Scooter Loop**
   Potential for pump track/scooter loop for primary school aged children to utilise after school hours
4. **Future Shelter and Public Toilet**
   Potential for future shelter with picnic facilities off accessible paths, with integrated public toilet
5. **Future Small Shelter**
   Potential for future small shelter with bench seats for pump track participants

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