

SMBI SPORT AND RECREATION STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH ISLAND PARK MASTER PLANS

The following recommendations have been taken directly from those outlined by the Strategic Leisure Group in the *SMBI Sport and Recreation Strategy* (Draft, September, 2008). A common recommendation for each park is to prepare master plans for each park in accordance with the SMBI Open Space Plan. Key elements for each park, below, that have been recommended based on the findings of the study.

1.1 RUSSELL ISLAND

Jock Kennedy Park, Russell Island

Key Elements:

- Children's playground
- Picnic and barbecue facilities
- Beach swimming enclosure
- Boat ramp
- Retention of openness of park as a community and gathering place.

1.2 MACLEAY ISLAND

Pats Park, Macleay Island

Key Elements:

- Landscape design to strengthen the special character of the site
- Upgrade to children's playground, including shade
- Pathways, including improved access to public toilet block
- Additional rubbish bins
- Erosion control measures
- Formalisation of water access, i.e. boat ramp or low-key launching point for small craft
- Planning, design and management measures to improve capacity of site at peak times.

Management:

- Investigation of options to manage conflict between pedestrians and the dog exercise area on the beach
- Increased frequency of post-weekend rubbish removal from the park.

Corroboree Place Park, Macleay Island

Key Elements:

- Upgrade to children's playground equipment, including shade
- Additional picnic tables, shelters and barbecue facilities
- Public toilets
- Informal kick-about play space
- Basketball hoop with concrete pad

- Formalisation of water access for small craft (to ensure safe separation distance from rocky beach swimming and fishing area);
- Include opportunities for cultural heritage interpretation (refer below).

Cultural Recognition and Partnerships:

Recognition of the site's value in terms of its cultural heritage significance for the Traditional Owners of the area – the Quandamooka People. Although parkland embellishments are unlikely to require land modification, it is necessary and appropriate to ascertain the potential for impacts on cultural heritage in consultation with the Traditional Owners, as required by the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003.

Work in partnership with Traditional Owners to create interpretive features and themes for the site.

Southsea Terrace Park

Key Elements:

- Consolidation as a community "hub" with the nearby Community Centre
- Community garden.
- Youth space fronting High Central Road (but with adequate spatial separation from the community garden)

Youth Space Facilities:

- Small skate park facility
- Basketball half-court
- Informal kick-about space
- Hit-up wall
- Seating and shade
- Other youth space elements
- Imaginative landscape theme to give the site identity and character.

Sentosa Park, Macleay Island

Key Elements:

- Site development as a small local park, providing a relatively low level of embellishment
- Children's play and informal recreation opportunities
- Seating
- Water point
- Natural shade.

1.3 LAMB ISLAND

Pioneer Park, Lamb Island

Key Elements:

- Acknowledgement as an important community focal point for the island community
- Replacement of cricket wicket (short term) with longer range measures to improve functionality of the oval, eg. field leveling, installation of goal posts and cricket nets

- Upgrade of tennis court – creation of a multi-purpose space with line-marking for tennis, netball and basketball
- New playground, including contemporary equipment, soft fall zone and shade
- Measures to control unregulated car and trail bike access into the site
- Play elements for older youth.

Further Considerations:

- Provision of a small BMX dirt jump park for local youth, possibly within the Pioneer Park reserve. The park is a significant community focal point and is highly accessible and visible.
- Improvement of management of the tennis court booking system.

1.4 KARRAGARRA ISLAND

Karragarra Island Foreshore Parks

Key Elements:

- Low-key improvements to meet the long term needs of residents and some of the demand of other islands. The vision of this site does not support promotion as a major foreshore destination park for mainland visitors.
- Improvements to legibility of site access and parking. Primary actions will be:
 - Minimization of conflict potential between vehicles and pedestrians (including children)
 - Formalisation of pedestrian movement between activity areas using pathways and signage
 - Formalisation of vehicle parking and manoeuvres undertaken near the boat ramp, playground and beach to improve safety
 - Extension and formalisation of car and trailer parking area
 - Management of overflow parking on the internal access road at peak times
 - Consideration of access requirements and concerns associated with a private residence on the western side of the island.
- Children’s playground with full fencing and shade
- Strategic location of new picnic and barbecue facilities to disperse use
- Resolution of the drainage problem creating a “swamp” behind the beach
- Improvement of maintenance of beach swimming enclosure
- Establishment of a new recreational walking trail via the Esplanade that is in-keeping with the island’s natural aesthetics (Foreshore Park to East Road), with rest stops strategically situated en-route.
- Retention of informal public access to West Beach without built elements
- Increased frequency of post-weekend rubbish removal
- Preparation of master plan in partnership with local community groups and young people to capture all points of view.

Further considerations:

- Achievement of safer operation of the Karragarra boat ramp for public and commercial users by:
 - Provision of adequate space for small recreational vessels to moor without impeding barge access to the ramp, and
 - Deployment of highly visible signage stating that barges have right-of-way.
- Acknowledgement of the importance of the local natural environment by:
 - Continuation of support for a partnership approach between the Karragarra Bushcare Group and Council’s Parks and Conservation Department to restore, rehabilitate and enhance the key natural and scenic values of the island.