## JJ HOLLAND PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS

# JJ HOLLAND PARK CONCEPT PLAN 2008





## Introduction

Previously known as "Seagull Swamp", JJ Holland Park was created in the early 1960s and is named after John Joseph Holland, a Labor M.L.A. for more than 30 years.

The first Concept Plan for JJ Holland Park was developed in 1998 and was intended to guide the park's development for a period of five years. In the ten years since the development of the Concept Plan, Kensington has experienced significant change and residential growth.

## **Purpose of the Concept Plan**

The JJ Holland Park Concept Plan will guide improvements to the park over the next five years.

## Concept Plan General Recommendations

#### Sustainability:

Explore opportunities to reduce the use of potable (drinking) water in irrigating Holland Park and incorporate water sensitive urban design initiatives into the park.

Opportunities for solar lighting and solar hot water will be introduced.

## **Tree Planting:**

Tree planting shown on the Concept Plan is indicative only. New designs will be developed to guide additional tree, shrub and ground cover planting where safe and appropriate. Planting will be used to define spaces within the park.

## Park Lighting:

Upgrade lighting on all paths in the park.

## Park Entrances:

Provide good external path connections to enable access for all potential park users, including people with disabilities.

## Park Signage:

Review and improve park signage to include a set of directional signage and appropriate signage on the new jogging track.

## Dog Management:

Retain current dog off leash areas and review in consultation with park users in the medium term.





Lawn

Asphalt Path

Toilet

Main Entry Point

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#### 1 Children's Centre

Retain car parking on park-side of the Children's Centre. Formalise a turning area at the end of the car park.

## 2 'The Venny' Adventure Playground

Retain the Adventure Playground in its current location. Construct a new building for indoor activities on the south east side of the Playground. Demolish existing building and return the area to parkland.

#### 3 Sports Field Number 1

Retain existing fenced oval and upgrade sports lighting.

#### 4 Sports Field Number 2

Realign oval to accommodate the jogging circuit.

#### 5 Sports Field Number 3

Realign and upgrade the sports field. Consider installing a synthetic surface and underground water tanks. These tanks would collect rain run-off from the synthetic sports field for use in irrigating other areas of Holland Park. Investigate the installation of lighting for night time use of the sports field.

#### 6 Kensington Road Passive Recreation Area

Create a new passive recreation area adjacent to Kensington Road. The design of this area is to include picnic facilities.

#### 7 Pathways

Create additional paths to improve access into, and circulation through the park.

#### 8 Jogging Track

Complete the granitic gravel jogging circuit through the park.

## 9 Pavilion and Depot

Renovate the existing pavilion to meet the needs of sports clubs and enable the facility to be utilised for a broad range of uses. Reduce the size of the depot to allow for completion of the jogging track along Childers Street.

#### 10 Cricket Nets

Relocate the cricket practice nets to remove the run-ups from the sports oval.

#### 11 Play Precinct

Retain the existing playground, basketball court and associated facilities.

## 12 Extreme Sports Area

Retain the skate ramp, BMX track and associated facilities in the extreme sports area.

#### 13 Car Park Removal

Remove the internal car park and return this area to parkland. The provision of car parking for park users has recently been completed along Childers Street. Potential location for picnic facilities.

#### 14 Interface with Sth Kensington Railway Station

Provide a safe, well-lit and welcoming interface with South Kensington Railway Station.

## 15 Open Native Woodland

Retain and enhance the open native woodland character of this area.