Design and Place Principles



To guide the project, we will utilise the following framework comprising the project vision, key objectives, values and aspirations and Design and Place Principles. The table below demonstrates examples of each, and how the values and aspirations and Design and Place Principles are linked.

Project vision: Defines the future state and direction for the site, with a 20+ year horizon in mind.

Create a John Connell Reserve that champions safe, sustainable use of the land, nurtures the environment and provides for diverse community and recreational needs through inclusive design and adaptive management.

Project key objectives:

- Articulating a clear vision for the site that can be used to develop scenarios and guide future direction for the study area
- Increasing and improving the usable public open space and active sporting areas, whilst preserving natural spaces for all to enjoy
- Improving access to and through the site, including parking considerations
- · Protecting and enhancing reserve biodiversity
- · Celebrating First Nations' history and values
- Explore long-term remediation of the former landfill site
- Engaging with the community and key stakeholders to ensure the future vision is informed and shaped by the community
- Aspire to be an exemplar model for remediation and recreation development
- Assisting and guiding future decision-making for the next 20+ years

Values and aspirations Identified and prioritised in collaboration with the John Connell Collective, project team and community across the key environmental, social, economic, and recreational areas	Design and Place Principles Principles (design and place-based) that are related to each identified value/aspiration and help provide a measurable framework for the project's iterative scenario development
Enabling co-sharing of the space and infrastructure	 Ensure facilities, infrastructure and spaces accommodate and support multiple users (where possible) Work with the seasonal, weekly and daily demands of diverse user groups Allow for day to night use and activation of the space Ensure seamless transitions between spaces rather than hard boundaries (except where needed for safety or protection of bushland)
Enjoyment and restoration of nature spaces	 Protect and enhance the biodiversity values of the space, focussing on locally native species Ensure activities and development do not adversely impact on the quality of natural spaces or ecological processes

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	 Ensure the natural environment it is a key part of the sense of place and harness the dynamic qualities of nature to enhance the enjoyment, diversity of experience Provide opportunities for new nature spaces and for ecological linkages with neighbouring bushland and other green spaces Increase net tree canopy cover and habitat establishment Increase opportunities for natural environment education for interest, increased understanding respect and enjoyment
Locally accessible public open space	 Improve the safety and quality of connections to and within the reserve Improve parking facilities for both sporting and recreation areas Ensure access for all users of all abilities and all ages Provide clear sight lines and visibility of uses Promoting local access (to and through the site) through generous public cycling and walking paths Create a more inviting entry and better signage throughout
Sense of openness and space, available for informal recreation and connection to nature	 Ensure space remains for informal activity and recreation Allow for flexibility and diversity of informal uses Provide a sense of openness in the design response
Ability to connect, socialise and celebrate with local community	 Provide spaces for social activities, meeting nodes and events Provide safe spaces to be 'in place' for different ages Include supporting infrastructure and technology for recreation and community needs Multi-generational recreation and access to play spaces
A home for existing and future sporting uses	 Including infrastructure for sporting uses and support equitable access Enable sustainable growth of new and existing sporting uses in the space
Supporting the future health and sustainability of the space and community	 Integrate sustainability and whole of life principles in facilities, infrastructure, technology and uses (i.e. events) Maximise connection to nature to improve all aspects of health and well-being Ensure the environmental health and quality of nature spaces are protected and maintained (e.g. groundwater quality and levels, weed management, etc.)
Recognise Aboriginal culture and connection in spaces and practices	 Incorporate cultural sharing and education Heal the landscape through restoration of or introduction of new nature spaces Create a place that respects and celebrates the connections between Country, culture and history across past, present and future generations
Sustainable rehabilitation and utilisation of the landfill area	 Remediate the land for future use and safe enjoyment Continue to manage remediated lands into future Identify areas able to accommodate appropriate active and recreational uses