

refined masterplan: final stage

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community meeting 20th October 2007

orphan school creek landscape works

The proposed final stage upgrade works accord with the masterplan endorsed by Leichhardt Council in 2003. The City of Sydney held a community meeting in September 2006, which evoked responses regarding access, revegetation, site safety and the need to provide wildlife habitats. The local community also supported a childrens' playground and interpretive opportunities within the site. The refined masterplan shown below addresses these comments.

Consultants on behalf of the City of Sydney undertook consultation with local school children from St James Primary in Forest Lodge in June 2007. The purpose was to workshop play ideas and activities. Ideas generated by the children both as text and drawings have been included as part of the playground design process. The purpose of consulting with children is to better inform the decision making for the playground design and to engender connectivity between children and the local environment.

Refinements to the final stage of the Orphan School Creek Masterplan are being considered as follows:

WIGRAM ROAD TO CREEK STREET - UPGRADED LINK

- The master plan proposed further landscape embellishment of the existing public open space. The existing open space has significant native and exotic tree planting.
- Improved pedestrian access across Wigram Road.
- Provide pedestrian and cycle connection which is part of the City of Sydney Cycle Strategy.
- New seating opportunities.
- Improve sightlines and increase turf grass areas.
- Additional screen tree planting adjacent to rock lined creek
- A reed bed is being investigated adjacent to the Johnston canal to improve the stormwater quality.
- Provide lighting for night-time safety.

CREEK STREET TO HEREFORD STREET - UPGRADED LINK

- Currently this large section of public open space (zoned 6A opens pace) is dominated by asphalt. The endorsed master plan proposed to formalise emergency vehicle access and improve the visual quality with trees and landscape planting.
- Additional shade and screen tree planting.
- The City of Sydney has prepared two options for public comment, as shown on panel 5. Both proposals will maintain emergency vehicle access.
- Provide a shared pathway for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Increase the area of useable public open space.
- Enhance the visual character of the park.
- Increase stormwater infiltration.
- Improve night-time lighting for safety.

WOOD STREET PLAYGROUND

- As identified in the master plan, a local playground is proposed for the Wood Street site. The playground aim is to provide a creative and imaginative play space that will 'fit into' and complement the surrounding native landscape.
- The playground will provide a safe and quality space for children and their carers, reflect on the site's history and encourage social interaction.
- Locate playground to improve sightlines and passive surveillance (visibility).
- Locate playground away from adjacent residences.
- Provide open grass recreation space.
- New tricycle track.



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