

Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Master Plan Implementation Projects

To provide an update on implementation of the
Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Master
Plan

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Acknowledgement of Country

The City of Adelaide acknowledges that we are located on the traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We also extend that respect to visitors of other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations.

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Purpose

This report provides an update on implementation of the Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Master Plan (the Master Plan), endorsed in June 2024

In 2025/26, three priority design packages are being advanced to deliver priority projects identified through consultation including:

1. Tree planting plan
2. Community playing field reinstatement
3. Pathway

Section 2 - Master Plan

2.4 Master Plan

Master Plan Overview

The Master Plan sets a framework for a series of site responsive interventions with particular emphasis on preserving and enhancing the park's much-loved structured and un-structured recreational activities and tree studded landscape character, while ensuring universal access to the park.

The Master Plan strategies should be implemented as follows.

- 01 The path network will be clear and logical, enhancing connectivity, legibility and safety for all users.
- 02 Additional greening will be clustered and open tree studded grass areas enhanced. Preserve the native vegetation and extend the butterfly grassland habitat.
- 03 Upgraded park edges, entry points and activity nodes improve connections to the surrounding neighbourhoods and promote increased year round activation.
- 04 Reveal drainage lines and improve water quality through scaled micro-wetlands. Establish an interpretive hub at the Wetlands for education purposes.
- 05 Acknowledge and celebrate the importance of the River Red Gum and grassy woodland environment and celebrate the creek lines as a valuable resource to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. The park's long standing use for racing and other post-colonial events will also be interpreted.
- 06 Increase the diversity of recreational offerings within the park to maximise offerings, including:
 - All ages play
 - Picnic & BBQ facilities
 - Pop up infrastructure
 - Children's bike/trail.
- 07 Alignment of the criterium track, sports fields and existing amenities will create a strong connection between the grandstand and the park and improve pedestrian safety.
- 08 Showcase Adelaide's green energy credentials through provision of vehicle charging stations, smart technology and potential solar arrays incorporated into new structures.



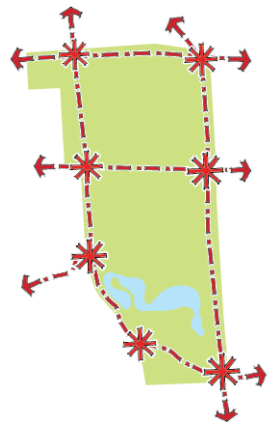
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Master Plan Strategies

The Master Plan identifies eight strategies that respond to the desire for increased greening, historical interpretation, multiple existing activities and recreational uses and the various open landscapes across Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).



Consolidate, Complete and Strengthen the Path Hierarchy

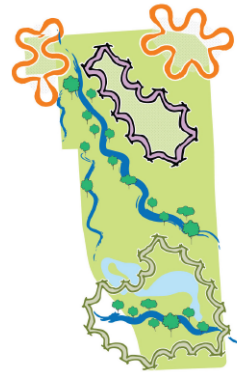
The path network will be clear and logical, enhancing connectivity, legibility and safety for all users.

NOTE: Images are artists' impressions



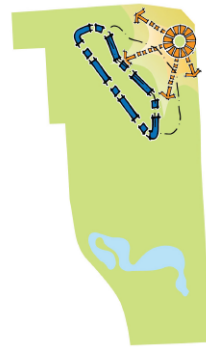
Strengthen the Neighbourhood Connections

Upgraded park edges, entry points and activity nodes will improve connections to the surrounding neighbourhoods and support increased year round activation. Investigate a pedestrian and cycle bridge over Fullarton Road to support anticipated population growth in the east.



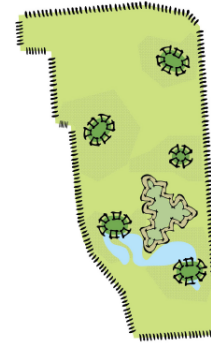
Reveal the Narrative of Pre and Post-Colonial History

Acknowledge and celebrate the importance of the River Red Gum and Grassy Woodland environment and celebrate the creek lines as a valuable resource to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. The park's long standing use for racing and other post-colonial events will also be interpreted.



Reconnect the Grandstand

Alignment of the criterium track, sports fields and existing amenities will create a strong connection between the grandstand and the park and improve pedestrian safety.



Celebrate the Park Lands' Character

Additional greening will be clustered and open tree studded grassed areas enhanced. Preserve the native vegetation and extend the butterfly grassland habitat.



Reveal and Reconnect the Water

Reveal drainage lines and improve water quality through scaled micro-wetlands. Establish an interpretive hub at the Wetlands for education purposes.



A Park for Year Round Activation

Increase the diversity of recreational offerings within the park to maximise offerings, including:

- All ages play
- Picnic and BBQ facilities
- Pop up infrastructure
- Children's bike/trike trail



A Smart Park

Showcase Adelaide's green energy credentials through provision of vehicle charging stations, smart technology and potential solar arrays incorporated into new structures.

In 2025/26, three priority design packages are being advanced to deliver on these strategies:

1. **Tree planting plan** – a site wide initiative to increase shade and amenity, expand canopy cover, and strengthen habitat and food sources for native fauna.
2. **Community playing field reinstatement** – reinstatement of a soccer field temporarily removed to enable construction of the Pakapakanthi wetland.
3. **Pathway** – completion of the east–west pathway adjacent Wakefield Road to extend pedestrian and cyclist access, particularly during major event setup and pack-down



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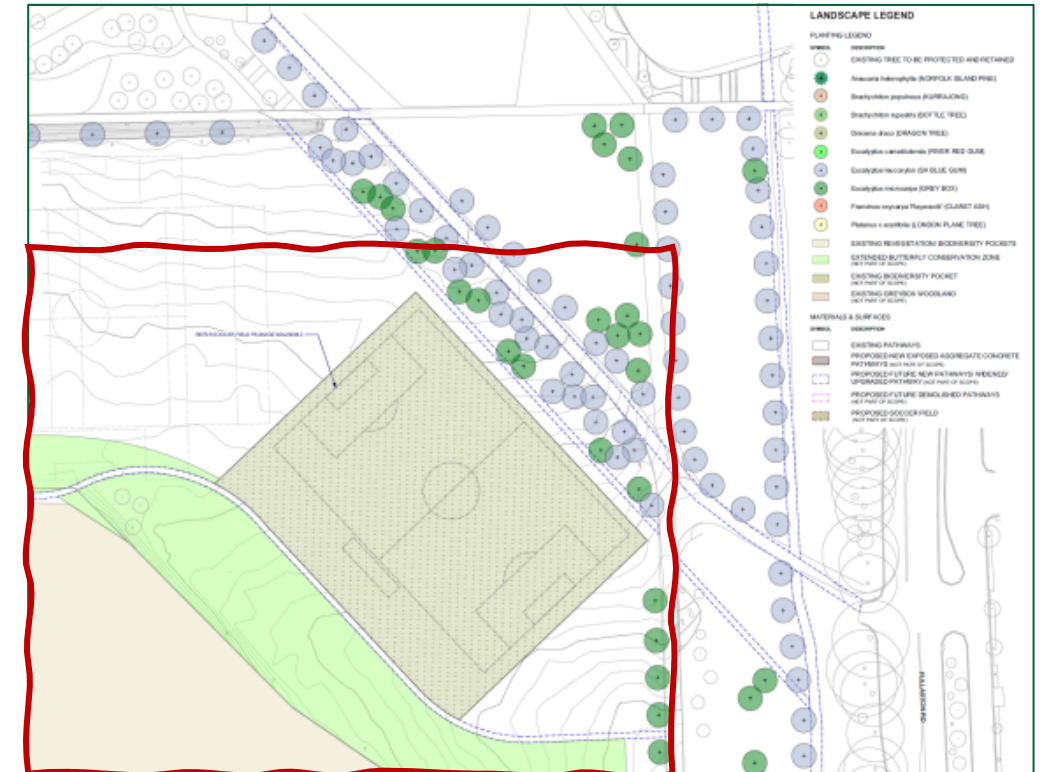
Project 1 – Tree planting plan

1. TREE PLANTING PLAN

- Over 500 trees are proposed across the site, with a mix of exotic and native species
- Tree succession planning has been considered to protect the character of the park



2. COMMUNITY PLAYING FIELD REINSTATEMENT

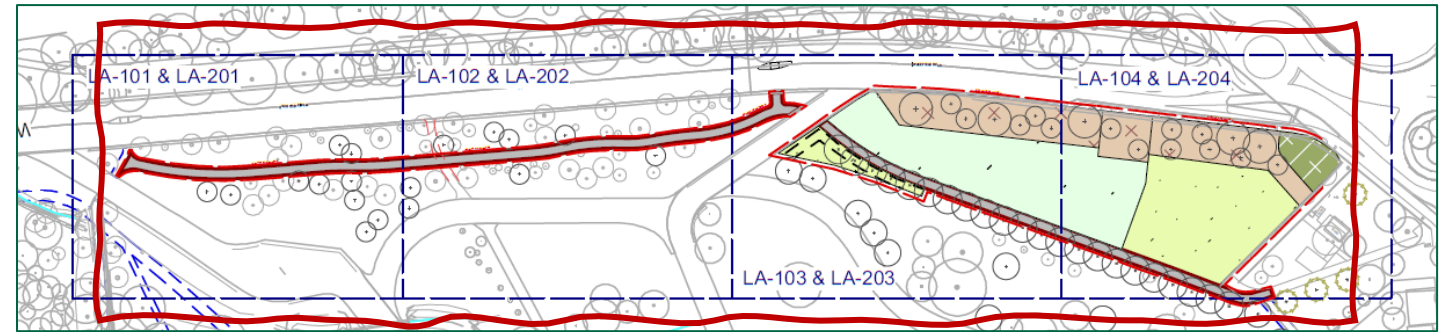


- New subsurface drainage and irrigation to the reinstated playing field
- Extended biodiversity buffer zone between the sports field and the butterfly conservation zone

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Project 3 - Pathway

3. PATHWAY



- New 4m wide path linking the existing path in the north east corner to the Adelaide Park Lands Trail to the west.
- The proposed pathway is located to avoid any tree removal
- Consolidation of degraded paths to the north east corner

Next Steps

- Implementation of the priority projects is to be staged
 - Procurement and delivery of the playing field to be undertaken in Quarter 2 / Quarter 3 of 2025/26
 - Tree planting is scheduled to commence in Quarter 4 (April–May) of 2025/26
- Delivery of the pathway will be subject to budget becoming available in 2025/26 or future years through the City of Adelaide's (CoA) annual business plan and budget processes

