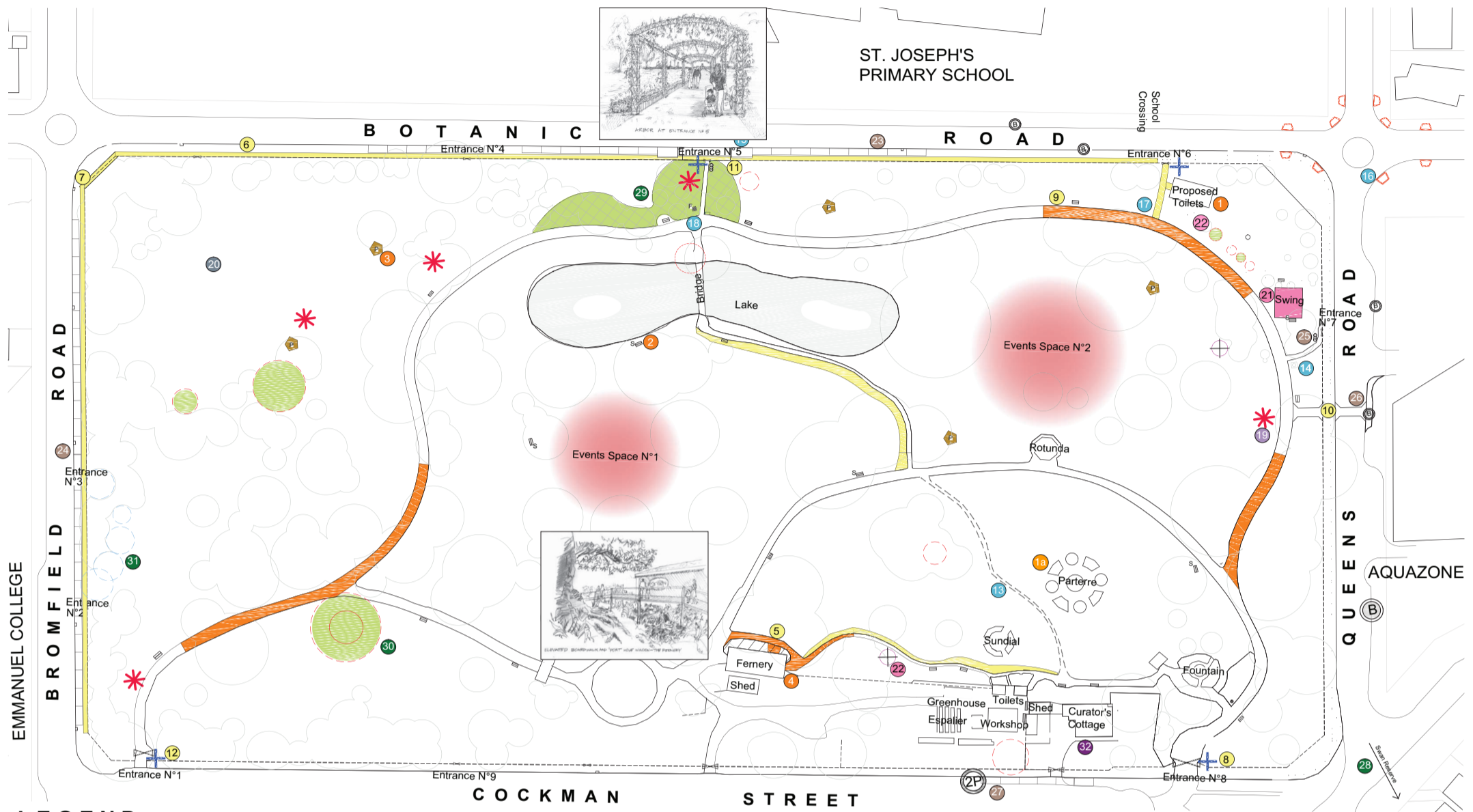


WARRNAMBOOL BOTANIC GARDENS DRAFT FOR COMMENT



LEGEND

- Proposed seat
- Proposed drinking fountain
- Proposed picnic platform
- Proposed tactile band
- Existing pine/cypress tree to be removed
- Select specimen tree to be replaced as part of the succession planting
- Proposed garden bed with display plants
- Existing tree groups to be retained
- Proposed widened footpath
- Existing footpath to be removed
- Proposed boardwalk systems to span tree roots
- Tree proposed to be removed as per the Arborist's recommendations

- Proposed events space where mobile stages/ platforms can be set up
- Proposed location for sculptures
- Proposed location for play elements
- Proposed bus stop
- Proposed parking restriction sign
- Proposed bicycle hoops
- Proposed inset car park spaces
- Proposed location for wayfinding signage.

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Infrastructure

1. Construct new toilet block to north east corner.
- 1a. Existing toilets to be closed to public – for staff use only.
2. Install seats under selected trees, avoiding palms and pine trees.
3. Install picnic platforms under selected trees.
4. Construct a 'port-hole' window to allow users of the elevated walkway to view the ferns within the Fernery.

Connectivity and Wayfinding

5. Construct an elevated DDA-compliant walkway to the north side of the Fernery to avoid the Moreton Bay Fig tree's root buttress.
6. Construct a concrete footpath on the north external perimeter (Botanic Road) of the gardens.
7. Construct a concrete footpath on the west external perimeter (Bromfield Street) of the gardens.
8. Install wayfinding signage to Russell's Creek Walking Trail and to Swan Reserve.
9. Install boardwalks or flexible surfacing where tree roots are a problem to the pathways.
10. Construct a new, larger entrance directly opposite AquaZone to visually connect the sites.
11. Design and construct an arbor and garden beds to Entrance N°5 to improve its sense of arrival as a main entrance.
12. Install markers/signage at Entrances N°1, 5, 6 and 8 to indicate walking distances to other parks and key destinations from the gardens.

Accessibility (Universal Access)

13. Remove the narrow asphalt path between the fountain and parterre. Increase the width of the path to the southeast side of the lake and to the northwest side of the existing toilets.
14. Construct a DDA-compliant surface to the existing drinking fountain near Entrance N°7.
15. Provide disabled car parking spaces at Entrance N°5 on Botanic Road.
16. Supply and install tactile bands at the footpath to the corner of Botanic Road and Queens Road.
17. Construct a path link between the Entrance N°6 stile opening at the pedestrian crossing and the garden's circuit loop path. This will connect to the new public toilets.
18. Provide an accessibility compliant drinking fountain and bottle refill tap near Entrance N°5.

Heritage and Art

19. Supply and install appropriate sculptures/ artworks throughout the gardens.

Events Infrastructure

20. Designate appropriate events spaces where temporary infrastructure may be used.

Play Infrastructure

21. Refurbish the Giraffe swing.
22. Design and develop garden-related sensory play areas – for example: plant maze, pencil pine arch, dry creek bed, plants with scented foliage, plants with unusual and/or coloured foliage.

Parking and Transport

23. Add inset parallel car parking along the southern side of Botanic Road.
24. Add inset parallel car parking along the eastern side of Bromfield Street.
25. Provide bicycle parking at the key entry points to the gardens.
26. Relocate the bus stop on Queens Road and construct a kerb extension with pram crossings to both sides of Queens Road.
27. Introduce weekday timed parking restrictions (2 hour parking) on Cockman Street near Entrance N°8.

Environment and Landscaping

28. Link Swan Reserve to the botanic gardens as its native garden counterpart through the provision of directional signage at Swan Reserve.
29. Add more themed plantings of low shrubs and within garden beds particularly under groups of existing trees.
30. Add more specimen trees including succession planting to manage the ageing tree population.
31. Remove selected cypress and pine trees to the perimeter of the gardens to allow views in and out.

Commerce

32. Investigate the feasibility of utilising the Curator's Cottage for gardens-related uses and services (eg café, exhibition space, administration area)

Vision:

Warrnambool Botanic Gardens is a serene and beautiful heritage landscape – a place that encourages us to celebrate the past, enjoy the present and develop a sustainable future for current and future generations.

GENERAL & MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Infrastructure

- a) Undertake a cost/benefit analysis in regard to installing free Wi-Fi in the gardens.

Accessibility (Universal Access)

- b) Ensure a minimum clearance of 2.2 metres from tree branches overhanging internal paths.

Heritage and Art

- c) Install additional interpretive signage describing Guilfoyle's design philosophy, plant names and horticultural elements.
- d) Retain some sections of the limestone edging to the asphalt pathways as heritage features.

Events Infrastructure

- e) Consider a fee structure for hosting of 'commercial/for-profit' events within the gardens.
- f) Develop an events & activities policy to guide and manage appropriate and sustainable use of the gardens.

Recreation and Social Use

- g) Encourage appropriate activities to activate and increase the usage of the gardens.
- h) Provide greater education opportunities within the gardens for people to learn about the use of exotic plants.

Environment and Landscaping

- i) Investigate options to deter bats and corellas grazing on trees.

Play Infrastructure

- j) Build on the fully-fenced nature of the gardens to make it a 'nature play destination'. Integrate additional nature-based play opportunities into the gardens' experience.

Drainage and Water

- k) Upgrade the irrigation system, for more sustainable use of water and labour.
- l) Continue the maxi-cable automatic irrigation system implementation within the gardens.
- m) Investigate options for stormwater harvesting within the gardens.

Hits? **What are the most important actions?**

Misses? **What actions don't you support?**

Gaps? **Are there any essential actions missing?**