

# Heritage Forest Master Plan



## Heritage Forest Advisory Committee

Review 2018

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## INTRODUCTION

Heritage Forest is a 62.6 hectare regional park linked to the Inveresk Trail with regional sporting facilities, extensive open space and trails, commercial and community enterprises and a highly utilised barbeque area and playground. The site was originally known as the Mowbray Swamp and is a former landfill site which was progressively filled between 1964 and 1985. The first sporting facilities were constructed on the Churchill Park area in 1974 and the concept of an urban forest over the remaining area was adopted by the Council in 1984. A committee was formed to oversee the extensive rehabilitation of the site which included tree planting, trail formation and fencing. By 1989, the Heritage Forest Advisory Committee was formed.

The Heritage Forest Master Plan, prepared in 2003, was developed to guide activities and development in the park and included the following vision statement:

*"Heritage Forest will be a forest for the people, a place for families to grow and citizens to enjoy. It will be a safe, attractive and accessible urban forest for active and passive recreational activities for family, friends and visitors from the region. The Forest will be a place for trees, a place for learning, a place for play and a place for celebration".*

Given the plan was written in 2004, it was considered timely by the Heritage Forest Advisory Committee to review the Master Plan. This report presents the status of key recommendations made by in the Master Plan to recognise the achievements, failures, changes in direction and to guide the future strategic direction for park.



Figure 1 Heritage Forest Master Plan 2003 - Management Zones

## **2003 Vision for the Future Achievements**

The Master Plan identified eight management zones (see Figure 1) and considered themes such as access, amenity, image, safety and security, creation of a gathering place, further development of sporting facilities, encouraging dog walking, ecology and education, developing a regional playground with barbeque facilities and continuing establishment of an urban forest. The Master Plan proposed a number of recommendations for the park as a whole and for specific zones. A progress report covering all the recommendations is included in Appendix 1.

### **Access**

The reserve has multiple access points with limited direct road frontage. Car parking is provided at Churchill Park Drive and Conway Street. The Master Plan suggested developing a major new entrance at Goodman Drive to coincide with developing a new gathering place and further car parking in Zone 3. The entrance statement was partially installed, however the gathering place along with onsite car parking has not been developed. It is unlikely that this entrance will be further developed in the short term due to event spaces for Launceston being developed elsewhere in the city, traffic management issues associated with Invermay Road, and construction costs.

As the playground and barbeque area has become the main gathering place for school groups and families, the Conway Street car park was upgraded. This is the only boundary of the reserve with street frontage and passive surveillance. The Churchill Park Drive entrance and car park will be improved as part of the improvements to the sporting facility.

Trails are well established and utilised by walkers, runners, cyclists and commercial buggies. The main trails throughout the forest are wide enough to provide access for maintenance vehicles. Trails are maintained regularly. The Vermont Road Trail is now part of the Inveresk Trail that connects Heritage Forest to the city. There are opportunities to further enhance this connection with the relocation of the university to the Inveresk Precinct and linking the community gardens by trails.

### **Amenity**

Amenities are provided at the playground, community garden and sports facility. Provision of additional seating, rubbish bins and signage will be considered as part of city wide strategies. A master plan has been developed for a major redevelopment of the Churchill Park sports facility, which includes additional playing fields, realigning trails, improving the entrance on Churchill Park Drive, and car parking.

### **Image**

Since the Master Plan was written, there has been a shift towards consistent branding across parks and reserves, including signage and rubbish bins. There are operational efficiencies by bulk-purchasing furniture and repurposing functional furniture from redevelopments in the city. Plantings are continuing and maintenance is undertaken according to pre-determined service level requirements. Groups such as Green Army and Youth Futures have made an important contribution to enhancing the forest whilst providing participants with vocational opportunities. The addition of a community garden has also provided opportunities for new residents to engage with the forest and the community. Whilst the reserve provides a range of recreational opportunities and is in close proximity to the university and QVMAG there are still opportunities to encourage public art or sculpture walks and environmental programs.

## Safety and Security

Due to the size and location of the reserve, there will always be issues with antisocial behaviour. An accessible trail network and provision of a range of activities has encouraged higher levels of public use, which has improved passive surveillance.

Subsidence and poor drainage continues to occur, which can be a safety issue for park users. Trails are regularly topped up with gravel and holes are refilled as soon as they are detected. Clean fill is spread in low lying areas when the opportunity arises.

## The Gathering Place

The gathering place concept has not been further developed and is unlikely to proceed in the short term. Improving the regional sports facility is considered a much higher priority. The playground area on Conway Street is a natural gathering place and has been highly utilised by the local community and school groups.

## Churchill Park Sports Complex

A number of improvements have been made to the Churchill Park Sports Complex with lighting upgraded in 2004, the construction of a new clubroom facility in 2013 and a new storage facility for sporting associations and Council maintenance staff in 2018. Works on existing fields to improve drainage and playing surface has also been undertaken over the last few years.

A master plan has been prepared for major improvements to the complex including additional fields for multiple sports use and upgrading the carpark and entrance (see Figure 2). Grant funding is being sought to implement the plan.



Figure 2 Churchill Park Redevelopment Plan

## **Heritage Forest as a Place for People and Dogs**

The former equestrian area was converted into an off lead area and the reserve trails are used regularly by dog walkers. Dogs are not permitted near the playground or within the sports centre. An awareness campaign and regulatory signage are being rolled out across all parks and reserves to improve compliance with the Dog Management Policy. Dog walking areas are shown on the City of Launceston website.

The dog training area was relocated closer to the Burns Street entrance. The upgraded facilities are leased by the Tasmanian Dog Training Club. Discussions have been held with the club with regard to the redevelopment of Churchill Park Sports Complex.

## **Ecology and Education**

Replanting the forest areas to provide a variety of ecosystems continues. The mound planting remains the most successful method of establishing trees. Twenty five bird species have been recorded by a local resident. A change in waterway management across the reserve is required. Weed control has been undertaken to address issues with drainage. Further work is needed to establish native reeds, aquatic plants and riparian vegetation to improve water quality and habitat.

The native plant garden accessed off Caswell Street is managed by dedicated members of the Australian Plant Society Tasmania. The garden demonstrates the variety of native species that can be successfully grown in a formal garden setting and provide habitat for a range of species. The garden provides a great vantage point to look out over the reserve. Access to this area continues to be an issue, however plans to provide a suitable access way are currently being formulated with the hope this will be completed in the 2019 financial year.

A community garden was developed in partnership with the Migrant Resource Centre and Youth Futures off Vermont Road near the Lamont House site. This garden promotes sustainable living and provides opportunities for new residents and employment seekers to engage with the forest and share knowledge.

The eucalypt arboretum that was developed in conjunction with Private Forests Tasmania and the University of Tasmania has been resurveyed recently to identify the survival success of the trees. A commercial enterprise now operates within the arboretum.

There are opportunities to improve the connection between the garden sites through the arboretum and to create a commercial and community enterprise hub.

## **Play space and barbeque facilities**

The playground and barbeque facilities located near Conway Street remain well used. There are no immediate plans to upgrade the facilities. The City of Launceston is developing a regional playground on the banks of the North Esk River at Lindsay Street. The playground at Heritage Forest, therefore, will most likely remain a local park and upgraded in accordance with Council's play space strategy priorities. Concerns have been raised with the water quality and safety of the waterway in close proximity to the playground. This is being looked at by Council Officers.

## **Urban Forest**

The urban forest is maturing with a mix of native and introduced species (see Figure 3, 4 & 5). The height and density of trees and shrubs is limited by the soil depth across the

site. Mulched mounds are progressively replanted where trees and shrubs fail. Fallen timber, when left in situ provides habitat for reptiles and small mammals.



*Figure 3 Canopy of urban forest in 1986*



*Figure 4 Canopy of urban forest in 2005*



*Figure 4 Canopy of urban forest in 2018*

There are opportunities to improve directional and interpretative signage around the trail network.

An annual fuel reduction program by slashing long grass is undertaken to minimise the risk of bushfire. Arson does occur each summer, but fires are extinguished quickly. The trail network enables good access for service vehicles.

The disused depot buildings and compound has been leased to Youth Futures. It is also proposed that the nursery will be relocated out of the reserve, which will provide an opportunity to enhance this entrance to the park.

### **2018 and beyond**

The main aim of the 2003 Heritage Forest Master Plan is being achieved. Whilst not all of the key proposals have been implemented due to the City of Launceston's changing priorities across the municipality, the reserve continues to provide a variety of active and passive recreational activities in an urban forest.

A master plan has been developed to ensure that the Churchill Park facility continues to provide quality sports fields for the region. Grant funding is being sought to implement this plan.

The reserve provides space for commercial and community enterprises with two community gardens, dog training facilities, employment-seeker opportunities, two sports associations (office space) and a commercial slide park all now leasing areas in Heritage Forest.

To acknowledge the recent developments it is recommended that the management zones for Heritage Forest are amended (see Figure 6).

Maintenance levels continue to improve despite the size of this reserve and challenges on the site. Whilst there are improvements to be made, the ex-landfill site has been successfully rehabilitated to become an attractive and accessible reserve which is well connected to the City.





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## Heritage Forest

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NOTE:  
While all reasonable care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of the information portrayed on this plan its purpose is to provide a general indication of the location of Council services. The information provided may contain errors or omissions and the accuracy may not suit all users. A site inspection and investigation is recommended before commencement of any project based on this data. This note forms an integral part of this plan.  
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Figure 6 Management Zones 2018

## APPENDIX 1: Heritage Forest Master Plan Achievement of Key Recommendations

Zone	Issue	Recommendation	Completed	Comment
All zones	A Key Proposal	Continue to replant and redevelop the forest areas providing a variety of ecosystems.	Ongoing	Improve through partnerships with Landcare, Conservation Volunteers Australia, Tamar NRM and NRM North.
All zones	A Key Proposal	Develop an overall image for the Forest, with consistent design and quality park furniture, signage, buildings and public art work, commensurate with a regional facility.	Ongoing	Studentworks, partnerships, community sheds - Ravenswood, Rocherlea
All zones	A Key Proposal	Retain the perimeter watercourse for flood control, removing existing weeds and rehabilitating to provide habitat for wetland species.	Ongoing	<p>Following the weed control activities that have occurred to date, regeneration of native reeds, aquatic plants and riparian vegetation needs to be encouraged. There needs to a change in the management of drains and waterways away from the broad scale use of chemical. A key focus area is the perimeter watercourse near the industrial precincts where there are stability issues as well.</p> <p>Recent stormwater monitoring indicates poor water quality in the perimeter waterway with elevated levels of faecal contamination and nutrients. Reeds and aquatic vegetation are known to improve water quality. There is potential for a research project to monitor the success of any works to improve the waterway issues.</p>
All zones	Amenity	Replace seating throughout the Forest with new seating designed as a suite with other park furniture.	Ongoing	Repurpose seating. More seating requested at Hoo Hoo Hut.
All zones	Contamination	Test the watercourse annually for leachate conditions. Should there be a major problem, further studies need to be undertaken and remedial action taken immediately.	Yes	Last tested in May 2015. Report suggested that ongoing water monitoring is not required as part of landfill remediation as there is no evidence of leachate. Additional monitoring may occur periodically in the future. Soil testing on playing fields areas where skin to skin contact more likely.
All zones	Contamination	The priorities for recapping and progressive filling, top dressing and/or mulching of other areas continue. It is recommended that at least 600mm of topsoil be placed over redevelopment areas, with up to 2400mm where large trees are to be planted to allow for future settlement.	Ongoing	Areas are being recapped with filled gradually as clean fill becomes available.

Zone	Issue	Recommendation	Completed	Comment
All zones	Cyclists	Cease all equine activities in Heritage Forest. Remove all horse track fences.	Yes	
All zones	Cyclists	Where the trail crosses the main entry drive, a barrier should be installed to provide a slow point to prevent cyclists from racing across the road in the path of vehicles.	Ongoing	Review cyclists and pedestrians, TBUG could review.
All zones	Cyclists	A code of conduct should be developed for the shared use of the trails on the site with pedestrians and dog walkers.	No	Shared facility, respect and common sense.
All zones	Cyclists	Cycle racks should be installed at all activity areas to enable the safe storage of cycles whilst participating in other activities within the Forest	No	Bikes in car park area, potential racks in car park.
All zones	Dogs	Recap and resurface the equestrian arena for continued use as an off-leash area for dogs.	Yes.	Off leash dog area has been established.
All zones	Dogs	Enforce the on-leash policy for the remainder of the forest, with reinforcement signage and random checks by Council officers.	Yes	Dog Management Policy approved by Council on 10/07/2017. Awareness campaign and regulatory signage installation is underway.
All zones	Dogs	Install additional dog waste disposal units throughout the Forest and continue to educate dog owners to clean up after their dogs.	Ongoing	City of Launceston Bin Strategy and Dog Management Policy.
All zones	Dogs	Investigate the possible introduction of dung beetles to the Forest.	No	
All zones	Forest Areas	All weeds, including sycamore and all Salix species (except <i>Salix babylonica</i> and <i>S. caprea</i> ) should be progressively removed.	Ongoing	Operational. It is preferable that willow species are no longer planted and are managed to prevent spreading.
All zones	Forest Areas	Use drought tolerant species where possible, with the exception of damp areas where wetland species should be used.	Ongoing	Operational.
All zones	Image	Use public art to celebrate the evolution of the landscape and to highlight the Forest's flora and fauna.	Yes	Art included in the gathering space.
All zones	Image	A number of things can be done to upgrade the overall image of Heritage Forest, and to increase its importance as a regional activity area.	Ongoing	Recognised as a regional sporting facility and park.

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Comment</b>
All zones	Image	Ensure all areas of the Forest appear tidy and well cared for (this will be a gradual process as areas are redeveloped).	Ongoing	Operational.
All zones	Image	Ensure trails are well maintained.	Ongoing	Operational.
All zones	Image	Provide a consistent design for: park furniture, directional signage, interpretive signage, building design themes.	Ongoing	Should be considered across all parks in the municipality.
All zones	Image	Develop a major entrance statement and create major avenues of trees along main trails to heighten the sense of importance and the image.	Ongoing	
All zones	Irrigation	Gradually remove all irrigation pipes throughout the site.	Ongoing	Operational.
All zones	Irrigation	Use hand irrigation methods in the establishment phase of planting where necessary, with the exception of the Gathering Place zone and demonstration gardens in the Native Plant Precinct once developed.	Ongoing	Operational.
All zones	Pedestrians	Provide many pedestrian trails throughout the Forest – linking major activity areas, circumnavigating the site and meandering through the forest areas. These trails should be developed according to a hierarchy of main link trails, perimeter trails and forest trails.	Yes	Trails are well established. Redevelopment works to improve connection to community gardens proposed.
All zones	Pedestrians	Ensure all trails are accessible to all by providing appropriate grades and surfaces. Develop a directional signage strategy to help with way finding through the Forest.	Ongoing	Operational.
All zones	Pedestrians	Ensure all trails are safe by minimising vehicular conflict, ensuring adequate site distances to prevent cyclist collisions and providing lighting where necessary.	Ongoing	Operational.
All zones	Safety	Ensure site distances are adequate to prevent collisions between cyclists and pedestrians.	Yes	Operational.
All zones	Safety	Provide well maintained trail surfaces that do not encourage high speed cycling.	Yes	Operational.
All zones	Safety	Restrict dogs from the barbeque and playground facilities and playing fields.	Yes	Dog Management Policy approved by Council on 10/07/2017 and appropriate signage.

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Comment</b>
All zones	Safety	Provide barriers around public access driveways and car parks to restrict vehicular movement to the defined areas.	Yes	Installed. Barriers however restrict cyclist movements as well.
All zones	Safety	Enforce the keeping of dogs on-leash throughout the Forest, except in the designated off-leash and training areas.	Ongoing	Dog Management Policy approved by Council on 10/07/2017.
All zones	Safety	Provide slow points where trails cross driveways – to slow the vehicles and to slow the cyclists and pedestrians.	Ongoing	Redevelopment works proposed to improve this around Churchill Park Sports Complex.
All zones	Safety	Continue to enforce the prohibition of trail bikes within the Forest.	Ongoing	Operational. Difficult to manage without restricting access to general users. Realistically it is a police matter.
All zones	Safety	Continue to monitor for areas of subsidence and waste resurfacing and immediately correct.	Ongoing	Areas of subsidence are identified and remediated as soon as practicable in areas of high use ie. trails.
All zones	Safety	Re-cap and re-fill redevelopment or new development areas to minimise the risk of exposure to hazardous waste or gases.	Ongoing	Re-filling continues to occur. Main focus is near Goodman Drive to improve maintenance and for revegetation. Holes are filled when they occur.
All zones	Safety	Continue to ensure safe working conditions for all employees on site.	Ongoing	Operational.
All zones	Safety	Ensure hazardous fuel loads are removed through scheduled maintenance and appropriate planting and trail design.	Ongoing	Fire Management Plan has been commissioned to be completed by June 2017. Annual fire hazard reduction maintenance works are programmed and undertaken annually on top of normal maintenance activities in high use areas.
All zones	Safety	Design bins to reduce risk of arson attempts and regularly remove rubbish.	Ongoing	Part of City of Launceston Bin Strategy Development.
All zones	Safety	Maximise natural surveillance opportunities within the site and overlooking the site.	Ongoing	Operational.
All zones	Safety	Provide a diverse variety of activities in the Forest to encourage high usage.	Ongoing	Park provides multi-use for passive and active recreation, commercial and community enterprises.
All zones	Safety	Provide well designed lighting in major activity areas, car parks and trails that are to be used after dark. Amenities require lighting to discourage vandalism and undesirable behaviour.	Ongoing	
All zones	Safety	Provide clear and effective directional signage.	Ongoing	New style guidelines will need to be implemented as major project for Council.
All zones	Safety	Adopt 'road rules' for cyclists within Heritage Forest.	No	Courtesy and common sense. Shared zone signage.

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Comment</b>
All zones	Trails and Horse Track	Establish an identifiable hierarchy of trails on the site.	Yes	Trails are well established. Redevelopment works to improve connection to community gardens.
All zones	Trails and Horse Track	Provide the 'main trail' link proposed in the Trail Network Study.	Yes	Main trails established.
All zones	Trails and Horse Track	Cease use of the trails for equine activities.	Yes	Completed.
All zones	Trails and Horse Track	Remove timber barriers to facilitate movement between trails.	Yes	Completed.
All zones	Trails and Horse Track	Rationalise the existing trails within Heritage Forest, providing additional trails where necessary and down-grading or removing others where necessary to ensure high levels of safety and ease of movement throughout the site and between main activity centres.	Ongoing	Redevelopment to improve this.
All zones	Trails and Horse Track	Establish a directional signage and lighting strategy for the main trails to ensure access is easy and safe.	Ongoing	Signage will need to comply with the new style guide and branding.
All zones	Vehicles	Retain the existing vehicular routes within Heritage Forest for use by maintenance vehicles (with some alterations to minimise pedestrian confusion).	Yes	Operational.
All zones	Watercourse	Retain the watercourse to ensure it alleviates potential flooding problems in nearby properties.	Ongoing	Stormwater System Management Plan for Mowbray is being developed to be finalised by December 2019.
All zones	Watercourse	Gradually remove all Cumbungi from the perimeter watercourse, replacing it with less invasive water purifying and habitat providing reeds and sedges.	Ongoing	Following the weed control activities that have occurred to date, regeneration of native reeds, aquatic plants and riparian vegetation needs to be encouraged. There needs to a change in the management of drains and waterways away from the broad scale use of chemical. A key focus area is the perimeter watercourse near the industrial precincts where there are stability issues as wells.
All zones	Watercourse	Plant areas of the banks of the watercourse with suitable wetland plant species and place rocks and hollow logs amongst undergrowth and mulched areas to provide different microclimatic and habit conditions.	Ongoing	Following the weed control activities that have occurred to date, regeneration of native reeds, aquatic plants and riparian vegetation needs to be encouraged. There needs to a change in the management of drains and waterways away from the broad scale use of chemical. A key focus area is the perimeter watercourse near the industrial precincts where there are stability issues as wells.

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Zone 1	A Key Proposal	Retention and rationalisation of the existing barbeque area and playgrounds, including provision of a major trail from the proposed new main car park.	Yes	Conway Street has sufficient BBQs and amenities.
Zone 1	A Key Proposal	Complete filling and stabilisation works to the Vermont Road link to complete the city – Vermont Road bicycle trail link.	Yes	Inveresk Trail is well established on levee bank and provides connection to the city. Opportunity to improve Inveresk Trail with the university development.
Zone 1	A Key Proposal	Develop a major entrance statement at Goodman Drive and plant a major avenue of trees along the mail trails to heighten the sense of importance and image of Heritage Forest.	Yes	Entrance was enhanced with feature and avenue trees. Gathering area no longer considered a priority.
Zone 1	A Key Proposal	Development of a 'gathering place' near the main Goodman Drive entrance, incorporating facilities such as a regional playground, amenities, main car park and other activities.	No	Playground, car parking and amenities have been developed at Conway Street. Duplication at Goodman Drive is unlikely to be undertaken and no longer considered a priority.
Zone 1	A Key Proposal	Development of the island adjacent to the main entrance as a bird habitat.	No	Improving water quality and revegetation in and adjacent to the perimeter watercourse will provide habitat for wildlife.
Zone 1	Forest Areas	The original forest areas identified on the master plan should be progressively redeveloped in the manner of the most recent plantings, with mounded and heavily mulched planting areas. (Refer Mound Construction Plan, Jeff McClintock, 2000)	Yes	Mixed results with mound plantings. A number of trees have failed despite growing well for a number of years. Replanting is occurring. Fallen timber also provides habitat.
Zone 1	Forest Areas	The forest areas should provide a variety of ecosystems, with both open and closed canopy areas. The variety of ecosystems could include plantings of indigenous trees and understorey, with pockets of specialised plantings, eg. wetland areas for frog habitat, native grass savannah, rainforest, European style 'woodlands', cottage style planting using a combination of native and exotic species.	Yes	There is a good coverage of a variety of species across the site. A number of species and planting styles have been used. Future revegetation is proposed along waterways to improve water quality and wildlife habitat. Fallen timber and long grass provides habitat.
Zone 1	Forest Areas	Where trees are in existing arboretum style forest mounds should be developed around them with understorey plantings to remove the row-like appearance, and reduce the maintenance requirements for slashing and poisoning of grass beneath the trees. Any trees that are in poor health or dead should be removed.	Ongoing	Trees fail after several years. Planting is ongoing.

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Zone 1	Sports Oval	Regional playground – where families, friends and visitors come to meet and play from all around the Tamar Valley region.	Yes	Playspace and amenities are established and used by school groups. The use may decrease following completion North Bank playspace development.
Zone 1	Sports Oval	Amphitheatre –events like carols by candlelight, school productions, weekend theatre or music.	No	Unlikely.
Zone 1	Sports Oval	Amenities – high quality toilets will be necessary in this location, and a duplication of the Hoo Hoo Hut barbeque facilities would be appropriate.	No	Duplication is no longer supported. Redevelopment proposed to expand sporting fields instead.
Zone 1	Sports Oval	Meeting place – ‘I’ll meet you at the main entry’ will be a common phrase heard when talking of meeting at Heritage Forest. Provision is to be made for sitting and waiting, talking and resting informally, as well as a place where small groups are able to meet within the confines of a basic community shelter. This community shelter could be used for meetings, event, functions and education about the history and future of Heritage Forest, and	No	Potential shelters required elsewhere in park.
Zone 1	Sports Oval	Car parking – this site is located at the main entrance to Heritage Forest, and the most appropriate entrance to be used as the major car parking area due it's to proximity to Invermay Road and the Northern Outlet. For major events or functions, shared use of the White City car park should be investigated.	No	White City Car Park is now gone. Redevelopment of the car parking at Churchill Park is seen as higher priority. Potential use for events parking or linking to university redevelopment via Inveresk Trail.
Zone 1	The Island	Remove the existing footbridge and replace with a ford to allow maintenance vehicles to access the island in a non-obtrusive location.	Yes	Area is being filled gradually to improve maintenance.
Zone 1	The Island	Use the island as a revegetated bird habitat.	No	Not suitable habitat site due to proximity with industrial areas and poor water quality. Rehabilitation of waterways is seen as a priority and will improve water quality and habitat.
Zone 1	Vehicles	Permit vehicular access from Goodman Drive to the main car park. Restrict public vehicular access to the car park only.	No	Main carpark was abandoned and Conway Street carparks developed instead. Major car park development proposed at entry to Churchill Park entrance to cater for higher user numbers.
Zone 1	Vermont Road Railway Land	Complete works necessary to stabilise the site as recommended in the Vermont Road Landslip	Yes	Stabilised. Revegetation is being explored and will consider passive surveillance and fire hazard potential.



Zone	Issue	Recommendation	Completed	Comment
		Investigation by BFP Consultants and revegetate the slopes using a suitable mix of low maintenance indigenous species.		
Zone 1	Vermont Road Railway Land	Develop the bicycle trail link to the existing levee wall system to complete the link to Vermont Road from the city centre.	Yes	Inveresk Trail completed. Improving links and access points could be considered.
Zone 1	Vermont Road Railway Land	Plant an avenue of appropriate eucalyptus specimen species along the trail, consistent with the major trails within the Forest.	Ongoing	A variety of species are being trial with varying success. Tree selection based on what is already surviving in the park.
Zone 1	Vermont Road Railway Land	Consider the long-term development of the currently leased land for expansion of the ecology and education precinct, with inclusion of a forest resource centre, further plantings of other Tasmanian species and car parking for use by school and community groups for specific events.	No	A commercial enterprise and community gardens have been established in this area.
Zone 1	Vermont Road Railway Land	The area should be included in the interpretation signage plan recommended as part of the master plan should the expansion of the ecology and education precinct take place in the future.	No	Native garden has interpretation panel. Potential waterway/wetland project with interpretation as part of grant funding.
Zone 2	Amenity	Provide toilets, covered barbeque area and seating and shelter at the proposed gathering place and regional playground.	Yes	Facilities adequate. More seating could be provided.
Zone 2	Amenity	Retain and continue to maintain to high levels the barbeque and toilet facilities adjacent to Conway Street.	Ongoing	Facilities adequate. More seating could be provided.
Zone 2	Barbeque Area and Playground	Retain the barbeque area and playgrounds with minimal expansion.	Yes	Facilities adequate. Playground upgrades are undertaken in line with priorities identified in Council's Play Spaces Strategy.
Zone 2	Barbeque Area and Playground	Create a well-defined link from the main entrance and proposed new main car park.	Yes	Conway Street Car Park upgraded in 2016.
Zone 2	Barbeque Area and Playground	Continue high levels of maintenance on facilities and amenities.	Ongoing	Operational
Zone 2	Barbeque Area and Playground	Rationalise the playgrounds, ensuring they meet Australian standards and are provided with shade.	Ongoing	Playground upgrades are undertaken in line with priorities identified in Council's Play Spaces Strategy.
Zone 4	A Key Proposal	Continue to redevelop the old equestrian arena as an off-leash dog walking area.	Yes	Requests for rain shelter. Construction by users, put names on it, pride, ownership, signage.

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Zone 4	A Key Proposal	Cease all equine activities within the Forest and remove timber fencing from the horse track to facilitate movement between all trails and activity areas within the Forest.	Yes	
Zone 4	Dogs	Develop the old equestrian arena as a fenced off-leash dog area. This area is to be recapped and filled and include: multiple entrances, pathways, seating, dog waste disposal unit, water trough, and a landscape that provides interest to the dogs and opportunity for ball play.	Yes	Requests for rain shelter. Construction by users, put names on it, pride, ownership, signage.
Zone 4	Equestrian Arena	Develop the old equestrian arena as an off-leash dog walking area in accordance with the following: Re-cap, fill and compact the ground, contouring the area to provide visual interest and planting mounds, Plant hardy and quick-growing plants, providing protection whilst they are young and fragile, Develop compacted gravel trails within the site to prevent wetness underfoot for walkers, Provide areas of low cut grass suitable for dog play and ball games, Provide seating at open grassed areas, Provide waste disposal facilities at each of the entrances, with signs encouraging cleaning up after dogs, Provide a drinking trough and tap in the off-leash area for use by dogs as the area will be hot and exposed for many years before trees are established in the area, and Dogs should be on-leash throughout the remainder of the forest	Yes	Requests for rain shelter. Construction by users, put names on it, pride, ownership, signage.
Zone 4	Pedestrians	Remove the timber fencing from the horse track to remove the barriers to pedestrian movement.	Yes	Completed.
Zone 4	Dog Training Area	Continue with the current use of the site as a dog training and competition area.	Yes	Area used is closer to Tasmanian Dog Club facilities. Consultation with club has been undertaken as part of the Churchill Park Sports Complex redevelopment.
Zone 4	Dog Training Area	Encourage upgrading of the buildings. The building should be multi-functional and able to be relocated to a new site. Storage should be included.	Yes	Redevelopment is proposed to expand Churchill Park Sports Complex.

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Zone 4	Dog Training Area	Resurfacing of the pitch could be considered once a needs analysis or future demand assessment has been completed.	No	Redevelopment is proposed to expand Churchill Park Sports Complex.
Zone 4	Dog Training Area	Upgrade the parking area adjacent to the site by grading and resurfacing the south-eastern boundary of pitch.	No	Redevelopment is proposed to expand Churchill Park Sports Complex.
Zone 4	Dog Training Area	Should the dog training groups decide to leave the site, it would be recommended that the artificial pitch be removed and turfed to allow for expansion of the sports fields.	No	Redevelopment may require relocating dog training facilities.
Zone 4	Dogs	Continue using the synthetic pitch as a dog training and competition arena, with potential to expand to incorporate puppy school and obedience training by other parties. This use can be extended to the existing rent-a-park area, however, dogs must be under full control of the owners.	No	Redevelopment may require relocating dog training facilities.
Zone 5	A Key Proposal	Continued development of the eucalyptus arboretum and native plant precinct on the northern slopes as proposed.	Yes	Arboretum was planted. A number of trees have died. A commercial lease has been granted through the arboretum creating management issues as an arboretum.
Zone 5	Eucalyptus Arboretum and Proposed Native Plant Precinct	The area should be developed as proposed. Access to the area should be limited to community group plantings and maintenance until the plants are sufficiently established such that they are not easily removed or vandalised. Trails could be progressively developed in line with the maturing of the plants.	Yes	Arboretum was planted. A number of trees have died. A commercial lease has been granted through the arboretum creating management issues as an arboretum. An audit is being undertaken to confirm survival success and will be mapped through GIS.
Zone 5	Eucalyptus Arboretum and Proposed Native Plant Precinct	The area should be included in the interpretation signage plan recommended as part of the master plan.	No	Linking the Arboretum, Native Garden and Community Garden via a trail is proposed.
Zone 6	A Key Proposal	Complete the redevelopment of the Churchill Park Sports Centre, car parking and sports fields.	In progress	Redevelopment is proposed to expand Churchill Park Sports Complex.
Zone 6	A Key Proposal	Abandon the concept of rent-a-park in its current location and configuration, utilising the space for additional training space for Churchill Park and organised dog training.	No	Rent-a-park is not a current model used by Council. There is an events booking system in place.

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Zone 6	Amenity	Reclad and upgrade the amenities block within the fenced area of Churchill Park for use on competition days and for major events.	Yes	New facilities have been established.
Zone 6	Amenity	Provide access to the Churchill Park Sports Centre for training, competition days and major events within Churchill Park.	Yes	Depends on activity. Carpark included in the redevelopment.
Zone 6	Amenity	Identify future demand for the amenities block adjacent to rent-a-park and review its use. Should demand arise, recladding and upgrading could be supported.	Yes	Toilets demolished. New facilities for dog area have been completed.
Zone 6	Rent-A-Park	The rent-a-park concept should be abandoned in this location. Informal multi-use recreation areas are better suited to the 'gathering place', namely within the regional playground, providing play space for children of all ages.	Yes	Playground and amenities have been established at Conway Street.
Zone 6	Rent-A-Park	This location is better used as a training area for Churchill Park. This would allow for future development of fitness equipment and small sections for warm-ups, specialised training and team discussions.	No	Redevelopment is proposed to expand Churchill Park Sports Complex.
Zone 6	Sports Fields	Trails in the area will require alteration due to the location of security fencing.	Yes	Redevelopment proposed will consider location of fencing and retaining or creating trail links.
Zone 6	Sports Fields	The existing amenities block within Churchill Park fence area should retained until a needs analysis or future demand assessment has been completed.	Yes	Amenities building replaced.
Zone 6	Sports Fields	Churchill Park be redeveloped as a multi-function sporting facility in accordance with the Churchill Park Sports Centre Master Plan.	Ongoing	Redevelopment proposed.
Zone 6	Sports Fields	The Churchill Park car park is to be upgraded over the next three years as budget permits	No	Redevelopment is proposed to expand Churchill Park Sports Complex including carpark but subject to grant funding.
Zone 6	Vehicles	Redevelop the Churchill Park Sports Centre car park and driveway on site. Retain this car park's status as a controlled entry point.	In progress	Funding dependent.
Zone 6	Vehicles	Provide additional off-street parking at the Churchill Park Drive entrance to allow parking by people visiting for informal training sessions.	In progress	Funding dependent.

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Zone 7	Amenity	Should a forest resource centre be developed in the long term in the ecology and education zone, toilets should be provided.	No	Lamont Street building burnt down in 2016 and will not be replaced. Other options for Nursery and ex-Depot will be explored.